

TRACK MINDS  
Narrow-Gauge Supervisors Responsible for Wretched County Roads

OPPORTUNITY FOR SADLER

Sellersville, Jan. 16.—Narrow gauge methods of rural highway supervisors with one-track minds are to blame in the estimation of some of the patient dwellers among the hills of old Bucks County for some of the worst of the less important roadways in the State.

It has been suggested by the old-timers' cabinet comprising the bankers, physicians, the postmaster and various other leading citizens of this thriving community, that State Highway Commissioner Sadler might do a neat turn for Pennsylvania by calling these narrow gauge township supervisors into conference and imparting to them some of the simpler rudiments of highway construction in this era of rushing motor traffic.

A thousand long-suffering farmers from the west branch of the Perkiomen to the Delaware River, tributary to the Reading Railway and its milk and egg trails, would be glad to receive with acclaim for all of them are dependent upon many of the short-cut minor routes between towns in getting their products to stations in time to make connections for the Philadelphia market.

The base of this thirteenth section of Pennsylvania, apart from the admirably paved and maintained main arteries are the high-crowned "single-track" roads of the narrow gauge rural supervisors. Frequently motorists leaving the main highway encounter a section of township-maintained roadway in a condition so deplorable as to be incomprehensible. These are the products of inexperienced local superintendents. They are by no means a pressing need, but for a single vehicle.

Years ago, antiquated practice unaffected by great strides in the State-maintained roads, caused rural supervisors to heap the "twain roads" upon the shoulders of impossible contour, upon the theory that they drain better than flat-topped highways. This custom, in some parts of Bucks County, within close touch with perfect highways, is to heap up more stone upon the crown of the roadway road when it begins to deteriorate. As a result, the shoulders of the driveway are cut away steadily to such a degree that when a motorist encounters a rutted and rutting road, he is finally persuaded to leave the middle of the road a passing is affected with imminent risk to both. Some sections of the Sellersville-Doverstown road must be regarded as a veritable example of this absurd custom of widening township funds which Commissioners Sadler should endeavor to abolish.

Sellersville is about to experience a building boom. An estate which has been in the possession of one family virtually from the days when Bucks County first was settled is being put out into building sites for homes of modest cost for which there is a pressing need, both here and in nearby Perkasie. Many of the new homes will command a view of Manito Park, where the Bucks County Fair is held.

This section of Bucks County is not what it used to be for cattle-raising. William Boyce, a leading grower and finally persuaded him to leave the middle of the road a passing is affected with imminent risk to both. Some sections of the Sellersville-Doverstown road must be regarded as a veritable example of this absurd custom of widening township funds which Commissioners Sadler should endeavor to abolish.

Every farmer in this part of Bucks are in the estate of no indignation over the failure of State police to discriminate in the enforcement of automobile statutes. They have no fault to find with the vigorous action in which the State's enforcers of law and order have taken upon chicken thieves. But when a prominent agriculturist happens to drive north after nightfall without having his motor lamps burning brightly or offending against the law in some other fashion, and a State policeman summons him to appear before a square up at Quakerstown, why, then, they maintain the State troopers should be banished from the payroll.

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Ohio Villages Near Marion Stirred by Triangle in Ministers' Families  
Marion, O., Jan. 16.—Green Camp, a village of several hundred people, eight miles southwest of Marion, and Mount Pleasant, a town of 1500 people in Morrow County, twenty miles east of Marion, are greatly wrought up over the disappearance of the Rev. W. W. Crabtree, a Baptist minister from the former place, and Mrs. Rowe, wife of the Rev. Mr. Rowe, Baptist minister of the latter city. The story is that they eloped from Marion last Monday morning.

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They were traced as far as Columbus, fifty miles south. Later in the week a relative of the woman, residing at Chillicothe, O., would be in Columbus, but giving no particulars as to their intentions or destination.

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The Rev. Mr. Crabtree has been named at Green Camp about five years, resigning last Monday morning, but giving no intimation of his sudden departure. He left home Monday morning without informing his wife where he was going, and leaving her without funds. He gave his daughter, Gusti, approximately, \$50 as he left.

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Mrs. Crabtree went to Green Camp from Plain City and was highly commended as a minister. His infatuation for Mrs. Rowe is said to date back about a year, when he spent a week in the Rowe home at Mount Pleasant while assisting the Rev. Mr. Rowe at a revival meeting. The latter was away from home when his wife departed. He came to Marion thinking that she might have come here to visit her sister. He has learned the truth. He has been making an effort to locate the couple, but the Rev. Mr. Rowe was smooth-tongued, but the man seen leaving Marion with Mrs. Rowe was a dark man, so the belief is he undertook to disguise himself. He is forty-six years of age, and Mrs. Rowe is a year or two younger.

"SERVICE FLAGS" FOR DRYS

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will launch "Star in the Window" campaign today, the second anniversary of prohibition. It is planned to have star flags similar to the service flags of the war put up in every home where no liquor is consumed. The flags will bear the inscription: "We are Americans. We support the Constitution."

Petition Is Sent  
Public Service Body

Single Fare Planned

First. A single fare shall be charged for a continuous ride in the direction between Bridge street terminus and Sixty-ninth street terminus via Frankford elevated and Market street subway elevated, or for shorter distances included within said route. Said single fare shall be the same in amount as the base fare charged from time to time by the company on its surface lines, with the same system of discount upon tickets or other symbols accepted in payment of fare as may from time to time exist on said surface lines.

Passenger of the Frankford elevated line shall have the privilege of receiving free transfers between the Market street subway-elevated line and connecting surface lines of the company to the same extent allowed passengers on the Market street subway-elevated line.

In addition, free transfer privileges shall exist between Frankford elevated line and the connecting cross-town surface lines of the company north of Arch street and between Frankford elevated line and Bustleton line.

The Bustleton line shall be divided into two fare zones, the dividing line to be at Cottman street, and the fare for each zone to be the same in amount as the fare before provided for the Frankford elevated line.

Second. The city reserves the right at any time after five years from the date of this agreement, to terminate the same upon giving six months' written notice to the company of its desire and intention to do so, and the company shall, accordingly, terminate the same upon the actual termination, turn over all of the deemed property to the city.

I joined in this petition with Mr. Mitten and the other commissioners. I give it my early consideration.

Wegelin's Plan Declined  
A proposal that a higher rental be paid the city for the "L" has been declined by Mr. Mitten in a letter to Mr. Wegelin.

Cannot Increase Offer  
Mr. Mitten's letter, which restates the P. R. T. offer made on December 30, in response to a letter of December 29, I granted your request for rent transfers with Frankford "L" as a rental the most which P. R. T. can offer, and for the time being I cannot increase this offer, as requested in your letter of yesterday.

P. R. T. proposal, as corrected by suggestion of the Legislative Committee on Frankford "L," is as follows:  
"P. R. T. to operate Frankford 'L' and Bustleton line with through trains to West Philadelphia, and accept the agreement now before City Council, amended as follows:  
First. City to deliver Frankford 'L' line, including the right to use the surface line, both fully equipped and ready for operation.  
Second. P. R. T. to bear the operating loss of the first year; pay to the city for the second year, five per cent on the cost of the Frankford 'L' for the third year, 2 per cent; for the fourth year, 3 per cent; for the fifth year, 4 per cent; for the sixth year, 5 per cent; thereafter, 5 per cent.  
Third. Fare to be the same as charged by P. R. T. on other lines, with the exception of the amount to be charged between Cottman street and Bustleton; a single fare to be charged between Bridge street, Frankford, and Sixty-ninth street, West Philadelphia, free transfers to be used between Frankford 'L' and all connecting cross-town lines north of Arch street, including free transfers to the Bustleton line, and to Cottman street; Frankford 'L' and Market street 'L' passengers to enjoy alike free transfer privileges between surface and elevated lines at all transfer stations between Frankford and Sixty-third street.  
Lease for Five Years  
Fourth. Lease and agreement to continue for a five-year period, with right of city thereafter to terminate lease on 30 days' notice, as provided in Paragraph B, Section 5, Paragraph A, which terminates agreement six months after valuation, and the company, in meeting the various suggestions submitted, agreed upon the rate of fare and the number of cars required for the section line. It was also determined as follows:  
That city-built Frankford 'L' is not to be included in P. R. T. valuation; only the exact return paid by P. R. T. to the city to be included by P. R. T. for rate-making purposes.  
That cost of Frankford 'L,' as described in lease now before City Council, is to include, as suggested by Mayor Moore, not only the principal of the bond issue, but also the construction overheads, which are included by the Rapid Transit Company itself in the valuation lease now before the Public Service Commission.  
T. E. MITTEN,  
President."

LLOYD GEORGE DECIDES TO DEFER ELECTION CALL

May Now Regarded as Earliest Probable Date for Appeal to Voters  
London, Jan. 16.—(By A. P.)—The English political situation, especially the question as to when the Government will go to the polls, is again being brought into prominence through the return from France of Prime Minister Lloyd George and the removal from the foreground of the Irish situation.

There was a fairly general opinion among the political writers in the morning's newspapers that the election, which recently was forecasted for February, would not occur then, and probably would not be held before May at the earliest. It is said that Lloyd George discussed this question with some of his colleagues last evening when he became convinced that an early election was undesirable.

Lloyd George is supposed to have brought about this decision as the result of strong opposition of the Unionists to such a step, and the collapse of the Government.

The current week will be one of great political activity, both the Unionists and Liberals having important meetings before the coalition Government convenes on Saturday, when it is supposed, if nothing previously transpires regarding the date of the election, he will make a "white" announcement in this connection.

Veteran Shot in Allentown

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 16.—Lewis Coll, twenty-five years old, a World War veteran, was shot at midnight Saturday, and the surgeons at the Allentown Hospital hold out no hope for his recovery. In a statement, the police said, he was killed by a bullet which entered his back and passed the evening together.

FIGHT FIRE AFTER EXPLOSIONS  
Bootleg Still Blamed for Blaze



Fifteen families were driven from their homes by a fire that destroyed a warehouse and factory building near Second and South streets. Apparatus found among the ruins and stories current in the neighborhood of a glibly activities in the building lead police to believe illegal distilling may have caused the explosions that ignited the structure.

Vare Hikes West to Repair Lines

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View is not at all pleasing to the Governor and one of the questions which will be mulled over in Pittsburgh is whether or not Baker, who has been associated politically with the Governor for the last twenty-five years, is to break with the Governor.

Governor Sprout will also be in Pittsburgh tomorrow night to attend the Babcock dinner and also to meet with Crow again. Besides those mentioned, Pittsburgh politicians will be formally the condition of Pennsylvania near-leaders. The Governor will get straight from the Pittsburgh senators to Washington, where he will be the guest at a dinner given by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to President Harding.

It is the belief that the Governor and the President and others will discuss informally the condition of Pennsylvania politics and the part that the Governor should play. Vare men say the national leaders will tell the Governor to encourage all differences within the confines of his State. The Governor's friends apparently believe that the national leaders will incline his mind to accept the point that national leaders, including the President, when acquainted with the conditions, did not call on the Governor to take the place of Penrose in the Senate.

Those Perplexing Questions  
Every point that can be raised in the present turmoil in the State, say politicians, only emphasizes the importance of such questions as:  
Who will be the slated candidate for Governor or will it be the "L"?  
Who will be the National Comptroller?  
Will Senator Crow be able to take the helm in the troubled waters?  
Will Sprout and Vare finally break or get together?  
Will Baker forsake old friends for the sake of the gubernatorial candidacy of his local rival, Lieutenant Governor Bidleman?  
Will the Vares turn in for Bidleman, whom they are now holding off?  
Will the Governor declare for Bidleman or lead the fight for an independent State ticket?

Never in the history of the State, say politicians, has there been such a scramble for leading places on the part of big and little leaders. First they are trying to find out where they stand, and second, if they are to get together or fight it out, the primary question is: While the pramble is on the Oliver element in Pittsburgh, which heretofore has been silent, playing the part of observers, has trotted out the gubernatorial candidacy of George F. Alder, Attorney General. In the last session the Oliver leaders were at odds with the Governor and Crow over the legislative program. The Oliver people were defeated in the Legislature, and they were defeated in the Pittsburgh mayoralty contest when Magee triumphed.

At bottom the present negotiations have as their object the winning of the Penrose mantle by one set of leaders or another. Then there is the rich array of Federal patronage—1000 jobs, representing an annual payroll of at least \$2,500,000—which will be needed to prevent the Democrats creeping up in the coming State election.

Just now the Governor and Baker appear to have the inside track on Federal patronage, all of which is controlled by the fact that Baker is close to the Vares, and the latter appear to be on close terms with the new Philadelphia Postmaster.

GIVE UP HOPE FOR MINERS

Diggers Expect to Reach Bodies of Cave-in Victims Today  
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 16.—Belief that the bodies of the three men entombed by a cave-in at the National Mine of the Glen Alden Coal Company Friday morning will be reached today was expressed last night by company officials. Edward H. Batten, Chief of the State Bureau of Mines, mine inspectors and others engaged in the rescue work. About twenty acres of land went down with the cave-in.

One hundred experienced miners continued to work in regions adjoining the mass of debris, rock and coal in an effort to locate the entombed men. Hope of finding them alive, however, virtually has been abandoned.

Late last night it was reported that the rescue gangs had reached a point approximately fifty feet from where the men were last seen.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joshua Turner, 1729 Christian st., and Ethel M. Jones, 624 Chestnut st., and David Francis A. Nolan, 443 S. 59th st., and Stella Hebert E. Miller, 1313 N. 8th st., and Gertrude E. Bartlett, 1812 N. 8th st., and Frederick J. Rife, 1842 N. 8th st., and Joseph J. Williams, 2080 S. 8th st., and Margaret S. Williams, 2080 S. 8th st., and Florence Jones, 2511 N. 12th st., and John W. Moore, 2116 S. 22d st., and Rachel Carter, 947 E. 14 st., and John W. Moore, 2116 S. 22d st., and Marie Ward, 514 Westmont st., and Arthur J. Strickland, Baywood, N. J., and Sarah Brown, 2066 W. Boston ave., and Adele L. Johnson, 214 S. Balmy ave., and Claude D. Schellhammer, 1841 S. Lindenwood st., and Mary H. Egan, 1541 S. Lindenwood st., and 1819 S. Woodstock st., and Marjorie H. Stewart, 822 Dudley st., and

Crime Wave Grips City; Many Robbed

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retorted with shots, one of them striking Lansinger in the right side and inflicting a deep wound.

Two Robberies Frustrated  
Two robberies were frustrated early this morning after an exchange of shots between the police and the would-be robbers.

William Broell, a tailor, 810 Walnut on the third floor of the building, discovered intruders on the first floor, and a pistol battle opened, attracting the attention of the police. The robbers escaped through a skylight.

An attempt of four men to steal gasoline from the garage of J. H. Van Fossen, on Thirteenth street below Venango, also resulted in a pistol duel between the police and the would-be robbers, and the four escaped in an automobile, one of them being wounded.

A trolley conductor captured the arrest of two men on a sidewalk yesterday and recovered a wallet they are said to have taken.

Milton R. White, 27 Bridge street, Philadelphia, conducted on a six-ton street car, saw two men getting in a suspicious manner.

It was when they alleged victim, Harry S. Pinesky, an ex-convict, city soldier, who lives at 1427 West Washington avenue, was preparing to leave the car that White decided to find out whether he was right or wrong.

Detective Irving Pinesky, who White asked the passengers whether any one had lost any valuables. Pinesky got for his wallet containing \$25. It was found on the sidewalk. Pinesky called White to drop it. The wallet was dropped at once to the feet of one of the men.

Several passengers walked indignantly toward the robbers, but White took charge and turned them over to Policeman Hannon, of the Twenty-sixth and York streets station. They gave their names as John Mackey, of North Eleventh street, and Julius Davis, of North Seventeenth street. Each was held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Roberts.

PRINCETON LIST IMPARTIAL

Wearers of Blue and Gray Who Died on Honor Roll  
Princeton, N. J., Jan. 16.—With the completion of a memorial to heroes who died in the Civil War, sixty-two sons of Princeton University are again united in name as the rolls of the university just as they were years ago in Nassau Hall these days. Side by side in Nassau Hall these days are listed those who died for their cause, whether Confederate or Unionist, in compiling its records the university has made no distinction between the wearers of the gray and those who were clad in blue.

This action is the first on record in which men of both armies were named in the same group. Thirty-one of the men were in the Northern army and the same number in the Southern lines. The sixty-two names have been carved in alphabetical order into one of the War Memorial Rooms in Nassau Hall, which is entirely of white marble.

Of the sixty-two, forty-six were officers, fifteen were privates and one was a surgeon. Among the names is that of John Vanduyt, of the Class of 1862, who was cited for meritorious and faithful service in the Civil War and who also served in France as surgeon in the World War.

VALIANT ATTEMPT FAILS TO SAVE SHORE GUNNER

Boatman Brings Wounded Hunter Four Miles, but Victim Dies  
Atlantic City, Jan. 16.—Heroic efforts of Charles Lucker, a boatman, of 312 Pitney avenue, this city, who rowed the injured man four miles in a sneak boat to get medical aid, proved unavailing Saturday night in the case of Francis Lawler, twenty-four, 28 South Vermont avenue, whose wife, who died yesterday morning in the City Hospital, he was fatally wounded when his shotgun was accidentally discharged in Little Cham Thoroughfare.

Lawler, with Charles R. Torrey, 118 South New Hampshire avenue, started out in a rowboat late Saturday afternoon to a blind they had erected to gun for ducks. Caught in a strong tide and wind, their rowboat almost capsized. They lost an oarlock and had a hard time paddling ashore.

As they reached the bank, Torrey leaped ashore and Lawler attempted to hand him his shotgun. He held the gun by the barrel, and as it struck the side of the rowboat the trigger caught. Both barrels were discharged in Lawler's torso.

Torrey succeeded in getting the gun ashore. Lucker, clanked by a lit-out and started the long run to shore, reaching the Inlet, a telephone call was sent to headquarters and the patrol carried Lawler to the City Hospital.

Springfield Women Organize  
A league of voters has been organized in Springfield. A drive in being made to enroll every woman in the township. The following officers have been elected: Mrs. Warren Marshall, district chairman; Mrs. Ralph Matthews, local chairman, and Mrs. Warren Carter, secretary.

SIR PHILIP GIBBS IN FIRE

Patrons of New York Hotel Excited by Small Blaze  
New York, Jan. 16.—A small fire from defective insulation in an elevator shaft of the Hotel Beekman, Fifth avenue and Fifth street, excited the patrons for a few minutes yesterday. The blaze was put out with pails of water before the arrival of the fire apparatus.

Smoke filled the sixth and eighth floors, and the ringing of the automobile fire alarms caused a rush of guests from their rooms. The hotel is across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Among the 235 guests were Sir Philip Gibbs, Lord and Lady Auchinloch and Mrs. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, wife of the former Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City.

RUSSIA EXTENDS "FEELER"

Says Payment of Debts Contingent on Amount of Outside Aid  
Moscow, Jan. 16.—"Until Russia knows what assistance the foreign Powers will give toward her reconstruction it is impossible to make a statement about the payment of foreign debts," said Maxim Litvinov, chief of the Soviet legation abroad, in a statement yesterday.

"Russia now is unable to pay and cannot estimate her ability to pay in the future unless she learns what outside financial help she will receive. That is a matter for negotiation."

CHINESE BRING NEW DISEASE INTO U. S.

Thirty-two Oriental Merchants Suffering With Malady Which Baffles Science

U. S. AUTHORITIES ACT  
Washington, Jan. 16.—An Oriental disease, baffling to medical science—unknown heretofore in this country—has been brought into the United States by thirty-two Chinese merchants from California. An application in behalf of fifty-three additional merchants for admission has led to a disclosure of official facts about the strange malady.

According to official correspondence passing between Secretary of Labor Davis and Surgeon General Cummings, of the United States Public Health Service, the disease—non-cholera—will not be "unduly prejudicial" to the public health so long as there is strict obedience to precautionary measures adopted respecting the Chinese afflicted with it. The Orientals were admitted by the port authorities because they were not newcomers to the United States, having resided here previously.

The Chinese merchants were permitted by Secretary Davis to land under bonds of \$2000 each on condition they were to reside in buildings the plumbing of which was connected with sewers emptying in salt water, and also that they were to be treated continuously and an inspector was to visit them twenty-four hours to see that they remained in residences assigned to them.

Secretary Davis, in a letter to Surgeon General Cummings, said: "I note from your letter to the Commissioner of Immigration that the disease is rather a new thing in medical history and is virtually unknown in the United States. Also that it is parasitic in character, and for that reason is classified in the regulations governing medical admission of aliens as a dangerous contagious disease, although it is possible, you say, that a patient so afflicted, after removal from possibility of reinfection, may possibly free himself of the infecting agency."

"I also note that you state its spread is accomplished through the medium of freshwater snails and certain species of fish that may eat such infected snails, and that while fish ordinarily are not eaten in the raw state in this country, there are those, nevertheless, who consume both meat and fish not thoroughly cooked."

"Also that under the conditions ordinarily obtained in waters wherein sewage is discharged in the salt water, the probability of the spread of the infection is not great. Also, that the detection of a limited number of these cases under appropriate custodial restraint at an immigrant station for the purpose of treatment and observation would not be unduly prejudicial to the public health of the country, and that under such circumstances your bureau will be pleased to make a study of the cases in order to ascertain the cause of the disease by drugs and other treatment and also to determine the possibility of recovery of the cases through the automatic elimination of the infecting parasites."

"It occurs to me that it would be a wise thing if you could arrange for the inspection of Orientals intending to come to the United States before their departure from their homes, with special reference to cholera, and the prevention of the departure of persons so afflicted. I learn informally that the leaders among the Chinese in this country were

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INTERMYER INQUIRY URGED  
General Electric Co. Charges Illegal Practices in Plea to Daugherty

New York, Jan. 16.—The General Electric Company, through its counsel, Charles W. Appleton, last night made public a letter to Attorney General Daugherty asking him to investigate the charges of illegal practices made against it by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Lockwood Legislative Committee investigating the housing situation.

The letter states the company was charged, directly or indirectly, with creating and maintaining a monopoly in the manufacture and sale of tungsten incandescent lamps; with extorting large sums from the public by unlawful methods; with juggling its accounts to evade payment of income taxes, and with violating a decree of the Federal Court.

All these charges the company denies, and Mr. Appleton suggests that if Attorney General Daugherty is in doubt as to the legality of any of the company's acts, he "bring an appropriate proceeding in a court where the company may be heard in order that the matter may be determined."

GEN. BORDEN AGAIN UNDER FIRE IN N. J.

Resignation Suggested as Means to End Edwards-G. O. P. Clash  
TRENTON, Jan. 16.—General Howard S. Borden, ranking officer of the New Jersey National Guard, has become the storm-center in the political conflict between Governor Edwards and the Republican majority in both branches of the Legislature. That the resignation of General Borden as brigade commander would result in the administration, which caused his election, from much of its present embarrassment is openly stated by friends of Governor Edwards, but General Borden fails to view the situation in that light.

Commenting upon the report submitted at the opening of the legislative session last Tuesday criticizing the manner in which his election was brought about and recommending a complete reorganization of the National Guard, General Borden insists that the recommendations of the investigating committee headed by Senator Mackay were framed for political purposes only and that if carried out disintegration of the National Guard as an effective fighting force will necessarily follow.

Confronted by the statement that the transfer of National Guard headquarters from the southern to the northern section of the State and the combination of the South New Jersey and North New Jersey companies has resulted in a condition of demoralization throughout the entire guard, General Borden says that given time he and his associates will be able to restore the guard to its former state of efficiency.

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