

**STATE'S LATEST DEPARTMENT**

**Philadelphia Newspaper Discusses Plans For Consolidation of Conservation**

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin has this to say about the new Department of Conservation which will be created by the bill just reported favorably to the House of Representatives after having passed the Senate: "Pennsylvania's growing interest in the conservation of its natural resource is indicated in the enumeration of the State's protective measures set forth in Senator Buckman's bill for the creation of a new department of the State Government to be known as the Department of Conservation. The new department's purpose, which is now under consideration by the Senate, embodies many of the suggestions set forth by the Economy and Efficiency Commission and would merge into one department the powers now held by the Board of Game Commissioners, the Fishery Commission, the State Forestry Reservation Commission, the Water Supply Commission, the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Forestry as well as to abolish the offices of the Chief Game Protector, the Commissioner of Fisheries and the Commissioner of Forestry."

But it is the listing of the specified duties of the new Department which is chiefly of interest as indicating how the State system of protecting the public in the enjoyment of what are essentially public rights and property has grown. No fewer than forty-one sections of the Buckman bill are devoted to this end and in the classification and description of the numerous statutes adopted for the purpose of establishing and protecting preserves, the acquisition of lands and safeguarding of natural resources, together with the general supervision of the timber lands and water supply of the State and its game and fish, they show how, in the course of a few administrations, all these subjects have been brought under State control.

"Many of the laws relating to these subjects are of recent origin. The oldest of the existing agencies that would be merged into the Department of Conservation dates only from 1895 and the other branches which would become subordinate bureaus of the new Department, are among the youngest and newest branches of the State Government. But on this work there is expended now nearly a million dollars a year, while nearly three hundred employees are engaged directly in protecting the public lands."

"Philadelphia's interests are touched directly and indirectly by the operation of the existing agencies in numerous ways. The hunter and the fisherman know of the requirements of the Game Commissioners and of the work of the Fish Commission at the Torresdale and Erie hatcheries, both of which affect not only the pleasures and pastimes of the sportsman, but also the supply of such foods in the local markets. Of larger interests to the city, however, is the broadening system of State protection regarding the sources of water supply, a State-wide survey of which has been under way for the past four years. Thus, in addition to the regulations which the Public Service Commission imposes upon the private water companies, whose operations sometimes tend toward diminishing the supply of cities and towns, the present Water Supply Commission especially supervises this subject at present."

"Of added concern now is the fact that the proposed merger of the Forestry Department and the Water Supply Commission would place all the water sheds and water courses under one control. In this way not only is it suggested would there be an increased patrol of the river banks, with the intention of anticipating and preventing pollution and thereby lessening the danger of bacteria in the water, but the vast acreage of the huge water sheds needed to supply the primary sources would be under State protection. The buying of forest lands for a new source for Philadelphia's supply, the laying of pipelines or of aqueducts, the construction of dams and impounding reservoirs, would all be among the subjects of the department's control. In this way, following up the work already in charge of the Water Supply Commission, all the streams and water courses, mountain brooks and forest rivulets, would be under State control. The quantity and flow of water determined, the limits of consumption determined, and the allotments of each county determined in this fashion does the State recognize that county control does not suffice in this regard and that the large cities and more thickly populated areas have State as well as local natural resources to be protected by the State's agencies of conservation, with a view as to the future, as well as to merely the present needs."

**Public Dances Will Be Under the Mayors**

Every dance held in a city of the first, second or third classes in Pennsylvania, with the possible exception of Lancaster which operates under a special charter of its own, for which an admission is charged will have to be conducted under a license from the mayor's office on and after a week from next Monday. And each dance will have to stop at one o'clock in the morning unless a special dispensation is granted by the mayor upon application.

These are essential features of the Walker bill signed by the Governor to-day and effective June 1. It is one of the most far-reaching acts of this session and will affect hundreds of dances for which an admission is charged and which are "conducted in connection with instruction in dancing, for hire and any dance or ball to which admission may be had by the payment of a fee or by the purchase, possession or presentation of a ticket or token or in connection with which a charge is made for raising for clothing or other property." The bill provides that no persons or any organization shall hold a dance after June 1 without obtaining a permit from the mayor at a rate of one dollar. Furthermore, every dance hall where dances are held for which admission of any kind is charged, is to secure an annual license. The licenses shall be \$10 a year for dances conducted in connection with classes and \$15 for halls rented for dances.

Wide police powers are conferred in the mayor and his policemen and violations are punishable by \$25 fine.

**ON TO HER STRATEGY**  
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