

**STATE CHAMBER GETS AN EXPERT**

University Professor Will Make Analysis of Bills and Appropriation Lists

The Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce has secured the services of Dr. C. H. Crennan, of the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, as Director of the Legislative and Research Bureau of the State Chamber.

In announcing the appointment of Dr. Crennan, Alba B. Johnson, President of the State Chamber, states that the functions of this Bureau will be:

"To make investigations relating to matters affecting the welfare of our membership and of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

"To scrutinize bills introduced into the Legislature to ascertain defects of form or legality. To draft bills when desired by any of our members or by members of the Legislature.

"To conduct impartial investigations as to the merits of proposed legislation, to determine what experience may have shown as to the operation of similar measures in other states and other countries. To prepare reports on any phase of state finance requiring investigation, and to analyze and report upon appropriation bills."

The appointment of Dr. Crennan provides a method by which the Wharton School and the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania can render substantial service to the state in research and investigation.

**HAVE TWO BOYS IN U. S. ARMY**



WILLIAM SCHELL



JACOB F. SCHELL

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Schell, 1906 Greenwood street, have made their family proud of them by their prompt response to Uncle Sam's call for fighting men. William has just been heard from "somewhere in France." He enlisted February 25, 1917, and is now a member of the Headquarters Company of the Twenty-sixth United States Infantry. Jacob F. Schell has been raised to the rank of corporal and is located at Camp Hancock, a member of Company A, One Hundred Third Supply Train. Both the Schell boys are in splendid health and speak highly of Uncle Sam's treatment of the soldier.

**SPROUL BOOSTS COMPENSATION**

Declares Admiration For the Pennsylvania System and Way It Is Administered

According to the Philadelphia North American of to-day Senator William C. Sproul yesterday gave the highest approval to the Pennsylvania compensation system and the manner in which it has been administered. The North American has been one of the newspapers which have steadily played up compensation matters and its attention is given to the Delaware Senator is significant.

The North American says Senator Sproul "strongly endorsed workmen's compensation." It tells of his visit to a session of the Compensation Board and quotes him as follows: "I have long been deeply interested in the subject of compensation and am justly proud of my support of this great humanitarian legislation."

"I have watched the development of the compensation in this state from its very start, and last spring, following the Edgemoor disaster in my home county, it was my experience to co-operate with Chairman Mackey toward facilitating compensation settlements for the victims. The ease and the promptitude through which these cases were disposed of made a deep impression upon me, and convinced me that the compensation board had established a practical machine to handle a volume of business exceeding that of any other state in the Union."

"Pennsylvania has been indeed fortunate in her compensation board, which has piloted a great stream of humanitarian enactments through the channel of experiment to the harbor of success. The act has now been in operation for two years, a full period for a test. Reports which I have received from every section of the state recite the highest laudation of the administration of the act."

"Capital is pleased because the board has not stooped to demagoguery, and is interpreting the act as it was written by the Legislature. The worker is pleased because he is assured of a square deal and because the offices throughout the state are wide open to him at all times. A better understanding has been developed between employer and employe, and no better indication of this can be cited than the fact that the board sponsored 75,000 agreements to pay compensation in the course of the year 1917."

"It is only fair to render full credit to Chairman Mackey and his assistants for the success of the compensation act. Without proper administration the act would have been a failure and the board to-day would be held up to censure and not to praise."

**Senate Committee Votes to Keep Rate Fixing Out of McAdoo's Hands**

Washington, Jan. 31.—On a test vote, the Senate committee on interstate commerce yesterday voted to have the Interstate Commerce Commission retain its rate-fixing power over the railroads even during the period of government control.

Senators on the committee voted 7 to 4 against giving the rate-fixing power to the Director General of Railroads, as the Administration bill provides, but Senator Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the committee, explained after the vote was taken, that it was a tentative vote and did not finally dispose of the question of rate-making power. He explained that Senator Underwood, of Alabama, had made the motion that the sentiment of the committee be learned and added that another vote will be required to dispose of the question finally.

Three Democratic Senators voted in favor of the interstate Commerce Commission retaining its power over rates and one Republican voted with five Democrats in favor of the Director General McAdoo having such power. The vote follows:

For the Interstate Commerce Commission — Democrats: Fomerene, Ohio; Gore, Oklahoma, and Underwood, Alabama.

Republicans: Cummins, Iowa; McLean, Connecticut; Michigan; and Kellogg, Minnesota.

For the Director General of Railroads — Democrats: Smith, South Carolina; Meyer, Montana; Johnson, Arkansas; Thompson, Kansas.

Republican: Poindexter, Washington.

**Farmers Desert Markets Because of Blocked Roads**

Harrisburg markets have been practically deserted by farmers except those living near the city, for the single reason that country roads are impassable, and the tardiness of county supervisors threatens to keep away the market man who lives any distance from Harrisburg for the next couple of weeks. At the recent agricultural convention here the subject of indifferent zeal on the part of county supervisors was taken up and discussed thoroughly. "Dozens of farmers complained that the road supervisors attended first to their own business and then if they had a little spare time put it on the roads."

It is said that this laggardness has resulted in the roads jamming so high with snow that traffic is nearly stopped. In some townships not a shovel full of snow has been taken from the choked highways. Many of the supervisors, it transpires, are not even supplied with any kind of a snow plough.

**Burning One's Barn O. K. in Arkansas**

Little Rock, Ark.—It's no crime in Arkansas to burn your own property, the Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled. It reversed the decision of the Benton county court, in convicting a man accused of burning his house, which was insured for more than its value. The court ruled the state laws do not mention cases where owners burn their property.

According to the state fire marshal, his department will be forced to drop about twenty cases. He will ask the next Legislature to amend the law.

**Farmer, "Doing" Town, Loses Auto, Roll, Coat**

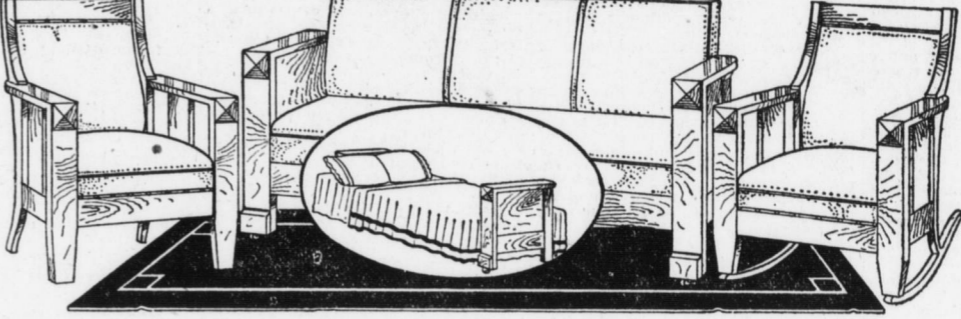
Memphis, Tenn.—W. W. Davidson, a farmer of Buntn, Tenn., drove his fliiver to Memphis and proceeded to do business. First he stopped at the home of an acquaintance, and when he returned to his machine his overcoat had disappeared. That night he walked into a motion picture show with \$50 in his pocket. When he came out the roll was gone. Discouraged, he decided to go home. But he remained in town that night. Somebody had made away with his automobile. That broke him all up.

**Burns' February Furniture Sale**

---the sale that all prospective furniture buyers will look upon as the crowning savings event of the kind--starts tomorrow, Friday Feb. 1st

It is an opportunity—a real opportunity—that can only be understood and appreciated when you take into consideration the immense buying and storage facilities of this house, the wonderful assortments, the superior grades and distinctive designs which have been procured, despite the times. This accomplishment is due to years of experience and forethought and NOW, when economies are most needed we are able to give you the BEST VALUES TO BE HAD ANYWHERE.

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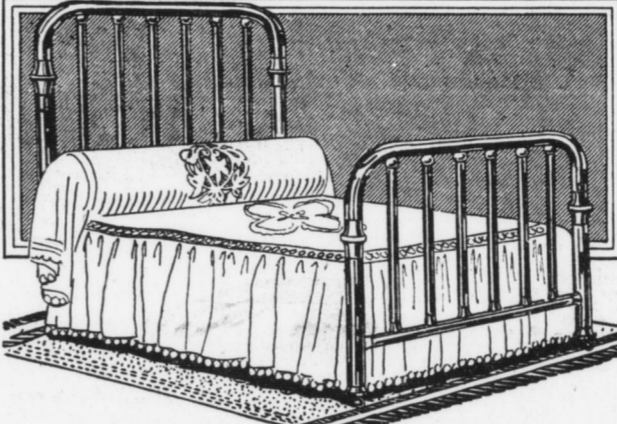


**Big Feature: 3 Piece Davenport Suit**

Bed Davenport, Chair and Rocker to Match—The davenport is full length and large, roomy and comfortable. It can easily and quickly be converted into a full-size bed. Under the seat is a spacious wardrobe. The arm chair and arm rocker match, making the complete suit ideal for living-room or library. Finished fumed oak. Upholstery in imitation brown Spanish leather.

February Furniture Sale Price Complete **\$52**

A Complete Assortment of Davenport Suits in All Finishes and All Desirable Upholsteries--At February Sale Prices



**Continuous Post Bed ---Massive Design**

February Sale Price **\$17.50**

An exceptional opportunity because good brass beds are very high and the February Sale provides a value most unusual. A Brass Bed is suitable for any style furniture and can be used with good taste in any room. Five one-inch filling rods instead of six, as shown in the picture. Continuous post. Velvet lacque.

A Large Range of Styles in Brass Beds at February Sale Prices

COME and look around the store and see what exceptional values in furniture for every room in the home can be had at great savings during this sale. In the face of present market prices and in looking into the future, the sensible purchaser will find all furniture needs now. Our easy-to-pay plan is a convenience that is helpful to everybody, irrespective of means.



**Quartered Oak Dresser**

February Price **\$29.50**

Like the picture—very attractive design, simple and graceful. The large bevel plate oval mirror is an exceptional feature. Full swell front, moulded top. The quartered oak is specially selected for its artistic grain.

Oak Dresser **\$13.50**

Three drawers and pattern mirror. Large size. Excellent construction.

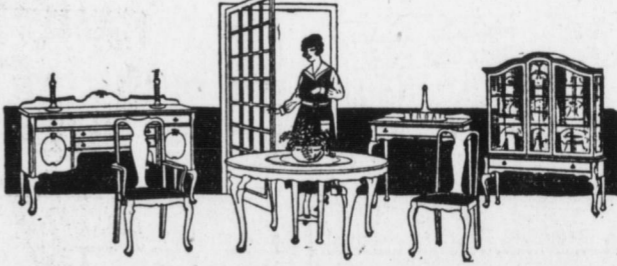
Oak Dresser **\$19.50**

Quartered oak, oval mirror, highly polished. Large drawers.

**Dining Room Furniture Values That Are Peerless**

Oak Dining Room Suits 8 Pieces Complete

February Sale Price **\$67**



**Very High Grade American Walnut Dining Room Suit--Ten Pieces**

The quality is the finest and the cabinet work will attract the eye of the most critical judge of furniture. The buffet is 60 inches long, china cabinet has square ends and bent glass door—with roomy lower drawer. 54-inch extension table. Serving table is unique, having double linen closets. Arm chair and 5 side chairs, high back, blue, genuine leather seats. Complete in the February Sale for **\$275**

Jacobean Quartered Oak Dining Suite

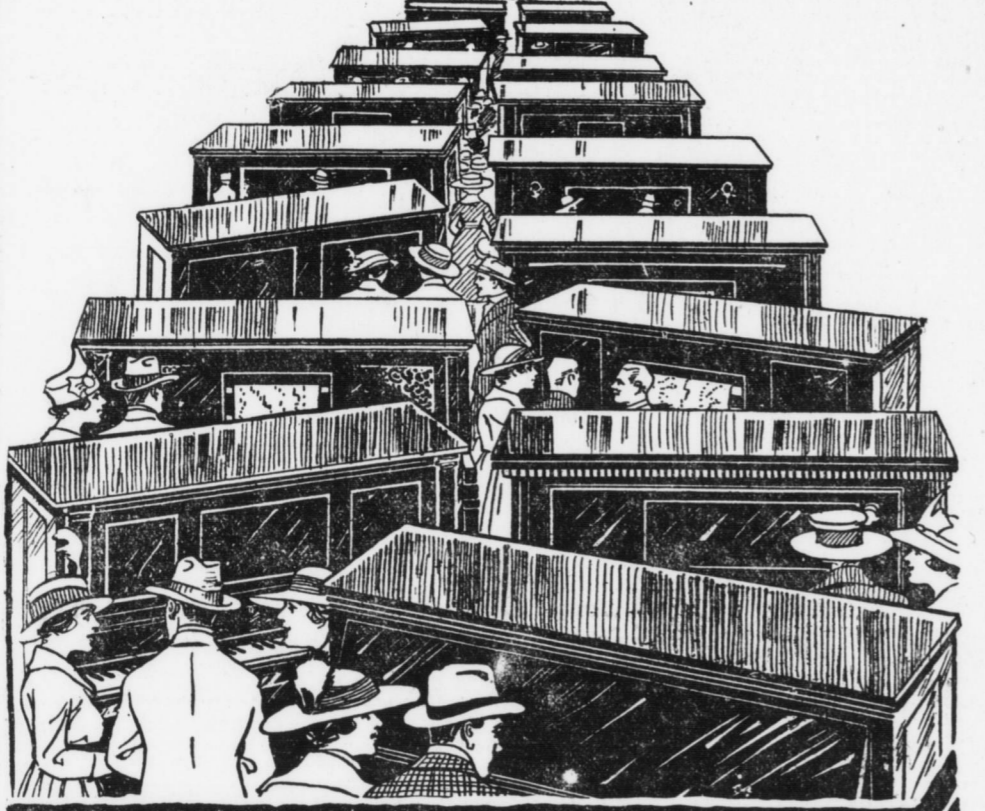
February Sale Price **\$149**

There are nine pieces in this suit. It is a beauty. Large buffet spacious china cabinet and large extension table with moulded top. The arm chair and five side chairs are upholstered in genuine Spanish leather. The suit will be an exceptional and attractive addition to any home.

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