

# COURT NEWS

Orphans' Court Proceedings, Real Estate, Marriage Licences, Etc.

**REAL ESTATE.**

Warren G. Ferner to Julia A. Ferner, Somerset.....	400
John H. Uhl to Warren G. Ferner, Somerset.....	500
John D. Baker to Clarence B. Bittner, Black twp.....	1 000
U. M. Ringer to Wm. Frazee, Addison twp.....	4 000
Edmund Livingston to John J. Spelcher, Jenner twp.....	1 500
Charles J. Newman to Ralph R. Straub, Boswell.....	425
William S. Matthews to Gertrude Daniels, Jenner twp.....	1 500
J. W. Barkley to Charles I. Knepper, Somerset twp.....	1
L. D. Reed to Daniel Di Dominico, Windber.....	1
Wilmore Coal Co., to Martin E. Holman, Windber.....	900
Charles A. Boyts to Jacob Hershberger, Conemaugh twp.....	1 500
George Peterson, Conemaugh twp.....	2 000
David M. Efler to George Peterson, Conemaugh twp.....	1 100
Jane S. Eicher to Harry E. Barkman, Somerset twp.....	3 000
Warren G. Ferner to Margaret L. Ogline, Somerset.....	2 250
Wells Creek Lumber Co., to H. Phillips, Larimer twp.....	175
Amanda Husband to Benjamin H. Husband, Summit twp.....	1 500
Josiah M. Blough to Robert Wingard, Conemaugh twp.....	7 000
Martha Lakel to John Curry & Co., Addison twp.....	5 750
Eli Saylor's heirs to Nelson Saylor, Middlecreek twp.....	2 868
Mary Trimpey to Frederick Trimpey, Middlecreek twp.....	275
Elizabeth Cable to Wm. Ueberger, Shade twp.....	2 200
Henry Lehmen's heirs to A. A. Lohr, Quemahoning twp.....	1 950
Robert L. Wissinger, to W. A. Barndt, Paint Bor.....	2 200
Mary A. Newman to Wilson J. J. Vought, Elk Lick twp.....	7 000
S. E. Ringler to Wm. H. Stall, Stonycreek twp.....	875
Marshall Baer to George E. Baer Meyersdale.....	650
C. J. Harrison to Ruth J. Ferner, Somerset twp.....	400
Caroline Meyers to Nelson Gerhard, Somerset twp.....	3 000
George Stuft, heirs to Sarah Stuft, Quemahoning twp.....	6 200
Bertha A. Ray to Lemon Shaulis, Jenner twp.....	7 300
Belinda Younklin's heirs to P. B. Younklin, Upper Turkey-foot twp.....	2 100

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

Charles W. Diveley.....	Somerset
Rose Shaulis.....	Friedens
Paul Mate.....	Seano
Borhila Landor.....	Seano
Elmer Clyde Gerhart.....	Meyersdale
Sara Mull.....	Meyersdale
Charles R. Miller.....	Summit twp
Rebecca P. Wedge.....	Summit twp
Michael Vislocky.....	Windber
Annier Rendor.....	Windber
Dominico DiDonato.....	Windber
Bambinna Battisto.....	Windber
Joseph Bano.....	Windber
Antonina Vesocra.....	Windber
L. R. Emerick.....	Shanksville
Mabel A. Hill.....	Shanksville
Daniel J. Miller.....	Mylo, Ia
Magdalena Hershberger, Johnson City	
John C. McCabe.....	Pittsburgh
Ada Della Lindeman.....	Garrett
Simon P. McKenzie.....	Meyersdale
Clara E. Bowman.....	Summit twp
Austin J. Barron.....	Somerset
Lillian M. Good.....	Somerset twp
Michael Staronash.....	Goodtown
Mary Masure.....	Goodtown
Martin Socher.....	Jenner twp
Frances Para.....	Jenner twp
William A. Metts.....	Listonburg
Josephine M. Bender.....	Listonburg

The will of John C. Hammer, late of Jenner twp, was probated. He made the following cash bequests to his children: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Franklin Glessner, \$1,000; Solomon R. Hammer, \$1,000; Emma Frances, wife of Forrest Queer, 1,000; Alice Bertha Hammer, \$1,000; Winfield Scott Hammer, \$500; Jacob John Hammer, \$500.

Testator's widow, Malinda M. Hammer, is left a life interest in the homestead situated in Jenner twp, at whose death Winfield and Jacob Hammer may purchase the same for \$8,000. Testator states that he has investments aggregating \$28,000, \$17,000 of which is in the form of bonds in the Kennerly Coal and Coke Co. The interest on \$7,000 of the latter is to be paid annually to his widow during his life time, the principal being held in trust for her

by S. H. Cauffiel and David Barry, of Johnstown. He directs that the balance of the estate shall be equally divided among his children.

The will was dated January 13, 1913, and witnessed by S. H. Cauffiel and Charles S. Ling, of Johnstown. Solomon R. Hammer, Franklin Glessner, and Alice Bertha Hammer, are appointed executors.

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.**  
Cyrus A. Stahl, estate of W. H. Stahl, late of Somerset township. Bond \$14,000.

Elizabeth M. Dull, estate of Rufus H. Dull, late of Upper Turkey-foot twp. Bond \$3,060.

John R. Sevits, estate of Abraham M. Sevits, late of Brothersvalley twp. \$4,500.

"I suffered habitually from constipation, Doan's Regulat relieved and strengthened the bowels so that they have been regular ever since."

—E. Davis, Grocer, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

**For Better Roads.**  
Harrisburg, Pa., April 3—The \$50,000,000 State highway bond resolution is nearing its final stage in the House of Representatives, and the advocates of good roads throughout the State are redoubling their efforts to impress on the members of the House the magnitude of the popular sentiment back of this proposition, which involves the only feasible method of financing the movement to give Pennsylvania a first-class system of highways.

Those who wish to write or telegraph their Representatives, urging them to vote for good roads, have only a short time in which to act, as the resolution is expected to be up for final passage in the House next week.

The only opposition to the resolution is from the State Grange, which has been flooding the State with literature and bringing every possible pressure to bear on members of the House from interior counties. These efforts are being met by the assertion that the Grange in this matter does not accurately represent the sentiment of the farmers of Pennsylvania, many of whom realize that the loan proposition is the very best solution of the road improvement problem.

Opponents of the loan have been vainly trying to make the farmers believe that somehow or other there would be more money for the township roads if the loan were not to pass, whereas the contrary is the case. The State has taken possession of 8,000 miles of main highways, virtually all of which must be reconstructed. If the millions necessary for the care of the main State highways are not provided through some such expedient as a bond issue, the money must be taken out of the current revenues of the State for that purpose. The inevitable result will be curtailment in other directions, and in this the township roads are bound to suffer, because it stands to reason the State will look after its own roads first.

On the other hand, if the bond issue passes, the State will be in a position to contribute liberally out of its revenues for the township roads. With this end in view the new Jones road bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for State aid to township roads is proceeding through the House, with the support of the bond issue advocates. It will enable the State to pay the townships 50 per cent of the money they raise from local road taxes, up to \$20 per mile of road. Should the bond issue be defeated in the House the Governor would be compelled to veto the Jones bill because of lack of money to carry out its provisions.

These are the cold, hard facts of the situation which are causing the real friends of good roads, including many farmers who have not accepted the short sighted view of the Grange leaders, to urge their Representatives in the House at Harrisburg to vote for the bond issue.

Feel languid, weak, run down? Headache? Stomach "off"? A good remedy is Burdock Blood Bitters. Ask your druggist. Price \$1.00. ad

**Foley Kidney Pills**  
What They Will Do for You  
They will strengthen your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn-out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.  
F. B. THOMAS.

# WASHINGTON LETTER.

Social to The Commercial.

Washington, April 14—Whether it will be a long session or a short one is a question which the lawmakers under the dome of the Capitol are unable to predict. If the tariff bill is rushed through substantially as it was prepared by the Ways and Means Committee it is quite possible that Congress will adjourn before July 1. But while the House will very likely pass it quickly, despite the disappointment in various quarters over failure to give what is considered sufficient protection, there will probably be a different story to tell in the Senate. In that body the advocates of protection for sugar and wool are likely to gather enough democratic support to hamper the programme of the administration. That will mean delay, if not disaster for the bill. And then too it is not improbable that the President may wish the currency question taken up, and perhaps other important questions, so that the session may stretch along into October.

**PRESSURE ON CONGRESS.**  
The gentle pressure is to be brought to bear to induce Congress to be good is indicated by the holding up of committee appointments, and by the decision of the Treasury Department to make no appointments of customs officials until July 1. It would be easy for this policy to be extended to other departments; for instance, the Department of Justice and the Post Office Department, which have been somewhat slow about distributing places. Such tactics are likely to prove efficacious.

**CANAL COAL DEPOTS.**  
The official newspaper published by the Government in the Panama Canal Zone known as the "Canal Record" contains an item to the effect that fifteen German steamship lines have applied for coal space on the canal zone sufficient to store 15,000 tons of coal. This only substantiates the statements that the great steamship companies were getting ready to make the fullest possible use of the canal. After passing through this new maritime highway the first port of call on American soil will be San Diego, where active preparations are now being made to celebrate the opening of the canal with a great international exposition. Preparations are being made by the steamship companies to take thousands of visitors to the San Diego Exposition.

**AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.**  
To visit the unique San Diego Exposition will be an experience worth waiting a lifetime for, but to be able to make the journey to it by ship, part of the way through tropic seas, and threading the great canal which is justly regarded as the engineering wonder of the age, will be an ideal arrangement. Indeed, the rage to visit the canal has become almost a mania, and people are flocking to the canal zone in hordes in order to see the work while it is still under construction. At San Diego there will be a model of the canal, giving a most realistic impression of it, and in honor of the big waterway, the amusement features of the Exposition will be arranged on a site which will be known as "The Isthmus."

**Sunshine, Plants—and Girls.**  
Sunlight is so important to life that it is little wonder that sun worshipers prevailed in primitive days. Plant a potato in your cellar, and if there is a little light the potato will sprout and try to grow. Surround it with the best fertilizer, water it, and do the best you can for it except that you keep it in the dark, and it cannot digest and grow. See how slender and pale it is! The process of digestion, the great function of assimilation, cannot go on without sunshine. Nature's laws are the same in the animal world. It is just as true that the only girls with red cheeks and sweet breath, the only girls who become fully ripe and sweet, are those who bathe themselves fully in glorious sunshine. The many pale girls who are to be seen with a bloodless, half-baked sort of face, whose walk, whose voice and whose whole expression is devoid of spirit, are not half ripe.

**The Queen and Gambling.**  
Though the queen is to accompany the king to the grand national next month, she retains her dislike for gambling. But some years ago when the royal party was traveling down by rail for the derby, the late King Edward proposed a half crown sweep-stake on the race, and Princess Mary drew a horse that had a fine chance. Prince Arthur of Connaught having drawn his usual blank, suggested he should buy it from her present majesty for five shillings. She declined, and held to her chance, which romped home an easy winner. "For any one who does not like gambling," remarks H. R. H., when retelling this yarn, "I never saw any one collect her winnings more quickly."—London Opinion.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

# PRRAISE SOX PITCHERS

Comiskey Says Twirlers Are Showing Better Form.

Big Ed Walsh is Sure of Good Season, While Scott and White Have Old Cunning—Joe Benz is Like a New Man.

Prediction that the Chicago American league baseball team will have a strong pitching staff this year is made by President Comiskey. He believes the twirlers now being seasoned are showing better form than in previous years, all of which is attributed to the spring work at Paso Robles.

"There is no need to tell the fans how good Ed Walsh is going to be because they realize that he has no equal in baseball," was the way Mr. Comiskey started out in speaking of the White Sox staff. "Ed is in perfect physical condition and his manner of caring for himself during the idle winter months always assures a good season for the big fellow. He is good for ten years to come. Nobody knows how much I think of him and how proud I am of such men as his type. I would not be surprised to see him make his best record the coming season."

"Another thing which is encouraging to me is the way Jim Scott has been going on the coast. I want to go on record as saying that Jimmie is back to his best form and he will be a great support to the team. I expect him to have his best year barring a return of his ailment, of which he now seems to be entirely free."

"Doc White is making a better showing than he did last year at this time. He has all his old-time cunning and speed. He will be a great help

to the club and will be ready to take his turn as soon as the season opens. Benz is going great guns. He looks like a new man. I was surprised to see the way he worked. Cal tells me he expects wonderful things of him. Lange and Cicotte never were early season pitchers, but they are just beginning to show their real value."



"Big Ed" Walsh.

Manager Callahan believes he has a great find in Clarence Smith, the youngster from Birmingham. The young fellow will be given a thorough trial and it looks now as if he might be one of the regulars. Phil Douglas, one of the tallest twirlers in the game, standing 8 feet 4 inches, also looks good to me. McGriffe has improved greatly and Cal will in all probability carry him the full season. His work on the coast insures him a place in major league baseball.

**Penn Hopes to Win Championships.**  
The University of Pennsylvania is hopeful of winning this year's annual intercollegiate track and field championships, which would put them on even terms with Cornell for permanent possession of the \$1,000 trophy. The record now stands four wins for Cornell, three for Pennsylvania and one for Harvard. It must be won five times.

**Player Goes to Pen.**  
Danny Claire, infielder of the Sioux City team, of the Western league, convicted in the Federal court at Grand Rapids, Mich., on a charge under the Mann white slavery act, was on March 14 sentenced to three years in the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

**Eyes on Pipp.**  
The major league scouts have, thus early, their eyes upon one college player in Pipp, the first baseman of the University of Virginia nine. They say he is the best first baseman playing baseball since Fred Tenney's days at Brown.

**Spike Shannon's Job.**  
Spike Shannon, who once was bought by the Giants for \$10,000 in one of the biggest deals ever put through in baseball, is to manage the little Virginia club in the new Northern league.

# CITIES TO RULE BY COMMISSION

House Expected to Approve Bill Already Adopted in Senate

HAS A SWEEPING EFFECT

Affects All Except Four Cities of State—Most General Piece of Legislation of Session—Council of Five Elected, One as Mayor

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)  
Harrisburg—By the passage of the Clark commission form of government bill for third-class cities, the Senate placed in a fair way to enactment the session's biggest and most general piece of legislation affecting cities. Only four cities are not affected by the law as proposed, and these four are Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton and Lancaster, the last named a third-class city, but working under a special charter. The House will probably pass the bill without serious objection, and the victory in the Senate has caused the commission advocates to rejoice, for heretofore the hardest fight on legislation containing the initiative, referendum and non-partisan ballot provisions has been in the Senate.

**Not a Ripper Bill.**  
The bill passed by 37 votes to 8. Briefly, the measure provides for a Council of five, to be elected at large, one to be the mayor and serve as the head of the Department of Public Affairs, and the others to be heads of the departments of Public Safety, Accounts and Finance, Streets and House Improvements, and Parks and Public Property. Salaries are to be determined by population at the beginning, and afterward by the council. There is no ripper in the bill, and mayors elected in 1911 will serve until January 1, 1916, while all other mayors are to retire next January, as well as the councilmen now serving in bicameral bodies elected from wards. The council and mayor in each city are to appoint an assessor to serve for one year. The assessor will name assistants. The Council must also elect a treasurer, engineer and solicitor, but all other appointees are to be named by department heads. The initiative is to be applicable on petition of 10 per cent of the electors, and within twenty days after the ordinance has been passed by council it may be referred to the people, the procedure being the filing of a petition signed by 20 per cent of the electors.

**House Refuses to Fix Day.**  
The House has refused to consider at this time the proposition advanced by Representative Schuck, of Westmoreland, that final adjournment be fixed for May 15. The resolution, by a viva voce vote, was sent to the Rules Committee, following a strong speech against it by Speaker Alter, who left his chair for the second time this session to participate in debate. Mr. Schuck then offered a second resolution, that the committee report not later than next Monday on a date for final adjournment, but this was ruled out of order.

Schuck argued for adjournment on the basis of economy, and declared that if a date were fixed more work could be accomplished. The Speaker reviewed the work of the House to the present, and stated that up to March 27 the members had accomplished 30 per cent more than up to the same time in 1911.

**Speaker Alter Opposes.**  
The Speaker was cheered as he said: "It has been said around the State that the Speaker has been too indulgent with the members in debate. Some of the House members have given utterance to the same thought—that if the Speaker were more strict the House would work faster. Now, this is what I want to say: If it is the idea that the Speaker shall refuse to give fair hearing to members who arise in good faith to express their views on pending measures, then this House must get a new Speaker."

**Schuck Defends Motion.**  
When the resolution was offered, Representative Humes of Crawford moved to refer it to the Rules Committee. Schuck then came to the defense of his resolution, saying: "It is in response to a public demand for a business ending to this session that I present this resolution. Nothing will ever bring this House to its senses but the realization that a certain limited time remains in which to consider the legislation before it. We are becoming the laughing-stock of the people of the State, the object of derision when deliberative procedure in legislative matters is concerned. Let us not magnify our importance and deceive ourselves into the belief that our constituents are expecting us to remain here indefinitely." Mr. Schuck

**Overrides Toner's Wish.**  
Twenty-four dual officeholders, including Governor Toner's private secretary and the Executive Controller, adjudged guilty of contempt by the House Judiciary-General Committee, were subpoenaed to appear before the dual officeholders' investigating committee. This action was taken against the wishes of the Governor and Senators McNichol and Vare. The committee, after observing the greatest secrecy in two sessions held last week and another since then, refused to accept the report of the Governor.

opposed the Humes motion, saying he objected to "the indefinite and indeterminate policy of the 'Graveyard Committee' on Rules." Calling Representative Flynn, Democrat, of Elk, to the chair, Speaker Alter took the floor and requested that the resolution be sent to the Rules Committee.

After referring to the reports of his overlooking the members, the Speaker said: "I do not think this is the time for the House to set any definite time for final adjournment. There is no way of determining how long it will take to dispose of bills. I find that on March 27, 1911, 157 bills had passed the House, and the same day this year 204 bills had made the same progress. That is 30 per cent more business done this session than at the preceding one. That does not look as if we are wasting time."

# PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATURE.

**SENATE.**  
Bills Passed.  
For the better preservation of records in Philadelphia Recorder of Deeds' office.  
Permitting Warren Academy trustees to sell certain lands.

**Bills Introduced.**  
To preserve and publish ancient English and German church records found in the State.

Resolution asking Congress for national road system connecting State capitals.

**HOUSE.**  
Bills Passed.  
Three companion bills creating auxiliary forest reserves, fixing value at \$1 per acre for local taxes and reimbursing counties and townships 2 cents per acre.  
Making the violet the official State flower.  
Making Philadelphia and Pittsburgh school boards elective.  
Appropriating funds to transport veterans to Gettysburg celebration.  
Appropriating \$1,500,000 for pensions to Civil War veterans.  
Remitting parole of life prisoners.  
Creating bureau of utilities in second-class cities.

Regulating plants of shade trees and acquisition of lands for forestry purposes in second-class cities.  
Regulating sale of cigarettes. (Senate bill.)  
Regulating appointment of county detectives in counties having between 300,000 and 700,000 population.

**General.**  
House declines to adopt resolution for adjournment May 15.  
Senate sets April 22 for final vote on woman suffrage.  
Bill to license railway dining cars beaten in House.

House defeats bill forbidding tipping.  
Lieutenant Governor Reynolds declines to order election to fill vacancy caused by Senator Stineman's death.  
Philadelphia produce dealers appear in opposition to cold-storage bill.  
Advocates and opponents of Bible reading in public schools appear before Senate committee.

Constitutional amendment abolishing Department of Internal Affairs reported affirmatively to House.  
Senate committee postpones uniform divorce bill indefinitely.  
District Attorney Rotan suggests that criminal jurisdiction be denied to proposed municipal court.  
Argument for workmen's compensation act is made before Senate Corporation Committee.  
Fixing the deer season at from November 10 to 25.

Authorizing police magistrates in second-class cities to suspend sentences after persons have been adjudged guilty of violating city ordinances.  
Repealing Philadelphia Port Warden act of 1864.  
Authorizing municipalities to purchase entire capital stock and bonds of bridge companies and exempting such investments from State tax.  
Changing time for opening bids for State supplies from June to May.

**Court Bill Goes Through.**  
Among the bills to pass second reading was that providing for the consolidation of the Common Pleas Courts of Philadelphia. The Senate Judiciary General Committee postponed indefinitely action on the uniform divorce bill. This bill is the one drawn by the National Committee on Uniform Divorce. Walter George Smith, of Philadelphia, one of the sponsors of the bill, appeared before the committee in its favor.

**Senate Seat Stays Vacant.**  
Lieutenant Governor Reynolds announced that he would not issue a writ for the election of a Senator in the Cambria district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Stineman. He said there was no necessity for an election, as the Legislature would probably adjourn before the election would be held.

**Dining Cars Remain "Dry."**  
After a short but somewhat heated debate, the House defeated the bill of Representative McAleer, of Philadelphia, to license railway dining cars, 74 ayes to 110 noes.

**Veto to Hit Powell.**  
Governor Tener let it be known that he will veto the bill increasing the salaries in the Auditor General's office. This is the measure which caused Senator Powell, Auditor General-elect, to withdraw his opposition to the confirmation of Highway Commissioner Bigelow. He was assured by the Organization leaders that the Governor would approve the bill. Senator Powell declared that if the Governor vetoes the bill he will fight every Organization bill in the Senate. A lively fight will no doubt result.