

NORRISTOWN SPAN CAUSING DISPUTE

Bridgeport Interests Want 3 Crossings Instead of One Bridge as Ordered

FREE ROPE FOR POLICEMEN

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger, Norristown, Pa., Sept. 15.—What is regarded as a start, locally, toward the ten-year improvement plan proposed for Philadelphia and adjacent territory is the new county bridge to be constructed over the Schuylkill River connecting Norristown and Bridgeport, the plans for which were submitted to the Grand Jury today.

The bridge is badly needed, the present structure at the foot of De Kalb street in Norristown and Bridgeport being antiquated and dilapidated. Recently it was condemned and a traffic limit has been imposed, making travel across the river a decided inconvenience since this is the only artery of the kind for this purpose except a railroad toll bridge at Ford street.

The new bridge plans of the County Commissioners have caused considerable protest, especially by manufacturers whose plants are at Bridgeport and most of whose employees live in Norristown. The fact that a bridge is being covering three miles of the Schuylkill river and leaving a gap in the two boroughs.

The county commissioners plan to sink the bridge in Norristown and for an elevated roadway on the other side of the river. This would mean a bridge only from river bank to bank, instead of one extending for some distance into the business sections of the two towns. The commissioners' position is that the latter would be impractical, and the extra cost would be well worth the popular loan and that they have no authority to build other than a bank-to-bank bridge with county funds. A hearing was held yesterday at which the objections of both sides were presented, the objections being represented by a committee of the Montgomery County Manufacturers' Association.

Borough officials are anxious for disposing of the buildings of the town's electric plant. The buildings on the river's bank are being vacated and the property is being sold to the Electric Light and Power Company, a subsidiary of the U. S. I. Company, which is being converted into a power company, the company to be known as the Schuylkill Electric Light and Power Company.

The Executive Committee of the Norristown Historical Society has selected Samuel "Mushy" to be one of the society's first historical centers in the center.

The 1884 annual memorial day services commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims in the town of Plymouth, Mass., will be held in the town of Plymouth, Mass., on September 20, 1922. The services will be held at the town hall, Plymouth, Mass., and will be given by the historical society.

Former Postmaster August B. Kline, who was elected to the position of postmaster in a county-wide election, and in a few days will be allowed to resign. His resignation was accepted by the board of postmasters.

The annual fair of the Norristown Fair Association, which is being held at the Norristown Fair Grounds, will be the greatest in the county's history, according to plans announced today. Many cash prizes will be awarded.

Thirty Civil War veterans who fought in the Third Heavy Artillery and First Infantry, Pennsylvania Volunteers, are holding their thirty-seventh annual reunion here as the guests of N. M. Woodland and George W. Hoffinger, the only local survivors.

With the itinerary completed, everything is in readiness for the annual fall outing of the Montgomery County Historical Society, to be held September 29. Points in the Berks and Lehigh valleys will be visited.

VALERA BORN IN IRELAND, SAYS NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA

Interest Aroused in Controversy Regarding Birthplace

New York, Sept. 15. (AP.)—Interest in the birthplace of Valera de Valera has been aroused since the statement in the Encyclopaedia Britannica that Valera was born in Ireland and not in the United States, as had been generally believed.

The British "Who's Who" gives New York City as Valera's birthplace, stating that he was born of a Spanish father and an Irish mother and was taken to Ireland when he was two and one-half years old. The new edition of the Encyclopaedia states that he was born near Charleville, County Cork, Ireland.

KOJIMA ISLAND FOR SALE

Member of Hachijo Group Too Poor to Pay Taxes

Tokyo, Sept. 15. (AP.)—The island of Kojima, belonging to the Izu group, between Izu and the Bonin, is for sale. It has a circumference of between seven and eight miles, and consists of two villages of inhabitants who are mostly farmers and fishermen and live chiefly on sweet potatoes. The resources of the island being limited, they are too poor to meet the taxes which are troubling the village assembly.

As a way out of the difficulty the assembly has decided to sell the island at the price of 120,000 yen, together with 2000 yen for the fishing rights. It is reported that the inhabitants of Rishima, a neighboring island, with a population of 305 persons, also are desirous of selling their island.

SPLIT ON BORAH BILL

Conferees Deadlocked on Wage and Hour Standardization

Washington, Sept. 15.—The Senate and House conferees, called together yesterday to consider the Borah Fact-Finding Bill adopted by the Senate as a substitute for the Winslow bill, which originated in the House, ended the meeting with no signs of agreement. Some of the conferees indicated no more meetings will be held, as the members are hopelessly divided.

The proposal in the Borah bill to standardize wages, working hours and working conditions, was the bone of contention over which the conferees split. The House members—Winslow,

Newton and Rayburn—objected to that provision, on the ground that it might impose undue hardship on the miners and operators.



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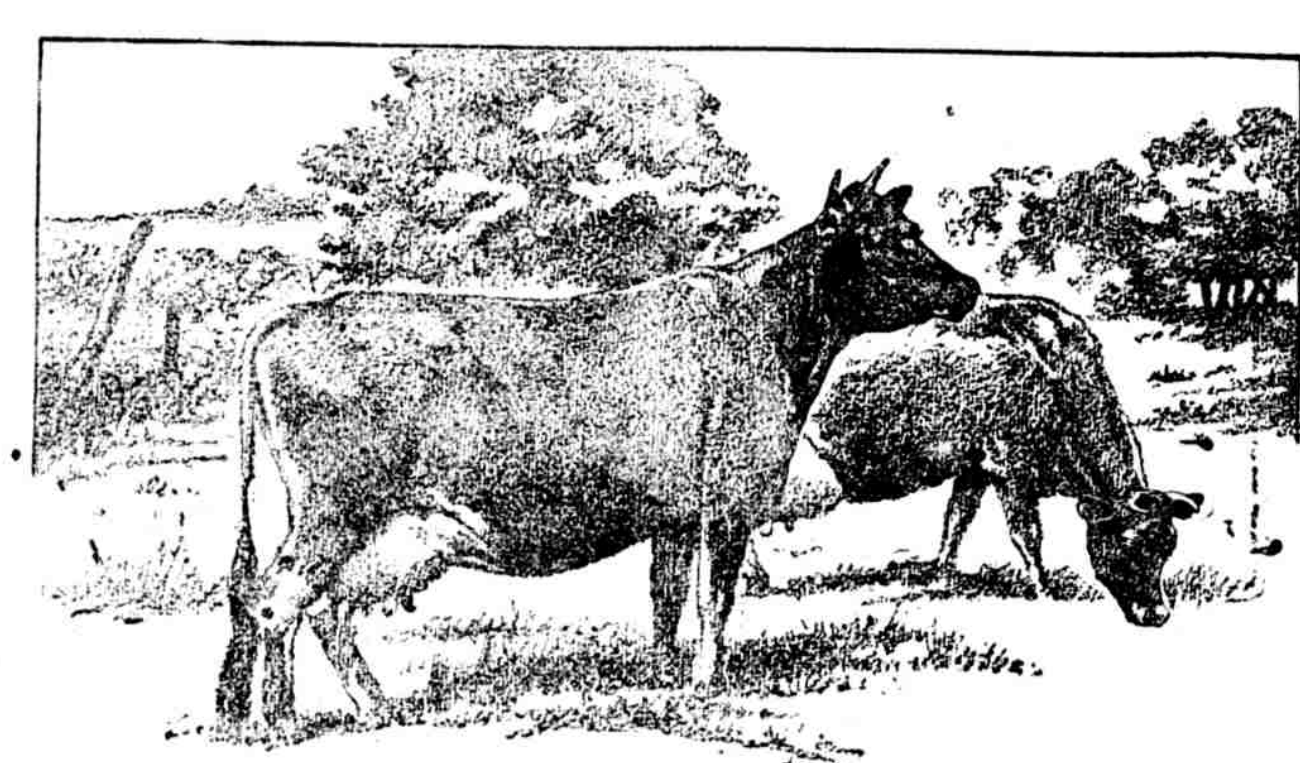
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