

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 by 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 by 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

CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of five 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:—

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, 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, to be amended so as to read as follows:

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

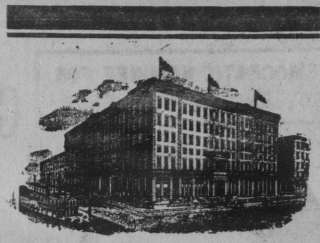
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

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, 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



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A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.
CYRUS E. WOODS.

Anita Stewart is one of the very best by a great actress, Anita Stewart at the Bijou, Friday, Sept. 25.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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KEYSTONE PARAGRAPHS

The United States Steel corporation is giving eighty frame houses to employees of the Seamless Tube works, McKeesport. The houses are being raised. They are awarded by the lot system to employees who desire to build homes. The houses are on a twenty-six-acre mill site in the Eleventh ward, purchased several months ago by the company for \$239,000.

Postoffice robberies which puzzled federal authorities have been solved through the arrest and confession of Ralph Beatty, aged sixteen, son of Albert Beatty of Leechburg. Personal mail, money orders, checks and packages containing valuables have been stolen from boxes for some time and the loot is said to have amounted to several thousand dollars.

Amer Mowrey, twenty-two, lost his life trying to save another employee of the Carnegie Steel company at Farrell. An Austrian workman went into one of the benzol plants to open a water gate and was overcome by fumes. Mowrey went to his assistance and was carrying him out when he also was overcome and fell, breaking his neck and dying instantly.

Charging false arrest and imprisonment, Melvin Pfeil, formerly of Wilkesburg, now of Akron, O., has filed action in the United States district court in Pittsburgh asking for \$26,000 from Samuel G. Jamison, coroner of Allegheny county, by reason of the injury and suffering induced by his commitment to jail and arrest.

Armed guards have been thrown around the residence of Alfred M. Fuller, millionaire reclusé of Perryopolis, because Mr. Fuller recently received letters demanding money. One dummy package placed in a hollow tree, as designated by the writer of the letters, disappeared without the guards seeing the person who took it.

Policeman William E. Pettmyer of Pittsburgh was justified in shooting Ida Starr, aged forty-eight, when she resisted arrest Aug. 7, a coroner's jury decided. It was testified the woman had attempted to shoot several persons and when Officer Pettmyer attempted to arrest her she threatened to kill him.

Gustave Gustafson of Homestead lost the end of the index finger on his right hand when it was bitten off by a turtle. Gustafson had purchased an eight-pounder, and was taking it home in the street car when he met a friend, who asked to see it. As Gustafson reached to the floor the turtle snapped off his finger.

The ten-cent night fare, initiated by the Pittsburgh Railways company last June, is declared illegal by the public service commission, it being held that proper legal notice of the increase from five to ten cents had not been filed in advance by the company. An appeal has been taken.

A lighted cigar in the trousers pocket of Ralph Flora of Pittsburgh ignited his clothing and caused members of his family to turn in an alarm of fire. Firemen extinguished the smoldering clothing. The damage reported by the police was the loss of Flora's trousers.

William Cook, aged forty-one, of Sharon, was probably fatally injured when his automobile was struck by a fast Erie freight train near Sharon. The shattered auto with Cook in it was carried for nearly half a mile before the engineer became aware of the accident.

James Brown Taylor, aged twenty-four, formerly of Sharon, has been fatally wounded in the battle of the Somme, according to a cablegram received by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor of Farrell. Taylor was fighting in the British army.

A. V. Rogers, a Capitol park policeman, is in the Harrisburg jail on a charge of trying to influence witnesses in the case against B. R. Gougler, charged with enticing from home Josephine Rogers, aged fourteen.

Miss Mabel Orr, aged thirty, was killed and her six-year-old niece had a narrow escape when a buggy in which they were riding was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad train near the West Apollo station.

A Pennsylvania train struck an automobile driven by Charles Zolen of Driftwood, at Cameron. Zolen, aged twenty-one, and Charles Callahan, twenty-two, also of Driftwood, were killed instantly.

Holding the breath while crying caused the death of Faith, four-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Yinglin of Lilly, near Johnstown.

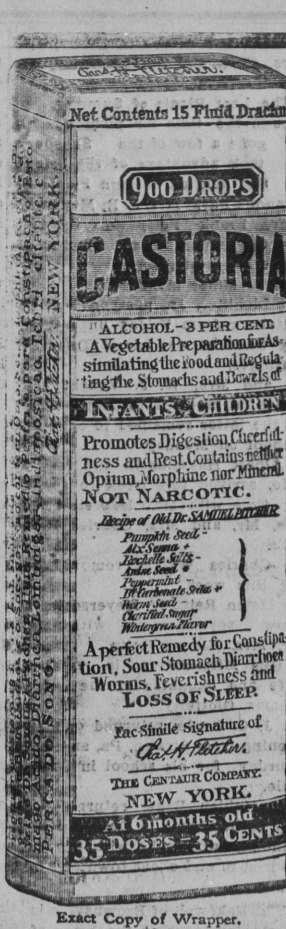
Milk producers who supply the Pittsburgh market are negotiating with the city wholesalers for higher prices for the product.

PARIS BORROWS MONEY

Loan of \$50,000,000 Arranged Through New York Syndicate.

Paris is borrowing money for the first time outside of France. A \$50,000,000 loan has been arranged for the city in New York through Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

The loan will take the form of five-year 6 per cent bonds, which will be offered the public by the banking firm next week. The city of Paris will use the funds provided by the bond issue to increase hospital facilities, build orphan asylums, care for widows of soldiers and to maintain the unemployed.



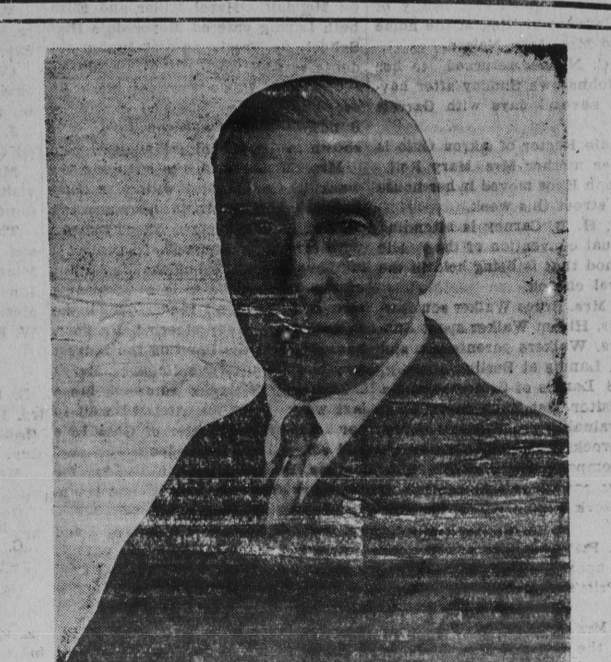
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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT SUMMIT MILLS. Beginning on Monday evening, October 9, Evangelist L. O. Hubbard, of Conemaugh, will conduct services each evening for a period of two weeks in the Brethren Church. The public is cordially invited to be present.

DREAMING OF THE RING. First Pugilist—How'd yer git de black eye, Bill? Second Pugilist—Dat's de result of Sluggsley's absent-mindedness. First Pugilist (grogy)—How—How's dat? Second Pugilist—Yer see, me an' him wuz standin' on de curb de odder day when a passin' motor-man rings his gong, an' wot does Sluggsley do but land on me 'tween times before he sees his mistake.