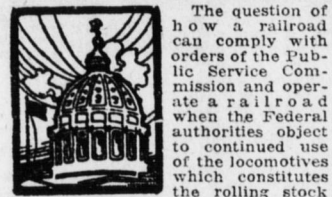


FEDERAL-STATE ORDERS CLASH

Public Service Commission Will Have Unusual Case to Hear Next Tuesday



The question of how a railroad can comply with orders of the Public Service Commission and operate a railroad when the Federal authorities object to continued use of the locomotives which constitute the rolling stock of the road and there is no other motive power available, will be threshed out before the Commission here next Tuesday.

First applications from telephone companies which have been in competition for permission to merge have been filed with the Commission by companies in Crawford county. This is permitted under an act of 1911. The United Natural Gas and Clarion Gas Companies also want to merge.

The Commission has several important cases listed for next week, including complaint of the late H. C. Frick against steam heat classifications for Pittsburgh some time ago without obtaining State approval and started to sell its rails to junk dealers.

The complaint against the new rates of the Lykens Valley Electric Company, and the Lewistown-Redeeds trolley regulations in Lewistown are to be heard by the Public Service Commission next Wednesday.

According to the way men connected with the statistical bureau of the State Department of Agriculture figure it out, farm wages went up 12 per cent and the average price of farm products in Pennsylvania went down about 5 per cent during the year 1919.

up 12 per cent and the average price of farm products in Pennsylvania went down about 5 per cent during the year 1919. Hay and buckwheat showed the most marked average, declines going from \$28.05 per ton to \$25.45 for hay and \$1.66 to \$1.40 for buckwheat. The other declines were small, wheat, oats and potatoes being an average of a cent. The average farm wage with board paid in Pennsylvania this year is given as \$4.04, against \$3.68 in 1918, when it also advanced. The average daily wage went from \$2.30 to \$2.53 on the farm, while figures on harvest hands showed an average of \$3.25 against an average for 1918 of \$2.95. Female help on the farm commanded an average of \$5.53 a week against \$4.80.

Pennsylvania will have a million dollars set aside for its permanent fire insurance fund next week, this being the accumulation made in less than four years under the operation of the act of 1915 which provided for the State to carry its own fire insurance. The act provided that various items, including interest, should go to establish the fund and that when it reaches \$1,000,000 the items should go to the general cash balance of the Commonwealth and the fund should stand. As most of the State buildings are fireproof, the belief is that a million dollars will be ample and the State will stop paying insurance premiums and carry its own insurance. Just how the fund would be replenished in event of a big fire is interesting to some people.

Pennsylvania farmers' institutes, which were started on December 1 and had an interruption because of Christmas week, will be started again on Monday in Beaver, Mercer, Forest and Centre counties. A continuous schedule has been arranged for January, most of the meetings having been cut down to one day. In a number of instances meeting places have also been changed.

Charters being issued by the State the last few months have shown a big increase in companies for the sale and care of automobiles and also for operation of garages. Most of the enterprises start out with good sized capital and some of them are apparently community affairs, judging from the number of incorporators given. Other companies which are showing an increase in number are for the manufacture of silk. Most of those incorporated lately are for the manufacture of silk.

The State Compensation Board will resume its sessions on January 6 when a meeting will be held here, followed by three days in Philadelphia. Dr. Lee L. Driver, the director of the new State Bureau of Rural Education, will assume his duties in the Department of Public Instruction the middle of January. He will immediately begin preparations for a survey of rural conditions together with men familiar with the situation in various counties in this State.

Capitol Hill people are awaiting with the greatest interest developments over this weekend in State politics. The last Saturday of the old year is always a time when there are gatherings of men prominent in Republican politics at Philadelphia, it being a time when there are numerous dinners. Some of the gossip going to-day concerns prominent State officials. The Philadelphia Inquirer says that there is talk of State Comptroller of Banking John S. Fisher for auditor general and of Judges A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, and S. B. Sadler, of Carlisle, for Supreme Court Justice. The Press says that the much rumored "fight" between Joseph R. Grundy and State Chairman William E. Crow was "likely to be called off," saying that W. J. Baker, secretary of the Republican State committee had ironed things out. The Press was very positive that there was going to be a direful fight a week ago.

Justice Robert Von Moschieser, of the Supreme Court, will administer the oath to Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore when he takes office in Philadelphia. The new Delaware river bridge commission yesterday furthered its work and started toward getting plans. The cost will run about \$20,000,000. The State Board of Pharmacy has brought suit against Dr. T. C. Harter, a prominent Columbia county doctor on the charge of violating the narcotic act. Two violations are charged. Dr. Harter has given bail for court and will fight the charges. Warden R. J. McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, says that he intends to speak on the attacks against him and to reveal the animus behind the whole matter.

WELL KNOWN NEW CUMBERLAND RESIDENT DEAD AT HOME. Jacob N. Ross, well-known resident of New Cumberland, died on Christmas night. For forty years he was a member of Baughman Memorial Methodist Church, of New Cumberland. He served in borough council several terms and was at one time borough tax collector. He was a member of Riverside council, No. 87, Order of Independent Americans and Simon Cameron Circle, No. 90, Brotherhood of American. For 25 years he was a dairyman in New Cumberland. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Platts and Mrs. Frank Downey, of Harrisburg; two sons, E. N. Ross and E. J. Ross, and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Middletown

TO BURY VICTIM OF CARS SUNDAY

Funeral Services For Herbert Hoffman to Be Held at Home and Church

The funeral of the late Herbert Hoffman, the young man who lost an arm in the yards of the car plant, when thrown under a car, and who died at the Harrisburg Hospital, will take place from the home of his parents, near Hillsdale, to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and at 10 services will be held in the Geyer Church at Hillsdale. Burial will be made in the cemetery adjoining the church. The Revs. Brinser and Rhodes will have charge of the services.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Church of God, held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. A. Healey, in East Main street, last evening.

Le Roy R. Rohrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rohrer, and Miss Bertha M. Butts, of Pottstown, were united in marriage on Christmas Day by Justice of the Peace, George K. Rife. They will reside at the home of the groom's parents for the present.

Miss Dorothy George, of North Union street, is entertaining the following houseparty guests: Miss Margaret Rupp, Frederick, Md.; Miss Florence Haines, Lebanon; Miss Ruth Light, Jersey City; Miss Elizabeth Ritzburg, Shenandoah, Va.; Stewart Collins, Baltimore, Md.; Harry Krouse, Caldwell, N. J., and Garvin Ross, Lancaster.

George Carr, Baltimore, who spent the week-end in town with his family, returned to that place to-day, accompanied by his daughter, Margaret Carr, who will spend a week there with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beckey, of Milton, are visiting relatives in town for a week.

The Liberty Band which serenaded Middletown people on Christmas Day, in their new uniforms, collected nearly \$600.

The Middletown Praying Band will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clouser, Sr., Susquehanna street, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowers and Miss Rose Bowers are visiting relatives in Ephrata.

Mr. Alexander Conley, and son Alexander, Jr., of Philadelphia, are spending several days in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Fuhrman.

Harry Ryan, who spent the past week in town with his parents, returned to Texas. He has six months more to serve in the Army.

John Schaeffer, of Philadelphia, who spent the week-end in town with relatives, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fox, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. O. M. Swartz.

Miss Rena Park, who spent several weeks in New York City, studying settlement work, is home.

Mrs. Harry Jacoby and son Harry, Jr., of Sharon, Pa., are spending sometime in town as guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benson, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ella Ackerman.

Academy Honor Roll For December Announced

The debating teams of the Roman and Greek clubs at the Harrisburg Academy have been announced by Professor Steward, who is in charge of the public speaking. The subject of the debate and date will be announced shortly. The makeup of the team includes: Henry Douglas, Edward Green, Wendall Morgenthaler and Edward Good, alternate. The Greeks, Joel Earnest, Harden Galbraith, Thomas Wickersham and Kirk Meyer, alternate.

The honor roll for the month of December shows a decided improvement, with the Romans leading the Greeks in their race for the Vance C. McCormick cup. The monthly standing follows:

The Greeks on the first honor are: William Bee, Charles De Gauge, Joel Earnest, Ray Garman, Frederick Lamb, James A. Mars, James Fry, Mercereau, James Jearson, Donald Royal, Kenneth Sweeney, Thomas Wickersham and William Young. Second honors, William Abbott, Francis Ambler, Donald Brainerd, Daniel Bacon, Charles Doehne, Hallett Day, Charles Fox, James Fox, Harden Galbraith, Charles Hastings, Alvin J. Hastings, Anton Hardt, George Jakeway, Raymond Kasson, Frank Lindington, Disbrow Lloyd, Richard Meredith, John G. McGuire, Frederick McGuire, Bernard Myers, Charles Rouse, Richard Shepp, Robert Smith, Samuel Starkey, Frederick Snyder, William Stacey and Pedro Zorrilla.

The Romans on the first honor are: Henry Baxter, Frank Barber, Philip Brown, Jack Bent, Marcus Drake, Theodore Faxon, Foster Fry, Robert Haslett, Alfred Jennings, David Motter, John Moffitt, Wendall Morgenthaler, Conway Olmsted and Robert Shirley.

Second honors, Alvin Bixler, Russell Baldwin, William Bennethum, LeRoy Conylyman, Henry Douglas, Harvey Emminger, William Elmer, Jr., Howard Eldridge, Paul England, George Fredericks, Henry Gilbert, Edward Green, D. Hastings Hickok, John Kelley, Frederick Martin, Donald Martin, John McLean, Sidney Milner, Henry Omwake, George Reilly, Austin Starkey, Rufus Benson, Louis Williams, Earl White. On the closing day of school Professor Steward announced the debating teams that will speak about March 30.

Veteran Firemen Name Candidates For New Year

At a meeting of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association held last evening at 923 North Third street, the following nominations for 1920 were made: President, T. S. Cless; vice-president, Charles P. Meek; recording secretary, George C. McCahan; financial secretary, J. H. Rudy; treasurer, H. O. Holsteln; trustee for three years, E. L. Tittle.

Other nominations included: House committee, Harry Ellis, H. O. Holsteln, W. W. Hodge, George Emminger, H. W. Rodenhaver, and Joseph Gillett; auditors, Charles P. Meek, T. S. Clessinger; membership committee, H. E. Hankley, Charles Sprucebank, and F. L. Garverich; delegate to State Firemen's convention, George C. McCahan and John F. Gorman; alternate Fred Simons; delegate to Dauphin County Firemen's convention, Fred Simons and George Emminger; delegate to the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association convention, J. H. Rudy, W. L. Jaus and E. L. Tittle.

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