

CONSTITUTION STUDY ORDERED

Governor Signed the Bill Providing For a Commission; Other Bills Approved

Governor William C. Sprull has signed the bill providing that the constitution of the State shall be studied with a view to revision by a commission of twenty-five which is to make a report to the General Assembly of 1921 so that it can pass for the first time resolutions submitting such changes as are deemed necessary to the people. The succeeding Legislature would then be called upon to pass them so that the alterations in the organic law of the State may be voted upon in 1923. The plan of having the constitution studied for revision instead of providing for a constitutional convention was adopted after soundings of sentiment throughout the State.

The commission will be known as the Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision and its twenty-five members will be appointed by the Governor being specially charged in the act to make a study of the needs of the people of the State and what is most conducive to their welfare. It may determine whether the change should be recommended to the people by amendment or by general revision. The commission is to report to the next Legislature not later than the first Monday of February with its recommendations in detail and drafts of proposed amendments. The members are to receive no compensation other than expenses and the commission has authority to appoint such secretaries and clerks as it may deem necessary and to direct to co-operate. Rooms in buildings owned or leased by the State "shall as far as possible be available for the use of the commission" and the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings will provide suitable quarters at the State Capitol for the use of the commission and its employees. The State will handle all the printing. The bill carries an appropriation of \$60,000.

Other bills signed were: Senate. Validating municipal claims for improvement of roadways and sidewalks where defects have been found in ordinances and notice provisions not following. Regulating construction of State highways in boroughs and providing that pipes, wires, tracks, etc., be repaired or improved as ordered by State Highway Commissioner before work is undertaken. Authorizing building and loan associations to invest in Federal home loan bonds. Quietening title of realty in sales of properties of bankrupts.

House. Providing that rate of interest for small loans shall not exceed three and a half per cent per month and that no fines, fees or other charges shall be permitted. Providing method for collection of taxes due after expiration of bonds of collectors. Authorizing issuance of subpoenas in investigation of conduct of members of bars of the several courts. Amending borough codes to authorize boroughs to provide guttering. Increasing authority of State Board of Pharmacy in regard to recognition of colleges of pharmacy.

Ten Girls Present Victory Pageant at McConnellsburg. McConnellsburg, Pa., June 7.—The annual commencement exercises of the McConnellsburg High School began with the annual baccalaureate sermon to the graduates by the Rev. Edward Jackson. The service was held in the auditorium and the devotional part of the sermon was conducted by the Rev. William J. Lowe. A number of fine musical numbers were rendered by a chorus choir in charge of Mrs. C. B. Stevens. The graduation exercises this year were somewhat different from the usual custom, and the ten girls of the class presented a war or victory pageant. The Rev. William J. Lowe led in the devotional exercises and the following was the program of the evening: "Battle Hymn of the Republic," chorus; prologue, Amy Clevenger; "America," instrumental; "Victory," Helen Daniels; Belgian national air, chorus; "Belgium," Catharine Clevenger; "Belgian Children," Helen Ott and Kathryn Mosser; Serbian national air, chorus; "Serbia," Thelma Glazier; Italian national air, chorus; "Italy," Bessie Clevenger; British national air, chorus; "Britannia," Mildred Hull; "The Marseillaise," chorus; "Joan of Arc," Marian Hessler; "France," Margaret Mellot; "Hall, Columbia," chorus; "Goddess of Liberty," Anna Noodal; "America," Kattie Harris; "Star Spangled Banner," chorus; conferring of diplomas, by the Rev. J. L. Grove; address to the graduating class, Dr. George W. Hull, department of mathematics, Millersville State Normal School; benediction, the Rev. J. L. Grove.

Many Guests at Surprise Party For Mrs. D. P. Stokes. Blain, Pa., June 7.—Guests at a surprise party held for Mrs. Stokes, wife of Postmaster D. P. Stokes, included: Mrs. N. G. Kerstetter, Mrs. C. B. Hench, Mrs. Caroline Kistler, Mrs. Mary Stroup, Mrs. D. W. Sheaffer, Mrs. W. H. Sheaffer, Mrs. Mary E. Henry, Mrs. C. E. Oxenford, Mrs. N. K. Bistling, Mrs. F. A. Gutschall, Mrs. E. C. Kistler, the Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Wible, Mrs. H. C. Henry, Mrs. Walter Fry, Mrs. D. C. Dromgold, Mrs. Samuel Reed, Mrs. C. O. Gray, Mrs. Samuel Wentz, Mrs. Jennie Gutschall, Mrs. E. D. Boyer, Mrs. W. B. Adams, Mrs. Malinda Shreffler, Mrs. F. W. Dimm, Mrs. R. K. Hench, Mrs. H. W. Woods, Mrs. F. A. Kern, Mrs. W. T. Dromgold, Mrs. J. C. Rickard, Mrs. G. D. Martin, Miss Minnie Fisher, Miss Mary B. Gutschall, Mrs. R. M. Smith, Mrs. Creigh Patterson, Mrs. Harry Dunkelberger, Mrs. W. E. Stokes, Mabel and Lulu Fry, Helen Kathryn and Romaine Kistler, Donald Henry, George, Dick and Sara Marie Patterson; Charlotte Shreffler, June and Kathryn Hench, Helen, Isabelle and Roxie Dromgold; Elmore, Clinton and Lester Stokes; Lloyd, Gerald, Glen and Naomia Wible; Mrs. I. L. Smith and daughter, Miss Evelyn Smith, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Orle Smith and three children, of Maytown.—Women of the Lutheran Church are planning a festival for June 21.—Vocational School Drama Club will present the drama, "A Noble Outcast," in the Town Hall on June 14.

EVERETT HOME TALENT IN "PERILS OF A GREAT CITY"



Everett, Pa., June 7.—The production of the four-act melodrama, "Perils of a Great City," by local talent, under the auspices of Everett Fire Company, for the purpose of a new motor hose truck, recently at Everett and Hopewell, was a success, the gross receipts amounting to \$250. The cast was composed of Leslie Hollinger, director; William Grove, J. Boham, Floyd Steckman, H. S. Williams, part in the entertainment were as follows: Orchestra:—Prof. Max Bechhoefer, violin; Webster Van Horn, violin; Miss Mayme Cooper, cornet; Miss Flora Bechhoefer, pianist. Specialties by Charles Cox, W. C. Karns, William Howard, Allen Amick, Elton Pee, Espy Diehl, Catherine Cox and Lela Price, Miss Gertrude Stoutour, pianist; Miss Beatrice S. Myers, soloist. Play Committee—Charles Cox, chairman; Charles Diehl, W. C. Karns, J. W. Pee and Harry S. Williams.

Railroad Deficit Is \$58,000,000 For April

Washington, June 7.—Director General Hines estimated today that the railroad administration incurred a deficit of approximately \$58,000,000 in April, making a total deficit of \$250,000,000 for the first four months of the year. The Director General reiterated, however, his previously expressed judgment that present economic conditions were too unsettled to afford a safe basis for increasing rates to the necessity for increased rates.

Bill Provides For Employment Service

Washington, June 7.—Establishment of a national employment service under the Department of Labor with an initial appropriation of \$4,000,000 for 1920, is proposed in a bill drafted by the Department and introduced by Chairman Kenyon, of the Senate Labor Committee. A director general of the employment service at \$5,000, appointed by the President, would have charge of the work.

Anawille.—Mrs. Philo Statton and son Philip of Hagerstown, Md., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brightbill. Misses Elizabeth Kreider and Laura Millard of Walnut Lane school, Germantown, and Goucher College, Baltimore, Md., respectively are spending the summer vacation here with their parents here. Mrs. Charles Lichty of Reading visited her brother Abraham Herr and family recently. H. H. Shenk delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of the Newville High school on Thursday evening.

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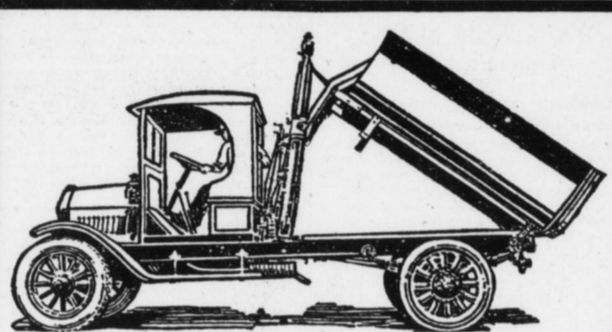
SEDITION BILL IS AMENDED

Latest Changes Make New Offences; Other Amendments Found in the Bill

Two amendments of considerable importance have been made to the anti-sedition bill which his just made its appearance on the House floor after being in the judiciary general committee. The provision making it an offense to rent a room, hall or building to persons who may engage in seditious conduct, to which much objection was raised, has been cut out, but it is made seditious to "make or cause to be made" any outbreak or demonstration of violence or to give or distribute prints or other printed or written matter which furthers or teaches or advocates sedition as defined in the bill, while terrorism or violence used to accomplish "a change in government."

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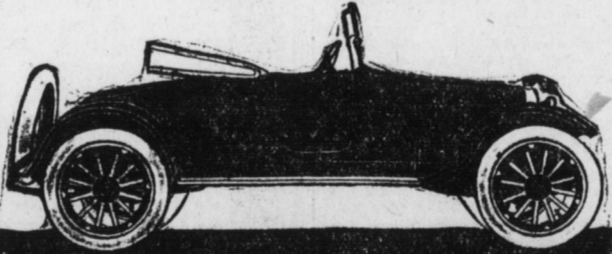
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OAKLAND SENSIBLE SIX

The bill will be up for final action next week in the House. The Eyre volunteer police bill has been amended so that volunteer police must act in calls for suppression of sedition as a matter of duty. Both of these bills have been amended in accord with administration ideas and will be supported by the administration forces in the House next week.

Only counties having less than 750,000 population are included in the Mallery bill regulating deposit of county funds under an amendment just made. Senate amendments to the Ditch bill on the jurisdiction of the Allegheny county court take away the right of appeal from that court to the superior and supreme courts. Some unusual arrangements for meetings are included in amendment operations on the Curran bill providing for memorial halls to be erected by counties in honor of soldiers, and the community meeting place idea seems to have prevailed. On petition of 500 citizens such a hall is to be erected and if grand juries do not approve the county commissioners must submit the project to the voters of the county. The tax for erection of a hall can not exceed two mills. The halls must provide rooms for farm bureaus.

county medical societies, sons of veterans, organizations, rifle and trap shooting associations, visiting athletic teams from colleges and schools and county athletic organizations with dressing room facilities. The halls are to be controlled by boards consisting of the judges, county commissioners and two citizens and two others to be named by veterans' organizations, including all wars the president judge to appoint.

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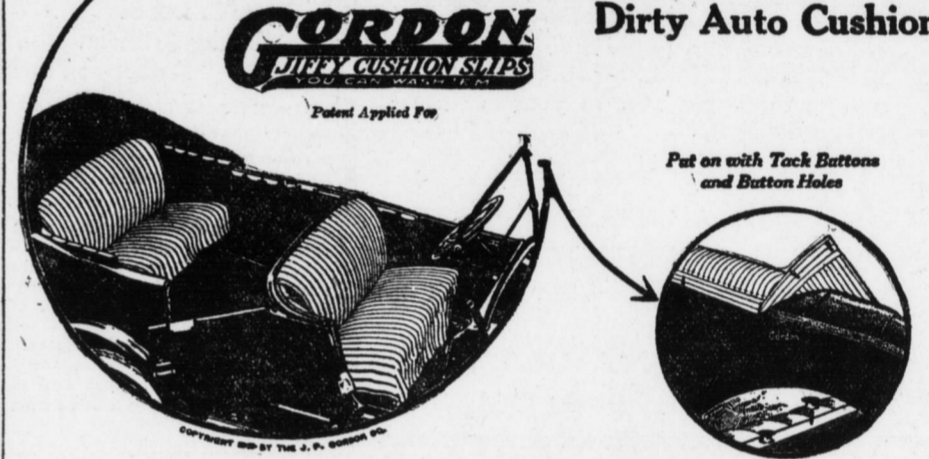
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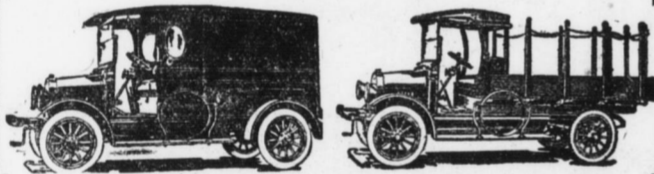
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