

REAR REGRETS 'PALACE' DECISION

Principal Research Body Sees Complicating City's Finance Responsibility

TOO MANY FINGERS IN PIE

More complications and division of responsibility in this city's financial affairs are seen by the Bureau of Municipal Research in the recent "Palace Decision" by Common Pleas court No. 4.

On the authority of the act of April 1905, the court assumed jurisdiction over Judge Brown's plans for a \$600,000 building for the Municipal Court. The plans were rejected by the court of common pleas.

Without passing on the extravagance of the "palace" proposition, the Research Bureau regrets that the Common Pleas Court should have fingered in its financial pie. It believes there are too many fingers in the pie.

Council Alone Responsible City Council alone should have the responsibility for spending the money for taxation of the city's financial pie. In that way the citizens hold their elected representatives to a strict accountability.

Research Bureau stated, in part: "The taxpayers may save some money by the intervention of the Court of Common Pleas in this case. The profits in the long run by the addition of courts of common pleas to the already complicated machinery by which city government finances the city's business stands ready to assume responsibility, will city Council in the future raise and appropriate money for county buildings more care-fully or less care-fully? Is there any possibility that all courts of common pleas will always be so zealous to protect the taxpayer? Need examples be given to show that one of the unfortunate results of a court is to give the kind of power exercised by the Court of Common Pleas in this case—power to control the expenditure of large sums of public money?"

Judges Not Finance Councilors The possibility that a responsible Council will be repudiated at the polls will be a much more effective check on extravagance than trying courts to challenge the wisdom of spending money which has been legally raised and legally appropriated. Councilors are not elected to pass upon the wisdom of expenditures of public money—at least it will be unfortunate if they are. And if city Councilors, who are chosen by the voters for that purpose, must have courts as guardians, further efforts to maintain the democratic government might well be abandoned.

The decision of the Court of Common Pleas has been hailed as a victory for the taxpayer. Obviously, the taxpayer cannot afford many such victories. Indeed, he can afford this one. Many citizens, therefore, would regard with some interest a reversal of the decision of the court of common pleas of Philadelphia have jurisdiction in such matters, or a declaration of the Legislature relieving them of such jurisdiction.

KILLED HUSBAND AFTER YEARS OF MISTREATMENT

Mrs. Anderson Also Claims to Have Shot in Self-Defense

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—(By A. S. Brown.) Mrs. Anderson, on trial for the murder of her husband, Judge John H. Anderson, yesterday told a jury in the Criminal Court room where her husband formerly presided that her crime was the consequence of "years of mistreatment."

NEGRO TOO MUSICAL

Threatened to Smash Objector's Street, but Fireman Arrests Him

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—(By A. S. Brown.) A Negro, 404 North 12th street, was held in \$1000 bail this morning by Magistrate Maguire, at the Germantown avenue and Locust street police station, as the author of a near-riot last night after the residents near Fifteenth and Locust streets awoke with his guitar playing.

WOMAN FARMER INJURED

Woman Cautfield's Skull Fractured When Train Hits His Auto

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—(By A. S. Brown.) A north-bound train, on the Salem branch of the West Jersey and Atlantic Railroad, at the Mantua station, Sunday, Nov. 12, struck and injured Herman Cautfield, farmer of Mantua, N. J., who was injured probably by an automobile which he was driving when he was demolished.

TWO PHYSICIANS ROBBED

Two Instruments From Auto

31st Anniversary Values. Anniversary specialties in absolutely matchless values among the most fashionable winter silks. 2.50 Lovely Satin Charmeuse \$1.69. Black, navy, brown. Fine all-silk dress quality with lustrous finish.

Lit Brothers. HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE. ONE YELLOW TRADING STAMP WITH EVERY 10c PURCHASE ALL DAY. Men are most enthusiastic about them at these Anniversary prices!

Boys' \$3.50 Sweaters \$1.98. Warm wool. Mixed yarns. Good-looking coat styles with shawl collars and pockets. Men's \$7.50 Wool Sweaters \$5.99. Guaranteed all-wool Shaker knit. Full-overs with V-neck or shawl collar. All wanted colors.

Men's Overcoats & Suits. Our Prices Save You a Third and Over! Even new replacement lots have been swept away before the tremendous demand. Here is how it works to YOUR advantage:—with this rapid turn-over, we can reduce our usual modest profits even further, we can afford to add hundreds of overcoats and suits from our regular stock; all worth far more than these seasonally low prices!

Men's '2 "Lincoln" Rep Shirts \$1.39. A noted brand, famous for extraordinary service. Very finest rep in various neat stripe effects—of conservative colorings mostly. Made with the utmost skill and care. Double soft cuffs. Each shirt absolutely perfect.

Friday Bargains. Men's \$6 Derby Hats \$2.98. Less Than Half Price! Greatest Hat Values This Season! Extra Quality! Samples from a well-known maker. Finest fur felt, and all absolutely perfect. Sizes 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/4. Limited lot.

Famous Rengo Belt Corsets. \$6 Values \$3, \$8 Values \$4, \$10 Values \$5. We're the sole Philadelphia agents for these excellent corsets for stout and moderately full figures. Medium low and girldle top models in coutil and silk broche; sizes 26 to 36.

\$2 to \$3 Art Silk Drapery. 89c to \$1 Drapery Materials, yard, 33c. Remnants. Terry cloth, Norman and madras. Reversible. Splendid patterns.

Black Saten Waists \$1.98. These excellent, practical blouses for every-day needs are among the Anniversary's particularly worthwhile offerings! In the good-looking tailored style, smartly plaited and hemstitched, and with popular roll collar and turn-back cuffs.

\$1 & \$1.50 Wool Dress Goods and Suitings 69c. Wool homespun, Canton crepe, radio crepe, serge, granite cloth, shadow checks, tricotine, Poiret twills, skirting checks and plaids, etc. All colors in lot; plenty of navy and black. 36 to 42 inch. No mail or phone orders; none to dealers.

Girls' \$7.50 to \$10 Sample Dresses \$4.95. Excellent all-wool serges and crepes in several dozen charming new styles—including both blouse and regulation effects, hand-embroidered and with novelty collars and cuffs. Knife-plaited skirt. Sizes 6 to 14.

Women's \$3 to \$3.75 Union Suits \$1.95. Silk-and-wool and cotton-and-wool ribbed suits. Limited lot. Women's \$1.35 Underwear, ea. 98c. Heavy fleece lined; cotton ribbed vests and drawers.

\$1 Father John's Medicine, 81c. \$1 Glycerin Compound, 79c. \$1 Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, 79c. \$1.50 Felsky's Neuro Phos, 79c. \$1.50 Phosphate, 79c. \$1.50 Peroxide, 79c. \$1.50 Hair Growth, 79c. \$1.50 Wampole's Cod Liver Oil, 79c.

Tomorrow Only! \$7 White Wool Blankets, Pair \$4.85. Tremendously important lot of exactly 200 pairs! A remarkable purchase even for Anniversary! Warm, fleecy, heavy white wool—soft and fluffy—with just a slight cotton mixture to prevent shrinkage. Pink or blue borders; silk ribbon binding. Double-bed size.

Subway Store: Extra Low Price Merchandise. Hats Trimmed Free of Charge \$1.50 to \$2.50 Hats, 49c. Clearance of all popular shapes in velvet and felt. Black and some colors. For women, misses and children.

\$10 All-Wool Auto Robes \$6.29. Just when most needed, this fine Anniversary special comes along! Extra large size—57x80 inches. Not only comfortably warm but in several beautiful patterns. Plain or fringed. Specials for Ford Owners! Victor Springfield Cord Tires \$9.99. Size 30x3 1/2; guaranteed 9000 miles.

U. S. Commissary Department Soups. Dozen 12c cans 55c. Can be No mail or phone orders filled. Lot 1—Van Camp's 10-oz. tins of beef, oxtail, clam chowder, mutton and tomato soup. Lot 2—Franco-American soups: Mutton, turkey and oxtail. Lot 3—Franco-American and Armour's mutton soup.

Two Physicians Robbed. Two Instruments From Auto. A jewelry box, imported from Asia and valued at \$200, was stolen from a car waiting near the station at 25th and Locust streets, Sunday, Nov. 12, by a sneak thief posing as a patient.

Court Bans "Puppy Love". Chicago, Nov. 16.—Judicial cognizance of the prevalent "puppy love" craze among the youth of Patterson, Cal., was given by the court today when it banned boys from associating with girls under sixteen years of age.