

# BELIEVE EXPERT IS NEEDED FOR WATER PLANTS

### Commissioners Favor Suggestion to Put Practical Man in Charge of Department

City commissioners and other officials commended the suggestion in last evening's Telegraph that a practical man be placed in charge of the entire water department as an operator, head of various work at the pumping station, filter plant and reservoir pumping station.

Commissioner Morganbauer, who is now superintendent of the department of public safety, which includes the water department, said he was heartily in favor with such a plan. "The short time I have been in office has convinced me that the superintendent of public safety should have an assistant as superintendent of the water department. The water department is the most important and vital in the city and gets the least attention. All experienced persons in the city know their work, but there should be an experienced man to take charge of the entire water works. It would require all of his time to do this."

**Gross Favors Plan**  
Commissioner Gross also favored the plan and said that other departments that experienced persons in charge who reported to the commissioners who had charge over them. Other city officials also said they believed in the plan and that a representative person who could report daily to the superintendent of public safety.

Commissioner Morganbauer said today that he had received a communication from a New Jersey manufacturing firm that it had an electrical pump which could be delivered at once and that a representative of Pittsburgh had been notified to locate a motor.

An engineer in the employ of F. H. Shaw, of Lancaster, spent the day at the pumping station, making drawings of the floor space and other parts of the building. He also conferred with the engineers in charge there.

**Carlisle People Moving Into Apartment Houses**  
Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 4.—Carlisle is rapidly becoming a community of apartment dwellers, according to real estate agents, who say that there are 100 per cent more vacant houses in the town than there were on January 1, 1917. Opening of modern new apartment houses, which are attracting many of the city's people, is proceeding along this line. Proceeding more houses are being given up. High cost of coal and other necessities are making this form of living more attractive, the agents say.

**Dr. Dixon Improving at Philadelphia Hospital**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Dr. Samuel C. Dixon, state commissioner of health, although seriously ill at the University Hospital, is keeping in touch with his department heads at Harrisburg by telephone.

**SOCIETY TO ELECT OFFICERS**  
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Tomorrow the annual meeting of the official detective force and officers of the Allen and East Pennsboro Society for the recovery of stolen horses and mules, and the direction of thieves will be held in Franklin Hall and officers elected. The Rev. T. J. Ferguson, pastor of Silver Spring, is president; A. E. Sieber, vice-president; A. B. Harnish, secretary; H. B. Markley, assistant secretary; and John Bowman, treasurer.

**CARLISLE NEEDS COAL**  
Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 4.—The coal situation here has again assumed menacing proportions. At Mount Holly Springs also the shortage is acute. Several local dealers are without supplies and those who have are rationing their amounts. Fuel Administrator Bedford sent several cars of coal to the country here for use there, the place having been on a wood basis for several weeks.

# U. S. TO SPARE NO COST TO WIN WAR

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executives who were charged with the task of actual co-ordination and general direction performed their difficult duties with patriotic zeal and marked ability, as was to have been expected and did. I believe everything it was possible for them to do in the circumstances. If I have taken the task out of their hands it has not been because of any dereliction or failure on their part but only because there were some things which the government can do and private management cannot. We shall continue to value most highly the advice and assistance of these gentlemen and I am sure we shall not find them withholding it.

It had become unmistakably plain that only under government administration can the entire equipment of the several systems of transportation be fully and unreservedly thrown into a common service without injurious discrimination against particular people. Only under government administration can a satisfactory and unembarrassed common use be made of all tracks, terminals, terminal facilities and equipment of every kind. Only under that authority can the terminals be constructed and developed without regard to the requirements or limitations of particular roads. Everything which is possible under all these things will be possible—not instantly, but as fast as practical difficulties, which cannot be foreseen, are overcome and a way before the new management.

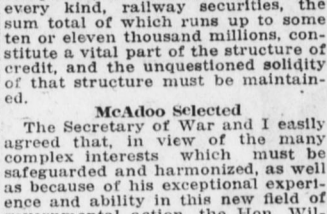
**Few Changes Desired**  
The common administration will be carried out with as little disturbance of the present operating organizations and personnel of the railways as possible. Nothing will be altered or disturbed which it is not necessary to disturb. We are serving the public interest and safety and are also careful of the interest of those by whom these great properties are owned and glad to avail ourselves of their experience and ability of those who have been managing them. It is necessary that the transportation of troops and war materials be arranged for the full mobilization of the energies and resources of the country should be first considered but it is clearly in the public interest to have the ordinary activities and the normal industrial and commercial life of the country should be interfered with and disrupted as little as possible and the public may rest assured that the interest and convenience of the private shipper will be as carefully served and safeguarded as it is possible to do under the present extraordinary circumstances.

**Maintenance Guaranteed**  
While the present authority of the government suffices for all purposes of administration and while, of course, all private interests must for the present give way to the public necessity, it is, I am sure you will agree, a matter of right and justice that the owners and creditors of the railways, the holders of their stocks and bonds, should receive from the government an unqualified guarantee that their property will be maintained throughout the period of federal control in as good repair and as complete equipment as at present, and that the several roads will receive under federal management such compensation as is equitable and just alike to their owners and to the general public. I would suggest the average of railway operating income of the three years ending June 30, 1917. I earnestly recommend that these guarantees be given as promptly as circumstances permit.

**Values to Be Protected**  
I need not point out the essential justice of such guarantees and their great influence and significance as elements in the present financial and industrial situation of the country. Indeed, one of the strong arguments for assuming control of the railroads at this time is the financial argument. It is necessary that the values of railway securities should be justly and fairly protected and that the large financial operations every year necessary in connection with the maintenance, operation and development of the roads should, during the period of the war, be wisely related to the financial operations of the government. Our first duty is, of course, to conserve the common interest and the common safety and to make certain that the necessary steps of the way of the successful prosecution of the great war for liberty and justice but it is an obligation of public conscience and of public honor that the private interests we disturb should be kept safe from unjust in-

# COSTS MORE TO KEEP INMATES

### Directors of Poor Feel Increased Prices of Foodstuffs at Almshouse



The annual financial report of the Directors of Poor and for the county almshouse maintenance has been completed and will be submitted on Monday at the reorganization meeting. It was compiled by Clerk J. W. Bayles.

The cost per capita daily at the almshouse during the last year increased from 29 1/2 to 42 3/4 cents, while the number of persons admitted during the year totaled 281. At present there are 134 being cared for at the almshouse. During the past year there were fifty-six deaths reported.

The largest increase in expenditures was for improvements. These included the construction of a modern digger; installation of a cold storage plant, an additional irrigating system and grates and blowers in the boilers so that river coal can be used. Despite the increased cost of foodstuffs last year, \$7,960.90 was spent, while in 1916 the cost of provisions which were purchased was \$7,451.12.

Total expenditures of the Poor Board were \$74,146.05, in comparison with \$70,197.61. The crop report of the organization, total in a big production increase in some of the vegetables and grain. During the year 2,076 bushels of potatoes were raised, as compared with 735 bushels for 1916; 4,020 bushels of corn, 3,275 in 1916; 631 bushels of oats, none in 1916.

**Will Prohibit**—The will of John Hain was probated to-day and letters issued to Lillie L. and Charles A. Hain.

**Charter Application**—Members of the Steelton Reserves late yesterday filed a charter application with Prothonotary Henry F. Holler. The purpose of the organization, total income which may not be exceeded in one year, and names of the directors are included in the petition.

**Explosive Licenses**—With the retirement of Prothonotary Henry F. Holler from that office next Monday, Prothonotary-elect Charles E. Pass will become the federal officer for issuing licenses to persons, firms or corporations using, selling or offering explosives for sale.

**Prison Board Reorganizes**—The reorganization meeting of the Dauphin County Prison Inspectors was held yesterday at the jail. Lane S. Hart and B. Frank Ober, respectively president and secretary, respectively. While the terms of both expire their reappointment is anticipated. William A. McIlhenny was reappointed as warden and all the other employees at the prison were retained. No salary increases were made.

**The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head**  
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is no "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES' signature is on box. 30c.—Advertisement.

# U. S. MUST WIN AIR SUPREMACY

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ages, is the fighting navy of the air.

This seemingly final medium, conquered through the genius of the American Wright Brothers, will play a part so stupendous during the coming months that it is almost impossible to estimate its importance. Most of the serious difficulties, declares the Air Board head, are behind us. The basic riddles have been solved. The organization has been put to work and has produced both men and materials in sufficient measure to prove itself. One hundred thousand American aviation men, including ten thousand fliers is the program for this year.

In the eight years previous to sending the American expedition into Mexico, less than a million dollars had been appropriated for flying. Fifty-nine machines had been ordered, and only 54 had been delivered. The degree of efficiency reached is shown from these figures: For the calendar year of 1916 Army fliers made ten thousand ascents, totaling 4700 hours in the air and 350,000 miles, with but one fatality.

Public imagination, though stimulated as to the value of the airplane in warfare, has never been equally stimulated as to the romance of their production in industry. It has too often been felt, as was actually stated by one disappointed manufacturer, that you could simply cut an airplane out of a tree in a few weeks' time for a few hundred dollars.

The story of the Liberty Motor, made possible when experts located themselves up in a Washington room until the task was completed; procuring the supply of spruce necessary, most of the product being taken from the woods of Washington and Oregon; the planting of a hundred thousand acres of castor beans, the oil from which is a vital necessity; arranging for the entire available Irish linen supply, and many unprecedented accomplishments, are but a chapter in the history of the airplane's development.

If the war is won in the air with the aid of Americans, it will be colored boys and other youth of the nation, backed by the mechanics of the automobile and other industries, who will have achieved the greatest event in history. Experience of three years in air fighting has shown that the best airman is a comparative youngster. The man who would fly is a difficult but fascinating thing before him.

Spectacular plans are being laid for the future. For the immediate present our one and only concern is to win supremacy of the air for the Allies.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT HECKTON**  
Dauphin, Pa., Jan. 4.—The last of the series of Christmas entertainments, given by local churches, was held on Sunday evening in the Heckton Methodist Episcopal Church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the children showed the result of thorough training. Frank Bittig had charge of the entertainment. A large audience was present.

# STATE MUST KILL OFF ITS BAD ELK

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### Eleven Animals Which Raided Farms Are to Be Shot; Slackers to Be Arrested

The State Game Commission today authorized the killing of a herd of eleven elk which have been raiding farms in Blair county and which the game wardens have been unable to drive back to their mountain homes. The elk are part of the 200 head of such animals owned by the state and which were put out some years ago to propagate and are protected until 1921. Several weeks ago they began making trouble on farms and efforts to round them up proved futile. The killing will be done by game wardens under direction of officers and the animals will be butchered and the meat sent to hospitals.

Adjutant General Beary, who returned to the Capitol to-day from Washington where he conferred with slackers who failed to obey orders to go to camp would be summarily rounded up. He said that efforts were now being made to obtain names of such persons. General Beary estimated approximately 55,000 young men in Pennsylvania had become twenty-one since June when the registration was made under the draft and he estimated that in Class 1 of the men subject to the act. He felt confident that the new arrangement would relieve the burden in many communities where married men had been called.

**The Harrisburg Gas Company** has filed with the Public Service Commission notice of issuance of \$2,000 in first mortgage, five per cent, twenty-five year bonds to reimburse the treasury for extensions to plant made in 1917.

**Governor Brumbaugh** is to speak at Marysville on Sunday by invitation of the Ministerial Association.

**L. J. Decker**, of New Freedom, has been appointed a notary public.

**Edgar C. Gerwig**, secretary to William A. Stone, when governor, was at the Capitol to-day on business.

**Miss Margaret Grove**, of the executive department, who was painfully burned in an accident, is improving in many communities where the Overbrook steam heating complainants were heard by the Public Service Commission to-day. It was contended that the company was not maintaining proper service.

**The State Treasury to-day** received a letter from a resident of Bath, Scranton county, enclosing \$2.25 as interest which the writer felt was due the state. Some time ago the same person sent \$40 to the Treasury, declaring that it was tax which should have been paid the state years ago. To-day's letter was to the effect that the sender wished the state to have all to which it could be considered entitled and therefore forwarded interest for some years. The money was sent to the conscience fund.

**The Attorney General's Department** has given an opinion to the state supervisor of mothers' pension in which it is set forth that the purpose of the fund is to care for indig-

# Charles Meckley Wins One of Coveted Appointments

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### Heroic Efforts Required to Save Waterfront Controlled by Government

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**THE GLOBE STARTS SALE**  
As announced in yesterday's Telegraph, the sixth semiannual thousand suits and overcoat campaign of The Globe was inaugurated this morning at 8 o'clock. Several years ago this event was conceived by Ben Strouse, proprietor of the institution, since which time he has continued the event semiannually, and given the plan to merchants in other communities, where it has also been employed. In addition to clearance prices offered in the event, should the number of suits and overcoats sold by February 23 reach the thousand mark, purchasers will receive a bonus of five per cent. on their suit or overcoat purchased during the sale.

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5 Dozen Envelope Chemise  
Of crepe de chine, Value, \$5.00  
Special, \$2.79

10 Dozen Envelope Chemise  
Of crepe de chine, Values to \$3.95  
Special, \$1.95

Italian Silk Envelope Chemise  
Lace trimmed, Value, \$5.95  
Special, \$3.29

12 Crepe de Chine Night Gowns  
Values to \$6.95  
Special, \$3.79

2 Dozen White Shadow Proof Petticoats  
Value, \$1.50  
Special, 95c

Silk Jersey Bloomers  
Black and white, Value, \$2.50  
Special, \$1.50

20 Dozen Envelope Chemise  
Nainsook and batiste, lace trimmed and tailored, Values to \$2.50  
Special, 95c

25 Dozen Envelope Chemise  
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350 Night Gowns  
Flesh and white, 12 models, nainsook and batiste, lace trimmed and tailored, Value, \$1.95  
Special, \$1.15

Kayser's Silk Lisle Ribbed Union Suits  
With silk tops, Values to \$2.39  
Special, \$1.49

Night Gowns and Envelope Chemise  
Philippine hand embroidered, Values to \$5.95  
Special, \$3.49

Night Gowns and Envelope Chemise  
Philippine hand embroidered, Values to \$3.95  
Special, \$2.29

Petticoats  
Silk Jersey, taffetas, all suit shades and white, Value, \$5.00  
Special, \$3.59

Kayser's Phantom Silk Envelope Chemise Vests & Bloomers  
Value, \$4.75  
Special, \$2.50

Kayser's Silk Bloomers  
In black, white, flesh and khaki, Value, \$3.95  
Special, \$2.50

Camisoles  
Crepe de chine, satin and silk Jersey, Values to \$2.50  
Special, \$1.49

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