

## WOMAN DIRECTOR TALKS ON SCHOOLS

Mrs. Lingelbach Tells Bala-Cynwyd Club Best People Are Needed on Boards

### QUOTES DOCTOR FINEGAN

Only those especially well qualified to serve, people of character and business ability who are leaders in educational matters, should be put on the Board of Education here, said Mrs. William E. Lingelbach in a talk before the Woman's Club of Bala-Cynwyd yesterday afternoon.

"Otherwise," said Mrs. Lingelbach, herself a member of the board, "how can these boards be expected to show broad policies of expansion and development?"

Quoting Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction, as saying he would like to see at least two women on every school board in the state, Mrs. Lingelbach said there was no bigger or more far-reaching work on which women could concentrate than the betterment of the public schools. She said women as mothers of the race, and from the experiences of many years spent in caring for children, are entitled to have a voice in their education.

Why men should have the entire say especially when one considers the characteristics of some board members—the speaker could not understand.

"The best man in existence," Mrs. Lingelbach declared, "does not know as much about the needs of little children as women do."

Mrs. Lingelbach traced the idea of a board of education back to the town meetings of the Pilgrim Fathers. The next development was the appointment at the town meeting of committees for special work. In the committee that looked after schools there arose the need for expert advice, and this marked the beginning of school superintendents. The tendency to reduce the size of school boards was commended—New York has five members, San Francisco only four.

"The small board fixes responsibility," Mrs. Lingelbach pointed out, "and obviates talking to the gallery, which is not conducive to good business. The tendency to give superintendents more of the business affairs of the schools to look after was also noted. The trying out of this plan recently in New York caused a clash between the board and the superintendent. Remuneration for board members was not thought advisable.

Good common sense was named as the basic foundation of the necessary qualifications in a woman to serve on a board of education. It is her education, broad life experience, and the spirit of abnegation were among others.

Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford gave an amusing account of conditions on the school boards in the '80's and '90's, when she served as a director for twelve years. Changing the curriculum of the girls' high schools to include college preparatory courses was one of her achievements.

Mrs. James C. Sellers spoke of the Lower Merion school board, of which she has recently been named a member, and of the good work it is doing. Mrs. Arthur H. Quinn, chairman of education, presided.

## AID OF WOMEN NEEDED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL

Proposed Exposition's Finance Committee Should Be Composed of Those Who Can Enlist Support of National Government

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

The Centennial Exposition of 1876 may well serve as a guide in many respects to the sesquicentennial of 1926. In the matter of initial impulse, the project of 1926 has a full year's start over that of 1876, the first great American world exposition to focus the eyes of the nation upon Philadelphia.

The first step taken after the decision to hold the centennial was in the matter of finance. Vast sums of money were requisite to make the exposition a success. The initial movement, therefore, was in the direction of raising money.

Philadelphia settled the details very quickly, and so left more time for the work of construction.

In 1872, four years before the opening of the centennial, Philadelphia had committees at work all over the country soliciting contributions. It was a new and untried idea. For that reason they did not meet with such success outside the city and state.

The first large subscription was \$1,000,000 from the state. This was followed by \$500,000 from the city itself.

The present Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park represents the expenditure of this half million. It was stipulated that this sum should be put in a permanent building to commemorate the great event.

Later on Philadelphia gave \$1,000,000 more. A few months after the exposition opened the United States Government loaned the Centennial Corporation \$1,500,000.

**Women's Aid Needed**

The importance of woman's co-operation in an undertaking of this magnitude was fully recognized forty-four years ago, for a woman's department was organized and started to work in February, 1877.

And right there is a suggestion for the committee that will undertake the preliminaries for the sesquicentennial. Women should have a large share in the work. They should be fully recognized. Above all the women's committee should be composed of workers and not merely "representative ladies."

The women's department of the Centennial of 1876 looked after a special exhibit of women's work. They published a newspaper and ran a kindergarten.

Their influence radiated to every country and made a great success of their special exhibit. Individual exhibits were solicited from the wives of reigning monarchs and the leading women of every land. Queen Victoria of England and the Empress Augusta of Germany contributed individually to this department.

The matter of site was definitely settled four years before the exhibition opened. That was in March, 1872. In the following May the views of famous architects of the country regarding a competition for building designs and general arrangement of the grounds had been secured.

In December a committee advertised

It must be a committee representing all diversified interests, and able successfully to appeal to each one of these interests on behalf of the great enterprise.

Another committee of high legal attainment should take under consideration the advisability of conducting the exposition in the form of a corporation, or a limited partnership, or as a municipal enterprise.

Chicago had over 30,000 subscribers to the success of the exposition of 1893.

**Paris Built Bridges**

The idea of erecting permanent buildings as a part of the exposition is not a new one. Two of the most beautiful bridges across the Seine in Paris today were built as a part of the Paris Exposition of 1900. One bridge alone cost nearly \$1,000,000. Paris did not scruple to take the opportunity of beautifying herself and Philadelphia should do the same.

It is scarcely to be expected, however, that funds appropriated by the national government could in any way be utilized for permanent improvements. They would be devoted to the erection of temporary buildings, and the necessary expenses connected with the arrangement of the grounds and waterways.

The same may be regarded as true regarding any appropriation that might be made by the Pennsylvania Legislature. All appropriations to the exposition fund of such character are for general and not specific purposes. In

## DIES IN BOX AT ACADEMY

Mrs. Mary P. Whitmer Collapses Witnessing Society Entertainment

Mrs. Mary P. Whitmer, fifty years old, wife of Robert F. Whitmer, a lumber merchant of 4703 Kingsessing avenue, collapsed in her box at the Academy of Music, last night, and died of heart disease before a physician could reach her side.

Mrs. Whitmer, with her sister, Mrs. W. H. State, arrived early for the performance of "The Talk of the Town." When she seated herself before the curtain rose she complained of feeling uncomfortable. A few minutes later Mrs. Whitmer suddenly gasped and fell over in her chair as her sister was about to introduce a friend. So sudden was the attack that no one in the audience knew of the collapse.

Mrs. Whitmer was carried to a rest room, and Dr. J. H. Girvin, of 2120 Walnut street, was summoned. After a brief examination he said Mrs. Whitmer's death had been almost instantaneous.

## DRYS RAID DRUG STORE

Seize Barrel of Whisky at Locust and Ninth Streets

Federal prohibition agents raided what is known as the Locust Drug Store at the northwest corner of Ninth and Locust streets today and seized one barrel of whisky, a five-gallon can of alcohol and three quart bottles of whisky.

A warrant has been issued for the alleged proprietor, Dr. M. J. Mallis, who has a dental office next door, and he will be given a hearing tomorrow before United States Commissioner H. R. Manley in the Federal Building, charged with dispensing liquor without prescriptions.

## SCHWAB'S NIECE WEDDED

Mary Elizabeth Mock Bride of Dr. Paul M. Walter

Miss Mary Elizabeth Mock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Mock, of this city, a niece of Charles M. Schwab, was married to Dr. Paul M. Walter, of Pittsburgh and Bethlehem, last night in New York. The wedding was in Mr. Schwab's Riverside drive mansion.

Dr. Walter is an alumnus of Lafayette College, and received his medical training at Jefferson College. He served overseas service as a captain in the medical corps, United States army, and has lived in Bethlehem since early in 1910.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter, after December 15, will be at home at Fountain Hill, the Bethlehem home of Mr. and Mrs. Schwab.

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## SCHOOLBOY LOSES LEG

Hitches on Trolley to Make Time and Accident Follows

Twelve-year-old John Youkas, of 219 Millin street, got a late start for school this morning. He will not go to school for weeks to come. For, a victim of his own activity to be there before the bell rang, he took a chance, and is in St. Vincent Hospital with his left leg amputated below the knee.

John is a scholar of first rank. Alphonse's Parochial School, at Fourth and Reed streets. He ran from his home a few minutes before 9, with "I'll get there in time, mother."

To "get there in time" he jumped on the truck of a passing trolley, one foot resting on the truck, both hands clutching the screen on the outside of the windows.

At Fifth and Moore streets the screen was pulled from its fastenings and Johnny plunged down. His left leg went under the truck.

When surgeons at the hospital saw the leg, stretched to a pulp at the ankle, they operated immediately. It may even be necessary to perform a second operation, but surgeons hope to prevent this.

Johnny was brave through it all—his chief worry seemed to be that his mother would worry.

## To Debate Japanese Question

Resolved, that the Japanese should be excluded from the United States, will be debated tonight at a meeting of the Zoosophic Society at the University of Pennsylvania at 7 o'clock in College Hall. Clyde Hesseburgh, and Earl Rasmus will debate the affirmative, and Charles West and James Itanville will present the negative.

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