

MANY WEIGHTS ARE DEFICIENT

Secretary Houck Tells Sealers of Measures of Fraud Practices

MEET FOR ORGANIZATION

Plans to Reduce High Cost of Living—Buyers Must Get What They Pay For—Association of County and City Officials.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.) Harrisburg.—Plans were formulated here to decrease the high cost of living by seeing that consumers get, in quantity at least, what they pay for. The matter was taken up at the first session of the sealers of weights and measures of the cities, counties and boroughs of the State that have so far availed themselves of the provisions of the sealer act of 1911. There are now 40 sealers in the State, and half of them attended the opening session. The fact was pointed out during the discussions of the day that the sealers have no authority to do anything but standardize weights and measures, and that where they find dealers who purposely or unconsciously sell underweight or undermeasure they cannot be brought to book for it. As a result, additional legislation will be asked of the next session of the Legislature. Chief James Sweeney, of the Bureau of Standards, of the Department of Internal Affairs, opened the meeting, and Governor Tener and Secretary of Internal Affairs Houck made addresses. The Governor spoke of the importance of the work of the sealers, and said it is necessary that the housekeeper be protected from fraud through their work. Secretary Houck said that during the 11 months since the bureau was created 1264 weights and measures had been standardized for local sealers. He advocated monthly reports to the bureau, saying that a few of the most active men in the service are now making reports to Chief Sweeney, although such reports are not compulsory. The sealers making these reports have tested, he said, 47,967 weights and measures in their districts and found 11,788 deficient. A number of short dry and liquid measures and short weights were exhibited by Chief Sweeney, and he demonstrated how a huckster, in selling potatoes, measured by a one-peck measure, which really contained but three-quarters of a peck, could make an illegal profit of \$700 annually.

Spread of Smallpox.

State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon, after getting in touch by telephone with his representatives at Pittsburgh and Carbondale, made the following statement of the spread of smallpox in these places: "The state is advising with Dr. Edwards, who is acting as director of the public health department of Pittsburgh. All cases not in the hospital are now being guarded both day and night. The disease is of a virulent type. Chickenpox is now being reported, as the law requires, and the diagnosis is being checked off by the city authorities. There are several nuclei of infection, therefore we must expect more cases. The spread at Carbondale was because of differentiation between chickenpox and smallpox and an absolute disregard by the local authorities of the state law which requires the quarantine of chickenpox. The state has taken charge because of a disagreement, and wants a united action between the Board of Health and the City Council. We believe we have the epidemic well in hand."

Reading Company Answers.

The Reading Transit Company has filed with the State Railroad Commission an answer to the complaint of Z. L. Spangler, of Wernersville, concerning overcrowding of the first morning car from Wernersville to Reading. The company admits that the car is crowded and in relief thereof has added another car from Wernersville, leaving at the same time as the one complained of. It is denied that the fare of 15 cents is excessive, as it will carry a passenger about 11 1/2 miles if he desires. The same company, in answering the complaint of B. Franklin Brosman, that cars do not stop on the Womelsdorf division between Trent avenue and Reading boulevard, says that the distance between these points is about 570 feet—all on a 7 per cent. grade,—and this makes frequent stops undesirable and impossible if the schedule desired by the suburban residents is to be maintained.

Perry Centennial 1914.

Auditor General A. E. Sisson, who has returned from a visit to Lake Erie with members of the Perry Centennial Commission, says that plans are being rapidly worked out.

Spanked His Wife.

Edward Miller, a foreigner, who is employed about coach and wagon shops, was before Alderman Spayd at the police station, charged with spanking his 26-year-old wife, a comely German girl. According to the wife, the husband did not go to work in the morning, but bought a pint of whiskey and drank it, and then went out and got another pint, and almost finished that, when she interfered, and was seized by her husband, thrown across his knees and spanked with a slipper. He was fined \$10.

THEATRE SINKS PEOPLE ESCAPE

Mining Cave-in Under Scranton Unsettles a City Square

MUSICIAN GIVES THE ALARM

Ominous Cracking Sounds Heard Under Building Containing Audience of Five Hundred—House Emptied Quickly.

Scranton.—While an audience of about five hundred persons were enjoying the vaudeville performance in the World theatre on North Main avenue, this city, ominous cracking sounds frightened the piano-player, who gave the alarm that a mine cave was in progress. The theatre was emptied in a jiffy, and within fifteen minutes the entire rear of the building, including the stage and dressing rooms, was completely wrecked by the caving in of the surface. More than two dozen buildings in the centre of the business section of West Branton were badly damaged, and the police refused to allow the people occupying them to use their homes for fear the structures would collapse during the night. The cave-in, which covers almost one city block, pulled buildings apart, while several three and four-story brick structures have five and six-inch fissures running traversely from foundation to roof. Located in the block affected are the World theatre, the West Scranton postal station, which has also been forced to close; Pepper's dry goods store, Jones' meat market, Myran Evans' drug store, Barush's notion store and several smaller business places. One of the buildings so damaged that it will have to be pulled down is the West Scranton Masonic Temple. The Simpson Methodist Church, one of the largest edifices in that part of the city, is but twenty feet out of the cave zone. The cave is caused by the "robbing" of pillars in the top vein of the Oxford colliery.

Bees Sting Horse to Death.

Lancaster.—Amos Fland's horse was killed by bee stings. Mr. Fland drove to the farm of Christian M. Umble to assist in raising a barn, and tied his horse to the fence at the lane leading to the farm. At the other side of the fence were 100 hives of bees. As the animal pressed against the fence the bees were disturbed, and thousands of them alighted on the horse. Its head was covered and its nostrils filled with bees. When the discovery was made the bees were dislodged with several buckets of water and the horse was taken to the stable, but before the arrival of a veterinarian his head had swelled to double size. The horse could not breathe, its nostrils being closed, and an incision was made in the neck and a tube inserted. The horse died a few hours later.

Raise Cement Again.

Allentown.—On account of generally improved business conditions another rise in the price of cement was announced, this being the third of 10 cents each within six weeks. The mills are running to the utmost capacity of the number of workers employed, but the Lehigh region is 4,000 to 5,000 men short, owing to the Italian and Turkish war and the extraordinary demand for labor on the railroads and in the coal regions.

Snake Coils on Straightedge.

Reading.—While County Bridge Inspector Calvin Miller, County Controller Daniel K. Hoch and County Commissioners Eugene I. Sandt and Nicholas Kutz were inspecting a bridge near Hamburg they came in contact with a nest of snakes. At another place a black snake wound itself around a straightedge carried by the inspector. The keen edge of Commissioner Sandt's knife settled the snake.

"Non-Gaseous" Mine Kills.

Indiana.—A few hours after United States mine experts had declared the mine non-gaseous, one man was killed and two others were seriously injured by an explosion of a gas pocket in a mine of the Wharton Coal Company at Coral. The dead man is Frank Scheelt of Indiana and the injured are Harry Walker and Adam Clawson of Graceton. The three men were at work on a wall in an exposed part of the mine when the explosion occurred.

Saves Her Babies and Faints.

Allentown.—On discovering her new home afire Mr. Harvey Sepman, of Northampton, rushed upstairs through blinding smoke and rescued her three babies, after which she fainted. Firemen and neighbors saved part of the house, but the furniture was burned.

Saved from Sea Death.

Reading.—Unconscious after seven minutes, unconscious and so close to death that it was believed he had no chance of recovery when he was fished from the bottom of the Schuylkill river; revived and safe after twenty minutes of the hardest kind of work by a crowd of men and a doctor—this was the adventure of George Nolde, 18, of No. 850 North Eleventh street. He is a son of Jacob Nolde, a wealthy hosiery manufacturer and patron of Mercersburg Seminary. It was a case of rocking the boat and cramps.

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CROPS GOOD

Farmers Busy in Every Locality—Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects—Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Ten cases of typhoid fever have been reported in Norristown.

The triennial assessment of Reading real estate will total \$57,000,000.

Harrisburg has opened a new public school for tuberculosis patients.

Lehigh Valley Brakeman J. H. Taylor, of Sayre, was killed in a freight wreck at Sayre.

On his 83d birthday anniversary Daniel Henne of Centreport made an automobile trip of 163 miles.

The enumeration of school children in South Bethlehem shows that there are 3,100 of school age.

Two hundred delegates to the International Congress of Applied Chemistry visited Pittsburgh's mills and mines.

Chambersburg's ministerial association has asked Burgess Alexander to enforce the Sunday laws and to close the Sunday shoe-shining parlors.

While waiting for a train at Harrisburg, two Indian girls, on the way to the school at Carlisle, were robbed of \$20 and their trunk checks.

Solomon Wambaugh, a York county school director, has been held for court for flinging out of school desks, to the presence of which he objected.

Excavating for a new gasholder at Chambersburg, a cave eighteen feet deep was discovered under the breast of the old Sierer dam.

Agents of the State Live Stock Department have been called to Red Lion, York county, by a fresh outbreak of hog cholera.

Out of the Huntingdon reformatory only a few weeks, Harry Baublitz, a 17-year-old York boy, is under arrest again for larceny.

While picking apples from a tree on his farm, Samuel Hannum, Tax Collector of Concord township, fell and broke several ribs.

Joseph Dunn, a young farmer of East Marlborough, was fined \$10 for cruelly driving a horse in a so-called joy ride.

At a service held by the Mennonites in Reading, the feet of 350 brethren and sisters were washed by each other.

Tomatoes are so plentiful in West Chester that they are a drug at the stores, and housekeepers are busy converting them into catsup.

Because she refused to go to school, Dorna Menna, a 14-year-old South Bethlehem girl, was taken to a house of refuge.

While fishing in the Delaware at Foul Rift, George W. West, of Easton, landed the largest black bass of the season. It weighed 5 pounds 5 ounces.

Leo Ritter, an Easton teamster, was thrown from a wagon in front of a trolley car, but rolled off the tracks a moment before the car reached him.

Charles H. Sleichter was awarded \$2,150 by a jury at Chambersburg because the town's gravity system had reduced his water power at his mill at Scotland.

Running his motorcycle into a pile of loose dirt to avoid hitting pedestrians, J. George Lutz, a Pottstown merchant, was thrown off and fractured his collar-bone.

While out driving with her brother, Paul Gumpert, of Pottstown, Miss Anna Gumpert, of Philadelphia, was thrown out of the carriage in a collision and badly bruised.

A box weighing 150 pounds tumbled from a Reading express wagon, on which Robert E. Dietz, 9 years old, was sitting, and the lad, supposedly killed, did not have even a scratch.

Ira J. Funk has bought Green Castle's town hall for \$7,600.

Frank S. Benedict could not be heard in the Lancaster court for desertion, as he is in jail in Montgomery county for an offense committed since he deserted his wife.

While digging a well near Newtown Square, Ernest Dapner sustained a broken arm and other injuries when the earth caved in upon him. He was dug out and taken to the West Chester Hospital.

WOMAN WORKS OUT PROBLEM

Mrs. Sarah Erickson Declares the Hen Lays an Egg at the Same Hour She Was Born.

What time o' day Does a hen lay? That question has puzzled poultry fanciers for unnumbered decades, but now, it seems, it has been satisfactorily solved by a woman. She is Mrs. Sarah Erickson of Falconer, N. Y. Having kept chickens for 37 years, she believes she qualifies as an expert in this line of effort.

"I have worked out the problem," she declares. "By using marked leg-bands, trap nests and alarm clocks attached to the nests I have determined that a hen lays an egg at the same hour, minute and second that she was born, or, rather, hatched. For instance, if the hen happened to be able to peck its way through its shell at 7:43 a. m., she will lay an egg at precisely 7:43 a. m. And she will do this without variation every time she is inclined to lay. I have kept close, systematic watch on my hens for five years, and I have never known the rule to fail."

RED SCALY SPOTS ON HAND

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Bridegrooms in Australia last year ranged from sixteen to ninety-nine years of age, and the records show the youngest bride was fifteen, and the oldest eighty-two. One man of seventy-seven married a girl of eighteen. It is not surprising to learn that more marriages were reported from the country than ever before.

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