

PUMBLEST OF MANY COMMUTERS TO GO

Abolition of 8 Per Cent Ticket Tax January 1 Hailed

With Joy METHOD OF THE REBATES

Many a commuter will have a pleasant surprise when he buys his next ticket and learns that the 8 per cent tax on tickets is to be taken from his station to be abolished.

NONE OF US IS HONEST, SAYS MR. HERGESHEIMER

Confuse the Essential With the Non-Essential. Novelist Complains



JOSEPH HERGESHEIMER

Tells of Woman Who Admired Book Which Had Never Been Written

"People are not thoroughly honest; they confuse the essential with the non-essential."

That was Joseph Hergesheimer's conclusion, expressed lately at his home in West Chester, following an amusing occurrence at a lecture he gave.

In this lecture the speaker referred to a writer, John Parton, as having written a low rate but delightful book, Mr. Hergesheimer spoke particularly of "Larva" and "The Abolition of Man."

More than that, he said Parton had acted as critic of the speaker's works, and Mr. Hergesheimer even ventured to quote what he had said.

After the lecture a woman went up to speak to Mr. Hergesheimer. "I agree with you about 'Abolition of Man,'" she told the novelist, "but I am a miserably poor creature, and I cannot give you a cent to buy one of your books."

Mr. Hergesheimer was so astounded that he refrained from comment. What could she say when John Parton was a figure of his own imagination and the characters he had mentioned were taken from his own books?

"Of course I created John Parton," he said today. "I, as a creative writer, had that privilege. But I never imagined any one would for a moment believe in him seriously."

He explained that when one means a thing seriously it should be said lightly, and when one wishes to convey a light thought it should be said seriously.

"And it wasn't to note how glibly people are?" he was asked.

"No, I wouldn't have had to do that to find out. I know they are."

But what Mr. Hergesheimer really intended to do by the creation of Parton was to criticize literary standards of today through another person.

Truth Unrecognized Mr. Hergesheimer stopped in his lecture with wide talking. "The awful part," he observed, "is that people can't recognize truth as truth, and my lecture was packed full of truth."

He was asked to give an example of a novelistic "spike abruptly."

It was unimportant whether John Parton was real or not.

What was important, he explained, was that he turned back to the stone fire place, with its glowing logs, was what he had said Parton expressed.

In other words, the man and his books had merely served as a method of saying in the third person what he had

MUMMERS ALL SET FOR BANNER PARADE

Twenty-three Clubs Are Breathlessly Waiting Time for March

THE ROUTE IS ANNOUNCED

Nothing is now between us and what is likely to be the greatest mummers' parade in history, except the passage of some forty-eight hours.

The clubs, twenty-three, three of them debutantes, are enlisted, licensed and as to all intents and purposes consumed.

After a good deal of more or less breathless waiting, the route of the parade, which is scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock, has been announced.

To wit (which applies to both the serious and comic sections): Association of Roseator, Camden Clovers, C. D. Ambrosia Saving Club, Blue Ribbon, New Year Association of Clifton, South Camden Association.

String Bands: North Philadelphia Tenor street, up Tenth street for a short space and then disband. They will reassemble later on Girard avenue to march for a little space.

The clubs will march in the following order: Serious or "Fancy" Clubs (clubs, that is to say, whose members are cosseted with some regard to rhythm and tradition): Silver Crown, Charles Klein, Lobster Club.

Comic Clubs (whose members have unorthodox notions about costume): League Island Association, Jack Hine Old-Timers, Oswald New Year Association, Sunflowers, Sauer Kraut Association of Roseator, Camden Clovers, C. D. Ambrosia Saving Club, Blue Ribbon, New Year Association of Clifton, South Camden Association.

Street Bands: Philadelphia Hagennans', Trisley, Quaker City, Argu and Independent.

Charges and Counter-Charges Made in Contest on Upper Darby Election

Charges and counter-charges of ill-fitting and ill-fitting were made before Judge Brumail in the Media courthouse today when William Ruth, Bywood, Delaware county, contested the election of Eric Erison as a township commissioner for Upper Darby township.

Ruth, who was a candidate of the Bywood United Party, alleged that sixty men and women, who were not entitled to vote, had voted for Erison, the Republican candidate who defeated Ruth by nine votes.

Ruth said the voters were disqualified either because they had not paid their taxes or because they had lived long enough in the Bywood district, Erison countered with a charge that fifty-five unqualified electors voted for Erison.

Erison for Erison objected when Ruth's attorney attempted to question William S. Woolman, of Bywood, the first witness, who argued that the elector taxes provide for a voter to live in the city, but he had not lived there for two years, but had not paid taxes there. He said he had voted for Erison.

Another witness was William B. Caven, of Bywood, a brother of Director of Public Works Caven. He produced positive proof that when he lived in the Twenty-second Ward, this city, Judge Brumail upheld a contention that Philadelphia City taxes are also county taxes, and as such, while the voter to vote in another county.

Mrs. Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C., formerly of Philadelphia, died suddenly at her home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Andrews, before her marriage was Miss Helen Sharples, sister of Mrs. Florence Lippenstein, Walter M. Sharples, Jr., and Paul Walter Sharples, who were shot, following her marriage, in 1906, when he moved to her husband's home in the South.

Mrs. Andrews was active in Episcopalian circles and was noted for her charitable work. Funeral services will take place Monday morning at her late home in Raleigh, in which city the interment will also take place.

'LOVERS QUARREL'—POISON

Then Girl Asks Stranger on Street to Send Her to Hospital

Sarah Grills, North Seventh street near Jefferson, told police last night a quarrel with her "sweetie" led her to take poison which caused her death in the Hahnemann Hospital.

The girl approached a pedestrian, at Juniper and Market streets, saying: "I've just taken poison—better send me to a hospital."

He told a traffic policeman on the corner and the girl was sent to Hahnemann. On the way, in the patrol, she refused to reveal the name of the man on whose account she said she attempted to take her own life.

MAY ASK ASSEMBLY FOR 1926 FAIR FUND

Sprout Considers Calling Special Session to Vote \$2,500,000 for Sesqui-Centennial

SILENT ON SNYDER PROBE

Governor Sprout said today he is giving serious consideration to the proposal for a special session of the Legislature so that State funds can be voted for the 1926 Sesqui-Centennial.

A special session was suggested recently by Mayor Moore, the general understanding being that \$2,500,000 would be the proper amount for the State to appropriate.

Council members have declared their willingness to appropriate \$2,500,000 of city funds toward the fair. James M. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States, on Thursday urged that a Federal appropriation also should be sought from the present Congress.

Question Availability of Funds The Legislature will hold its next regular session in 1925. Advocates of a special session this year emphasize the need of quick action because of the magnitude of the fair plans.

The condition of the State's finances are regarded by some as a stumbling block in the way of the suggested State appropriation this year.

Governor Sprout was asked if he would instruct Attorney General Alto to investigate irregularities in the Auditor General's Department when State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder was Auditor General.

"I am not going to make any statement on that subject today," he replied.

The Governor's attention was called to reports that the four Senators are either directly or indirectly interested in State highway taxes, and that they are planning to obtain millions of dollars worth of State contracts.

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Not Worried by Road Bids The Governor also was told of reports that the four Senators are either directly or indirectly interested in State highway taxes, and that they are planning to obtain millions of dollars worth of State contracts.

Week's Deaths Increase by 32 Thirty-two extra deaths were reported for the week ending yesterday than for the week ending the previous day of vital statistics. There were 475 deaths for the seven days, of these there were 472, seven of these were children, while five other persons died of influenza.

16 FACE TRIAL IN 12 MURDERS

Fourteen Men and Two Women Will Be Tried Next Week

LIST LARGEST IN YEARS

Fourteen men and two women will be tried for murder when the January term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer begins its sessions Tuesday.

This is one of the longest lists that has confronted the courts in years.

Besides the homicide list, the general prison list to be tried in four courts, contains more than 100 names, the defendants being charged with crimes of every kind, banditry running strongly to the fore.

The principal effort, however, will be made in the jail delivery courts, where the judges will strive to strip Moyamensing Prison clean of untried inmates, crowded there in uncomfortable and none too sanitary surroundings.

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But though Moyamensing Prison is to be depopulated, if possible, in its untried section, it is expected that an increase in the convict section will be large, with an overflow for Holmesburg and the Eastern Penitentiary.

Treat 'em Rough to Be on Job Judge "Treat 'em Rough" Monaghan and Judge "Iron Hand" Rogers, who do their best to make the hard life of the transgressor harder, will be on the job.

Judges Patterson, Davis and Bell, the last named a visiting jurist from Clearfield County, will try the murder list. In Judge Patterson's court in Room 543, two murder cases will be tried involving a total of six defendants.

Five youths will be tried for the murder of Nicholas Ostran, shot to death by bandits nearly a year ago when walking near Girard College with a young woman, John Murray already has been tried for this crime. He was convicted of first-degree murder, given a new trial and sentenced for second-degree murder.

The five alleged companions were Thomas McHale, John Donohue, James McLaugh, Eugene Walsh and Charles J. Blum. All but McHale and Blum turned State's evidence. McHale refused to testify any more, Blum was arrested when the others were arrested, was arrested but recently.

The District Attorney's office announced its willingness to accept a second-degree plea for the five youths, none of them much more than twenty-one years of age, but McHale's attorney insisted that he be tried. Therefore, all will be brought to trial at once, although second-degree pleas may be accepted in court. The sixth murder defendant in this court will be Henry B. Willingham.

Five Murder Cases Judge Davis, in Room 285, will hear five murder charges, one of which promises to be sensational. One of the

defendants in his court will be Emma A. Jones, a colored woman, Judge Bell, in Room 443, will try five defendants for murder. Three of the defendants are charged with the murder of Detective Joseph McGinn, shot to death when bandits raided a gambling house on Passunk above Christian, just as McGinn raided the place.

Christopher Morrano already has been sentenced to death for this murder, and Michael Fallon, alias "Dimmy Hein," sentenced to nineteen to twenty years. The remaining prisoners to be tried on this charge are Louis Colmo, Salvatore Spinelli and Salvatore Battistini. The general prison list will be tried in Rooms 453, 463, 443 and 285. Judges Audenriod and Walsh will try bail cases in 296 and 676; Judge Monaghan above Christian, in 653 and Judge Rogers in 287.

A. E. F. MAILMAN CITED

Joseph Antonine, Phila. Letter Carrier, Honored by Postmaster Gen. A personal letter and a war service certificate from the Postmaster General have fallen to the lot of Joseph Antonine, 1031 South Boulevard street, who is a letter carrier of the Southwark station in this city. He is said to be the only carrier in Philadelphia to be so honored.

Antonine served in the Government's foreign mail service all through the war, and was Superintendent of American P. O. No. 930, at Piers, Germany. He enlisted in the infantry in 1917, but was soon transferred to postal work in the Quartermaster's Corps and later to the Postal Agency.

On his return to this country in 1919, he secured his old position as carrier at the Southwark station, and has held it since that time.

Another Dollar for Needy Mother THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER acknowledges receipt of \$1 from "J. C. G." for Mrs. Marie Pieper, 1500 North Hollifield street, who lost four of her children from diphtheria during the last few weeks. Two others are recovering in the hospital from the disease.

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Even now, taking in both the Pennsylvania and Reading roads, there are some 100,000 people who ride daily to and from Philadelphia. Each buys a six-trip ticket for \$3.40. If these people save one-third and one-half cents for each ride, during the summer, when cottages are filled, there are 50,000 traveling on both lines daily to and from this coast. On this basis, \$2,112,000 of the money saved to Atlantic City commuters with the tax removed places the amount conservatively at \$50,000.

\$26,000,000 Saving

A statement issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad estimates saving through the abolition of the tax of \$20,000,000, divided equally between passengers and shippers. No blanket estimate has been made by the Reading Railroad.

There are some men who buy a special fifty-four-trip ticket to New York on either of the railroads, good only during the month in which it is purchased, will save \$3.00 hereafter charged as tax.

The passenger who buys a round trip to New York will save fifty-two cents. Purchasers of fifty-trip tickets good for six months to Boston will save \$2.22; those who buy them to Trenton will save \$1.95. Sixty-trip tickets good for a month to Reading will no longer carry a tax of \$2.15; those for Baltimore will be less \$2.12 by reason of abolition of tax, while commuters to Carlisle will save \$1.35.

Method on Rebates

There are many discoveries to be made by those whose travel involves purchase of commutation tickets. Hundreds will wonder how they're going to get a rebate of war tax if their particular ticket has not run. There are many ways enough, but while the railroads were compelled to collect this tax for the Government, only the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is permitted to make a refund.

Collection of this refund requires a form to be made by the railroad, another form to be gotten from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Fill that out, make an affidavit, forward the whole thing to Washington and they get your refund.

CAMDEN BUS DRIVER JAILED

Was Drunk, Says Policeman, and Had Car Running Wild

William Gordon, 1147 Vanhook street, Camden, was sentenced to two months in the Camden County jail by Recorder Starckhouse for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He has a wife and ten children.

He was arrested by Patrolman Andrews while steering a precarious course down Market street. There were 10 passengers in the bus at the time. Gordon said that he had purchased one half pint of gin and an equal amount of whisky for \$2 from a boot-legger who serves his customers from a wagon. Some of the liquor was found in his pockets.

MRS. A. V. DOUGHERTY LEAVES \$100,000 ESTATE

Husband, 2 Children Beneficiaries in Germantown Woman's Will

Two children and her husband beneficiary in the \$100,000 estate disposed of by the will of Amelia V. Dougherty, West School House lane, Germantown, admitted to probate before the Register of Wills today.

Other wills probated were: George R. Harrison, 6036 Woodland avenue, \$16,740; Mary A. Kabaner, 2012 Coe lumia avenue, \$12,700; Valentine Miller, 2162 East Norris street, \$15,250; Basil M. Smith, Charlottsville, Va., \$30,000.

Grants for administration were granted: Nicola Napoli, 1314 Wharton street, \$27,950, and John H. O'Connor, Jefferson Hospital, \$7,600. Inventories of the estates of Elizabeth C. Schaeffer and Chief Engineer Ralph Modjeski, J. Barton Weeks will be tomorrow.

Motion pictures of the celebration and parade to take place during the day will be shown at the dinner.

5-CENT LOAF IS COMING BACK, BAKER ASSERTS

Replies to Daugherty's Claim Bread Must Come Down

A five-cent loaf of bread is sure to come back, the baker asserts today.

This prediction was made today by P. M. Glazier, head of the Moore Bread Company, 1109 Spring Garden street, who was asked concerning Attorney General Dougherty's statement that bread prices must come down.

"Five cents is the logical price for what is popularly known as the 'small loaf,'" he said. "I think it is coming back. I do not know when, but it is coming and likely not very far in the future."

General Daugherty said that four prices were about as low as they have been in the last fifteen years, and that there was an effort on the part of bakers to boost the price.

Mr. Glazier, head of Children's Inc., said he just paid \$8.50 per barrel for flour, and that that is not considered a low price. He said in previous years he had paid for a "very fair loaf" at least \$7.25 a barrel.

Earl J. Shoemaker, president of the Pennsylvania Bakers' Association, said bread prices were on a "very fair basis" in this section of the country.

"I can't agree with Mr. Daugherty," said Mr. Shoemaker. "He has evidently not studied the situation carefully."

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DRINKS ALCOHOL—DIES

Chemical Co. Watchman Found Unconscious on Floor

William Crooks, night watchman at the Pennsylvania Chemical Company, 208 North Second street, was found unconscious when employee arrived at the plant this morning, and died before he could be taken to the hospital.

Death was due to alcoholism and it is believed that Crooks drank some of the alcohol stored in the chemical company plant, which is poisonous.

Crooks was found on the floor near a door and it is believed that when he was overcome he was attempting to get out into the air.

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