

### STATE WELFARE BODY SEEKS AID

**Dr. Baldy Urges Physicians for Feeble-Minded to Ask Political Help**

#### DOCTORS ELECT OFFICERS

Norristown, Pa., Oct. 21.—William T. Bradbury, president of the Board of Trustees of the State Institution for the Feeble-Minded of Western Pennsylvania, at Folk, was elected president of the Association of Trustees and Medical Superintendents of State and Incorporated Hospitals for the Insane and Feeble-Minded of Pennsylvania. In session yesterday at the Norristown Hospital for the Insane, E. M. Green, superintendent of the hospital at Harrisburg, was elected vice president, and Dr. Henry I. Klipp was re-elected secretary.

The address of welcome was made by Dr. C. Sheble Brown, of Philadelphia, for the trustees of the Norristown Hospital. Dr. Ralph L. Hill, the retiring president, superintendent of the Allegheny County Home and Hospital, at Woodville, responded. Dr. Samuel W. Hamilton, medical director of the Philadelphia Hospital for Mental Diseases, was the only new member elected.

An invitation from the State Hospital at Allentown to hold the March meeting there was accepted.

Dr. John M. Baldy, commissioner of the new State Department of Public Welfare, urged the society to go among the politicians and the public in an effort to assist the new department and its director in its proposed constructive program.

Speech-making, he said, seemed to be the chief duty of the new Director for a time at least.

Dr. Baldy said that while the department was not a political one, it could not be made to go without the aid of the politicians, and he asked all the specialists present to see the politicians so that the Public Welfare Department would be sure to get the necessary support at the hands of the next Legislature in carrying out extensive welfare plans, a part of which, he said, was to try and place children in individual homes and keep them out of institutions even to the extent that the institutions might fail for lack of patronage.

#### COAL DEALERS ON WARPATH

Demand Retraction of Charges Made to Investigators

Atlantic City, Oct. 21.—Shore coal dealers express both surprise and indignation today on charges made by Frank L. Toppin, manager of the McAllister Coal Company, in his testimony Wednesday before the Senate Coal Investigation Committee at Camden. A committee is to be appointed to deal with the matter.

In explaining why the McAllister company charges fifteen cents per ton more in Camden than in Atlantic City, Toppin is said to have stated that the lower charge in Atlantic City was necessary to enable them to compete with the unfair methods of the local dealers, adding that the dealers are "cutting each other's throats" and that many times the dealer in weights and measures "picks them up for short weight."

Local dealers, at an informal meeting, determined to take the matter up and secure a retraction or redress. Toppin declined to make any statement today when told of the move.

#### May Succeed Judge Henninger

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 21.—By A. P.—Republican leaders and party members of the Lehigh County Bar Association last night decided to recommend former Assemblyman Claude A. Reno for appointment by Governor Sproul as successor to Judge Henninger, who died September 25. Judge Henninger was a Democrat.

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