

URGE ADOPTION OF PENSION BILL

School Teachers Want Act Providing for Retirement With Pay From State

OFFICERS FOR 1915 ELECTED

Treasurer Keck Is Continued in Same Office for Twenty-second Year—Declares He Wants to See Brumbaugh President of United States

At the closing session of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association at Technical High school this morning, it was voted to recommend to the next Legislature the adoption of an act for the retirement of superannuated and incapacitated teachers of the State, suggestions were made by Chairman P. E. Downes, of the legislative committee, resolutions presented by the committee for that purpose were adopted, minor changes were made in the wording of the constitution of the association, Scranton was selected as the next meeting place, officers were elected for the ensuing year and adjournment followed.

The officers as nominated by committee and unanimously elected, are: President, H. H. Bush, of Altoona; secretary, Miss Margaret Maguire, of Philadelphia; secretary, Dr. J. P. McCaskey, of Lancaster; treasurer, David S. Keck, of Kutztown; member executive committee, Clifford B. Connelly, Pittsburgh, and representative of general association in the educational council, C. D. Keck, of Harrisburg. The treasurer, David S. Keck, was today elected to that office for the twenty-second consecutive year. He was voted an increase in salary.

Provisions of Pension Act The tentative act for the retirement of Pennsylvania teachers, as submitted by the educational council for the consideration of the members of the association, provides that the succeeding contributions from their salaries toward the proposed pension fund, the pensions to be paid to those who are retired at 60 years of age, having taught no less than thirty years, out of the money contributed by themselves, together with funds appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature.

In the preliminary discussion of the act, it was pointed out that there are now in this country a total of 1,500 pension bills of various kinds in operation, that in but two States are the teachers' pensions paid by State appropriation only, and that the amounts paid in those States are very low. It is believed that under the provisions of the proposed act, the State would pay about half of the required pension money, the teachers themselves paying the other half. Such an arrangement, however, is not definitely called for in the act as drafted.

Revision of Laws Wanted Superintendent Downes, of the Harrisburg public schools, as chairman of the legislative committee presented a recommendation that the succeeding legislative committee direct its efforts toward the providing of an increased appropriation for the public schools of the State, so that teachers may receive the increased minimum salary of five dollars a month as provided in the School Code, that the work of vocational schools may be continued and that the general aid to all school directors be increased; also toward providing for the revision of laws relating to rural education, for a State-wide plan for the retirement of teachers in conformity with the educational council's report, and finally for a revision of the present child labor laws, particularly in order that educational and health tests may be less flexible and that labor certificates when not in use be returned.

Resolutions adopted at the suggestion of the resolutions committee, W. S. Hertzog, chairman, were to the effect that at least two inspectors of rural schools be appointed, that the legislative committee work for a vocational appropriation in the Legislature of two million dollars for the public schools, that more money be set apart for regular high school appropriations, that larger sums be paid toward non-resident high school tuition, that a more adequate amount be appropriated for normal schools, that provisions of the school code with reference to minimum salary be made effective by adequate appropriation, that the efforts of the department of public instruction in organizing agricultural and vocational schools be approved; that appreciation be expressed for the services of officers and committees and for the welcome extended by teachers, citizens, press and local school boards, and that Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, a member of the association, be congratulated upon his recent election as Governor of Pennsylvania.

Favors Brumbaugh for President Treasurer Keck, in presenting his report, in which he gave this city and its superintendent, Dr. Downes, special credit for its large enrollment, expressed satisfaction that Dr. Brumbaugh attended this year's session as Governor-elect of Pennsylvania, and uttered the hope that at the 1916 session Dr. Brumbaugh would be present as President-elect of the United States. Applause followed the statement.

There was no opposition to Scranton as the seat of next year's convention, Wilkes-Barre had been in the field, but withdrew in favor of Scranton.

Addresses preceding this morning's business session were made by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction on "The Peace Movement," and by Dr. W. Grant Chambers, of the University of Pittsburgh, on "The Rural School of the Future."

Last Night's Addresses Addresses before the teachers at the Technical auditorium last night, were delivered by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, of New York City, on "Education for the Art of Life," and by Dr. O. T. Corson, of Columbus, O., on "The Three C's in Education."

Dr. Griggs' lecture was intended to impress upon the audience the fact that not English, nor natural science, nor any other particular subject should be considered as the guiding star in a curriculum, but that the child itself should be the North Star of education.

CAPITOL HILL

AUTO LICENSE BUREAU WILL BE OPEN TO-MORROW

Rush for Tags So Great Capitol Hill Does Not Count—Other Capitol Hill Departments Will Be Closed All Day—Governor Tener Returns

While every other department on Capitol Hill is preparing to celebrate New Year's Day at home the employees of the automobile registration department of the highway department will keep open to receive applications for licenses.

71 MILES OF PAVED STREETS

City Highway Department Report Shows 2.41 Miles Paved in 1914—\$1,269,500 in Buildings

The City Highway Department this morning issued a report containing a resume of the improvement work made by and under the supervision of that department during the year, including street paving and grading and sewer construction. A trifle less than two and one-half miles of streets were paved in the last twelve months—2.41 miles to be exact—making the total amount of streets now paved 71.89 miles.

More than six miles of sewers were constructed in forty-nine street sections, something over two miles of streets were graded and 322 permits for new buildings or building alterations were granted by the building inspector. The sewer work cost \$67,506.70 while the paving cost \$86,726.98. In each case the bulk of that money will be paid by the property owners through the assessment plan.

Building operations during the year included 325 new brick buildings; 28 frame houses; 59 new brick buildings of other kind; 20 frame houses and 22 stone, iron or concrete buildings. These were constructed at an estimated cost of \$1,269,500. That amount, while less than the total during 1912 and 1913, is about on the average, the difference in each of the last five years being trifling.

The greatest amount of improvement work was done in the Tenth ward, the work costing \$265,350, while the Sixth ward got the booby prize with a total cost of only \$7,425. The Spring creek street, to the Susquehanna river, a distance of more than a mile, was a big boost to the city's record for sewer building. It was built by G. W. Ensign at a cost of \$29,494.61.

The absence of money to cover the cost of paving street intersections was due mainly to the fact that few streets were paved and little work done along that line during 1914. The same will be true during 1915 since the voters disapproved the plan to float a \$50,000 loan to cover additional paving work.

HEPTASOPHS PLAN VISIT

Will Be Guests of Marysville Chapter Saturday Night

Many members of the local conclave of the Improved Order of Heptasophs are planning to pay a visit to the Marysville chapter Saturday night, January 2. The members will meet at the square at 7 o'clock and take the Marysville car.

Preliminary arrangements are nearly complete for the entertainment and reception to be given by the allied association of all the conclaves in Harrisburg and vicinity. Great interest is being shown in the entertainment, which will be held Tuesday night, January 26, in the Technical High school auditorium. Dauphin conclave, the largest in this city, is taking much interest in the entertainment. All Heptasophs, their wives and friends are invited to attend the affair. Benjamin Nead, of this city, will make the opening address and among the features will be a chorus of twenty German singers from Steelton.

On the committee on arrangements are the following: E. E. Ewing, E. J. Malsh, W. W. Britsch, Howard Bolger and L. O. Phillips.

FAVORS FOUR-YEAR TERMS

League Also Wants a Municipal Representative in Governor's Cabinet

The Pennsylvania State League of the Third Class, which intends asking the next Legislature to adopt certain recommendations as amendments to the Clark commission form of government law, under which Harrisburg is now operating, and which league was in session in Harrisburg yesterday, will urge legislation under which the Governor would appoint a member of his cabinet who would represent the municipalities of the State.

The cabinet member is to be styled the "Superintendent of Municipal Affairs." This was suggested by Mayor Ira W. Stratton, of Reading, and the plan coincides with one of the points Charles A. Miller, Harrisburg's City Clerk, laid down in his address at the York convention of the league held in 1910. A committee will draft the necessary legislation to cover the suggestion.

The league endorsed the proposed amendment under which the City Commissioners' tenure of office will continue for four years instead of two as is now provided.

WEST END DEMOCRATS MEET

John H. Maloney Again Is Selected to Head the Club

At its annual meeting, held in the club rooms, 1702 North Third street, last evening, the West End Democratic Club re-elected John H. Maloney to the club presidency and other officers were re-elected, as follows:

Luther F. Kast, vice president; William McAlister, secretary; Fred L. Morgenthaler, treasurer. The following trustees were chosen: Elmer E. Holbert, Edward Weber and H. F. Peters; membership committee, Fred L. Morgenthaler, Michael J. Fogarty and Elmer E. Holbert.

Mummers Hold Dance

Catherine Mary Frick, the deaf, dumb and blind girl, the State's ward at Mt. Airy Institute, danced with her father, William L. Frick, 94 North Seventeenth street, at the ball given last evening in Winterdale hall. The dance was fairly well attended and was the last effort on the part of the Mummers' Association to raise money for the fantastic parade to-morrow.

A skeptic is merely a person who doesn't share the good opinion you have of yourself.

CAN'T BAR COLORED RACE FROM SEATS IN THEATRES

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advised by the court's decree that he may call George for sentence at any time. Counsel for the theatre proprietor this morning said the case will be taken to the appellate courts.

So far as the records show this is the first decision of its kind ever rendered by a Dauphin county court judge. Some lawyers, who this morning read the decision, announced that they have colored clients in whose behalf they intend bringing like proceedings against Dauphin county merchants, alleging similar discrimination.

At the trial of the George case, which was conducted early in 1913, witnesses declared that the movie house proprietor had this notice posted at the ticket office, intended only for colored patrons:

"The balcony of this theatre is provided for our colored patrons. If you do not desire to sit in the balcony, do not purchase tickets as they will not be honored in any other section of the theatre."

The charge of refusing to accommodate colored patrons was brought against George by Frank N. Robinson, who contended he was not permitted to occupy a seat on the first floor after he had purchased an admission ticket. The suit was brought under the act of May 19, 1887, entitled:

"An act to provide civil rights for all people regardless of race or color."

It was contended by the theatre proprietor that the legislation under which the suit was started is unconstitutional, but the court disagreed with this contention.

'TRYING YEAR FOR PENNSY'

But General Manager Long in New Year's Greeting Predicts 'Better Times for Employes'

S. C. Long, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, sent out the following New Year's greeting in the form of a "notice to employes":

"On behalf of the management, and in my personal account, I desire to extend New Year's greetings to the employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad and their families. Many of us have spent our lives in the service of the railroad and we feel great pride in what this railroad stands for. Each of us, too, has a right to take to himself a part of the credit for what the Pennsylvania Railroad is, and all of us are proud to be associated with such a splendid army of fellow officers and employes."

"But to produce a thing so big and fine involves many sacrifices. The very bigness of the organization deprives the general officers of the privilege of knowing personally many of the rank and file. I am sorry, therefore, that it is not possible for me to extend this greeting in person to you and to each member of your family. I wish I could make you feel that your faithful work is appreciated, for how helpless our great railroad would be but for the loyal service and devotion of its men. I wish you all the joy that should be yours from a consciousness of duty well performed."

"We are all working together, not merely for the prosperity of a great corporation which means better times for all employes, but to perform our part in promoting the progress and welfare of all the people and what is theirs. It has been a trying year for the Pennsylvania Railroad and for all railroads. It has been a very trying period for every one. We regret that our own ranks are depleted, but we are not earning enough to fill them. It is a time to stand together, to pull together, for peace, for happiness and for prosperity. May the New Year bring good cheer, good will and clearing skies for us all."

Midwife Under \$1,500 Bail

Mrs. Bertha Winfield, midwife, 706 North Sixth street, was held under \$1,500 bail for court after a hearing before Alderman Hovetter this afternoon. A serious charge is made against her by County Detective Walters on information received from Katie Eloff, on whom an operation was performed on November 26.

Hand Lacerated on Window

Benjamin Gause, Hann street, received a bad laceration of his right hand this morning when a window fell on it. An artery was cut and he bled profusely before the blood was stopped at the Harrisburg hospital. Two stitches were necessary to close the wound.

BLIND GIRL THEATRE GUEST

Miss Frick Will Learn To-night How Orpheum Actresses 'Make-up'

One of the most interesting attendants at this evening's performance at the Orpheum theatre will be Catherine Frick, the blind and deaf girl, of this city, who has expressed a desire to go to a vaudeville show. Strange to say she wants to "see" the performance from the stage, or "from the wings" as it is expressed in theatrical talk.

Miss Frick says she can go to a theatre and enjoy a play as much as anybody else, but she has always had an idea that it would be a great novelty to be on the stage while the performance is going on. And what is more she wants to be taken to an actresses' dressing room to learn how they "make-up."

Standing Room Only on Water Wagon

If the number of arrests for drunkenness to-day is any indication of how the citizens of this community are going to board the water wagon to-morrow, that vehicle will be crowded, for not one intoxicated man had been arrested in twenty-four hours up to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Wilson to Speak on Jackson

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Wilson decided definitely to-day to go to Indianapolis January 3 to speak at a Jackson Day celebration under the auspices of the Indiana Democratic Club. He will be accompanied by Senator Kern.

The Export of War Supplies

Washington, Dec. 31.—Congressional action to vest the President with power to prohibit export of war supplies was urged before the House Foreign Affairs Committee to-day by Representative Townner, of Illinois.

Be-Congressman McKinlay Dies

Berkley, Cal., Dec. 31.—Duncan E. McKinlay, former Representative in Congress from California, died yesterday at his home here. Mr. McKinlay was 56 years old and was born in Canada.

ALLIES' TRENCHES BLOWN UP BY THE GERMANS BUT LATTER SUFFER REPULSE

Paris, Dec. 31, 2:55 P. M.—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon relates a continuation of artillery exchanges with the enemy and further advances, measured by yards of French soldiers at various points on the line of battle. Counter attacks of the enemy were driven back, and in Alsace a certain village is held by German and half by French troops. The fighting here has been from house to house and continues to-day. The text of the communication follows:

"From the sea as far as the Aisne yesterday passed with relative calm. There were artillery exchanges on some points of the front. In Champagne, to the west of the Alger farm, which is north of Sillery, in the sector of Rheims, the enemy during the night blew up two of our trenches and then delivered against those positions an attack which our men repulsed."

"To the north of Mesnil-Les-Hurlus we occupied certain positions on the enemy's second line of defense. In this same region, at a point to the north of the farm of Beaussejour, we also captured some trenches. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but he was driven back. We then resumed the offensive and we were successful in gaining some more ground. In this same zone and further to the east, certain German forces which were advancing to deliver a counter attack against us were brought under the fire of our artillery and dispersed."

"In the Argonne, in the vicinity of Fontaine Madame, we exploded a mine and occupied the resultant excavation; this gave us a slight advance. Between the Meuse and the Moselle, in the region of the forest of Mortemart, about 150 yards of German trenches fell into our hands. In Upper Alsace French troops have entered the village of Steinbach and have occupied with house-to-house fighting one-half of the community."

COURT HOUSE

MARRIAGE CROP FALLS

Less Licenses Granted This Year Than During 1913

Fewer marriage licenses were issued in 1914 than for several years so the records in the local marriage license bureau show. Last year little Dan Cupid sent 1,406 couples to the ministers, while this year he captured only 1,278.

Commissioners Grant Requisition

After compiling the majority, if not all of the claims against their department, the Directors of the Poor, late yesterday afternoon, announced to the County Commissioners that \$2,500 will be needed to close the 1914 affairs and the requisition was granted.

Appraiser Takes Oath

Joseph A. Miller, formerly a clerk to the County Commissioners, who last week was appointed Dauphin county mercantile appraiser to-day, took the oath of office and he will begin his work to-morrow.

Woman Will Probated

The will of Mary B. Boedde, late of Lykens, was probated by Register Daner to-day and letters testamentary were issued to J. I. Delaney and J. M. Boedde.

MRS. THRONE SENT HOME

Mrs. Beulah Throne, 1232 Market street, who was shot by her husband, who afterwards committed suicide, Sunday afternoon, December 13, at 106 Linden street, was sent to her home from the Harrisburg hospital last evening.

Woman Shot by Husband, Who Committed Suicide, Is Cured

Her recovery is little short of wonderful, as one of the three bullets had penetrated her right lung. One bullet was removed from her side December 26 at the hospital.

The Passing of the Old Year On the Threshold of the New

In observance of our annual custom the store will be closed all day to-morrow.

Our heartfelt wish for the New Year is that you may enjoy a full measure of happiness and that throughout the year there may be no sky of doubt for you in your pursuit of success or pleasure.

There have been many cloudy skies in the commercial world in the year that is breathing to-night its last bit of life, but unless certain unmistakable signs count for nothing, the last of these clouds is already in full view.

The month of December brought new life to business, and, so, as a reply to those who might want to look to us to answer their question, "How's Business?" we are glad to say that things actually are picking up. The holiday month has been a bountiful one for us in point of sales.

Good Night and a Happy New Year.

Keep your head up and hang on to your grit.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart

DECEMBER MILK SUPPLY FREE FROM IMPURITIES

With But Two Exceptions, Few Bacteria Were Found in Tests Made of Samples Taken During the Last Month

The report of milk samples made by the City Chemist and Bacteriologist for the month of December, 1914, was announced to-day. The first column to the right of the names shows the age of the milk and represents the number of hours since milking, the second column shows the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter in each sample, the third column shows the number of colon bacilli per cubic centimeter in each sample, and the last column shows the percentage of fat in each sample:

Table with columns: Vendor, Producer, Age, Bacteria Per C.C., Colon Group, Fat. Lists various vendors and their milk quality data.

FIRMER TONE IN STOCKS AS MARKET OPENS TO-DAY

Reading, Amalgamated Copper, Union Pacific, Pennsylvania and American Telephone All Show Advances—No Market Increase in Trading

Philadelphia Closing Prices By Associated Press—Stocks closed steady: Cambria Steel 42 1/2, General Asphalt 32, do pfd., 67, Lake Superior Cor., 10, Lehigh Navigation 77, Lehigh Valley 65, Penna. R. R. 52 1/2, 23 1/2, Pha. Electric 11 1/2, Pha. Rapid 11 1/2, Reading 7 1/2, Storage Battery 47 1/2, Union Traction 38 1/2, United Gas Improvement 81 1/2, U. S. Steel 49 1/2.

Chicago Closing Prices Chicago, Dec. 31, Closed: Wheat—May, 129 1/2; July, 118 1/2. Corn—May, 73 1/2; July, 74 1/2. Oats—December, 49 1/2; May, 53 1/2. Pork—January, 18.62; May, 19.27. Lard—January, 10.50; May, 10.72. Ribs—January, 10.15; May, 10.55.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS. Furnished by H. W. Snavely, Broker, Arcade Building, Walnut and Court Streets, New York, Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Close, Change. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

Catholics for First Time in Church's History Can Eat Meat Seven Days

New Year's Day, to-morrow, will not be a day of abstinence for members of the Catholic Church, owing to a dispensation made shortly before his death by Pope Pius X. This week is the first time in the history of the Catholic Church that members are permitted to eat meat on each of the seven days.

The Pope's dispensation also lifted the ban on the eating of meat on Friday when Christmas falls on that day, meat can be eaten. The day before New Year's Day is not one of abstinence and, therefore, it will be unnecessary for Catholics to refrain from the use of meat any day during this week.

TO SPEAK ON GERMAN TRADE Secretary of Berlin Association Is Coming to This City

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce announces the visit to this city January 16 of George T. Atwood, secretary of the American Association of Commerce and Trade, of Berlin, who will speak on present conditions in Germany, and on the future of American trade relations with that country.

Mrs. Harris B. McCormick Hostess A large bridge party was given this afternoon by Mrs. Harris B. McCormick, of Riverside. The guests were: Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Howard Omwake, Mrs. C. A. Ellenberger, Mrs. Frank R. Oyster, Miss Mary Vaughn, Miss Mabel Vaughn, Mrs. William G. Schooley, Mrs. Martin W. Fager, George G. Kennedy, Mrs. E. L. Melhorn, Mrs. William O. Bishop, Mrs. Lewis M. Neffler, Mrs. M. B. Cumbler, Mrs. James P. McCollough, Mrs. Sherman E. Diehl, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Sherman A. Allen, Mrs. Charles Ryder, Mrs. A. Morris Sides, Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Eli Snyder, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Miss Dorothy McCormick.