

BUYERS' EXCHANGE IS URGED FOR CITY

Manufacturers Told That Such a Place Would Be Greatest Aid in Boosting Wares

GIRARD ESTATE INTERESTED

Twenty-eight manufacturers of Philadelphia met last night to discuss plans for a sales exhibit building for this city such as the Bush Sales Exhibit Building in New York.

Mr. Wood, an engineer, said he had secured the promise of the Girard estate to erect a suitable building on Chestnut street, in the block between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, if suitable rentals were guaranteed.

The Chamber of Commerce is requested to make a survey and find out what manufacturers wanted such a building, then to call another meeting of manufacturers.

Following this, after several speeches had been made, the meeting adjourned.

The gathering, which had been called by Mr. Wood, was held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce.

A sales exhibit building, according to Mr. Wood, is a large "fair" building, where all the manufacturers secure exhibit space, and where buyers can see and find in this central point everything they might require.

He pointed out the necessity for such a building, as it is difficult, he said, for buyers to come here and search out great areas of Philadelphia her 15,000 manufacturing establishments.

Mr. Wood talked in terms of millions. When some suggestions were made that maybe the thing might not succeed after all and that everything might not turn out as suggested, the chairman, George W. Hicks, exploded.

"Philadelphia has never fallen down on anything yet and she won't fall down on this," he exclaimed, jumping to his feet. "I've no time for the man who groans all the time and offers nothing in lieu of his objections. We want constructive criticism."

Other speakers were Maurice T. Fleisher, a hosier manufacturer; Richard Sellane, William C. Banker, a real estate broker, and Hollishead Taylor, tin plate maker.

"This building must be as artistic as the Bush Building in New York. It must be large enough to house all sorts of manufacturing articles. It must beationally advertised. Why, we should get a man like E. J. Cattell, and send him all over the country boasting it—yes, and pay him well—it is the only way to get recognition."

"The Girard estate has available the block from Eleventh to Twelfth street on Chestnut street. They would be glad to lease it for a year. We must get it, and to put up this building. But, of course, before they do it they must see a return on their money, and a reliable organization with which to do business. Now, if you organize and make a proposition to the Girard estate, they will meet you more than half way."

"I don't tie you down to this particular proposition. I don't represent the Girard Estate. I represent no one but myself. I am just trying to furnish the initiative. I am asking you to form a temporary organization—the steps to form a company to deal with the Girard Estate or put up a building yourselves."

"Need to Get Started" "I know the manufacturers are in favor of such a building; I have been canvassing them since September 1. Two-thirds of them are willing to take space to exhibit their wares. They only need to get started."

"I tried to get Mr. Bush to put up such a building here, as part of his marvelous system. He won't come here, as he is going to London, where he will build a huge building in the heart of that city—and they have welcomed him with open arms. But I don't see the need for Philadelphia to go out of town to get a man to put up a building for them."

"It would pay, such a building. You would have exhibits there for sale, products of factories from Lancaster on the west to Wilmington on the south, and Bristol to the north. They are at a disadvantage. Why, you would have the advantage of the Bush Building in New York, for you are ninety miles nearer the West and South. If you had a building that would attract the buyers they would come here first, our salesmen at your exhibit would be pretty dumb if they couldn't close with them then, before they got to New York. I only ask that the committee be appointed tonight to begin drawing up a charter, to get right after it, and then we will have this building."

Several Give Views Morris Miller, a dress manufacturer, of 1020 Market street, who said he did a business of \$200,000 a year, told of his troubles with his southern trade. There are no inducements for these



MISS ANITA POLLITZER Of Charleston, S. C., new secretary of legislative committee of the National Woman's party. She is twenty-five years old and the youngest of the party's officers

merchants to come to Philadelphia now, he said, they all flock to New York and buy there.

"A building such as suggested would bring \$10,000,000 new business to this city a year, at the very inside," he said.

C. A. Conde, of Camden, said: "Philadelphia is behind the times; we must wake up; progress is going on all around us."

Morris Teaf, a clothing manufacturer, told a similar story. "Just for example," he said, "a buyer from the South happened in, bought \$5000 worth of goods from me, and then said he found it impossible to go all over the city hunting for silk mills. He was on his way to New York, and had already bought some goods at Baltimore. I took him over to a wholesale house and he got his silk seventy-five cents a yard cheaper and canceled his Baltimore order. Now, just suppose we had the suggested building, what could we not accomplish?"

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HUNT KIN OF DEAD MEN

Trenton Police Ask Help Here to Identify Two Killed There

Trenton police have asked local authorities to locate relatives of two men killed in that city yesterday who are thought to be Philadelphians. Neither has been identified.

One man, about thirty-five years old and apparently a chauffeur, was drowned in the Baritan canal from the State street bridge. In his pocket was found a ticket for a dance in this city. The man is five feet nine inches and weighs 157 pounds. He was wearing a mackinaw, corduroy trousers and a sleeveless army sweater. He wore a signet ring on which were inscribed the initials "J. B."

The second victim was killed by a trolley car. In his pocket was found a letter addressed to G. D. Grotti, 814 Carpenter street, Philadelphia.

POLICE MATRONS HONORED

Germantown Women's Club and Others Pay Tribute at Dinner

The women who give comfort to many prisoners and derelicts in the course of a year—the police matrons of the city's station houses—were the honored guests at a dinner given last night by the Women's Club of Germantown. Representatives of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Philadelphia Club, Parkway Shakespeare Club and St. Paul Presbyterian Church Aid Society were also present.

Miss Jane Campbell, a leader in welfare movements, read an interesting paper and Colonel Willard Brown delivered an address. Mrs. Robert Lewis was chairman of the arrangements committee.

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ROBINSON BLAMES MAIN LINE WRECK FAULTS ON POLITICS

Resigning Police Head Asserts He Failed Because of Interference in Bureau by Bosses

SAYS FORCE IS EFFICIENT

"Get politics out of the police and keep the police out of politics." This method for establishing an efficient police force in Philadelphia was suggested by Superintendent of Police Robinson, who has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 31.

He gave this advice when asked what steps in his opinion should be taken to improve the police bureau.

The retiring superintendent declared there was too much divided allegiance in the past and entirely too much interference by politicians, high and low, with the real police work of the men in the bureau.

He expressed the hope that neither his successor nor any of the other officials would be hampered by inside politics.

"No police superintendent can make good so long as politics interferes with his duties," said Superintendent Robinson, in explaining his failure under Mayor Smith and the criticisms which were heaped upon him as head of the police bureau during that period.

"There was too much politics in the force—too much of the men of the force looking to people other than their superior officers for orders."

Going back to his appointment as superintendent by Mayor Blankenburg, eight years ago, he continued:

Started Out Well "Things with me started out fine. I used to attend the conventions of superintendents of police in various parts of the country, and men who were observing the situation in Philadelphia would come and slap me on the back and tell me of what good work we were doing here. But that all changed during the last two or three years. Then these same men would come to me and rather sadly ask: 'What's the matter in Philadelphia? I told them the plain truth—'Politics.'"

"If politics can be eliminated Philadelphia will have the finest police force in the country. Superintendent Robinson said, 'The men are the best kind of men, but no police official can get the proper results until every man in the department from top to bottom comes to understand that he is in a distinct line of business, and that there is but one boss.'"

"The patrolman must know that what the sergeant says goes. The sergeant must not think he can disregard the orders of his lieutenant, the lieutenant must know his captain is a bigger man than some outside friends. The captain must have full respect for the superior officers in his office. They must look only to the directors for orders."

"There must be no divided allegiance. I do not wish, in retiring, to stir up any old matters, but I can say truthfully that politics has been the one great drawback to an entirely efficient police administration within my knowledge."

"The men are really changed and able to take advantage of a situation which will give them a free hand."

To Go on Furlough Superintendent Robinson will leave on a thirty-day furlough on March 2, returning March 31.

It is expected that Captain William B. Mills, assistant superintendent, will be his successor. Captain Mills will act as superintendent until Mr. Robinson's retirement.

Captain George Tempest, now commanding the First district, which embraces the downtown wards, is spoken of as a probable selection as assistant superintendent.



ROBERT JAMES ROCKFORD STOWAWAY MUST RETURN

Even Though He Has Wife Here Authorities Rule Against Him

Robert James Rockford broke down and cried today at the Gloucester immigration detention house when told he would not be allowed to join his American wife in Boston, but must return to England.

Mufti Mohammed Sadiq, Indian missionary, also detained at the station, tried to comfort Rockford, who came to America three weeks ago aboard the Applee without a passport, after an absence from America of several months.

Rockford had lived in America ten years, and three years ago was married to a Boston girl. Last July he returned to England to bring two orphaned nephews to this country. Arriving in England, he arranged to have them cared for by another brother. After several fruitless attempts to procure a passport, he stowed away on the steamer Applee from Liverpool.

Officials at Gloucester and Boston friends took his case to the State Department at Washington, in the hope that he might be allowed to remain here and join his wife. Rockford will be deported on the West Gamba, which leaves today for Liverpool.

GRANT LAWYER DIVORCE

John W. Best Wins Decree at Shore After Hammer Episode

John W. Best, a Philadelphia lawyer, was granted a divorce by Vice Chancellor Leaming in Atlantic City today from Pauline, his wife. He is about seventy years old and his wife thirty. They have two children.

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Mrs. Best recovered, and the case was tried in June. He was convicted of assault with intent to kill, but the jury recommended mercy. He said he had grappled with his wife in self-defense, trying to take the hammer away from her after an argument.

SHOTS FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Idler, of Camden, Dies From Wounds Inflicted by Husband

After a long struggle for life, Mrs. Mary Idler, fifty years old, of 813 Walnut street, Camden, who was shot by her husband, John Idler, on December 7, died in the Cooper Hospital this morning.

Mrs. Idler had been separated from her husband several years. He shot her twice in the spine at Spruce street and Broadway in sight of many churchgoers. When she was taken to the hospital the physicians gave up all hope for her recovery, but she managed to continue the struggle for nearly three months.

John Idler is in the Camden county jail awaiting trial for his wife's murder.

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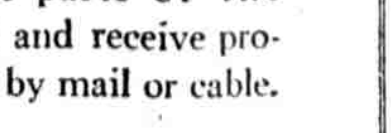
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MGR. DRUMGOOLE TO BE NEW RECTOR

Overbrook Priest Appointed by Archbishop Dougherty Head of St. Gregory's Church

OTHER IMPORTANT CHANGES

Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, D. D., LL. D., rector of St. Charles's Seminary, Overbrook, will be the rector of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Fifty-second and Warren streets, West Philadelphia, succeeding the late Rev. Richard F. Hanagan.

St. Gregory's is one of the largest Catholic parishes in Philadelphia and the appointment of Monsignor Drumgoole to the post, announced today by Archbishop Dougherty, is considered a recognition of his years of service as an educator and administrator.

An appointment of no less interest to Catholics is that of Monsignor Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, D. D., to the rectorship at St. Charles's. Monsignor Fitzmaurice has been for some years the chancellor of the archdiocese.

The vacancy left by the appointment of Monsignor Fitzmaurice has been filled by the appointment of the Very Rev. Joseph A. Whitaker, S. T. L., present secretary to the archbishop, to the chancellorship. The new secretary to the archbishop will be the Rev. James O. Patterson, who has been a curate at the church of St. Luke the Evangelist, Glenside.

Monsignor Drumgoole is a Philadelphian. He was born March 13, 1864, educated in the parochial schools and La Salle College, and at the age of sixteen entered St. Charles's Seminary. He was ordained May 31, 1890.

After several years' service in St. James's Church, he was appointed a junior professor at Overbrook, and later became professor of moral theology, canon law, homiletics and Christian doctrine. He was appointed rector in July, 1908, succeeding the late Monsignor Patrick J. Farrey, D. D. He was made a domestic prelate by Pope Benedict XV in October, 1915.

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