

# HOLDS STATE CODE MUST BE ELASTIC

Municipal Research Bureau Declares Constitution Should Be Capable of Readjustment

## CRITICIZES "PEACE COURTS"

The state constitution should contain only a broad outline of the state's judicial system, capable of ready adjustment, instead of setting up a rigid plan that cannot meet changing conditions.

This summarizes the views expressed by the Bureau of Municipal Research in discussing proposed changes considered by the constitutional revision commission.

The suggestion to substitute "district peace courts" for the present system of magistrates' courts is criticized by the bureau.

Who can tell? the bureau asked, whether district peace judges will not be as objectionable a generation hence, as embedded in the fundamental law of the commonwealth, as the Philadelphia magistrates are all but universally admitted to be today?

**Court Duplicates Work**  
The Philadelphia Municipal Court, established in 1913, duplicates much of the work of the magistrates, yet the magistrates cannot be turned out of office, as they are constitutional officers.

Therefore, we have today in our city these two courts side by side with two sets of judges and court employees, and two sets of expense charges to make up the tax rate. They are very different in kind, of course, yet the Municipal Court could doubtless arrange to perform the functions of both satisfactorily.

Human wisdom cannot foresee the grave questions that are bound to arise in our complex civilization in the period during which we may reasonably expect our new constitution to be in force. When once adopted, experience has proved that amendment is exceedingly difficult. We must have a judicial system capable of growth and adjustment.

The problem of seeing that justice is done between man and man is of the most profound nature, requiring constant study, the results of which must be subject to constant revision and improvement.

Contain Only Broad Outline  
Such a study is not the proper work of a constitutional commission. It is the work of the Legislature; the details of our judicial system must be made matter of law, not of constitutional provision—and then, if a law is found to be unwise or unworkable, if a court or an official is found to be unnecessary, it is the simplest possible procedure for the Legislature to remedy the condition by passing a new law. The constitution should contain only the

# FOUR MEN INJURED AS ENGINE UPSETS

Locomotive Races Down Hill on Trenton Avenue When Coupling Breaks

Four men were injured slightly today when a locomotive on the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks on Trenton avenue turned over as the rails spread. The accident occurred near Toga street. The locomotive and train of

heavily loaded cars had turned off Toga street and begun to make the hard climb up the Trenton avenue hill when a coupling broke, freeing the engine from the cars.

Down the hill and around on Toga street the cars raced, before they were stopped. The engine plunged forward when relieved of the weight of the cars. Then the rails spread. The engine lurched down the grade and then overturned.

The injured men are John Mulholland, thirty-two years old, 8822 Master street, engineer, burns of right hand and contusions of right leg; Ferdinand Phis, thirty-six years old, 1010 East Atlantic street, fireman, lacerations of left arm; James A. King, twenty-two years old, 1058 East Ontario street, conductor, fractured right arm, and J. A. Clark, twenty-nine years old, 3536 Joyce street, brakeman, abrasions and contusions of back and left leg. All were treated at the Northeastern General Hospital.

**17 COAL STEALERS FINED**  
Sixteen Women Pay \$8.50 and Are Released—Man Refuses  
Sixteen women and one man were fined by Magistrate Price today for taking coal from the Richmond branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway between Germantown avenue and Clarissa street.

The seventeen were arrested by railroad detectives about 5 o'clock last night. All lived in the neighborhood. It was charged that they made a practice of getting their supply of coal from the railroad.

After the cases against the women had been heard in the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police stations all paid their fines, \$8.50 each, but the man refused to make this payment. He is Anthony Domoskowsky, of 1002 Bristol street. He was held. The women were discharged from custody after the payment of the fines.

**Recapture Escaped Inmate Woman**  
Miss Tillie Mantzes, twenty-five years old, who escaped early this morning from the women's insane ward of the Philadelphia Hospital, partly clad, was found at Forty-second street and Woodland avenue, and returned to the institution. It is not known how she managed to get out of the hospital.

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New principle: constant supply of 90° to 95° water. No gas. No radiators. No. There is nothing just as good. Free Book.  
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OUR special terms on the well-known Simplex electric ironer—\$10 with order and balance in easy monthly payments—hold good during February only.

This is a short month—we advise placing the order for your ironer without delay so that you will have the benefit of these special payment terms.

Remember: the Simplex is a standard, nationally advertised ironer. Its purchase can be accomplished this month by paying monthly about what it costs you for your laundress.

See the ironer at the Electric Shop, 10th and Chestnut Street; 7 W. Chelton Avenue; 9 S. 40th Street; 4600 Frankford Avenue.

THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

# Gimbels "Coupon Day" Tomorrow

The shortage of print paper has reduced advertising space, and we can only print half the good story of Coupon Day bargains. Follow the Flags—each designates some big bargain.

Women's Fur-Collared Coats Reduced to \$27.50  
Wonderful opportunity to secure a winter coat at almost cost. Price, \$27.50.  
Women's All-wool Street and Motor Coats, at \$23.75.  
Women's Sports Coats of chinchillas, velours, etc., at \$22.50.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Third floor

Women's Glengary Scarfs, at \$6.95  
Of soft wool with belt, pockets and fringed ends. At \$6.95.  
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Collar-and-Cuff Sets of filet pattern lace; attractive design; collar is semi-roll shape, at 38c a set.  
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Women's Crepe de Chine Dresses at \$29.75  
For Coupon Day. Colors are navy, Copenhagen and flesh-color. At \$29.75.  
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Girls' Winter Coats at \$5 Save Double and More  
Of heavy chevrons and velours. Some are lined throughout; all belted models. Some man-tailored models; three-quarter lengths. Sizes 8 to 14 years in the lot.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," First floor

Sample Baby Coaches, at \$15 to \$35  
Save a third.  
Floor samples of Baby Strollers, with and without hoods, mostly one of a kind, at \$10 to \$22.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Fourth floor  
37 Wardrobe Trunks, at \$85  
Regular size. Save a third at this price. Three-quarter size, at \$44.75.  
Samples of steamer, dress and week-end trunks; some a trifle shop-soiled, at \$7.50 to \$18.50. Assorted sizes.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Seventh floor

150 Misses' Dresses, at \$23.75: Save \$13.25  
Afternoon, street and evening dresses. Of Georgette, taffeta, serge and net. Wanted colorings. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.  
75 Misses' Suits, smart-looking; serge and poplins. Lined throughout. Navy blue, French blue and black. 14 to 18 years. Save up to double, at \$15.  
Girls' Serge Dresses, 6- to 14-year sizes, at \$3.95.  
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Automobile Supplies  
30x3 Dreadnaught Tires, non-skid; guaranteed for 3500 miles, at \$8.10.  
Violet Ray Lens, at \$2.50 a pair. Complies with new law.  
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Men's Silk Shirts, at \$4.95—"Seconds"  
Men's Shirts, a clean-up from stocks; some are shop-soiled and mended, at \$1.48.  
Men's Terry Cloth Bath Robes, some call them Turkish traveling robes. Price, \$3.95. Worth two and three times this price.  
Men's fine Shawl-Collar Sweaters, all the good heather colors. Less than wholesale price, \$4.35.  
Men's Suspenders, at 48c.  
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A Clean-up of Men's Soft Hats, at \$2.35  
Men's and boys' Caps, at 45c.  
Men's Cloth Hats, at \$2.25.  
Clean-up of Children's Hats of plush, velvet and cloth, at 50c. A fourth of regular price.  
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Leather Hand Bags at \$2.85  
Silk Bags, in black, navy, metal frames, at \$1.35.  
Light-weight Japanese Matting Traveling Bags, 14- to 18-inch sizes, at \$1.95.  
Black Pliskin Traveling Bags, 16 and 18 inches, at \$7.95.  
Light-weight cowhide-covered Suit Cases, at \$8.95.  
Cowhide Traveling Bags, leather-lined, at \$9.95.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," First floor

Large Boys' Overcoats: Aves 12 to 18 Years, at \$16.75  
Double-breasted, creditable collar and all-round belted model, at \$18.50.  
Large boys' Overcoats, ages 12 to 18 years, at \$21.50. Double-breasted, all-around belt and convertible collar model. Blue, Oxford and olive; finely tailored.  
Boys' Norfolk Suits, ages 8 to 15 years, at \$13.50; with extra pair of full-lined knickerbockers, at \$16.50. Neat, dressy mixtures with slash pocket and all-around belt.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Third floor

Alaska Majestic Refrigerators, at \$28.50  
Hand-power Vacuum Suction Carpet Sweepers, shopworn, at \$1.50.  
Round Black Iron Gas Stoves, at \$3.  
Gimbel Oil Heaters, \$4.95.  
Sheet-iron Toast Pans, at 35c.  
Gray-enamelled Double Roast Pans, 18-lb. roast size, at \$2.50.  
3-qt. covered aluminum Saucepans, at \$1.  
Metal-face Wash Boards, family size, 35c.  
Bent wood Comb and Brush Holder, to hang on wall, at \$1.  
Folding wood Hat and Coat Hanger, 10c.  
Large-size white willow Clothes Basket, \$3.  
Japanese hanging Paper Rack, at 50c and 75c each.  
Three-ring wood Towel Rack, at 10c.  
3-foot, 3-foot Clothes Horse, flat bar, at \$1.  
Floor Brooms, at 38c.  
Toilet Paper, 12 rolls for 38c, and Wood Toilet Paper Holder for roll, 15c.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Fourth floor

Upholstery Materials, at 25c to \$10  
All remnants of tapestries, velours, brocades, reps and poplins, at half price, from 25c to \$10.  
Remnants of white and cream Curtain Materials, 1 1/2 yards to 3 yards in length, at 20c to \$1.75. About half price.  
500 pairs of fine Hemstitched Voile Curtains, 36 inches wide by 2 1/2 yards long, at \$1.50 a pair.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Fifth floor

Bleached "Irish" Table Damask, 70 inches wide, at \$3 a yard  
10,000 yards heavy Union crash Toweling, absorbent, at 28c a yard.  
Pure Linen Crash Toweling, extra heavy; plain white or colored border, at 50c yd.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Second floor

Women's Flannel Dressing Sacs, at \$1  
Fine quality flannellette, collar or "V" effect, scalloped edge all around garment. Some are trimmed with narrow satin ribbon. At \$1. Save about double.  
Extra sizes, at \$1.25; 48 to 52.  
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Castile Soap, at 25c a Bar  
Guaranteed Hot Water Bottles, at 50c.  
Absorbent Cotton, lb. package, at 60c.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Grand Aisle

Aspirin Tablets, at 28c a Hundred  
Made by Smith, Kline & French, 100 in a bottle, at 28c.  
Bath Brushes, detachable handles, at 50c.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," First floor

Women's 2-Clasp White Lambskin Gloves at \$1.38  
Paris point backs.  
Women's silk-and-fabric Gloves, slightly soiled and mended and broken lines from our regular stock. All sizes in lot, but not in each style, at 72c.  
Women's 2-clasp wash fabric Gloves, white and mastic, at 88c.  
Women's I-Clasp washable cape Gloves in tan and gray, at \$1.95.  
Women's strap-wrist cape Gloves, in brown and heaver, at \$3.95.  
Women's 2-clasp French kid Gloves, over-seam sewn, mode and champagne, at \$1.85.  
Men's Auto Gauntlets, in black, lined, at \$2.75.  
Men's I-Clasp Cape Gloves, fur-lined, in tan, at \$5.50.  
Men's Wool Gloves, at 75c.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," First floor. Some on Grand Aisle

In the Subway Store  
Women's and Misses' Dresses reduced to \$10. Worth double.  
Women's and Misses' Coats, at \$10.  
Women's and Misses' Skirts, silk and cloth. Real bargains, at \$4.50.  
Women's and Misses' Suits, at \$15. Worth up to double.  
Girls' Coats, at \$5, wonderful bargains, 6 to 14.  
Girls' Tub Dresses, excellent styles and colors, at \$1.55.  
Children's Outing Flannel Drawers, at 95c; with feet, 2 to 6 years.  
Traveling Bags, etc., 50c to \$3.95. Slightly damaged.  
Odds and ends of Trunks, at \$5 to \$10. Soiled.  
2000 yards Drapery Cretonnes at 32c yard. Save 50%.  
1000 seamed center Bleached Sheets, size 72x90 in., \$1.25.  
Plaid Blankets, double-bed size, special \$5.95 pair.  
Samples in Misses' and Children's Undermuslins, 50c to \$1.95.  
Women's Shoes, at \$1.95. Various styles. Sizes 2 1/2 to 6.  
Children's Shoes, at \$1. Sizes 3 to 8.  
Men's Shoes, at \$3.45. Black and tan leathers.  
C. B. Corsets, eight seconds, at 95c.  
Muslin Underwear, 50c to \$2.65. Odds and ends.  
Boys' Norfolk Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws, at \$9.50.  
Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats, at \$15.  
Men's Gray Sweaters, shawl collar, 95c.  
Men's Percal Shirts, soft collar, \$1.75.  
Men's Khaki Shirts, with collar attached, \$1.45.  
House Dresses, \$1.85. Some seconds, sizes 36 to 40.  
Men's Soft Cloth Hats, \$1.  
Men's and Boys' Caps, at 40c.  
Women's Vests, Shirts and Drawers, clearance, 25c to \$1.  
Women's Stockings, seconds, 25c.  
Women's Socks, seconds and samples, 25c.  
Broken line of Woolen Dress Goods, plain and fancy, at 38c a yard.  
Standard Apron Gingham, 25c yard, wanted blue checks.  
Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12, at \$11.75.  
New Process Floor Coverings, full rolls, 45c sq. yard.  
Emblem Sewing Machines, \$26. \$2 cash; balance \$1 weekly.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Subway Store

Reversible Wool-and-Fibre Rugs, at \$24  
Size 8 ft. 3 x 10 ft. 6, extra heavy, \$26.50 for 9 x 12 ft., extra heavy, \$29 for 9 x 12 ft. Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs, Oriental designs, \$40.50 for 9 x 12 ft. Smith seamless Axminster Rugs, Oriental designs, \$2 to \$3 yd. for Tapestry Brussels Carpets, \$3.50 yd. for fine close pile Velvet Carpets, \$3.75 yd. for high-pile Axminster Carpets, 95c sq. yd. for printed Linoleum (3 yards wide), \$1 sq. yd. for heavy printed Linoleum (4 yards wide), \$1.75 sq. yd. for standard inlaid Linoleum, 75c yd. for heavy Rag Carpet, 36 in. wide.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Fifth floor

Men's Shoes, at \$4.95—Save Near Half  
Short lines from stock. In tan or black leather, solid leather soles; English style lasts or round toe blucher style. Broken sizes. Save almost double, at \$4.95.  
Men's Work Shoes, at \$5.95. Tan or black oil grain leather. Extra heavy leather or fiber soles. Water proof. Save a third.  
Boys' Shoes, at \$2.95. Gunmetal calf or patent calf. Save \$1.55.  
Boys' Shoes, at \$3.95. Dark tan or gunmetal calf. Smart English style last.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," Second floor

Men's Woolen Sweaters, at \$3.85  
Special lot of odds and ends. Shawl collar or V-neck. Button front. Broken sizes and colors, at \$3.85.  
About 50 pairs of shop-worn Ball Bearing Roller Skates, Winslow & Union Hardware, at \$1.85.  
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Sewing Machines, at \$43  
Unusual values. Singer, Domestic, White and New Home Machines. \$5 cash and \$1 weekly. Special at \$43.  
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Women's Swiss-Ribbed Bodice Vests, at 65c  
Fancy yokes, 36 to 44 sizes, at 65c each.  
Women's fine-weave Bodice Vests, extra sizes only; fine cotton, at 3 for \$1.  
Women's Heavy Cotton Underwear, at \$1 per garment, sizes 36 to 44.  
Women's Vests and Tights, medium-weight cotton, at \$1 per garment. Long-sleeve vests, elbow-sleeve vests and knee- or ankle-length tights. Sizes 36 to 44.  
Women's muslin and shop-soiled Underwear, excellent grades; priced \$2 to \$3.95. Sizes, as they run.  
Men's Fine Socks, much underpriced, two groups, at 35c a pair, 3 pairs for \$1, and 65c a pair.  
Women's Hosiery, odds and ends as they run, also mill seconds in these two groups, at \$1.15 and \$1.95.  
—Gimbels, "Coupon Day," First floor

Muslin Underwear, at 65c to \$3.85  
Odd lots and samples, including night-gowns, petticoats, camisoles and envelope chemise.  
Woven Petticoats, at \$1.25.  
Silk Petticoats, at \$4.85. Black and colors, including taffeta, silk jersey and messaline. Odd lots.  
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Total Insurance placed and paid for in 1919	\$1,418,681,492
<i>The largest amount ever placed in one year by any Company in the World.</i>	
Gain in Insurance in Force in 1919	\$914,140,618
<i>More than ever has been gained in one year by any Company in the World.</i>	
Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1919	21,770,671
<i>Larger than that of any other Company in America.</i>	
Gain in Number of Outstanding Policies	1,986,410
<i>Larger than any Company in the World has ever gained in one year.</i>	
Assets	\$864,821,824.55
Increase in Assets during 1919	\$89,367,126.27
<i>Larger than that of any other Company in the World.</i>	
Liabilities	\$835,736,487.38
Surplus	\$29,085,337.17
Number of Claims paid in 1919	289,125
<i>Averaging one policy paid for every 30 seconds of each business day of 8 hours.</i>	
Amount paid to Policy-holders in 1919	\$73,581,759.91
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