

STORM BREWING IN PHILADELPHIA

Charges of Bribery Made by Members of the Council.

DEATH BLOW TO A WATER BILL

Mr. Stevenson Declares That He Was Offered \$5,000 to Vote for the Schuylkill Valley Water Measure.

Philadelphia, March 10.—The rumour of lobbying in connection with the several bills before city councils for the transfer of the city water works to private corporations which have prevailed for some time had their culmination in a direct charge of attempted bribery made by a member of common council at a meeting of that body today.

The meeting was a special session called for the consideration of the measure known as the Schuylkill Valley Water bill shortly after it had been taken up by Walter N. Stevenson, member from the Thirty-second ward, declared that he had been offered \$5,000 to vote for the bill. He further stated that he was reluctantly informed that members who were voting for the bill were getting from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for their votes. He asked that an immediate investigation be made.

The declaration of Mr. Stevenson caused a profound sensation in the chamber and has no doubt proved a death blow to the bill.

Other opponents of the bill followed with denials corroborative of Stevenson's charge and amid great excitement a motion was adopted by a vote of 67 to 41 to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the bill. The special session was then adjourned.

At the regular session later in the day the demand for investigation of the bribery charges was discussed with considerable animation and resulted finally in the adoption of a resolution providing for an immediate and full investigation of the charges by a committee of seven. On this committee the president appointed Messrs. Costello, Davidson, McCurdy, Swain, Dixon, Hultz and Thomas Wagner, all but one of whom were opponents of the bill.

An amendment to the resolution was adopted directing the committee to also make full investigation of charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the bill in November last which leased the city's gas works to the United Gas Improvement company for a period of thirty years.

The Schuylkill Valley Water bill recently passed second council and, although Mayor Warwick had publicly announced his intention to veto the bill if it should reach him, it was expected it would pass common council today.

The bill provides for a transfer of the city's water works to the Schuylkill Valley Water company for a period of fifty years in the city to pay the company an annual rental of \$1,400,000 for its water supply.

WOMAN BETRAYS A BRIGAND

Charged with Eight Robberies After a Dozen Terms in Jail.

Shamokin, Pa., March 10.—George Fandela was sent to jail by Justice Kearney, charged with having robbed eight residences. He was captured in a house full of articles of all kinds, which are now being identified by various people. He was found to have been shot four times, near Naples, Italy, where, since he had lived, he was a notorious brigand, having been in jail twelve times.

The Italy officials last year purchased a ticket for him and told him to go to the United States. He came direct to this place and after a brief stay returned home, but was again forced to leave. Since his second sojourn in this place, nine months ago, many hold-ups and burglaries have been committed, and the police are certain he was largely responsible for most of them.

He engaged Miss Mary Briscella to keep house for him, and during the winter he came home early every morning with booty. She finally concluded that he was a burglar. He said he would kill her if she informed the police, but last week the girl informed the authorities. Many residents are afraid of the brigand, and are raising a purse to have special counsel to assist the state to send him to jail for as long a term as possible.

DAVIS WILL RECOVER

He Maintains That He Had No Trouble with Gehrig.

Lancaster, March 10.—William B. Davis, who was shot yesterday at Millersville by his son, Roy Gehrig, will recover unless something unforeseen happens. The bullet that entered his temple was not the X-ray. It took a downward course, and lodged between the upper jaw and cheek bones. No effort will be made to remove it at present. Gehrig's body was taken to Milton last evening.

Davis still maintains they had no quarrel, but states that Gehrig frequently threatened to commit suicide, and said if he did he would first kill Davis.

SAYS HE WILL KILL THE JUDGE

Thief May Spend His Life in Prison for Threat to Murder.

Media, Pa., March 10.—Noah Ray, a colored burglar, sentenced by Judge Clayton to two years in the county jail yesterday for robbing the White Horse

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hotel, is likely to stay behind prison bars for a much longer term. Last evening, when being taken to jail by Deputy Sheriff Fields, he told the latter that when he got out he would kill Judge Clayton and District Attorney Schaffer.

INSURANCE BUSINESS OF THE PAST YEAR

Annual Report of Colonel James Lambert, Commissioner—Considerable Mortality Among Speculative Companies.

Harrisburg, March 10.—The annual report of Colonel James H. Lambert, insurance commissioner, for the year ended December 31, 1897, shows that while the premium receipts for the year were but little more than in the preceding year the losses paid were almost \$400,000 less. The reports of all the companies reporting to the department show an increase of nearly \$4,000,000 in premium receipts as compared with 1896, while the losses were nearly \$2,000,000 less. Losses paid last year amounted to \$8,469,596.53, as against \$5,288,869.92 the year previous.

The commissioner states that there was considerable mortality among the speculative mutual companies. Twenty-five of these companies have since completed to quit during the last three years. Colonel Lambert commends the purely mutual companies which are conducted at small cost honestly and recommends that these concerns be prohibited by the exact terms of the law from issuing cash policies. He states that the 2 per cent. tax on gross premiums which has been paid by many companies under protest, is in the nature of double taxation and is obviously unjust. From January 1 to December 31, 1897, the receipts of the department amounted to \$63,084,522, the expenditures were \$15,354,077, divided as follows: Salaries, \$1,100,000; miscellaneous expenses, \$3,945,977, leaving a balance of \$47,739,545 turned into the treasury as compared with \$39,489,066 for the preceding year.

The result of the entire fire, marine and inland business done in this state by all companies, home and foreign, stock and mutual, in 1897, is summarized as follows: Premiums received by stock companies, \$11,798,732.33; premiums and assessments of mutual companies, \$2,146,192.93, a total Pennsylvania business of \$13,944,925.26; losses paid by stock companies, \$6,967,463.60; mutual companies, \$1,270,398.98; total losses, \$8,237,862.58.

DR. SWALLOW'S CASE

Argued Before the Supreme Court on an Appeal from Dauphin County.

Harrisburg, March 10.—The case of Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, of this city, late prohibition candidate for state treasurer, was argued before the Superior court today on an appeal from the decision of the Dauphin county court in a suit instituted by Captain John C. Delaney, superintendent of public buildings and grounds. Dr. Swallow was convicted of criminal libel a year ago and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and the costs, which amounted to several hundred dollars.

The case was appealed to the Superior court and has since been pending, owing to the failure of counsel on both sides to agree upon a time for argument. Ex-Deputy Attorney General James A. Strawn and Edwin W. Jackson, of Harrisburg, and Thomas H. Murray, of Clearfield, appeared today for Dr. Swallow and argued that the court below erred in refusing to admit certain evidence to prove the doctor's allegation that extravagance and corruption had been practiced in fitting up the public departments. His attorneys contended that if this testimony had gone before the jury a different verdict would have been rendered.

Charles H. Bergner, John H. Weiss and Layman D. Gilbert, for Captain Delaney, argued that the excluded testimony had no bearing on the case; that it was immaterial and could not be admitted under the principles of law governing libel cases.

CHEWED HIS WAY FROM A CELL

A Maniac Breaks Out by Means of His Eating the Door.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 10.—Benjamin Hoy, aged 19, an inmate of the Insane Asylum at the almshouse, made his second escape within three weeks, last night, by chewing away with his teeth enough of the wood around the door of his cell to admit the iron bolt being drawn out. Making his way to the bathroom, he was enabled, by almost superhuman strength to pull away a splinter of the iron window grating to create an opening large enough to crawl through.

Hoy went to the home of his father and when directed to return to the almshouse fled into the country unopposed, his father being afraid to detain him, aware that he was no match for the young man in strength.

WALTMAN WILL ESCAPE

A Dastardly Conspiracy is Brought to Light.

Lancaster, March 10.—Jacob Waltman, of Columbia, who was recently charged by his daughter with her ruinous and railroaded through court and convicted, will escape the penitentiary through the confession of his daughter that he is innocent. On the witness stand she told a horrible story and executed a cross-examination failed to shake it.

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Another Bullet Found in Miss Edwards' Room.

Doylstown, Pa., March 10.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Annie E. Edwards, at Jamison, is still unsolved. Another bullet has been found in the room in which the woman was murdered, showing that four shots were fired at the defenseless woman. The bullet lay on the floor, and was covered with blood.

The personal property belonging to Miss Edwards has been appraised at \$100. While making the appraisement blood spots were found under the picture frame from which Miss Edwards' picture was taken and also in the china closet.

TIMOTHY HARTNETT ACQUITTED

Williamsport, March 10.—Timothy Hartnett, charged with the murder of Samuel Sornberger on August 30 last, was acquitted here today. The two men fought at night. Sornberger furnished an unloaded revolver, and Hartnett shot him through the body.

RESPIE FOR GOODWIN

Harrisburg, March 10.—A respite was granted by Governor Hastings today for thirty days to Walter Goodwin, of Tioga, who was to have been hanged at Wellsville, March 13.

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