

ELECTION FRAUDS IN PHILADELPHIA

Officers Are Arrested on Charge of Supplying Bogus Naturalization Papers.

MERRICK FAMILY AND THEIR FRIENDS

Given a Hearing Before Commissioner Edmunds and Held to Bail in \$5,000 for an Appearance at Court—Merrick Senior Acted as Bogus Judge.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—John A. Merrick, a clerk in United States Commissioner Bell's office, Richard M. Merrick, his father, also a clerk in the same office, and Eugene Lindsay, a clerk in the city engineer's office, were given a hearing today before United States Commissioner Edmunds charged with issuing fraudulent naturalization papers and at the conclusion of the hearing they were held in \$5,000 bail for court. Bail was furnished.

Testimony was produced by United States District Attorney Beck tending to show that the accused men have been guilty of wholesale fraud in the issuance of the naturalization papers extending over a period of three or four years.

One of the witnesses who had purchased a fraudulent certificate testified that the three defendants sat as a regularly constituted court. Merrick senior was the bogus judge, the son was a clerk of the illegal court and Lindsay was assistant clerk. The witness said court was held in a back room of a saloon, opposite the city hall. The amount paid to "Judge" Merrick for each naturalization paper ranged anywhere from \$12 to \$17.

United States Commissioner Bell said the papers were apparently regular and bore the seal of the United States, but that the judge's name was not genuine.

The penalties for the crimes charged against the accused are very severe. B. F. Haslen, who is alleged to have procured names for some of the foreigners, and for whom a warrant was issued, is said to have sailed for Europe on the Lusitania a few days ago.

HIS CLIENT'S LIPS SEALED.

Authorities Baffled in the Case of the Woman in Black.

Norristown, Pa., Nov. 9.—District Attorney Strassburger is subpoenaing a number of witnesses for Friday's hearing of Miss Elizabeth K. DeKaib, who is charged with complicity in the murder of Mrs. Emma P. Kaiser. The district attorney will be assisted at the hearing by James B. Holland, who conducted the trial of Charles D. Kaiser, Jr., the murdered woman's husband.

The only damaging testimony of which the commonwealth is certain is that of several persons who say they saw Miss DeKaib in company with James A. Clemmer at or near the scene of murder shortly before it occurred. The commonwealth officers are handicapped in their efforts to lead Miss DeKaib into a confession by the stand taken by her counsel, J. P. Hale Jenkins, who has left orders with Prison Warden Bickett that she be allowed to see no visitors. Under the advice of her attorney, Miss DeKaib will have nothing to say to the prison warden or his keepers.

District Attorney Strassburger claims to have sufficient evidence on which to ask at the conclusion of Friday's hearing that the woman be bound over. Trenton, N. J., Nov. 9.—The identity of the veiled woman in the Kaiser murder case is said to be established. It is alleged that she was a resident here for over a year and employed in the shirt factory of Rothschild & Co. She was popular and highly esteemed as Laura Kaufman.

Her companions do not believe that she is in any way associated with the murder of Mrs. Kaiser.

LEHIGH VALLEY ENTERPRISE.

The Road Will Inaugurate a Through Tourist Car Service to California.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad company announces that commencing November 17 it will inaugurate a through tourist car service to California and Colorado points, leaving Philadelphia and points in Pennsylvania and New York state every Wednesday.

The route of this tourist car has been selected through the most picturesque regions of America, including Niagara Falls, the St. Clair tunnel, the Royal Gorge, the Grand Canon, over the Rocky Mountains to Salt Lake City, along the shores of the great lake to Ogden and across the Sierra Nevada to the principal cities of California.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

The Salary Limit Fixed at \$150 Per Month.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—Although the Atlantic base ball league yesterday adjourned to meet today, President Barrow stated this morning that there would be no further gathering of the delegates until the regular spring meeting. He said that the delegates who are still in the city have concluded that there is no necessity of holding a meeting.

NEW RAILROAD CHARTER.

Harrisburg, Nov. 9.—A charter was issued by the state department today to the Wyoming and Potomac Railroad company, capitalized at \$60,000, to build a line from Sandy Run Junction to White. A. J. Lathrop, of Pittston, is president.

MR. ULLMER OF HOKENDANQUA.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Among the appointments of fourth-class postmasters today was that of John F. Ullmer, of Hokendauqua, Pa.

STATE SNAP SHOTS.

Judge John Stewart, of Franklin County, is presiding for Judge McSwain in the Adams county quarter sessions.

At the age of 104, Mrs. Margaret Meloy, of Tamaqua, is prostrated with paralysis, with which she was stricken last week while out for a walk.

The erection of a furniture factory has been commenced on the grounds of the St. Francis Industrial school at Edgington for giving employment to the boys of the institution.

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If they grow flabby and refuse to hold the womb in place, there is but one remedy, and that is to strengthen their fibres and draw the cords back into their normal condition, thus righting the position of the womb.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is designed especially for this purpose, and, taken in connection with her Sensitive Wash, applied locally, will tone up the uterine system, strengthening the cords or ligaments which hold up the womb.

Any woman who suspects that she has this trouble—and she will know it by a dragging weight in the lower abdomen, irritability of the bladder and rectum, and general fatigue in walking, and, especially, should promptly commence the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If the case is stubborn, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., stating freely all symptoms. You will receive a prompt letter of advice free of charge. All letters are read and answered by women only. The following letter relates to an unusually severe case of displacement of the womb, which was cured by the Pinkham remedies. Surely it is convincing:

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President Young was authorized to establish an office in the business section of Washington for the transaction of league business, and the Boston club was officially awarded the championship of 1897.

The national board of arbitration then got together to dispose of matters unfinished at last night's session. The most important subject on the board was the petition of the class A league for a modification of the drafting clauses of the national agreement. The petition as presented met with no opposition in the board and it was decided that its provisions should be recommended to the National league for adoption.

The suggested change in the rules for drafting which will without doubt be endorsed by the league, provides that no player can be drafted by the National league unless he has served at least two years in the class A league, from which the draft is desired to be made. Class A consists of the Eastern, the Western and the Atlantic leagues. No change was asked by the minor leagues in the drafting rule, which will therefore remain at \$500. The change in the drafting rule does not prevent the purchase of any minor league players by a National league club through mutual agreement of the clubs interested and transfers from the minor to the major league through purchase, or trade, can at any time be made as heretofore. On suggestion of John T. Brush, an amendment to the drafting clause was also recommended to the league for adoption, which grants permission to the National league club to loan a player to a minor league club with the understanding that the player can be recalled on thirty days' notice.

Among the affairs of less general interest disposed of by the board were the following: The claim of the Philadelphia club to players McVey and Fox through agreement with the Athletic Atlantic league club for their purchase was confirmed, but the petition of the two players for a share in the salary referred to the Atlantic league for which payment under the national agreement that league is responsible.

The appeal of Gallagher for unpaid salary from the Reading club was dismissed and Gallagher was granted a release from reservation by the Richmond club. Gallagher for some breach of discipline, was fined by the Reading club the amount of salary due him. He then refused to play with the Reading club and was released to Richmond. Gallagher did not play with Richmond but was placed on the latter's reserve list. The board decided that the player's fine was justifiable, but gave him his freedom to contract hereafter with whom he may.

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The business of the auxiliary bodies, the board of arbitration and the board of directors, having finally been disposed of, the National base ball league proper was called to order for its first session at 9 o'clock tonight with the representatives present from all the twelve clubs. In keeping with the slow work of the past few days the meeting lasted less than an hour and no business whatever was transacted. The only matter discussed was the question of the telegraph privileges on the several league grounds, whether these privileges should be granted to the club or to the National league company or to both. The whole subject was finally referred to a committee for consideration and the meeting then adjourned until tomorrow noon.

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Advertisement for 'The Tribune "Want" columns. It may pay you well. Many good things are continually offered in that department.'

Advertisement for 'HELP WANTED—MALES' and 'HELP WANTED—FEMALES' with various job listings.

Advertisement for 'AMUSEMENTS' including 'Academy of Music' and 'Lyceum Theater' with showtimes and prices.

Advertisement for 'SITUATIONS WANTED' and 'FOR RENT' with various notices.

Advertisement for 'An Irish Gentleman' and 'Little Trixie' with showtimes and prices.

Advertisement for 'DAVIS' THEATER' with showtimes and prices.