

GRAND GROWTH

Demands Nearly a Half Million More Dollars for Running Expenses in 1931 Than in 1890.

ESTIMATES OF CHIEF BIGELOW

Show That the Great Public Improvements Needed Can't Be Made for Less Than the Amount Asked.

ONE FREE BRIDGE TO COST \$100,000.

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All the reports from the chiefs of the departments have now been filed with the Mayor.

Chief Bigelow and Elliot made their reports yesterday, but Chief Elliot's report is for an increase of \$5,000 in his appropriation for next year, while the head of the Department of Public Works thinks it necessary that something less than half a million be added to his appropriation.

The estimated cost of the city's public works for 1931 is \$1,200,000. The Mayor's estimate for 1931 is \$1,200,000.

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GRAND DEATHS' WORK.

Some Startling Facts Are Shown by Coroner McDowell's Report.

28 MURDERS IN ONE YEAR.

Recommendations That Have Proved Safeguards to the Living.

SUICIDES ARE ALSO ON THE INCREASE

Yesterdays Coroner McDowell handed out the report of his work for the past year to the public.

The number of inquests held during the year was 984, or an increase of 219 over last year.

This does not mean that only the cause of death in each case has been discovered, but also that hundreds of recommendations have come down from the coroner's office.

These recommendations have been safeguarded to the lives of the people, so that not only the dead, but the living have been cared for.

Recommendations from the coroner have caused the appointment of watchmen in nearly all the dangerous localities in the city.

Many measures have been brought before the city council, and the legislature so that life in any part of the State will be surrounded with fewer dangers.

Among the recommendations are requests for more strict laws regarding overhead wires, grade crossings and fire escapes.

A public morgue for Allegheny county will also be the subject of a bill.

WAYS TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

A number of methods of reducing expenses were presented. One of them is that the Deputy Coroner should have a fixed salary.

Of the 984 deaths investigated 28 of them were homicides, but this is not remarkable in view of the fact that only one man has been hanged for murder in Allegheny county in all the history of the State.

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In this case James Howard was convicted of retailing on a wholesale license. The defendant was fined \$100 and 90 days in jail.

The decision was that while Howard could sell a quart it must be carried from his premises in that quantity. The Supreme Court will probably be asked to rule in the case.

The question that affects Philadelphia is whether the ruling made a great deal of talk. There are now cases somewhat similar pending in the courts of this county, and the above decision will doubtless be considered a precedent, unless it is overruled by the higher courts.

A QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

Another question has been raised, and that is, is a man responsible for the fact that the liquor is consumed on his premises, after he sells it in a bottle, provided it is not drunk in his office.

A case of a botler is mentioned who has an empty shed close by, and a great many of his customers buy their liquor from him, and then go to the shed to drink it.

The dealers seem to think it is not responsible, as the beer is not used in the shed, but is carried to the homes of the drinkers.

There is a division of opinion as to whether a change in the license laws is necessary. Some believe that the change would be best, while others believe that under the present system the work is well done.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

The Leading Dry Goods House.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'S

PENN. AVE. STORES.

Store Open To-Morrow Only Until 12:30 Noon.

New Year's Bargains

DRESS GOODS.

Sample reductions and bargain prices in novelty and plain Dress Goods—near the upper entrance:

All-wool Honespun Chevots, 50 inches wide—reduced from \$1 to \$1 a yard.

All-wool fancy plaid and striped Cloakings, 54 inches wide—reduced from \$1 25 to 75c a yard.

All-wool 50-inch Honespun Chevot mixtures—reduced from \$1 to 80c a yard.

All-wool imported Serges, choice new colorings—worth 60c—at 46c a yard.

Full yard-wide Cashmeres, good line of colors—worth 35c, at 25c a yard.

50-inch Suitings, in Gray and Brown fancy mixtures—special price 36c a yard.

A special line of Gray and Tan mixture Mohairs, 36 inches wide, at 25c a yard.

42-inch Black and White Checks and fancy Stripes and plaids—reduced from 50c to 38c a yard.

38-inch English style Checks, in good light and medium colorings—reduced from 75c to 50c a yard.

Special bargains at 38c a yard, reduced from 50c:

36-inch all-wool Scotch Plaids, 36-inch all-wool Cloth Stripes, 38-inch Imported Stripes, 43-inch Novelty Plaids.

Double-width all-wool Tricots (worth 75c) at 55c a yard.

A special bargain, new to-day, neat fancy plaid Suitings, 36 inches wide, at 35c a yard.

Special New Year Offering in BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Odd patterns, 7 to 10 yard lengths, in Cashmeres, Serges, etc., must be closed out at very low prices in a very few days.

All present stock of EMBROIDERIES.

Over 5,000 yards, Must be closed out at once—will be sold away below cost.

Cambrie Edgings and Insertings, at 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c—half and less than half former prices.

Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries, reduced in the same proportion.

Get your pick quickly. Such a chance may never come again. Counters stocked with goods to-day.

París Robes. All that remain of our superior assortments now at very much under value prices.

\$45 and \$50 Robes now \$30. \$35 and \$40 Robes now \$25. \$30 Robes now \$20. \$25 Robes now \$15. \$20 Robes now \$12 50.

SILKS.

Odd lots of fancy and Pekin Striped Surahs, Colored Striped Moore, Colored and Black Brocades, Plain and Figured Indies, Satins, etc., etc.

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609-621 PENN AVENUE.

SERIOUS TANK EXPLOSION.

The Calcium Light Manufacturer, H. E. Church, Hovering Between Life and Death—He Lighted a Match to See a Pressure Gauge Placed.

H. E. Church had his right foot torn off and his injured about 7 o'clock last evening by the explosion of a hydrogen calcium light gas tank.

He had been filling the tank in his place of business, in the basement of the Red Lion Hotel, and struck a match to see the hands on the pressure gauge.

He was on the outside of the tank when it exploded, and he immediately carried the tank out the alley.

Mr. Church was taken to Mercy Hospital, where it was stated that his chances for living were slim.

The explosion broke the panes in several windows of the hotel, and for the time being caused a panic.

Mr. Church has manufactured gas for the calcium light industry in this city for many years, and is very well known and respected.

Mr. Church was injured while filling a tank with calcium light gas, and the explosion occurred, and from inquiry decided that the accident happened in the manner stated.

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IN QUIET ALLEGHENY.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee in Which Broadside of Hot Spot Were Fired About With Profusion—A Discussion Over Legal Advisors.

The Allegheny Finance Committee held a special meeting last night to consider the resolutions of Mr. Hartman and Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hartman's provided that no further municipal legislation be enacted until after the courts had passed on the matter of connecting Allegheny affairs, and Mr. Kennedy's related to securing legal counsel to assist the City Solicitor in determining what the proper action of Councils and the city is to be.

When City Solicitor Elyphinstone was called upon to report progress, he declared that all the talk about Allegheny was knowing where the studs is moonshine. "One individual in particular," he said, "has talked for an hour and more used handling miles and water-cure sticks that in leaving a helping hand in securing any good government."

Continuing he said that the city would be in the second class on the first Monday in April. He had made arrangements with Judge Shagle to secure a judicial decision on legal points in the matter this morning and he secured additional counsel, D. T. Watson and W. B. Rodgers, to assist him in the matter.

The election of counsel to assist Mr. Elyphinstone in the legal proceedings all through was approved. Messrs. Rodgers and Knox & Reed were nominated. After a hot discussion, Messrs. Watson and Knox & Reed were elected to assist in the matter.

On motion of Mr. Dabinger the following order was passed: That the City Solicitor be authorized to employ legal counsel, D. T. Watson and W. B. Rodgers, to assist him in the matter.

It was suggested to be buried in a Drift. Patrick Cassidy, of Fifty-ninth street, who disappeared on Christmas night, is still missing, and it is believed he was overcome in the storm and buried under one of the huge drifts on Penn avenue.

MANY THANKS

Miss Harriet Watson Acted as Hostess After the Concert.

Miss Harriet Watson was hostess last evening to a supper party of 30, composed of prominent young society people, who first attended the concert at Carnegie hall, and then were conveyed to the magnificent Watson residence where several hours were consumed in a course dinner—rather supper. Originally it was intended that the handsome Harriet students should be invited to swell the company, but the Duquesne Clubhouse banquet prevented that, and in their stead, the smiles of Pittsburgh's gallants, the young ladies mentioned their natural appointment at not having the slightest opportunity of a brief flirtation with the strangers, who, which he holds a Bachelor's degree, degree of elegance always noticeable in the Watson home, and the dressing of the young ladies especially pretty.

Five Ave. and Market St.

HUGUS & HACHE

LAST WEEK OF OUR CLEARING AND HOLIDAY SALE.

Exceptional Bargains in all Departments.

DRESS GOODS.

We offer a choice now from several lines of plaids, checks and stripes, all new and desirable styles, the prices of which have been \$1, \$1 25 and \$1 50.

AT 75c A YARD.

50-inch wide English Cheviot plaids and stripes, the most fashionable novelties shown this season, that were \$1 50 and \$2.

Combination patterns, astrakhan interwoven, rough effects; the very newest styles and most desirable colorings. These have been \$30 and \$35;

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