

STATE SCHOOL DIRECTORS FAVOR CHANGES IN CODE

Urges Amendment Which Would Permit School Bonds to be Issued at Any Time of Year—D. D. Hammelbaugh Is Elected Secretary

After listening to a report of the legislative committee of the directors' department of the State Educational Association which, in brief, recommended two changes in the school code of Pennsylvania, the twentieth annual meeting of the association came to a close this morning in the Central High school.

Both changes are proposed amendments to sections of the code relating to finances—one being to clarify a section of the code which limits the borrowing capacity of the board; the other permitting boards in the State to issue bonds at any time during the year. Under the present regulations school bonds may be issued only at the time of making the annual tax levy.

The final business of the session was the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, J. Newton Rhoads, Reading; first vice president, Dr. Cameron Sheetz, Danville; second vice president, Mrs. Thomas G. Cooper, Lansdowne; third vice president, D. J. Thomas, Scranton; recording and corresponding secretary, D. D. Hammelbaugh, Harrisburg; executive committee, Charles M. Magee, Easton; S. R. McClure, Bradock; W. G. Davis, McKeesport; Dr. R. J. Yost, South Bethlehem; and Harry A. Boyer, Harrisburg; legislative committee, H. H. Henning, Wilkes-Barre; T. G. Magee, Altoona; Dr. J. D. Orr, Leechburg; H. M. Lessig, Pottstown; James W. Wueher, Allentown; and A. E. Burnard, Wilkes-Barre.

J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, conducted an interesting question box this morning. The opening of the session was participated in by the pupils of the central High school, music being furnished by the choir and orchestra. Dr. Samuel Hamilton, Allegheny county superintendent, made an address to the pupils.

Two women directors from the western part of the State were among the 228 directors enrolled. Governor Brumbaugh spoke yesterday afternoon to the directors. He expressed satisfaction with the present school laws, complimented the director who had the courage to levy an extra mill of tax to make good schools and advocated an increase in salaries of capable teachers wherever possible. He suggested that the directors see that school children be thoroughly versed in State history.

C. V. R. LOSES A POINT

Judge McCarroll Decides It Got Proper Notice of Damage Suit

When the Lehigh Navigation & Electric company, some time ago, began extending its power line in the northern part of the State, the Public Utilities Company sought to prevent it from crossing the utilities company's lines by appealing to the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission decided that there was nothing to warrant restraining the Lehigh company from carrying out its plans and the appeal was taken to the Dauphin county court. Judge McCarroll filed an opinion this morning dismissing the appeal.

In a case in which the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company claimed it had not been given proper notice of a damage suit filed against it by Joseph Millesen, Stone, Mechanicburg, Judge McCarroll ruled in favor of the Mechanicburg firm. The plaintiff is suing to recover losses sustained when the Millesen lumber yard in Mechanicburg was destroyed by a fire alleged to have been started by sparks from a Cumberland Valley engine. The railroad company now must defend the damage suit.

CREDIT RATING EXPLAINED

Letters on Subject Received To-day From Chamber of Commerce

The new credit rating bureau being installed by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is thoroughly explained to the membership by a letter and forms received in the mail by the members to-day.

A. D. MacMillan, the expert, who is looking after its installation, is at the headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce and calling on those members who desire personal advice and suggestions in regard to the matter. The officers of the chamber have also requested all members who can visit the offices of the chamber in the Kunkel building and become acquainted with how the system is being built up.

DR. ALEXANDER SPOKE

Pointed Out Growth of Presbyterian Church at Last Night's Meeting

That there were during the last year 10,000 Presbyterian churches with 9,000 ministers and a million and a half of members was pointed out last night by the Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, in an address on "The Hour of the Church" at last night's session of the Harrisburg Presbyterian Association at Pine Street church.

At the afternoon and evening meetings the Rev. J. S. Armentrout, assistant pastor of Pine street, presided. J. H. Spicer introduced Dr. Alexander. A dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the social room of the church.

MRS. JACOB GOOD IS DEAD

Cousin of Harry A. Boyer, President of Harrisburg School Board

Mrs. Jacob Good, a cousin of Harry A. Boyer, president of the Harrisburg School Board, died at her home, 1805 Market street, at 4 o'clock this morning from a complication of diseases. Her husband is a telegrapher connected with the Northern Central railroad and employed in City. The Good family moved to Harrisburg from York, about a year ago.

Mrs. Good was a daughter of the late H. K. Witman, who years ago operated the McCormick quarries in Wormleysburg. Her survivors include her husband, one daughter, Hilda, and one son, Galen.

Sausage Over 50 Feet Long

Three-five pound of pork was stuffed into a sausage skin measuring 58 feet 6 inches in the shop of Hull Brothers, 1718 North Third street, this morning. This is the longest sausage ever stuffed at the Hull establishment and it is believed to be a record breaker in the city.

GERMAN PRESS JUBILANT ON ADMIRALTY DECLARING BRITISH WATER IN WAR ZONE

Berlin, via London, Feb. 5, 10.35 A. M.—The entire German press greets with satisfaction the admiralty's declaration that the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland, have been included in the war zone. The headlines of several papers speak of the announcement as a blockade. The "Post" declares it is a blockade and must be so considered.

"Neutral shipping," says the "Post," "is given time to take refuge in safe harbors. Only after a measured period do all merchantmen going to or from the British Isles run into danger. Then to be sure, men and freight not only on British ships, but under a neutral flag are doomed to sink."

The "Tagliche Rundschau," says: "We have accepted England's battle conditions. We let England play its role and assume ours with all its rights and obligations. Let him guard himself who feels like coming between."

The "Lokal Anzeiger" declares England's own weapons are being turned against herself and when Germany destroys the "English yoke under which the world has suffered for centuries," it will have accomplished a high historical mission and freed the world from one of its most dangerous enemies.

The "Tageblatt" says England's conduct to which the new decree is an answer has been an admission it could not defeat Germany with weapons which Germany realizes and not inconsiderable. The paper expresses the opinion that neutral powers will suffer losses from the new declaration but declares these losses will be small compared with those which England imposes upon them.

ENGLAND IS STIRRED OVER THREAT OF THE GERMANS TO BOTTLE UP BRITISH ISLES

London, Feb. 5, 12.45 P. M.—Although referring sarcastically to Germany's threat to bottle up the British Isles by means of submarines as a "paper blockade," England is stirred to-day by this latest development in the marine situation as she seldom has been since the outbreak of hostilities.

The press unanimously subordinates all other war news, not excepting the Turkish halt at the Suez canal, to give prominence to the dispatches from Berlin, while the foreign office statement following quickly the publication of the German threat as one requiring a prompt counter stroke. As the statement says, the authorities are considering "more stringent measures against German trade." The ministers are treating the subject as of particular urgency and a full official statement as to the situation of Great Britain will be published.

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GERMANS TAKE OVER 6,000 RUSSIANS AS PRISONERS

Berlin, Feb. 5, By Wireless to Sayville.—The German army headquarters staff to-day gave out the following statement:

"On the whole western front, except for an isolated French attack against the German position to the northwest of Perthes, which was unsuccessful, only artillery duels took place.

"On the east Prussian frontier several Russian attacks to the south of the Memel river, were repulsed. "Strong Russian attacks against the positions recently taken by the Germans to the east of Bolimow (East of Lovic) were equally unsuccessful. We have taken prisoners in that vicinity since February 1, twenty-six officers and about 6,000 men."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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war office to-day says that along a section of the front about six miles long the Germans brought up no less than 84,000 men, supported by 100 batteries of artillery. In compact masses these troops were hurled against the Russian positions. The Petrograd statement asserts that these attacks were broken up and that the Russians, assuming the offensive in turn, captured German trenches and occupied two villages.

In the Carpathians the fighting is hardly less severe. The Petrograd war office admits that the Russians retreated in one section of this front, after fighting ten successive engagements with bayonets. Elsewhere Russian successes are claimed.

The action of the German admiralty in declaring within the war zone the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland, is supported enthusiastically by the German press.

The German official announcement of to-day does not support the claim of the Russians of successes on the Warsaw front, stating that their attacks were repulsed.

There were no engagements of importance along the western front yesterday.

\$60,000,000 For Destroyed Property Paris, Feb. 5, 5 A. M.—President Poincare has signed a decree opening a credit of 300 million francs (\$60,000,000) to meet the most urgent needs of persons whose property has been destroyed as a result of the war.

Resume Fight Against Servians Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 5, 3.05 A. M.—Hostilities against Servia have been resumed by the Austrians, according to reports received here from sources which usually have been well informed.

Order Street Numbers Changed Carrying out the provisions of a city ordinance Chief of Police Hutchinson this morning ordered the numbers of the houses started now with 2600 Jefferson street, changed to correspond with those on Sixth street, making the block the 2700 block.

CAPITOL HILL CORPORATION CONTRASTS BEFORE PA. COMMISSION

Application of Reading for Grade Crossing at Avon, Lebanon County, Held Over Until Next Meeting of Public Service Body

At the session of the Public Service Commission yesterday the contract of the City of Altoona was held for formal petition that of the Lilly Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and the Borough of Lilly was held for proof of publication; that of the Equitable Gas Company in the Borough of Homestead was held for further consideration, as were the application of the Potato Creek Gas Company for the approval of its incorporation, and the Citizens' Electric Company for the renewal of its charter.

The application of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company for the approval of a crossing at grade in Avon, Lebanon county, was held until the next meeting.

The Commission advised E. J. Klingman of Danville, which is on the line of the Northern Central railroad, that a shelter station would be erected at that point. Klingman complained that the patrons of the road were without adequate accommodation.

The Commission took testimony on the complaint of W. W. Macherer that the West Reading Water Company refused to extend its mains. The matter was amicably adjusted on the representation of a sufficient number of patrons that they would accept the service.

By Associated Press.

On Board U. S. S. San Diego, Ensenada, Mex., Feb. 4, by Wireless to San Diego, Cal., Feb. 5.—The American steam schooner Colon has grounded on the bar at the entrance to the harbor of Topolobampo. The United States cruiser Maryland responded to her wireless calls for help and is now standing by. The gunboat Annapolis, which was at Guaymas, also has gone to the Colon's aid. A heavy norther has whipped up a big sea and latest reports from the Colon said that the vessel's plight was critical.

The Colon, a steam schooner of 1,530 tons, left San Francisco January 16 with a cargo of general merchandise for Salina Cruz. She is owned by the American-Mexican Trading Company. Her commander is Captain Paulsen and she carries a crew of about 20 men. There were no passengers aboard when she left San Francisco.

Icebergs Menace Atlantic Shipping St. John, Feb. 5.—All the freight and most of the bunker crop of the coastal steamer Prospero were thrown overboard before she could be floated from a submerged ledge upon which she had been forced by a great ice floe of the New England coast. Ice is coming down from Greenland waters in great quantities, covering the Grand Banks and sweeping southward toward the trans-Atlantic shipping tracks.

Steamers arriving from British ports report icebergs and floes extending nearly 200 miles from the east coast of New Foundland. Vessels will have more difficulty than usual in avoiding the ice during the remainder of the winter and spring because the taking over of the wireless stations for exclusive military and naval purposes will make it impossible to send out the customary warnings.

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PROGRESSIVE CLUB FORMED Officers Elected and Candidate Endorsed for 7th Ward Alderman

At a meeting last night at 1320 Cowden street, the Seventh Ward Progressive Club was formed and officers elected as follows: John Jackson, president; Edward Burris, vice president; George Johnson, secretary, and Nole Brown, treasurer.

The speakers of the evening were Dr. Dunlap, William Borgeson, William S. Moses, John Jackson and Edward Burris. The organization endorsed William S. Moses as a candidate for Alderman of the Seventh ward.

ORGANIZE C. A. O. CLUB Central Girls Meet at Home of Miss Marian Martz

The C. A. O. Club was organized last evening at a meeting held at the home of Miss Marian Martz, 231 North Third street. A dozen students of the Central High school are members. Those who attended the organization meeting last evening were:

Misses Catherine Peters, Marian Witmer, Helen Wallis, Margaret Reed, Irene Martz, Martha Miller, Cath. Jane Ketter, Lillian Kaminsky, Dorothy Helman, Pauline Hauck, Helen Gerdes and Marie Daugherty.

Standard War Bread for Germany Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 5, 4.15 A. M.—"L'Echo Belge" says it learns from a good source that Germany has forbidden the exportation of tobacco.

The "Hamburg Fremdenblatt" says agreements have been concluded by various German government concerning the introduction of a standard war bread for all Germany.

Want Jury to Try Case George A. Saltsman, who has brought suit against his wife, Theresa K. Saltsman, for a divorce, must show cause why the case should not be tried by a jury, under a rule obtained by the wife from the court this morning.

U. S. Submarines for Spanish Navy Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 5, 5.40 A. M.—Parliament has authorized the government to purchase four submarines for the Spanish navy from a builder in the United States.

Baptized Seventeen Converts The Rev. J. C. Fornerock, pastor of the Penbrook Church of God, baptized seventeen converts at the Fourth Street Church of God last night.

Marriage License Nathan D. Everett, city, and Theresa G. Duffey, Webster Mills.

105,000 GERMANS AND 100 BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY, MOVE AGAINST RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Feb. 5, via London, 12.25 P. M.—Not since the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, in the early part of December, have the Germans delivered such vicious attacks as those of yesterday when they attempted to break through the Russian line near Borjimow. Probably never before in the eastern arena of the war have they concentrated such a force upon a single point.

In a distance of six miles, between Humin and Borjimow, the Germans threw 105,000 infantrymen, together with heavy forces of cavalry, the whole supported by 100 batteries of artillery, comprising in all no less than 600 guns. It is estimated that in this short line there were nearly 30,000 men to the mile, coming on in ten or twelve lines like the waves of the sea.

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LYNCH TELLS OF LAND DEAL

Says City Had Another Site in Mind When He Purchased Uptown Plot

Highway Commissioner Lynch smiled this morning when a newspaper story was sent to him, the purport of which was that he had been one of the purchasers of a plot of land which the newspaper suggested the city desired as a site for the proposed municipal asphalt plant.

The land in question is a plot on the south side of Maclay street between the canal and the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Lynch declined to say whether he was one of the purchasers of the land, and that in its present shape it is not fit for that purpose. He described it as a "sink hole." Lynch added that the deal for the ground—a six-acre tract which he said has an assessed valuation of \$11,000.—was closed by City Engineer M. B. Cowden when it was offered for \$5,000.

"I took half of it at Mr. Cowden's request," said the Commissioner. "That was before the city decided not to take the \$9,000 plot at Cameron and Kittanning streets as the site for the asphalt plant."

The plan to buy the Cameron street plot was abandoned because merchants in that locality objected to putting the asphalt repair plant there. It is likely the asphalt plant will be built on a site that can be bought for \$7,500, Lynch said. Lynch added that the up-town plot was bought as a speculative investment.

Boarder Prompts Terrible Crime By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 5.—Frank Amadee, a man who at a railway round house, shot and killed his wife, his 8-year-old daughter, and his 1-year-old son at his home here to-day. He then shot himself and is expected to die. Two other children escaped by running from the house. The police say jealousy of a boarder was the cause of the act.

Closure Rule Proposed in Senate Washington, Feb. 5.—To thwart filibusters, Senator Norris to-day proposed a closure rule to prevent any Senator talking more than once, or more than three hours in general debate, on a measure and to limit debate on amendments to fifteen minutes except for those who do not use three hours in general debate.

N. Y. Employees' Law Upheld Albany, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The constitutionality of the State law securing to employes in factories and mercantile establishments twenty-four consecutive hours of rest every week, was upheld by an unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals to-day.

Building Permit Granted Mrs. Margaret Minnick took out a building permit this morning to build an addition to the three-story brick building at 2148 North Sixth street, costing \$2,000.

Cambria County Tax Rate Raised Ebensburg, Feb. 5.—Commissioners of Cambria county yesterday fixed the tax rate for 1915 at 2 mills on a total valuation of approximately \$143,000. The rate was 1.2 mills.

Advertisement for Sunkist Seedless Navel Oranges. Includes text: "Send me Sunkist Seedless Navel Oranges", "Say that over the phone to your dealer now. It brings the very finest fruit of its kind—fresh from California, fully ripe, juicy, sweet, firm, tender, delicious—just as it tastes when picked direct from the tree.", "Eat Sunkist Oranges in salads and desserts—eat them whole between meals and at bedtime. Order today—a dozen or a box. Low prices place them within the reach of all.", "California Sunkist Lemons", "Beautiful Silver Premiums", "Try Sunkist Lemons", "Picked Ripe from the Tree—Shipped to All Markets by Fast Freight—Sold by Best Dealers in Your Neighborhood", "Try Sunkist Lemons", "Beautiful Silver Premiums", "California Fruit Growers Exchange 139 N. Clark Street, Chicago".

MAY DON MAN'S CLOTHES

Needy Woman Talks of Trying That Plan to Obtain a "Fair Wage" For Her Work

How a widowed mother was converted to Woman Suffrage principles and feels that she has no alternative but to don man's clothes in order to get a "fair wage" for her work, was brought to light through a complaint lodged by her to-day with the Dauphin County Commissioners, which is in effect that the Directors of the Poor have refused her requests for aid.

The woman sent several letters to the county authorities, the Directors of the Poor this morning said, and they were the basis of an inquiry conducted by the Poor Directors and their social worker, as a result of which, it is held that Blair county is liable for the support of the mother and her three children. Arrangements now are being made for having the quartet sent to Altoona.

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FIRE EATERS

The Trick of Breathing Flames and Sparks From the Mouth

The well known fire breather was a Syrian slave named Ennis, a leader in the Sevilla war in Sicily, 120 B. C. He pretended to have immediate communication with the gods. When desirous of inspiring his followers with courage he breathed flames and sparks from his mouth.

In order to accomplish this feat Ennis pierced a nutshell at both ends and having filled it with some burning substance, he put it in his mouth and breathed through it. The same trick is performed to-day in a more approved manner. The performer rolls some flax or hemp into a ball about the size of a walnut, which he lets burn until it is nearly consumed. Then he rolls around it more flax while it is still burning. By this means the fire is retained in the ball for a long time. He slips this ball into his mouth unperceived and breathes through it. His breath revives the fire, and he sustains no injury so long as he inhales only through his nostrils.

Various theories have been advanced to account for other feats of this sort performed by the ancients. An old oriental was the holder of a red-hot iron by the accused, who was not burned if he were innocent. Probably some protective paste was used on the hands. The peculiar property of mineral salts, such as alum, in protecting articles of dress from fire has long been known. An old Milanese devised a costume consisting of a cloth covering for the body which had been steeped in alum. A metallic dress of wire gauze was added to this, and thus protected a man might walk on hot iron.

Submarine Mines Wet gun cotton in submarine mines is of course, a very potent explosive, but in many respects it is quite outclassed by the compound used in German mines and known as trinitrotoluene, but abbreviated to "T. N. T." in Great Britain and to "trotty" in Germany. A shell, torpedo or mine loaded with "T. N. T." (which requires to be detonated by means of mercury fulminate) bursts with great violence into large fragments, whereas if loaded with picric acid the splinters are very small and cannot therefore do as much damage. Although wet gun cotton is more powerful if exploded in close proximity to the target, the effect of "T. N. T." is much greater when the explosion takes place some distance away.—London Telegraph.

Placing the Blame Simms—"You're a poor sort of a club member. I very seldom see you around at the club house." Timms—"Why, I get around once or twice a week." Simms—"Well, look at me! I'm there every night." Timms—"Yes, but you're married and I'm single."—Philadelphia Ledger.

TRADE EXCURSION PLANNED

Local Business Men Will Go on Trip to Other Cities of State

A routing meeting to plan ways and means of conducting the largest and best trade excursion ever sent out in Pennsylvania was held at the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce last evening by its trade excursion committee and sub-committees of same.

Chairman C. W. Burnett and President Henderson Gilbert jointly presided and those present, who packed the large assembly room, spent two hours in a careful and painstaking discussion of the detailed plans for the excursion. The excursion will take place on February 17 and 18, Wednesday and Thursday. The following towns will be visited: Herndon, Millersburg, Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Danville, Catawissa, Bloomsburg, Berwick, Hazleton, Pottsville, Auburn, Harrisburg and Reading.

For the one hundred of the biggest business men of the capital city to leave that city during an important session of the Legislature to extend their trade relations with other sections of Pennsylvania and to study with profit what those cities have done in the way of commercial and industrial advancement will be a convincing demonstration to the State that Harrisburg people are essentially business men and manufacturers.

In Wilkes-Barre and Reading the Hotel Starling and Berkshire will be inspected by the trade excursionists thus giving them demonstration that Pennsylvania cities of medium size need and can support high class hotels.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Table with columns: New York, Feb. 5, Open, Close. Includes entries for Alaska Gold Mines, Amer Copper, Amer Beet Sugar, American Can, do pfd, Am Car and Foundry Co, Am Cotton Oil, Amer Loco, Amer Smelting Co, American Sugar, Amer Tel and Tel, Anaconda, Atchison, Baltimore and Ohio, Bethlehem Steel, Brooklyn Bldg, Canadian Pacific, Central Leather, Chesapeake and Ohio, Chi. Mil and St Paul, Chino Con Copper, Consoil Gas, Corn Products, Erie, Erie, Gen Electric Co, General Motors, Goodrich B F, Great Nor pfd, Great Nor Ore subs, Guggenheim Exploration, Interboro Met, Interboro Met pfd, Lehigh Valley, Mex Petroleum, Missouri Pacific, N Y Consol Copper, New York Cen, N Y N H and H, Norfolk and West, Northern Pac, Penna R R, People's Gas and Coke, Pittsburgh Coal, Press Steel Co, Ray Con. Copper, Reading, Repub. Iron and Steel, Southern Pacific, Southern Ry, do pfd, Tennessee Copper, Texas Company, Third Ave, Union Pacific, U. S. Rubber, U. S. Steel, do pfd, Utah Copper, Western Maryland, W. U. Telegraph, Westinghouse Mfg.

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Chicago Board of Trade Closing

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Close: Wheat—May, 164½; July, 141½. Corn—May, 81¼; July, 83. Oats—May, 60¾; July, 57¾. Pork—May, 19.55; July, 19.90. Lard—May, 11.22; July, 11.37. Ribs—May, 10.37; July, 10.60.

Out Out Waste—Result, Beauty When Joseph Pennell was in Panama he stopped to admire the lock at Pedro Miguel. "How is it," he asked the engineer, "that you make your arches and buttresses as fine as those of a cathedral?" "Oh, that's done to save concrete," was the reply.

Economy as the basis of beauty is not so strange as it may seem. It was through elimination of the superfluous that the loveliness as well as strength of that Panama structure grew, and the same principle may be found at the root of every successful work whether of art or industry.—Craftsman.

The Steamer Duck

Around the southern extremity of South America is to be found a very large duck, which bears the common name of "steamer duck" or "race horse," owing to a peculiar habit it has of rowing itself along the surface of the water at great speed. This is said to be due to the remarkable fact that the bird loses its power of flight when it reaches maturity. These ducks are very common.—Chicago Herald.

Artistic Excuse "There," said Mr. Nagg after a complicated explanation of why he had stayed out so late; "I hope this is satisfactory." "It is more than satisfactory," Mrs. Nagg told him. "It is simply beautiful."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.