REALTY MEN BACK TAXATION SURVEY

Majority of Committee Favors Chairman's Plan to Ask Research Bureau Aid

VOTE FOR MOTION TO

The Real Estate Board's committee on taxation is in favor of the proposal made yesterday by its chairman, Joseph J. Greenberg, that the Bureau of Municipal Research be asked to cooperate with it in a comprehensive survey of the Board of Revision of Taxes with a view to devising a plan that will remedy the evils admittedly existing in resent tax system.

politice today expressed themselves as upporters of the idea and said they would vote for Mr. Greenberg's motion when he makes it at the next meeting.

Mr. Greenberg strikes a note of great court of appeal be established, to bunction much like Sheriff Lamberton's remants' court, except that the tax court would have an official standing and the power to revise assessments when a tax-baser presented sufficient reasons. This ttee today expressed themselves as would have an official standing and the power to revise assessments when a tax-paper presented sufficient reasons. This would do away with the present system, which gives the taxpayer no hearing before the men whose decision means dollars and cents to him.

Four Declare Position

There are seven members on the tax-tion committee of the Real Estate and on the south by Susquebanna ave oard. Four have unreservedly ex-nue. pressed themselves as favoring an ex-pert study of the entire taxation sub-ject and the revision of the ject and the revision of the city's sys-tem to meet modern ideas and condi-

One member does not favor any dis-turbance of existing things. The other two could not be found today. The members of the committee are:

Mr. Robins, whose position has given in unusual opportunities to see the all angles, is unequivocal in his dis-approval of the present methods, "But understand," he said, "that I the assessment system from

They are working hard and carrying a tremendous burden the best they can under our system, and the poor fellows are damned by everybody for faults which they have done nothing to create.

beartily in favor of a complete study of it, with experts and legal talent, to needs and cure the defects that are apparent in this one.
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tax court, or some such idea, is fine.
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as they are being taxed this year. We as they are being taxed this year. We ought to get at the vacant lots and the unimproved land lying idle for speculative purposes with no regard for uncarned increment.

present system to be obsolete or the said. "In fact, I am not absolutely convinced one way or the other. To form such an opinion, a would want to study the findings of a body of specialists after they had made a thorough investigation.

Wants Real Method

Builders' Association, do not believe the present valuations are too high, nor do they see any indication that prices of real estate are coming down in the future to anything like what most people consider a normal level. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Crawford at a conference yesterday discussed conditions and at the end, issued the following joint state-

ment:
The number of protests made to the Board of Revision of Taxes this year is considerably greater than any past year. considerably greater than any past year, but this is undoubtedly caused by the increased value of real estate sold during the past recent years, on which the sessments were probably not increased reportionately in the past. We do not see any great cause for a general condaint on the part of the majority of laint on the part of the majority of the city although reperty owners of the city, although am sure that there are doubtless many pecific cases where the increase in assement is severe, but these cases, if protested, will receive the fair and soper consideration of the Board of n of Taxes.

Sales Only Guides

prices obtained for properties ly represent the basis of assess-d estate. Therefore, sales in communities are the right and only ruides to the assessor in fixing the reseasement of properties in that locality. We believe that the assessments in most instances are justified and reasonable. The citizens of Narberth Projects

The citizens of Narberth will meet in Elm Hall this evening to discuss a playground project, an American Legion building and quarters for the Poy

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about the equivalent of the present rate-in our city, but here we are only as-sessed on the basis of 90 per cent of its value and in many instances at less than this percentage. Therefore, we are value and in many instances at less than this percentage. Therefore, we are better off than if the properties were assessed at their full value, as is warranted. In the opinion of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, a city is in a much healthier condition when the real estate is assessed high, providing the rate of taxation is held down. In other words, it is better for a city to increase the assessment of property rather than to increase the rate of taxation.

\$150,000,000 Increase "The increased assessment on tarable real property for the coming year will amount to approximately \$150,000,000. The increased income from

this is essentially necessary to conduct the government of the city, as well as supply the many needs in the maintainance and upkeep of the municipality. The replacement value of real estate today must be taken ifto account in fixing the market while hereasy will in fixing the market value, because until we can replace at a lower price we must consider the replacement cost of present buildings and the merest study of the present cost prices will show that there are many transfers made at very much

There was a particularly large dele-gation from the Twenty-eighth ward, whose taxpayers held a mass-meeting on Tuesday night to protest against the

More Than Doubled

In some cases it was shown that as-Henry Robins, vice president of the Land Title and Trust Co.; Harry T. Saunders, W. H. Ball, Michael A. Dempsey, D. Britton Chambers, John C. Hinckley and John C. Bogan.

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R. J. Williams, a veteran of the war,

stated today that be was astounded upon returning home to find the ter-rific advance in living prices, and that he had been forced to buy his home at 3338 North Twenty-second street, to

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ity, ability to get funds and leisure, is especially fitted to undertake the role in the Democratic party which Mr. Hays played in the Republican party. Wants Real Method

"But there are other cities that have other inethods that appear to be attracting considerable attention and, if these methods are better than ours, we ought to find it out and adopt them.

"I certainly favor such a survey, and I believe the Bureau of Municipal Research to be the ideal body to make the study. I have every confidence in their ability and their integrity and such of their officials as I know seem thoused the final weeks of the matters."

Think Valuations Fair

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their own states, beaten and discredited, without local offices. A fight is developing against Brennan in Illinois which threatens him with destruction. Nugent theretens him with destruction. Nugent hardly controls more than a county in New Jersey. Governor Al Smith could take Murphy's power away from him in New York.

The getting together of the Cox and McAdoo forces, which began when the McAdoo forces, which began when the organization of the party on the Hays plan and which would involve a truce on candidacles for 1924, is one of the likely developments.

Bernard M. Baruch, as national

DANGER SPOT ON OLD YORK ROAD



Several stretches of the Old York road between Haines street and City Line have so sidewalk. The trolley track crowds close to the edge of the street. In consequence, as shown above, ped middle of the road. Frequently they are hit by automobile

Forced Tax Boost HYLAN BARES HIS

N. Y. Mayor Appears Before **Building Inquiry and Reads** Statement .

DENIES DILATORINESS

By the Associated Press New York, Nov. 11 .- Mayor Hylan

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the two points.

Major Samuel O. Wynne, head of the county detective force, would not discuss this latest aspect of the murder Wynne Is Reticent

"I shall have nothing more to say about the Drewes case until the in-quest," said Major Wynne. "I don"

The Rank and File Veterans' Asso-ciation will hold an Armistice Day parade tonight. Twelve wounded veterans who are

All of them are in a weak position in their own states, beaten and discredited, without local offices. A fight is developing against Brennan in Illinois which officer, presented them with Victory

Bernard M. Baruch, as national chairman or the directing force behind the national chairman, would be the natural point of contact between those forces.

To Discuss Narberth Projects

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725-Pound Bride Takes Husband Weighing 155

Santa Ann, Calif., Nov. 11.—(By A. P.)—A bride weighing 725 pounds was brought home today by John H. Hamilton, who weighs 155. The bride, formerly Miss Alma Emily Selm, of Venice, Calif., was attended at the wedding by her sis-ter, Mrs. L. C. Kring, who weighs 420.

ebrate in the Columbia Club, Broad and Oxford streets, with a dance and pat-

Parade in Olney Tonight Olney Post, 888, will hold a big parade tonight through Olney, Lindley and Feltonville, which will be followed

avenue and Thirteenth street, at 6.30 this evening. A set of colors will also be presented to the post at this time.

The George F. Baer Post, 312, will hold a cabaret dance this evening in the Philadelphia and Reading Young Men's Christian Association, Spring Garden street station. Victory medals will be presented to members of the post.

"Ridiculously small," was the laconic manner in which Admiral Benson characterized "Jack" N. Barde's \$10,-000,000 offer for Hog Island's \$70,-000,000 plant in flatly rejecting it.

Barde, who is head of Barde Bros. Steel Co., of New York, had previously made an offer of \$4.000,000 for the plant. He said that he had sent the shipping board yesterday a \$1,000,000 certified check with his \$10,000,000 offer.

The Howard C. McCall Post, composed of employes of the Philadelphia Electric Co., is to have one of the handsomest American Legion homes in this state. At an informal dance of the post in the Philomusian Club last night Mrs. Joseph B. McCall, mother of the soldier for whom the post is named, announced that a memorial home will be presented to the post in memory of her son.

The property is that at 4104 Walnut street. It will be made ready for occupancy at the earliest possible date. The gift of the home, which is valued at \$50,000, was made possible through Mrs. McCall and ten friends of her son, who was one of the most illustrious of Philadelphia's world-war herces.

BTUMP. — Nov. 10. MARY S. STUMP. Relatives and friends invited to fuseral services. Sat. at 1 p. m., at residence of her socieniaes. R. F. Bagiey, 428 Washington ave. Haddonfield, N., J. Int., private.

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DIVORCE INCREASE

Hasty Patriotic Marriages and Post-Conflict Conditions **Among Causes**

RECORD ALREADY THIS YEAR

Hasty marriages, pre-war marriages oliney Post, 388, will hold a big parade tonight through Olney, Lindley and Feltonville, which will be followed by banquet.

The David W. Jameson Post, 183, prices and housing conditions—each comes in for its share of blame for the will beld a banquet and entertainment at Bookbinders, 125 Walnut street, at which the principal speaker will be David B. Simpson, first vice commander of the Pennsylvania department of the Pennsylvania department of the legion.

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The Knights of Columbus Overseas Secretaries will hold their second annual reunion at the Adelphia tonight. James A. Flaherty, supreme knight of the K. of C. will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker.

Among those who have signified their intention to be present are Arthur Frenier. J. Bennett Nolan. Theophius Murphy. Frederick Cavanaugh, Thomas A. Quirk, James Doyle. Francis P. Zinn. Joseph Halloran, Lawrence McCrosson, John T. Leary, Martin F. Duffy, Joseph C. Costello, John Halton, D. J. Brady. William Keegan. John F. Towers, John J. Keehone and John D. O'Brien.

Armistice Day is being elaborately

shipping board yesterday a \$1,000,000 certified check with his \$10,000,000 offer.

Admiral Benson said the bid was so 'ridiculously small' that it was not worthy of serious consideration, and that it had not even reached his office.

HOME FOR M'CALL POST

Mother of Slain Soldier Will Give Residence

The Howard C. McCall Post, composed of employes of the Philadelphia frequenters of an alleged gambling house.

legion.

The Oscar H. Gruner Post will hold a reunion dinner at Mosebach's, Girard a reunion dinner at Mosebach's, Girard avenue and Thirteenth street, at 6:30 general post-war conditions." said

Sidewalk Incomplete Above
Haines Street, Forcing People
to Center of Highway

AUTO ACCIDENTS RESULT

There are about 180 volumes, in the schwaktfelder collection, including fifty-six manuscript blooks, made about 1760, and forty volumes of original Schwark-feld prints of the sixteenth ceptury.
The collection also includes several scarce Lutheran and Zwinglian prints and a number of rare Ephrata "Martyr" books.

Residents on and near Old York THEF ROBS Line, are objecting to the lack of complete sidewalks along this stretch, which subjects pedestrains to the dangers of walking on the heavily traveled

road.

The pavement on both sides of the everal blocks of this stretch has gaps where it is necessary for passersby to detour into the main road. This condition is much worse on the east side where there are long gaps with no paving at all.

J. H. Nesson, of the Bureau of Highers and that the reasons will

J. H. Nesson, of the Bureau of Highways, says that the pavament will be laid as soon as possible, but this may not be for nearly a year. It will be a part of the general improvement of the York road, which cannot all be done at once, he declares.

Large numbers of people must pass along this section of York road on foot every day. There are two churches bordering it and daily throngs of school children have to walk along the traffic-filled highway.

t being detected. For his work he got \$39.58 in cash

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On the west side of the road there are places where the path, which passes for a sidewalk, is so narrow that there is barely room for one person between a stone wall and a trolley. On the west side there are considerable stretches where it is necessary to walk out on one side of the open road where automobiles and trolleys shoot past with high degrees of proximity.

The result of this condition has been that there has been a series of accidents to pedestrains. The latest of these occurred when Adolph Lampe, 7141 North Broad street, was knocked own by a speeding automobile and severely cut. He was forced to walk along the edge of the road and had no chance to see or get out of the way of the approaching machine in back of him.

On the other side of City Line the state has placed sidewalks on both sides of the road and pedestrains have the proper safeguards.

SUIT ON BANK BOND LOST

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A verdict for the defendant was returned by a jury in the Common Pleas Court yesterday in the suit of Thomas P. Donaldson, state insurance commissioner, against the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co. brought to recover \$100,000 on a surety brought to recover \$100,000 on a surety bond arising out of the failure of the North Penn Bank. The bond was executed to insure the payment to Charles A. Ambler, former state insurance commissioner, of all deposits he had made in the North Penn institution of the funds of the Pittaburgh Life and Trust Co., of which Mr. Ambler was statutory liquidator. Mr. Donaldson succeeded Mr. Ambler as commissioner, and the bond was turned over to him. and the bond was turned over to him.
In conventing the right to recover, the
Hartford concern maintained that the bond was given at a time when the offi-cials knew the bank to be insolvent.





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TO DEMAND DEATH SCHOOL GETS LIBRARY Pennypacker Collection Kept Intact The greater part of the valuable library of the igte Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker is to be remain intact at the Beliwenkisider Historical Library at the Perkiomen School, Pennsburg,

AS SCHUCK PENALTY Camden Prosecutor Refuses & Permit 'Non Vult' Plea for

SAME CHARGE FOR JAMES

Murder Witness

A verdict of first-degree murder will be asked for by Prosecutor Wolverton of Camden county, in the case of Raymond W. Schuck, as well as in the of Frank J. James, the two men who are held in Mount Holly jail for the murder held in Mount Holly ja held in Mount Holly fail for the murde of David S. Paul, Camden bank mes

of David S. Paul, Camden bank mes-senger.

It had been believed that Schuck' confession of the crime, and his con-tention, believed by the authorities, the he had not aided in the murder, but had helped dispose of the body under fear a bis own life, would dispose the authori-ties toward accepting a plea of "not vuit," and asking less than the deatl penalty. penalty.

Prosecutor Wolverton said definitely

today that he would not accept a "not vult" ples in Schuck's case. This ples of "non vult contendere," or, in Eng-lish, "he does not wish to plead," h ESCAPES: LEAVES NO CLUE A sneakthief ransacked the first floors acceptable where there are extenuating eleven homes in Wissineming between circumstances.

and 4:30 o'clock this morning with-

Gillespie stret, the burglar searched every nook and corner of the first floor, but obtained no loot. Next door at the home of Arthur Haywood at 6136 Gillespie street, he got
\$15 from a china closet. A watch valued at \$35 and five trolley tickets were
obtained by the thief at the home of
the entire membership served as a pri-

Trolley Tickets Are Included in

Wissinoming Loot of Night Worker

Joseph Thorp, 6215 Marsden street. mary, after which the Paris, Nov. 11,—(By A. P.)—Paris last night was in the grip of one of the densest fogs ever experienced here. It was equal to the traditional London blanket. Street traffic was almost at a standard! was equal to the traditional London blanket. Street traffic was almost at a standstill. In some quarters the drivers of autobuses lost themselves and the conductors had to alight and guide them thook. The thoughout the street of the street

through the fog.

circumstances.

Schuck told Ellis Parker, Burlington county detective, that fear of James has prompted him to tell all he knew of the crime. Since the confession, James has threatened to kill Schuck if given a chance.

Bridgeton, N. J., Nov. 11.—Bridge ton's reorganized Chamber of Com-merce, which broke all records by get-ting more than 600 members at fiv-times any previous amount of dues, can-

two names were sent back on ballot for the final selection of eleven. The fol-lowing were chosn: Former Assemblyman Albert R. Mc-Allister, Harry W. Eno. Henry H. Fithian, Wilbert M. Bacon, former Senator Bloomfield H. Minch, Robert E. Fithian, John M. Stiles, former Judge Leroy W. Loder, Charles F. Sea-brook, Thomas F. Martin and Frank E.

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