

FIREARMS BILLS MUCH DISCUSSED

Likelihood of Hearings Being Held on the Thomas and Neary Measures

Some opposition has developed throughout the State to the Thomas and Neary firearm bills now in the judicial local committee of the House of Representatives. The opposition emanates from private citizens apparently who desire the privilege, under unusual conditions, to protect themselves in the ordinary routine of their lives. The chief objection to the bills is that they would give the criminal all kinds of leeway but put the bars up strongly against the citizen being in shape to withstand successfully the attack of the highwayman and the thug. They are being held in the committee and will likely remain there for some time.

Both members who have introduced these measures are sincere in their attitude to prohibit the indiscriminate carrying of firearms. Mr. Thomas comes from Wilkes-Barre in the anthracite country and Mr. Neary from Philadelphia. Mr. Thomas says there is too much shootin', especially among foreigners and he wants to curtail that.

Those who are opposing his bill and Neary's declare they are in sympathy with the thought of the bills but strenuously doubt their practicability. They claim that no law will interfere with thieves getting weapons and that it would make an all-year round open season for "stick ups" and burglary for the thieves to know that the law made it almost impossible for the private citizen to get a gun. They claim a weapon for self protection and as self preservation is the first law to the majority that many would be driven to breaking the law and carry weapons regardless of the statutes.

Mr. Thomas' bill makes it necessary for one seeking to carry a "gun" to procure a permit from the sheriff, superintendent of police or other officials in authority and that before the gunstore merchant can sell a revolver that the permit must be shown. Good and convincing reasons, must be given and then the official has discretion to approve or refuse the permit for a revolver. Mr. Neary's bill proposes a license tax in addition to other things. A hearing on the bills will be granted by Chairman Goodwin, of the judicial local committee, if desired. The greatest strength that the bills have is the popularity of their sponsors.

Railroad Men Come to Aid of Deserted Mother

Deserted, penniless, and hundreds of miles from home, pretty Mrs. Viola Grant, aged 23, with her five little children, arrived in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening, from Prescott.

Without funds, and no friends, the young woman slept over night in the Philadelphia and Reading railway terminal.

Awakened yesterday morning by the cries of her hungry children Mrs. Grant finally appealed to railroad employees, and between sobs told her story.

Only two days before her husband, Thomas Grant, gave her one dollar and left for parts unknown, she said. Her husband's relatives at Prescott, with whom they were staying, turned her out, according to her story. She then started on a long trip to Akron, Ohio, to her relatives.

Reading station men contributed \$21.50 and gave it to the woman. The Associated Aid Societies furnished funds for a ticket to Akron, after receiving a telegram from the place, recommending that aid be given her.

Mrs. Grant has been married for six years. Two of the children are twins, only three months old.

Lehigh's New President Known in Railroad Circles

Edward E. Loomis, who was yesterday elected president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is well known in Harrisburg, and throughout railroad circles. He is under 50 years of age and has been identified with the larger systems since 1894, when he became superintendent of the Erie division of the Erie Railroad. In 1898 he was made general superintendent of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad and of the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad. A year later he went with the D. L. and W., assuming active management of the vast coal interests of the company.

Three years later Mr. Loomis was elected by the board of directors of the Lackawanna Railroad its senior vice president, in charge not only of its coal interests—mining, transporting and selling—but also, under Mr. Fruesdale, and acting for him in his absence, of all the activities of the railroad company.

Mr. Loomis' activities have not been confined to railroad and coal mining business. He is a trustee of the American Surety Company, director of the Liberty National Bank, the Chatham and Phenix Bank and the Coal and Iron National Banks of New York.

Sell Gould Rail Interests; New Yory Men Purchasers

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—The Missouri Pacific Railroad and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad were sold under foreclosure here yesterday to R. H. Nelson, representing the reorganization committee, and Duncan A. Holmes, of New York, representing Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

The sale, it was stated in railway circles, marked the passage of the Gould interests from control of the Missouri Pacific system. The Kansas & Colorado Pacific will be sold at foreclosure at Topeka Kan., Friday.

While the lines have been operated as one system several years, the Missouri Pacific and the Iron Mountain had separate directorates. The Missouri Pacific was sold for \$165,000,000. The Iron Mountain brought \$23,500,000. Reorganization plans have already been approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. United States Circuit Judge Hook, of Leavenworth, Kan., is expected to confirm the sale next month.

PENNSY LIETS EMBARGOES

Pittsburgh, Feb. 22.—Announcement was made to-day at the general offices of the Pennsylvania lines that the first of the many embargoes against Eastern freight through Pittsburgh west had been lifted, and beginning this morning agents had been instructed to accept for forwarding through to Chicago over the Pan Handle Railroad, carload shipments of commodities from affiliated lines in the district. This will permit of the acceptance of large quantities of freight brought in from the East and accumulated here, together with the vast amount of steel products which have been held at the mills.

MEASURING PUMP INSPECTION NEXT

Chief of Standard Directed to Have a State-Wide Test Made of All Devices

James Sweeney, State chief of standards, is advised in an opinion by Deputy Attorney General Horace W. Davis to have a state-wide test made of all measuring pumps used in Pennsylvania for selling gasoline, oil and similar liquids and upon their approval to "have the adjusting nut at the top of the plunger rod so sealed as to be conspicuous." He is also advised that when sealers of weights and measures find the measure short upon test to confiscate the pump and prosecute the dealer operating it.

This advice is given in reply to a query from the chief as to his powers of inspection of such apparatus, extensively used in the State. The opinion says, "This appears to be drastic action, but in our opinion is warranted under the circumstances."

The chief is also advised to require all jobbers and manufacturers in this class of measures to give him notice upon sale of any pumps, giving name of purchaser and location, so that the sealer in the territory shall have opportunity to inspect the pump prior to its operation. It is suggested that manufacturers will be glad to co-operate in maintaining correctness of the measuring devices. "In the event of any difficulty Mr. Davis suggests that the chief refer the matter to the attorney general's department for action which may be necessary."

FIREMEN TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Funeral services of John F. Zollinger, the well-known blacksmith, who did on Sunday, were held at the home, 602 North street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Zollinger was one of the oldest members of the Citizen Fire Company, and the members attended the funeral in a body.

PROXIMITY DOES NOT MAKE RATES

Interesting Decision Given Today by Commissioner Brecht in Potter Case

The Public Service Commission in an opinion by Commissioner Milton J. Brecht has dismissed a complaint of residents of Shingle House, Potter county, against an increase in the minimum rate of the Potter gas company in which he holds that proximity of a town to natural gas fields does not necessarily lessen the cost of furnishing the product.

The gas company gave notice of intention to increase its minimum rate from 50 cents to \$1.10 with a ten cents rebate if paid within ten days from rendering of the bill. The complaint set forth that the town was in the midst of the gas district and that fifty cents would be a sufficient minimum rate.

The opinion says that the company furnishes gas which is supplied through general distribution mains and not through short service pipes leading directly from gas wells. "Figures were given by the respondent to show that if it were to operate a plant exclusively for the borough of Shingle House new pipes and a new compressor station being necessary for the purpose, the cost of service would be considerably higher than under its present system of supplying that service," says the decision.

SUIT AGAINST LEHIGH VALLEY

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Suit to recover \$1,602, the alleged value of 115 carboys of nitric acid that was destroyed by fire in the yard of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Perth Amboy, N. J., on September 6 last, was filed in the Common Pleas Court yesterday by Harrison Brothers & Co., incorporated, against the Lehigh Valley Corporation.

It is charged that the fire was caused by the rough handling of the acid and that the railroad was negligent in not informing the plaintiff that the shipment was in the yard for more than a week unclaimed by the consignee.

West End Cycle Company Celebrates Indian Day

Once more February 22, Washington's Birthday, has been selected by the Hendee Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Mass., makers of the internationally famed Indian Motorcycle and Indian bicycle, as Indian Day.

Indian Day has become extremely popular throughout this country and marks the formal opening of the motorcycle season. It has become an annual feature in motorycleodom, which is looked forward to with great anticipation by the vast army of motorycle enthusiasts.

The West End Electric and Cycle Company, local distributors of Indian products, will observe Indian Day with open house and will have on exhibition the 1917 motorcycle sensation, the Indian Big Twin with Powerplus motor. The new Indian Light Twin with its opposed motor, which was the center of attraction at both the Chicago and New York Motorcycle shows, will undoubtedly be viewed with great interest, as the opposed type of motor has never been used in this country until brought out by the Hendee Manufacturing Company in their new Light Twin. The famous line of Indian bicycles will also be shown.

Extensive plans have been perfected to entertain all those interested in the high mechanical development of the motorcycle, for the Indian Motorcycle represents the greatest perfection in motorcycle engineering. The Indian Motorcycle with Powerplus motor represents the final achievement of the Hendee Manufacturing Company, the pioneer manufacturers of motorcycles.

The public is cordially invited to drop in and examine these finished products. Those fascinated by the allurements of this most healthy of all out-of-doors sports will find much to interest and entertain them by joining the throng at the store at Green and Maclay street, Harrisburg, on February 22, Washington's Birthday.

PHILLIES RELEASE BENDER

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—The Philadelphia National Baseball League club announced today that Charles A. (Chief) Bender, the Indian pitcher, had been given his unconditional release. Bender, it is said, has offers from the Columbus, Indianapolis and Kansas City clubs of the American Association.

PARDON BOARD IS MERCIFUL TO ONE

Clemency Denied Nelson and Callery After Prolonged Discussion of Cases

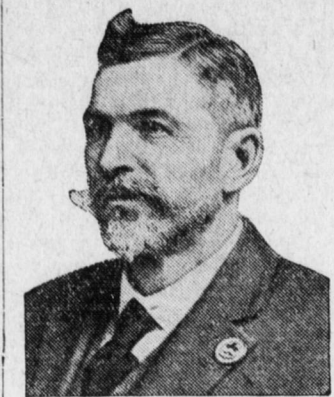
Members of the State Board of Pardons last evening declined to change their method of considering homicide cases upon their merits in spite of the suggestion that in view of pending legislation to abolish the death penalty all murder cases should be deferred for the present. Lieutenant Governor McClain in a statement made last night said that the board would adhere to its policy and not change because of possibilities in legislation.

The board declined to recommend commutation for John Nelson, the Wyoming county murderer and he will be executed in the week of March 12 unless granted a respite. It also refused a new hearing to Patrick Callery, Northampton, who is sentenced to be electrocuted the same week. Callery's sister attended the hearing and an earnest plea for the man on the ground of insanity was made. The board recommended commutation for Junius Alston, Chester, refused once before. This was a very close case and the trial judge said that the verdict could have been either first or second degree.

Refusal was also meted out to Bruno Pizzimenti, of this county, who violated his parole. This was the case in which Lieutenant Governor McClain and Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods declared themselves in favor of the man staying in jail and Attorney General Brown came out for release during the hearing.

The decisions were announced last night as follows: Recommended—Louis Liberta, rape, Fayette; H. E. Martin, larceny by bailie, York; Alexander Clarini, second degree murder, Luzerne; Junius Alston, murder, Chester; Elisha Cole, larceny, Chester. Refused—John Nelson, murder, Wy-

Suffered the Agony Of a Dozen Deaths



MR. F. GIFFORD

is most effective to rebuild and restore. A booklet of special interest to those who suffer from stomach trouble can be obtained by writing to the Pinus Laboratories, Monticello, Illinois.

Prominent Farmer in Canada Describes His Escape from the Operating Table

In a letter to his friends at Saskatoon, Mr. F. Gifford, of the Ball Rock Farm, Maymont, Saskatchewan, Canada, says: "Thanks to Fruitola and Traxo I am alive. I lay on my back for sixteen days, suffering the agonies of a dozen deaths. I began taking Fruitola and was relieved of a great many gall stones. My health is now fully restored."

Fruitola and Traxo are compounded from the original Edsall formulas at the Pinus laboratories in Monticello, Ill., and can be purchased in drug stores; a doctor's prescription is not necessary. Fruitola is a pure fruit oil and acts as an intestinal lubricant and disintegrates the hardened particles that cause so much suffering, discharging the accumulated waste to the sufferer's intense relief. One dose is usually sufficient to indicate its efficacy. Traxo is a tonic-alterative that weakens the rundown system.

Lebanon Valley Glee Club to Give Concert

The Men's Glee Club of Lebanon Valley College to-morrow evening will give a concert in the Technical High school auditorium, under the direction of Star of America Commandery, Knights of Malta. On former appearances in Harrisburg the club has always given concerts of the highest order, varied and full of life and humor. Many of the members of the club are from Harrisburg and vicinity and the promoters of the concert are preparing to handle a big crowd.

oming; Bruno Pizzimenti, second degree murder, Dauphin; Thomas Vasil, assault, Armstrong; Harry Dear, car breaking, Allegheny; Mike Jovanovi, burglary and escape, Crawford; C. C. Meredith, abortion, Allegheny. Rehearings granted—J. E. Foye, embezzlement, Philadelphia; Andrew Bobanic, perjury, Allegheny. Rehearings refused—Patrick Callery, murder, Northampton; James McCullough, larceny, Philadelphia.

RECORDING BOXES Cards on all letter boxes on posts and in public buildings in the city will be replaced within the next few days. Postmaster Frank C. Sites announced. A force of men will be sent to each district. Many of the cards, on which are printed the time of collections, are badly mutilated.

recollec' mother's pies?

☞ Couldn't be beat, could they!

☞ Once in a while, o'course, she had her troubles gettin' just the right amount of flour and shortenin' and such — maybe the stove got balky and wouldn't draw right — but, say — when she got everything just right, and the old oven turned in and helped her out — by golly, will you EVER forget THOSE pies?

☞ Well, when it comes to mixin' up the weather to make good tobacco crops, old Mother Nature is up against just about the same troubles.

☞ Sometimes she gets in too much rain, sometimes not enough — Old Sol may get stubborn and burn things up — but, back in 1914 the two of 'em just got shoulder to shoulder and turned out the best tobacco crop ever.

☞ Never was a better one — Connecticut, Cuba, Pennsylvania, all over the world it just simply beat everything in the way of tobacco that Ma Nature ever turned out.

☞ And ever since it was gathered in, folks that know how, have been puttin' it through a curing process to make it right for smokin'.

☞ Got to do that, you know. First it must hang a spell, then it's piled up and allowed to sweat, and after that still other things must be done before it's ready for the smoker.

☞ That takes months and months. O' course, it can be hurried along by artificial means just like ageing a human being. But it doesn't pay to put the squeeze on nature — an old man at 70 is a better old man than an old man at 50.

☞ Well, we watched that tobacco crop gettin' ready, just like we used to hang around waitin' for mother's pies to cool off.

☞ 'Cause we're strong for quality in KING OSCAR CIGARS — been crammin' 'em just as full of it for 25 years as we could.

☞ And when we saw what Mother Nature did in 1914, we just went out and fairly bought our heads off.

☞ Now we're puttin' that record-makin' tobacco-quality of 1914 into KING OSCARS — makin' them better than we ever made 'em before.

☞ Pretty broad statement, we'll agree — and if old Ma Nature hadn't turned out better quality in 1914, we couldn't back it up.

☞ If you've any doubt about it, chance a nickel at the nearest store — say "KING OSCAR" — and you've got the coolest, mellowest, most satisfying smokefest ahead of you you ever had.

☞ And, get this! We bought enough of that 1914 crop to last during 1917 — some happy New Year for you, eh?

John C. Herman & Co.

Manufacturers, Harrisburg, Pa.