

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS ANTHRACITE COAL TRAFFIC INCREASES

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NUMEROUS CASES FOR COMMISSIONERS Business of Public Service Body Will Be Heavy During the Coming Sessions

Fourteen complaints involving rates or service and numerous applications for approval of contracts and agreements are listed for the meetings of the Public Service Commission which begin on Tuesday, April 20.

Six of the applications for approval are made by the city of Philadelphia for abolition of grade crossings, while applications have also been made for abolishing grade crossings in Lackawanna and Lebanon counties by various railroads.

The commission will also give the hearing to complaints about the condition of the York and Maryland Line turnpike which has been complained against by a motor company.

Not Fixed Yet.—Formal orders announcing the dates and places for the encampments of the National Guard will probably not be issued for some time owing to the fact that no agreement has been reached on rates.

It is probable that the designation of Mt. Gretna may be changed unless more favorable rates may be obtained. Several places are under consideration for the encampment of the Second brigade, but beyond the fact that it will be held in the western part of the State no other details have been determined.

State Maple Sugar.—The State Bureau of Agricultural Statistics has completed the first inquiry made into the maple sugar industry in this State and it shows that the people in thirty-five counties, or over half the State, are engaged in it.

Spring Clean-up.—State Fire Marshal Joseph L. Baldwin is out with an appeal for a Spring clean-up of inflammable material. In a bulletin just issued he considers the clearing away of articles that are liable to cause fire as just as important as some of the clean-ups advocated by cities and towns.

Three Sessions Soon.—Holding of three sessions a day may be started in the House of Representatives within the next fortnight. After next week very few hearings will be accorded by House committees and the subcommittees which were named in the appropriation bills.

More Men at Work.—Between 4,000 and 5,000 men are at work on the roads of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the gangs are now in every county weather conditions having improved to such an extent that extensive improvements can be undertaken.

Twenty-five Central Girls Training For Big Contest.—Twenty-five Junior girls, the largest number in the history of the Junior Girls' Reading Contest entries, are out for the contest which will be held in the Central High School Auditorium, May 21, at 7 o'clock.

Shells on Neutral Ground.—Delemon, Switzerland, April 15, via Paris, April 17, 5:40 A. M.—German shells fell on Swiss territory Tuesday for the third time since the outbreak of the war, says the newspaper Democrite.

Austria Plans Quick Move.—Paris, April 17, 5:30 A. M.—The life is becoming general in Rome that Austria will make a sudden attack on Italy as soon as she becomes convinced that the latter has determined to intervene in the war.

Embroidery Club Met.—Members of the F. and F. Embroidery Club were entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. H. Wilson, in Bressler. Those present were Mrs. J. P. Snyder, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. George Greenough, Mrs. William, Mrs. Charles Tomlinson, Mrs. Robert Miles and Miss Mary Burkart.

Obtains Permit.—J. M. Heagy has taken out a permit to build an addition to his stable, front and Walnut streets.

To Discuss Improvements.—Centenary United Brethren Church tomorrow will discuss with a view to building an addition to the church. The addition as now planned would cost \$10,000.

Steelton MIDDLETOWN CHESHIRE ROYALTON OBERLIN ENDAULT COUPLE WAIT FOR PRIEST FROM NATIVE LAND TO MARRY THEM

The Rev. Father David Makoff, who arrived from Sophia, Bulgaria, yesterday, to assume the rectorship of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Front and Franklin streets, will perform his first marriage ceremony in his new parish to-morrow.

The bride elect is Miss Sevastia Nicholas, 143 Main street, and the bridegroom will be Spiridian Evanoff, a stalwart son of the Balkans. The ceremony will be performed at the home of Miss Nicholas' brother-in-law, S. Dimitroff, a prosperous real-estate agent at his home in the West Side Bulgarian colony.

The young couple announced their engagement several months ago, but wished to be married by a priest from their native land, so they waited until Father Makoff arrived.

In honor of his sixty-eighth birthday members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a number of friends gave a surprise party in honor of William H. Sites at his home in Bressler Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Sites was presented with a silver-embroidered past grand's collar. The speech was made by Charles A. Wilhelm, Supper was served by Mrs. Frank Rissinger. The guests included the following: Charles A. Wilhelm, Dennis O'Connell, E. A. Wanban, W. J. Skinner, John G. Shartzler, William H. Brown, George S. Snell, J. W. Rickenbaugh, C. H. Sorse, R. D. Beaman, R. A. Shultz, W. H. Moretz, the Rev. Calder Brunner, W. J. Lutz, David H. Sites, Frank Rissinger, Mrs. Frank Rissinger, George Rissinger, Charles Rissinger, William Rissinger and Miss Ethel McNear.

Charged with conducting a disorderly house, Laura Murray, after a hearing before Squire Gardner last evening, was committed to jail to await action of the court. Maggie Shank, who was charged with stealing \$10 from one of the inmates, also went to jail. Blanche Harvey, a 19-year-old girl; Max Herman, Clark Mixel, James Mihalic and Andrew Crossland, all well-known Steelton young men were each given thirty days in jail for disorderly conduct.

These charges were the outgrowth of an affair in the Murray woman's house.

Trinity Episcopal—The Rev. S. H. Rainey, 11, "Education by Suffering," 7:30, "Greatness of God," Sunday school, 10; holy communion, 8 A. M.

Centenary U. B.—The Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor, will preach at 10:30 on "Motive for Church Attendance" and at 7:30 on "Are We Really Christians?" Sunday school, 2, C. E., 6:30. First Methodist—The Rev. W. C. Sanderson, pastor, will preach at 10:30 and 7:30; Sunday school, 2; Epworth League, 6:30.

Main Street Church of God—The Rev. G. W. Getz, pastor, will preach at 10:30 on "All Present to Hear," 7:30, communion service will be observed; Sunday school, 2; junior Christian Endeavor, 6; senior Christian Endeavor, 6; prayer meeting, 9:45, led by John Reider.

St. John's Lutheran—The Rev. G. N. Laurin, pastor, will preach at 10:45 and 7:30; Sunday school, 9:30; Intermediate Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

St. Mark's Lutheran—The Rev. William R. Smith, pastor, 10:30, sermon by the Rev. W. H. Bore, of York; 2, Sunday school; 6:45, Christian Endeavor; 7:30, sermon by the pastor.

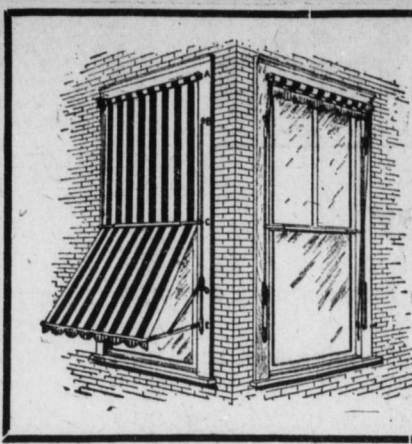
First Presbyterian—The Rev. C. B. Seidel, pastor, will preach at 11 and 7:30; Sunday school, 9:45; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3; senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

East Steelton Church of God—The Rev. E. J. Huggins, pastor, Praise service, 9:30; Sunday school, 8, when Charles O. Houston, of Penbrook, will address the men's Bible class; Junior Christian Endeavor, 6:30; preaching, 7:30, by the Rev. J. Shoop, pastor of the Evangelical Church.

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DR. HOCKER TO PREACH The Rev. Dr. M. P. Hocker, of the Emmaus Orphan Home, will fill the pulpit of the United Brethren Church during the absence of the Rev. I. H. Albright, who will attend the anniversary at the Tenth Street Church, Reading, to-morrow.

MIDDLETOWN PERSONALS Miss Florence Schell left this morning for Berwick, where she will visit friends for a few days.

RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS Members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church will give a reception Tuesday evening in honor of the new members received during the Easter festivities of the church. An interesting literary program will be followed by refreshments.

STEWART-MILLER Earl R. Stewart and Elizabeth Moyer were married yesterday at the parsonage of St. Peter's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Frank E. Moyer.

HIGHSPIRE CHURCHES St. Peter's Lutheran—The Rev. Frank Edward Moyer, pastor. Morning service at 10:45; evening service at 7:30; Sunday school, 9:30; men's chorus 2:15; junior Christian Endeavor, 3; senior Christian Endeavor, 6:45. On Tuesday evening there will be a reception to the new members who were received on Easter Day.

United Brethren—The Rev. H. F. Rhoad, pastor. Morning service at 10:15; evening service, 7:30; Sunday school, 1:30; Christian Endeavor, 6:30. Holy communion will be observed morning and evening.

PRESENT FINE PROGRAM The Highspire High School Literary Society met yesterday afternoon. An interesting program was presented. Those who participated were: Millard Fink, Kathryn Frutiger, Florence Ott, Russell Ehrhardt, Rachael Eitler, Marlin Kelley and Grant Nitrauer.

COMMUNION TOMORROW Communion services will be held in the United Brethren Church, both morning and evening, to-morrow.

MEN'S MEETING TOMORROW A mass meeting for men only will be held in the United Brethren Church, Highspire, to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Able speakers will be present.

FIREMEN ATTEND CHURCH Members of the Citizens Fire Company will attend services in the Church of God to-morrow evening. The members are requested to meet at the engine house at 7 o'clock.

HIGHSPIRE PERSONALS Mrs. H. C. Mathias, of Race street, left last Saturday for Philadelphia, where she will spend several weeks with friends.

ATHLETES POUR INTO CITY FOR BIG MEET [Continued from First Page.] sent in to-day's meet: Harrisburg, Pittsburgh (2), Enola, Camden, Youngwood, Berry, Blairsville, Conemaugh, Bellwood, Altoona, Tyrone, Renovo, Sunbury, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Trenton, New York City, Jersey City, South Amboy, Elmira, Monongahela division and Washington.

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Commissioner Taylor Places New Clubhouse and Courts in Hands of Reservoir Players While jurisdiction of the Reservoir tennis affairs will remain in the hands of the park department, the care and government of the new clubhouse, distribution of lockers, regulation of the courts and the plans incidental to the inauguration of the annual city championship tournament will be in charge of a house committee during the 1915 season.

The clubhouse consists of Misses Anne Sweeney and Elizabeth Killinger, Jay Hoffer, Harry Strecher, Louis A. Irvin and Martin Keet, chairman, with City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, superintendent of parks and public property, serving as treasurer.

The committee met for organization and discussion of the preliminaries yesterday afternoon and at another meeting Friday evening the rules and regulations to govern the clubhouse and some revision of the rules for occupancy of the courts will be framed.

The clubhouse with its 130 lockers for the men and some 76 lockers for the girls is ready for service. Shower bath facilities have been provided for the men's side, while stationary washstands have been placed in the girls' locker room. Members of the club will be provided with individual keys for both house and locker, although the house will be open all the time the court keeper is on the job.

Application blanks for membership have been prepared and these can be had either at the park office or from members of the committee. While the cost of building the clubhouse has been provided for from the park maintenance fund, the structure was built with the understanding that this would be refunded, if possible, from the dues of members after the deduction of maintenance, etc., had been deducted. Nearly a hundred players had petitioned for the building of the clubhouse. At this the fee was made as low as possible, \$2 per year having been fixed for the men and \$1 for the girls. Many requests have been made for lockers, however, and in order to accommodate these in order it was decided to fix Saturday, May 15, as the time limit for charter enrollment.

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