

EXTENSION URGED FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Association Wants All Appointive Public Jobs Put Under Merit Rule

The application of civil service principles to all appointive positions in the state, county and city governments of Pennsylvania is the object of recommendations made today by the Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform Association. In a statement prepared for the constitutional revision commission, officials of the association suggested insertion of the following provision in the state constitution:

"Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state and of all the civil divisions thereof, including counties and cities, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examination, which so far as practicable shall be competitive."

chief clerks is \$300 higher than those in the 'city' departments, and the average pay of janitors and cleaners not in 'city' departments is \$454 more than that of those in 'city' departments."

Mandamus Evil Scored

The drain on the city treasury through writs of mandamus for positions not under the control of the municipal authorities is touched upon in the report. From 1914 to 1919, it stated, a total of \$258,208.57 in salaries was mandamused from the city treasury.

In the administrative departments of the state government, the report continues, there are 3357 nonpolitical appointive positions, calling for an annual payroll of \$5,020,194.

FLEES AFTER CAR HITS MAN

Police Hunt Driver Whose Car Injures P. R. T. Employee

A large gray touring car which struck and perhaps fatally injured a driver of a P. R. T. emergency wagon at Sixty-third street and Lansdowne avenue early this morning, and sped away without stopping, is being sought by the police.

The injured man is Joseph Gilmore, fifty-nine years old, 4419 Rising Sun lane. He is in a critical condition in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital with a broken right leg and a fractured skull.

TICKETS ALLOTTED FOR LEGION RALLY

Governor Sproul, Roosevelt and General Atterbury Will Address Mass-Meeting

Preliminary to the launching of the membership drive for 50,000 additional members in Philadelphia county, the central campaign committee of the membership drive met last night and allotted tickets to the seventy-eight posts of the American Legion in the city for the rally in the Academy of Music Friday night.

The membership drive committee is comprised of the following representatives: Herman H. Berlin, 803 Colonial Trust Building; E. C. Gardner, the Clinton, Tenth and Spruce streets; George W. Nofer, 509 Chestnut street; Glendon T. Tongue, 3634 North Thirtieth street; Wilhelm F. Knauer, 8028 Frankford avenue; J. Willis Rommel, Germantown; Thomas F. Meehan, 902 Farragut terrace.

Tickets for the mass-meeting are being distributed through the post commanders, the allotment being available for each commander at headquarters, 1011 Chestnut street. The Women's Auxiliary posts in the city have requested tickets and reservations have been made for them.

Thomas F. Meehan, chairman of the drive, predicted today it will be a tremendous success. Governor Sproul, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; W. W. Atterbury and Franklin D'Olier,

WOOD ALCOHOL FATAL

Poison Blamed for Death of P. R. R. Freight Conductor

William Phillips, thirty-five years old, of 2907 Cleveland avenue, Camden, died this morning at Cooper Hospital in that city of wood alcohol, according to hospital physicians and the coroner.

Dr. T. Hammett was summoned to the man's home last night, and found Phillips in an unconscious state. He was hurried to the hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness.

Coroner Bentley conducted an investigation. Phillips was a freight conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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BABY SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Eight-Month-Old Child Suffocated Beneath Bag of Cornmeal

An eight-month-old baby was smothered to death last night when buried under the contents of a fifty-pound bag of cornmeal. The child, Lucy Lamarko, was the daughter of Salvatore Lamarko, 2838 East Cambria street, who keeps a grocery store at that address.

The child was left in the store in care of her five-year-old sister Diana, who placed her younger sister on top

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