

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

Number One.

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the XVIII article thereof:—

Section 16. The State, or any municipality thereof, acquiring or appropriating property or rights over or in property for public use, may, in furtherance of its plans for the acquisition and public use of such property or rights, and subject to such restrictions as the Legislature may from time to time impose, appropriate an excess of property over that actually to be occupied or used for public use, and may thereafter sell or lease such excess, and impose on the property so sold or leased any restrictions appropriate to preserve or enhance the benefit to the public of the property actually occupied or used.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

CYRUS E. WOODS,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia county.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section six of article five be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas of that county, shall be vested in one court of common pleas composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas, shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

CYRUS E. WOODS,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress

to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate, at any one time, one million dollars; Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification or the rejection of said amendment. Said election shall be opened, held, and closed upon said election day, at the places and within the hours at and within which said election is directed to be opened, held and closed, and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of Pennsylvania governing elections, and amendments thereto. Such amendment shall be printed upon the ballots in the form and manner prescribed by the election laws of Pennsylvania, and shall in all respects conform to the requirement of such laws.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.

CYRUS E. WOODS,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Amendment to Article Nine, Section Eight.

That section eight of article nine of the Constitution be amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as provided here in and in section fifteen of this article shall never exceed seven (7) per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, but the debt of the city of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed ten per centum (10) upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two (2) per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the said city of Philadelphia, at any time, there shall be excluded from the calculation and deducted from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred, and the proceeds thereof invested, in any public improvements of any character which shall be yielding to the said city an annual current net revenue. The amount of such deduction shall be ascertained by capitalizing the annual net revenue from such improvement during the year immediately preceding the time of such ascertainment; and such capitalization shall be estimated by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such purposes, up to the time of such ascertainment. The method of determining such amount, so to be deducted, may be prescribed by the General Assembly. In incurring indebtedness for any purpose the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty (50) years from the date thereof, with provision for a sinking-fund sufficient to retire said obligations at maturity, the payment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual or other periodical instalments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said city of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvement of public works of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be

**TO DO JURY SERVICE THIS MONTH**

The following are the jurors drawn for the September term of criminal court.

**Grand Jury**  
Addison township—John A. Gower, farmer.  
Berlin—Joseph B. Atchison, laborer.  
Black—Charles Engle, laborer.  
Brothersvalley—Peter D. Baer, farmer; James W. Hauger, farmer; Jacob J. Glessner, farmer.  
Elk Lick—Henry J. Opel, farmer.  
Jenner—William J. O'Connor, farmer.

Lincoln—James R. Oline, farmer.  
Meyersdale—Christian Sides, carpenter; S. C. Hartley, merchant; Charles J. Hauger, painter; H. E. Emeigh, carpenter.  
Northampton—Charles Mishler, farmer.  
New Centerville—Samuel Boyd carpenter.  
Somerset borough—A. Kent Miller, Justice of the peace; Edwin L. Fox, clerk; Harry W. Bittner, laborer.  
Somerset township—Samuel L. Shaffer, farmer; John Torpey, clerk; Charles Frank, farmer.

Stoyestown—Edward Smith, laborer.  
Windber—Blaine Allison, liveryman; Harry E. Dietz, jeweler.  
**Petit Jury.**  
Benson—Martin Carr, miner.  
Berlin—John A. Heffley, laborer; Henry J. Weyant, salesman.  
Boswell—Thomas J. McClellan, clerk.  
Black—John Marker, farmer.  
Brothersvalley—Boden E. Rogers, farmer.  
Conemaugh—Tobias Eash, farmer; Amos Hershberger, farmer; Noah Kaufman, farmer.

Confluence—W. H. Reiber, laborer.  
Elk Lick—Albert Glotfelty, farmer; David Glotfelty, farmer; Samuel Baker, farmer.  
Garrett—Mahlon A. Romesburg, minister.  
Greenville—Christian Werner, minister.  
Jefferson—Lloyd M. Miller, painter.  
Jenner—Earle S. Rhodes, undertaker; Ernest L. Berkey, farmer; James Kimmell, laborer; James A. G. Shaffer, farmer; J. L. Sipe, painter.  
Lower Turkeyfoot—John Colbesh, farmer.  
Middlecreek—William Mowry, miller.

Meyersdale—George H. Hocking, coal operator; J. N. Cover, merchant; Cyrus A. Just, laborer; Charles Phillips, merchant.  
Milford—George J. Hay, farmer.  
Northampton—H. F. Smith, farmer.  
Quemahoning—James D. Speout, farmer; James Tber, farmer; Franklin Spangler, farmer; Henry Stahl, laborer.  
Salisbury—John R. Brown, laborer.  
Somerset borough—Robert E. Bearits, merchant; A. Beam Sellers, merchant; James S. Swisher, retired; John A. Lambert, editor.  
Somerset township—Joseph M. Miller, farmer; Jacob Barron, retired; Harvey W. Woy, contractor.  
Southampton—James L. Lepley, farmer.

Stonycreek—John W. Piles, farmer; Luther J. Hillegass, farmer.  
Summit—Preston Walker, farmer; Wilson Saylor, farmer.  
Windber—Clinton Ishman, barber; A. M. Pheasant, retired; William Lochrie, mine foreman; R. W. Moore bookkeeper.

**ASSEMBLYMAN LOHR BUYS A BIG FARM**  
Robert W. Lohr, Republican nominee for the Assembly, has purchased the Wm. H. Rink farm in Jenner Township, the consideration being \$12,000. Previously, Mr. Lohr owned a farm of 200 acres, but he now has a total of 419 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Lepley of Somerset, were guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. James Darnley, Saturday and Sunday.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**  
used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for, and may include the amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon throughout the period of construction, and until the expiration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred; and said city shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges as required by section ten, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.  
CYRUS E. WOODS,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS**

Parting from his brother twenty-five years ago, five years after they had landed in this country from Ireland, Thomas Conlin, aged seventy, a laborer employed in the Braeburn Steel company plant at Braeburn, has just learned that his brother, Frank Conlin, who went to Australia, died, leaving his vast fortune of \$1,500,000 to him.

Uniontown police have been notified that Mrs. Frances Vavrek of West Masontown, was robbed of papers and cash valued at \$14,000. Mrs. Vavrek said she had gone to Uniontown to close a real estate deal and was sitting in the waiting room of the West Penn terminal when she missed a handbag containing the notes and cash.

Lawrence county courts will be called upon to decide the legality of the ordinance recently passed by the council of Ellwood City, making the salary of the burgess, W. J. Kirk, \$50 a month instead of \$2 for each arrest, as in the past. The burgess has vetoed the ordinance and the council will pass it over his veto.

Nearly every bottle plant at Kane, Pa., has started operations. This year is expected to be the greatest in the history of the bottle industry. The summer shutdown this year was the shortest on record, many of the plants being closed less than a month during which the capacity of many plants was greatly increased.

Complaint has been filed with the public service commission by Louis Franke, mayor of Johnstown, against the Johnstown Fuel company, he alleging an unjustifiable increase of rates by the company for supplying gas to industrial and individual consumers and the tentative violation of contract.

Miss Margaret McDermott, aged twenty, was killed and three others were injured, one probably mortally, as a result of an automobile sideswiping two motorcycles, hurling the occupants into a ditch on the Lincoln highway three miles west of Irwin, Sunday afternoon.

Twenty persons were hurt when two trolley cars on the high speed electric line, connecting Pottsville and Shenandoah, crashed together on a heavy grade just outside of Frackville. The collision was caused by the failure of the signal system to work, it is understood.

Altoona hospitals are crowded with typhoid fever patients and there have been six deaths to date. The state health department has placarded the city with warnings for everybody to boil the water for all purposes as a precautionary measure.

Returning home after accompanying two girls home from a dance, Joseph Fair and Lee Sandler, each twenty-three years old, of Montgomeryville, were killed when they were struck by a Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh flyer.

Striking laborers at the plant of the American Steel and Wire company, Braddock, returned to work when company officials granted the men the pay increase which they demanded. The men demanded 30 cents an hour.

For the first time in six years Joseph Heintzelman, a miner of near Greensburg, is able to open his mouth and eat solid food. The long period during which his jaws were locked followed a siege of typhoid fever.

Failure to comply with demands made by the Black Hand society resulted in the death of Tony Mammona, aged twenty-four, who was shot to death while working with a section gang near Bentleyville.

Anna, two-year-old daughter of John Glidea of Coulter, died in the McKeesport hospital, the result of a copperhead snake bite. The reptile attacked the child as she stepped from the door of her father's home.

Fifteen hundred dollars' worth of diamonds, gold coins and jewelry were stolen from Mrs. P. B. Breniser, proprietress of the Hotel Breniser in Ligonier. There is no clue to the robber.

Six hundred members of eleven Catholic societies in the McKeesport district took part in a parade which preceded the dedication of the \$30,000 Magyar Greek Catholic church in McKeesport.

Struck by an automobile and buried in the path of a motorcycle which ran over him, Edward Dunlap, aged thirty-five, suffered injuries from which he died at the McKeesport hospital.

As the result of having been bitten by a mad dog in Detroit three weeks ago Marie Engels, aged six, daughter of Henry Engels, died of hydrophobia in her home in Brackenridge.

A tarantula, dropping from a bunch of bananas to the pavement in Pittsburgh, bit a stray dog that wandered within reach. The dog died a few minutes later.

Fire, supposedly incendiary, destroyed two coal tipples of the Diamond Coal company at Houston Run, near Monongahela.

Governor Brumbaugh has appointed Stacy Stephens to be justice of the peace in Perry township, Greene county.

**Children Cry for Fletcher's**



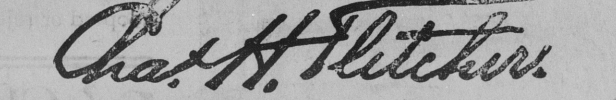
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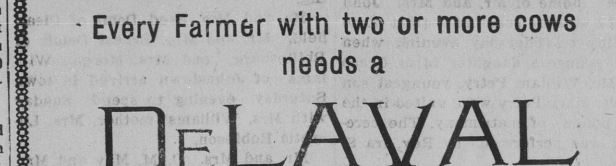
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**CONFLUENCE**

Mrs. L. M. Lininger is visiting her sister-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Deal near Addison.

G. G. Gray of the West Side was operated on for gallstones last evening at Frant's Hospital. He is getting along nicely.

G. R. McDonald and daughter, Mrs. John Weaver, received word Tuesday evening that the former's daughter and latter's sister, Miss Ida McDonald, was very ill at Findly, Ohio, re-

quested them to come at once. They left immediately for Findly and "t" this writing no ward has been received from them as to her condition.

A. G. Black, Jr., has returned from a business visit to Pittsburgh.

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