RAILROAD NEWS

DIVIDEND IS SAFE, SAYS IVY L. LEE

Pennsylvania Railroad Executive Points Out Where Much Money Is Saved During the Year

Owners of Pennsylvania Railroad stock in Harrisburg and elsewhere are feeling better because of an announcement yesterday from Ivy L. Lee, executive assistant of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Lee says: "The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will show a surplus above its dividend requirements for the present year. This means that the next dividend has been earned. It must be remembered that dividend disbursements are ordered by the Board of Directors, and it is for the directors to determine what action shall be taken.

"The surplus above dividend requirements was made possible by the retrenchment policy which the Pennsylvania has been pursuing all this year, a policy made necessary by decreased traffic so affecting gross earnings. Increased demands upon the carriers have added heavily to operating costs in the last few years and when the volume of traffic handled began to decline drastic action to conserve earnings was necessary."

DIES FROM INJURIES

With his back broken, his skull fractured and an arm and leg severed by being struck by a shifting engine in the Division street yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Tony Lemmo, a trackwalker, of 647 Verbeke street, died late Saturday at the Harrisburg Hospital. The funeral was held this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. Father Sama, of Steelton. Burial was made in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Form "Water Wagon Club." — The elimination of indulgence in alcoholic beverages on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad is indicated in the establishing of the "Water Wagon Club," for which application blanks have been issued to employes. It is understood the organization is being formed with the approval of the company, and, indirectly under the auspices of its officers. The plans include establishing of club rooms in Albion, Greenville, Butler and possibly other points along the line. Details of the organization work are in the hands of Trainmaster E. R. Hewett, of Greenville. Many employes are signing applications for membership.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE

Philadelphia Division—104 crew first to go after 3:30 p. m.: 126, 112, 105, 106, 121, 113, 103, 116, 102, 122, 123, 119, 108, 101, 110.

Engineers for 104, 105, 121, 122, 123.

Conductors for 126, 106, 108, 110.

Flagmen for 104, 106, 110.

Brakemen for 105, 103, 102, 108, 110.

Engineers up: Welsh, Hennecke, Statler, Hindman, Wolfe, Smith, Newcomer, Albright, Speas, Sultzer, Earhart, Madenford, Seitz, Sellers, Streeper, McCauley, Hubler.

Firemen up: Shaffer, Whichello, Everhart, Libhart, Barton, Rhoads, Kochenour, Achey, Yentzer, Packer, Wagner, Reno, Penwell, Huston, Gelsinger, Manning, Arnsberger, Gilberg, Spring, Houser, Behman, Davidson, Farmer, Mulholm.

Conductors up: Looker, Mehaffie.

Flagmen up: Mellinger, Clark, Sullivan.

Brakemen up: Jackson, Shultzberger, Cox, Allen, Riley, Baltozer, Kochenour, File, Frock, Dengler.

Middle Division—205 crew first to go after 1 p. m.: 219, 233, 243, 227, 210, 222, 242, 225.

Preference: 5, 10, 7, 8, 6.

Laid off until 12:01 a. m., December 31: 2, 4, 3, 1, 9.

Firemen for 10, 8.

Conductors for 2, 5, 10, 6.

Brakeman for 10.

Engineer up: Minnich.

Firemen up: Zeiders, Bornman, Schreffler, Libau, Sheesley, Davis.

Conductor up: Fralick.

Flagman up: Frank.

Brakemen up: Kieffer, Heck, Reese, Fleck.

Yard Crews—To go after 4 p. m.:

Engineers for 1886, 1454, 707, 1171, 1270, 1820.

Firemen for 1869, 1454, 707, 1856, 1556.

Engineers up: Hohenshelt, Brenneman, Thomas, Rudy, Houser, Meals, Stahl, Swab, Crist, Harvey, Saltsman, Kuhn, Pelton, Shaver, Hoyler, Beck, Harter, Biever, Blosser.

Firemen up: Getty, Barkey, Sheets, Bair, Eyde, Ney, Myers, Boyle, Shipley, Revie, Ulsh, Bostdorf, Schiefer, Weigle, Hart, Lackey, Cookerley, Maeyer, Sholter.

ENOLA SIDE

Philadelphia Division—247 crew first to go after 3:45 p. m.: 228, 241, 207, 214, 226, 233, 246, 204, 235, 225, 236, 243.

Engineers for 228, 226, 243.

Firemen for 228, 226.

Conductors for 4, 16, 33, 36.

Flagmen for 14, 25, 33, 35, 44, 46.

Brakemen for 4, 14, 25, 28, 43, 47.

Conductors up: Gundle, Eaton, Lingle, Kungle.

Brakemen up: Decker, Malseed, Knight, Summy, Shuler, Deets, Waltman, Taylor, Stimeling, Mumma, Fenstemacher.

Middle Division—250 crew first to go after 1:30 p. m.: 218, 241, 232, 230, 226, 249, 247.

READING CREWS

West-bound: 17 crew first to go after 11.30 a. m.: 4, 11, 12, 19, 8, 10, 23, 6, 2, 20, 1.

East-bound: 71 crew first to go after 11.30 a. m.: 62, 64, 68, 69, 52, 53, 58.

Engineers up: Fortney, Wood, Tipton, Woland.

Firemen up: Rumbaugh, Dobbins, Dobbins, Carl, Anders, Fulton, Chronister.

Brakemen up: Ayers, Mumma, Holbert, McHenry, Strair, Shader, Yoder, Taylor, Heilman, Troy, Bingaman, Painter, Kupp, Ware, Hoover.

600 CONVERTS JOIN CHURCHES OF CITY

Many More to Be Admitted at Services Within Next Two Weeks

More than 600 persons who "hit the trail" during the Stough campaign joined church at a number of the co-operating chrches that held receptions for new members yesterday. This number is the total from the larger churches of the city whose pastors could be reached on the telephone. Many ministers will take in their first new members next Sunday when the regular communion service is held.

The response made yesterday by the trailhitters is not considered large by many pastors of the co-operating churches, who expect a great increase of membership as a result of the campaign. Nearly half of the 7,000 persons who signed cards at the tabernacle were already church members and of the nonmembers, some did not give any preference as to the church to be joined. A number of those trailhitters who have been interviewed by the ministers of the church of their choice have made excuses, some saying they were not sure of their preference and others are putting the matter off until a future date.

88 Join at Fifth Street

At the Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church 88 new members were received by Rev. B. H. Hart yesterday and a small number more, who were unable to attend, will join at the service next Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Hart received 265 cards of trailhitters, 126 of whom were already members of his church. He said he personally visited all of the new converts but was unable to induce every one to join his church.

The Rev. J. H. Daugherty received 80 members yesterday out of a total of about 375 trailhitter cards. At the Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, 59 were taken in at the night and morning services. Eighteen persons had been received by the Rev. C. A. Smucker during recent weeks and 110 cards are still in his possession, whose signers are expected to join soon. Of the 350 trailhitters referred to him 178 were already members of his church.

At the Derry Street United Brethren Church 56 new members were received out of a total of 40 trailhitters referred to the pastor, Dr. Lyter. The Rev. E. A. G. Bossler received 40 into the State Street United Brethren Church out of a total of 140 trailhitters. The Rev. W. N. Yates received 62 at the Fourth Street Church of God. A total of several hundred were taken by the pastors of the smaller churches and in the surrounding towns.

Special Services Next Week

The Rev. Reisch, of the Christ Lutheran Church will receive new members next Sunday. He has several hundred trailhitter cards but is unable to say how many new members he will get for his church. Most of the churches that have not yet had new members will have special services next Sunday in connection with the regular communion administration.

Among the churches holding individual revival services during January are the Ridge Avenue Methodist Episcopal, State Street United Brethren, Harris Street United Evangelical, Park Street United Evangelical. These services will begin with the watch night meetings to be held between 10 o'clock and midnight Thursday night.

Lecture On Christian Science. — A lecture on Christian Science will be given in the Majestic Theater to-night, at 8:15 o'clock, by Virgil O. Strickler, of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. No admission tickets will be needed nor any collection taken.

Bible Conference Opens. — The first session of the ninth interdenominational Bible Conference was held this afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, in the First Baptist Church, Second and Pine streets, by the Rev. William H. Pike, dean of the Bible Training School of Bible School Park, N. Y. Sessions will be held to-night, at 7:45 o'clock, and to-morrow afternoon and evening.

This series of Bible conferences was especially recommended for church people and trailhitters by Evangelist Stough. The subjects on the program are: "The Book of Ruth," "Christ Testing the Will of God,' and "Man Proving the Will of God." The committee of arrangements consists of the following: W. G. Hean, Dr. J. Nelson Clark, Dr. D. J. Hetrick, H. L. Carl, Philip Reed, Frank Gregory, Fred Kelker and Benjamin F. Eby.

THE REV. ROBERT STEWART DIES

The Rev. Robert C. Stewart, aged 84 years, died at his home, in Columbus, Ohio, December 23. He was a former resident of Dauphin county and is well known in Harrisburg and vicinity. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Robert, of Pittsburgh; William, of Atlanta, Ga., and Merle, of New Mexico; one daughter, Mrs. Cawley, of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Thomas B., a Civil War veteran, of Ohio, and J. J. Stewart, of Ligonier, Ind. The Rev. Mr. Stewart served in the Presbyterian ministry for forty years. His father was an elder of the Old Hanover Presbyterian Church for many years, and comes from a Revolutionary family.

Choir Sings Carols.—The members of the choir of Tabernacle Baptist Church spent a delightful Christmas eve by going to the homes of the members of the church and to the homes of sick people and singing Christmas carols. In the choir were: Mrs. F. Criswell, Mrs. Urich, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Hunter Mrs. R. Shoemaker, and Misses Ruth Weeber, Ethel Waid, Evelyn Waid, Blanche Livsey, Marguerite Wildman, Hallie Mathews, Winnie Jones, Mabel Blessing, Beryl Kawel, and George Sharp, William L. Jones, M. Urich, P. Arnold, R. Shoemaker, F. Weber, P. Waid and William Swartz.

MOVIES TELL CHRISTMAS STORY

The special Christmas service last night at the Fifth Street Methodist Church had the novelty of stereopticon and moving pictures of religious subjects in addition to the musical attractions on the program. Colored views of the life of Christ and moving pictures in illustration of celebrated hymns held the closest attention of the full-sized audience. Special films on Christmas subjects had been ordered by the Rev. B. H. Hart, but were destroyed in a railroad wreck and had to be substituted by the hymn pictures and several nature studies.

THIEVES TRACED BY CHICKENS' BLOOD

Three Men Who Robbed Merchant on Christmas Eve Are Captured

Special to The Telegraph

Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 28.—Clarence Wallace, Bruce McLaughlin and Howard Wingert have been arrested, charged with holding up and robbing John H. Baer who conducts a mill and feed store at Cless Station, two miles from Waynesboro, on Christmas Eve about 8 o'clock. The men were sent to Chambersburg jail. On Saturday night Wallace was identified by Mr. Baer as one of the men who held him at the point of revolvers while he was robbed of $100 in money and some checks. When Wallace was searched twenty-five $1 bills and check for $10 were found in his pockets. Wingert was brought in this morning and identified as the man who took the purse while Mr. Baer was covered by the guns of Wallace and McLaughlin.

After leaving Baer's store the robbers took a chicken off a fence and wrung the head off. By the blood dripping on the snow the trail of the robbers was easily followed as they went along the tracks of the Western Maryland railroad to Midvale and thence to a lane leading to Amsterdam, where they had a horse and sleigh waiting along the road. Chief of Police Boley received a telephone message telling of the robbery and went in pursuit at once, succeeding in rounding up the thieves in a short time.

ENTERTAINMENT AT DAUPHIN

Dauphin, Pa., Dec. 28.—Last evening the last of a series of Christmas entertainments was held by the Lutheran Sunday school. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues and a cantata, entitled "Around the Manger," sung by the choir lead by Professor Ege. A special feature of the evening was a recitation by Miss Grace Kishpaugh, of York, Pa., "The Volunteer Organist."

QUARANTINE IS TO BE MODIFIED

Part of Dauphin Will Remain Under State Regulation For Awhile

Orders modifying the quarantine of the State Livestock Sanitary Board for the foot and mouth disease will be issued by the board on Wednesday or Thursday and the area now quarantined will be considerably reduced. In some districts whole counties will be continued in quarantine, while in others only parts of counties will be kept closed to shipment of cattle without State permits.

Comparatively few new cases have been reported lately and in counties where there was trouble things have cleared up.

Part of Dauphin will be taken out of quarantine, but York, Lancaster and Cumberland will be kept in.

Formal Order Out.—Formal orders were issued by the Public Service Commission making the reduced rates for hauling anthracite coal from the Lehigh, Schuylkill and Wyoming regions to Philadelphia effective January 12. The decision of the commission was announced a week ago and the order is dated December 12, to be effective thirty days later. The Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies are directed to make and file new tariffs.

Electrocution Warrant.—The second electrocution warrant to be issued was signed to-day by the Governor for the execution of James Boyd, Philadelphia. He is to be put to death at the new Western Penitentiary in the week of March 1.

Rush For Licenses.—The rush for automobile licenses at the State Highway Department is something tremendous just now. The shipments are being made as fast as possible and the force is working at night.

Up to New Governor.—The charges of the lawyers of the Philadelphia commuters against the Public Service Commission have been placed before Governor-elect Brumbaugh with the request that he consider holding up of the confirmations.

Canary Concert.—The State Treasury was treated to a concert by a prize canary to-day. It was a present to William C. Morton, the bond clerk, who allowed his fellow attaches to hear it until the time came to go home.

Preparing Pay Bill.—According to information reaching the Capitol preparation of a militia pay bill is under way and it will be one of the subjects to be brought to the attention of the Legislature by Guardsmen.

Justice Named.—Jacob H. Hetrick was to-day appointed justice of the peace for Beaver township, Snyder county.

Increase Filed.—The Library Place Land Company, of Pittsburgh, filed notice of increase of debt to amount of $350,000.

Spent Holiday at Home.—C. E. Willock and Hale Hill, of the Auditor General's Department, spent the holidays at their homes in Allegheny county.

Pushing Exhibit. — State Commissioner of Health Dixon is pushing the State hygiene exhibit for the San Francisco exposition. He is giving personal attention to it.

Heavy Cost of Disease.—It is estimated in Reading that the foot and mouth disease will cost Berks farmers $75,000.

Stuart's Birthday.—Friends of ex-Governor Stuart on Capitol Hill wired their congratulations to him on his birthday anniversary to-day.

Attended Meetings.—Dr. John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and Francis Feehan, supervising inspector in the western end of the State, are attending the labor legislation conference in Philadelphia to-day.

Board to Meet.—The State Board of Education will meet here to-morrow morning. It will be the last meeting to be attended by Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, who has been a member since its formation.

Kalbfus Appeals. — Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, has taken an appeal in Clearfield county from a prosecution against a Pittsburgh man for illegally killing deer. The costs were put on the State.

Preparing For Court.—Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargest is preparing for the Supreme Court session beginning on January 4 at Philadelphia. Several State cases are to be heard.

Inspections Next Week. — The inspections of organizations of the National Guard by federal army officers will be started next week. The assignments of officers have been completed.

How to Milk Cows, All He Learned in 4 Years at Glen Mills, He Says

Seventeen-year-old Levi Thomas, a negro, told the Dauphin County Court this morning that he had put in four and a half years at the State's House of Refuge at Glen Mills. He was returned to the same institution.

Thomas, who was charged with larceny, bewailed the fact that he "was never treated right." He was arraigned on a larceny charge. In answer to a query of Judge Kunkel's, Levi said that all he learned at the Mills during hos four years' stay was to milk cows.

Two nonsupport cases were disposed of to-day, too. John Neidinger, who was charged with failing to support his family and assault and battery upon his wife, got a $10 fine and costs and was directed to pay $3.50 for support. Harry Wilvert was ordered to pay $3.50 per week toward the support of his wife and seven children. Since 1910 the family has been on the Associated Charity lists.

Two Americans Shot by Canadian Troops

By Associated Press

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28. — One American was instantly killed and another seriously wounded by Canadian troops patrolling the Canadian border at Fort Erie, Ont., opposite this city to-day. The men were hunting ducks out of season in the Niagara river and in Canadian waters. Provincial Police Officer Thomas Delaney, of Fort Erie, ordered the men to stop shooting. They declined and Delaney called upon a corporal and two privates of the Forty-fourth Battalion, of the Canadian militia, for assistance.

The corporal ordered the men to come ashore. Instead they headed their boat for the American shore and were beating a hasty retreat when, at the order of Delaney, the soldiers fired upon them. Walter Smith was shot through the head and killed, and Charles Dorsch was seriously injured in the shoulder. Both resided in Buffalo.

200,000 GERMANS AT ANTWERP

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 28, 4.25 A. M.—The Antwerp correspondent of the Handlesblad states on the authority of German officers, that they have ben ordered to defend the position if besieged by the allies.

STEELTON MIDDLETOWN HIGHSPIRE ROYALTON OBERLIN EPHAUT

BIG RECEPTION TO REV. LAUFER FRIDAY

St. John's Lutheran Congregation to Be Host to New Pastor

All the Lutheran ministers in Harrisburg, the pastors of all denominations in Steelton, Oberlin and Highspire and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church are invited to attend a reception to be tendered the Rev. George N. Laufer, new pastor of St. John's, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The church council and the congregation will be hosts. The reception will be held in the Sunday school room. Music by an orchestra, a brief program, refreshments and a general handshaking all around will be features of the evening.

The Rev. Mr. Laufer is a former Newville, Cumberland county, minister. He was called to St. John's to succeed the Rev. Dr. M. P. Hocker. Dr. Hocker, after thirty-one years of service, retired to accept the superintendency of the Emaus Orphanage, Middletown.

STEELTON PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmur Cumbler, East End, have returned from a visit to Mifflintown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geesey, Swatara street, are home from Lancaster where they spent Christmas.

Winfield Bricker has returned to York after spending Christmas with relatives here.

C. M. Lighty, of Cincinnati, and Professor Harry D. Lighty, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Margaret Lighty, Lincoln street.

Frank Jeffries has returned to Staten Island after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jeffries, Locust street.

James P. Calhoun, of Michlin, has gone to Memphis, Tenn., where he will make his home, after a visit over Christmas with his son, A. J. Calhoun, 612 North Third street.

Edgar Miller, of New York, was in Steelton Saturday.

William Schaedler, of Philadelphia, is the guest of relatives here.

PRESENTS GOLD WATCH

H. J. Sanders, teacher of Class 23, of Centenary United Brethren Sunday school, was presented with a handsome gold watch by the class yesterday. The Rev. A. K. Wier, the pastor, made the presentation speech. Miss Loyal Zerby was also presented with a gift. Following the presentation of gifts officers were elected for the ensuing year. They include: President, Joseph Wolfe, Sr.; vice-president, James Grimes; secretary, Daniel Reifsnyder; treasurer, Wesley Karstetter; reporter, Ira Cargill; chorister, Joseph Wolfe; organist, Miss L. Zerby.

FALL ON ICE KILLS MAN

Peter Delinar, 55 years old, 614 South Third street, died yesterday from injuries sustained in a fall on an icy pavement. His skull was fractured. Delinar is survived by his wife and five children. Funeral services will be held in St. Mary's Croatian Catholic Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Father Anton Zuvich will officiate and burial will be made in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Coroner Jacob Eckinger investigated the death and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

ARREST 3 FOR WIFE-BEATING

Three men, all foreigners, were arrested Sunday charged with beating women. This makes a total of six arrests on woman-beating charges since Christmas.

ROB STORE

Robbers last night stole two overcoats from the store of Joseph Robbins, 35 South Front street. The thieves entered the Robbins store by smashing a large plate glass window in the front of the building with a brick.

STEELTON SNAP SHOTS

To Repeat Cantata.—"Mischievous Santa," a cantata given by members of Grace United Evangelical Church last evening, will be repeated New Year's evening.

Will Elect Officers.—Washington Camp, 102, P. O. S. of A., will meet this evening to elect officers and initiate a class of new members. A smoker will follow the regular business meeting.

Entertainment at First Reformed.—William Stonesifer, professor of music at the Pottsdam Conservatory, Ithaca, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCoy, of Philadelphia, gave a delightful musical entertainment in the First Reformed Church last evening. Professor Stonesifer gave several selections on the pipe organ and Mr. and Mrs. McCoy sang.

Bury Child.—The funeral of John, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenakovic, 437 Main street, who died yesterday, was held in St. James' Catholic Church this morning. Burial was made in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Will Hold Dance.—The Imperial Band, Steelton's new musical organization, will make its initial bow to the public this evening when a dance and concert will be given in Croation hall.

Revival at Church of God.—At an evangelistic service in the Main Street Church of God last evening six converts went to the altar. As a result revival services will be held each evening this week with a "Watch Night" service New Year's Eve.

Will Give Entertainment.—The primary department of the First Methodist Sunday School will give an entertainment in the social room of the church to-morrow evening. A silver offering will be lifted.

Postpone Meeting. — A meeting of the Steelton Glee Club, scheduled for this evening, has been postponed until January 4, when a rehearsal will be held at the home of Charles Krout, 172 South Second street.

Announce Birth. — Mr. and Mrs. George Harlacker, 217 Lincoln street, announce the birth of a daughter, December 22.

Municipal League Meets.—The Municipal League will meet this evening at 49 North Front street.

MIDDLETOWN

PERCY JOHNSON DIES

The funeral of Percy Johnson, who died Saturday, will be held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, Grant street, to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, and at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Fuller Bergstresser will officiate and burial will be made in the cemetery at Geyer's Church, Mr. Johnson was 34 years old. He is survived by his parents six brothers, William, Harry, Donald, Chester and Claude, of Middletown; George, of West Fairview; three sisters, Mrs. Harry Karadeemer, Lydia and Ann, at home.

MIDDLETOWN NOTES

Elect Officers.—The Methodist Sunday school yesterday elected the following officers: Superintendent, N. C. Fuhrman; assistant superintendent, H. J. Wickey; secretary of school, Davis Garver, assistant secretary, Victor Tritch; financial secretary, H. A. McKee; treasurer, Webster Weaver; missionary treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Roth; missionary president, Mrs. A. G. Banks; organist, Miss Beck; assistant, Miss Beitzel; librarian, Mr. Beck; assistants, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Beck.

Hold Masquerade.—The Daughters of Liberty will hold a masquerade ball this evening. Refreshments will be served.

Plan New Year's Shoot.—The Middletown Rod and Gun Club will hold a shoot on New Year's Day. Both live and clay bird matches will be held.

Cutting Ice.—Workmen for H. K. Baum began cutting the first ice of the season Saturday. The quality is reported to be excellent.

BOWERS—BRYAN

A pretty holiday wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bryan, at Oberlin, Christmas afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Annie Bryan, was married to William F. Bowers. The Rev. D. E. Rupley, pastor of the Oberlin Lutheran Church, officiated. About thirty guests were present . A turkey dinner was served after the ceremony.

20,000 PEOPLE JOIN 1915 SAVINGS CLUBS

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mately $50,000 was paid out just before Christmas this year.

The Commercial Bank conducts its club on the 52-week policy and any one can enter at any time of the year. Some people who want a vacation fund begin paying in each week in the middle of the summer and the next year receive the money with interest for vacation expenses. The other banks conduct both a Christmas and a vacation fund.

Smaller Towns Have Clubs, Too

Some of the smaller towns nearby have started Christmas clubs and report hundreds of members already.

The amount of money paid in each week varies according to the class which the member joins. In some cases the first week one cent is paid, second week two cents and each week increases one cent until the end of the year. Other classes start with two cents the first week and increase two cents each week, and so on. This is also worked the other way, starting with a dollar first and decreasing. Some classes have the same amount that must be paid in each week. The five banks that have these funds and the opening dates of the clubs are as follows:

Union Trust Company, North Market Square, December 21; Citizens, December 21; Commercial, any time during year; Security Trust, December 26; East End, December 21.

BRIGHT SPOTS ON 1915 BUSINESS SKY

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rail orders have been booked within the past three days.

The Harrisburg Boiler and Manufacturing plant is moving along with enough orders to keep the departments busy. New year prospects at this time cannot be foretold, according to an official st tement to-day.

At the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce it was said that statistics which will be forthcoming within the next three weeks, will give a fair idea of the prospects for local industries. The local Chamber of Commerce is assisting in making a federal census of local industries.

AIRMEN CAUSE LOSS TO GERMAN STATION

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of the Hungarian Premier, Count Tisza, to the German headquarters and his interview with Emperor William were not undertaken spontaneously, but that Count Tisza was summoned by the Emperor and given to understand that Germany is relying upon Hungary even more than upon Austria in the struggle against the allies.

Francis Joseph Thanks Americans For Gifts

Washington, Dec. 28.—The State Department to-day announced receipt of the following telegram from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna:

"Emperor Francis Joseph has communicated to me his grateful thanks to the sympathetic friends in America who sent gifts of clothing and toys to the war orphans by the ship Jason. The half million gifts this week are being distributed throughout Austria-Hungary. The Emperor thanks every donor and person taking part in work of sending Christmas cheer to his suffering people."

RUSSIANS AGAIN RETREAT

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London, 3.16 P. M.—The investment by the Russians of the Austrian fortress at Cracow has again been raised. Following the discovery of an attempt made by the Austrians to divide the Russian forces in Galicia, the Russians retreated eastward for a distance of fifty miles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTION

Elizabethville, Pa., Dec. 28.—The U. B. Sunday School yesterday elected the following officers to serve the coming year: Superintendent, C. F. Daniel; first assistant superintendent, James E. Lentz; second assistant superintendent, Charles Matter; treasurer, Lewis Buffington; secretary, Jesse Zeigler; assistant secretary, Miriam Bauder; pianist, Ellen Bechtel; librarians, Anna Gaupp, Leona Daniel, Ralph Zeigler and Florence Whitman; superintendent home department, Mrs. C. W. Enders; assistant superintendent home department, Mrs. D. D. Helt; superintendent cradle roll, Mrs. R. K. Buffington; assistant superintendent cradle roll, Mrs. Christ Gaupp; superintendent temperance work, the Rev. Mr. Rhoads; assistant superintendent temperance work, Mrs. H. M. Miller; superintendent missionary work, Nellie Buffington.

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FILE 40 ACCOUNTS FOR FIRST COURT

Initial Orphans' Session January 26—Eight Statements Relate to Minors' Estates

The first session of Orphans' Court for 1915 will be held Tuesday, January 26, and up to date just forty executors', administrators', guardians' and trustees' accounts have been filed with Roy C. Danner, register of wills, for confirmation at that time.

The accounts to be presented include the first and final accounts in thirty-three estates, four complete accounts, two first and partial, and one third and final account.

Eight of the statements to be submitted will include those of minors. The first and partial accounts include those relative to the estates of Joseph Strouse and Hanna C. Criswell. The list was compiled Saturday by the register.

Want Pardon For Two Dauphin Convicts.—Applications for pardons for David Kaufman, recently convicted of larceny, and Milton Weaver, convicted of a crime growing out of an attack upon Garfield Givens while the latter was asleep on a park bench, will be made to the board of pardons on January 6 and January 20, respectively. Weaver was sentenced June 13, 1914, for a term of from one to two years.

To Sell Bakery.—John C. Orr, trustee in bankruptcy for John Wagner, will conduct a public sale January 16 of the bakery and its equipment and the dwelling, No. 627 Boas street, owned by Wagner.

Two Months to Present Claims.—Creditors of the Pleasantville Water Company have been directed by Charles J. Moore, the receiver, to present to him by January 21, all claims and demands against the company. The time limit of two months was fixed to date from November 21 and firms' and individuals interested are notified that unless they submit their claims within the time specified they will be excluded from benefits or dividends which may be declared by the court.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 28. — Miss Nellie A. Hines, of Northumberland, Pa., and Charles Henninger, of Sunbury, Pa., were married on Christmas morning at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in this city by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.

Miss Mary Charles and Leonard L. Bowden, both of Wiconisco, Pa., were united in marriage here on Christmas Day at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.

Miss Bessie Potter, of Zullinger, Pa., and Clyde Glass, of Chambersburg, Pa., were married on Christmas Eve in this city by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.

Miss Mabel Baker and William H. Wagaman, both of Mont Alto, Pa., were married at the parsonage of St. Paul's United Brethren Church in this city on Christmas by the Rev. Dr. A. B. Statton.

TO DISMISS CLARK'S FERRY TOLL FIGHT

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concession from the State only for canal-towing purposes and when the company ceased operation the bridge privileges reverted to the State. Attorney Lyman D. Gilbert was counsel at the time and the matter lay dormant until his death, when Attorney Charles H. Bergner had the case marked on the argument list. Colonel Fred M. Ott, the County Solicitor, said to-day that a formal application for discontinuance will likely be made tomorrow. The complete list follows:

The Argument List

State vs. Abraham Gerber, motion for new trial; hearing of application of county for condemnation of Clark's Ferry bridge over Susquehanna on road leading from Benvenue to Clark's Ferry, Reed township; City vs. Smith Premier Typewriter Company, rule for reargument; State vs. Keystone Guard, exceptions to auditor's report; Charles W. Siple vs. Emma Campbell, hearing on question of law on verdict as to right of set-off; Wetrustu Outfitting Company vs. Nina D. Williams, rule to open judgment; Gately & Fitzgerald Supply Company vs. H. K. Gamber, rule to open judgment; Arthur C. Lackey vs. Lauretta Low, et al., by agent, James D. Low, rule to strike off services of James Low as agent for Anna E. Donnelly; E. G. Patton vs. Sophia Reidinger, rule to show why cause should not be amended and judgment reduced; State vs. Dollar Savings Bank, motion for judgment for want of sufficient release; Kane and Elk Railroad, appeal from Public Service Commission rulings in Gaffney and James City crossing case hearing; Joseph Salinger vs. Maljevac Mato and Annie Madjevac, rule to open judgment; D. E. Brightbill vs. George B. Weast, rule to strike off appeal; B. Handler vs. Martha Howard, rule to show cause why bond should not be reduced to show actual value of goods.

LACK OF VIGOR IN EAST AND WEST

London, Dec. 28.—On the battle lines in both the eastern and western areas of the war the only movements seemed to-day to have lost something of their headway. On the western front the allied offensive has momentarily shown a lack of vigor, while General Von Hindenburg, the German commander seems to have come to a standstill on the Vistula. At the same time Vienna admits a check to the Austrian forces stationed along the Galician Carpathians.

COUNTIES TO HAVE SCHOOL BOARDS

Suggestion Made by Rural Education Survey Committee to the State Association

Recommendation that the State school laws be changed so that there shall be a county unit of education with a small county board of school directors, is made in the survey of the rural schools of Pennsylvania by a special committee of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which begins its annual meeting here tomorrow. The committee was named at the meeting in Pittsburgh a year ago and charged with the duty of making a study of the needs and conditions of the rural schools, the initiative being taken by Dr. Samuel Hamilton, superintendent of the schools of Allegheny county. On the committee were Dr. Nathan G. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Raymond W. Sies, University of Pittsburgh; Dr. Harlan Updegraff, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Louis F. Rapeer, State College; Professor M. G. E. Milnor, superintendent of Lycoming county schools, and Professor Frank A. McClung, superintendent of Butler county schools.

The committee divided up the survey and had the assistance of a number of educators, including men familiar with rural conditions. The report will likely be called to the attention of the Legislature.

For County School Tax

The proposition for a county school board is one of a score of recommendations and would empower the board to levy a county school tax; to fix boundaries of school districts regardless of township lines; furnish the supplies at expense of local boards when they fail to do so promptly; elect the county school superintendent and his assistants and to have general supervision of attendance officers throughout thes county.

In addition it is recommended that the association appoint committees for a thorough study of the three big problems—distribution of State school funds, training of teachers for rural schools and standardization of the rural school plant.

First among recommendations is one that the section of the school code adding $5 per month to the minimum salary "be made operative by the necessary appropriation." It is also recommended that the Legislature provide funds to pay the assistant county superintendents and that country commissioners provide offices and stenographers for county superintendents.

To Give Special Aid

In regard to rural districts it is recommended that special assistance be given those unable to raise funds to erect proper buildings and furnish the required seven months' term and that State uniformity of taxation for school purposes be considered. It is also provided that the State appropriation be withheld from districts which do not have buildings in a sanitary condition.

Medical inspection is recommended to be made obligatory in all rural districts and that wherever possible school nurses be employed to visit homes and secure proper medical attention.

The State is urged to bring its standard plans for one, two and three-room buildings to the attention of local boards and commendation is given the efforts to establish social centers in rural schools. Boards are urged to organize night schools for foreigners and it is suggested that programs for teachers' institutes be made more "helpful rather than entertaining." Another idea is that all re-elections of principals be subject to approval by the country superintendent.

More Normal Schools

Normal schools are urged to provide courses on agriculture and improvement of rural life; as well as model one-room schools for observation and practice, increase facilities for training teachers for rural schools, and to establish schools in open country. More normal schools are also urged.

A larger appropriation is urged for rural high schools teaching agriculture and domestic science, and that high schools be allowed to add post-graduate courses to train teachers for the country school work. The attention of the State is called to the advantage of Federal aid for agricultural extension.

On compulsory education the report says: "The law should be further amended so as to reach more effectively the unemployed between 14 and 16 years of age, including the provision of attendance officers not members of school boards, and the requirements that the employment certificates of children between the ages named be returned immediately to the school authorities whenever employment ceases."

HARD LUCK WITH NEW SLED

Dickinson, Pa., Dec. 28.—Harris Williams, the Telegraph carrier boy here, on Christmas got a new coaster seld of large size and took it to the hills for a tryout. On the first run down the hill, the sled ran into a gutter and broke, throwing young Williams violently to the ice. His collarbone and ribs were broken and he was severely bruised all over the body. He will be confined to the house for some time.

CLASS TO MEET

New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 28.—On Tuesday evening the Sunday School class taught by Mrs. William Mathias of Trinity United Brethren Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Helen Hoover in Fifth street.