

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 may 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

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.

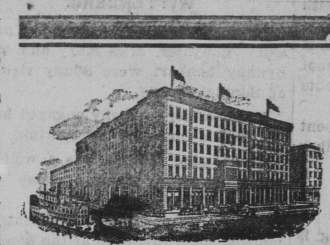
A JOINT RESOLUTION.
Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

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 installments. 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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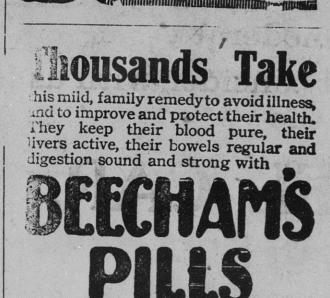
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used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for, and may include the amount of, the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon 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,

FEB. 26 SET FOR 'STEEL' HEARING

Supreme Court Refuses to Review W. Va. Contempt Cases

"BLUE SKY" LAWS ARGUED

Missouri Judgment in Case Involving Proper Guards For Machinery Upheld in Refusal to Review Case.

At the request of the department of justice the United States supreme court has set Feb. 26 for hearing of arguments in the government's anti-trust suit against the United States Steel corporation.

The court refused to review the convictions of four labor leaders in the 1918 West Virginia coal strike who were sentenced to six months' imprisonment for contempt of court in failing to obey an injunction by a federal district judge.

The cases are another outcrop of litigation in connection with Judge Dayton's decree that the United Mine Workers was an "unlawful conspiracy in its organization and operation. The defendants were members of the union and were found guilty of instigating, abetting, and refusing employment. Their conviction was affirmed by the fourth federal circuit court of appeals on the theory that Judge Dayton's decree against the United Mine Workers was valid.

The case is set for reargument before the supreme court during the present term. The four leaders were Fannie Sullivan, Frank Ledvinka, James Cates and Hiram Stephens. Review of important legal questions regarding territorial rights and limitations of trade marks arising in a suit of the United Drug company against a Louisville firm for alleged infringement was granted. Members of the United States Trade Mark association, comprising many large interests based upon trade marks, especially sought the court's scrutiny of the case.

Argument of the case of United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall of New York, charged with contempt of the house of representatives, was set for Dec. 4.

Permission was granted to Minnesota to file an original suit against Wisconsin to determine respective boundary lines in waters of St. Louis bay.

Consideration of suits against the state of Minnesota by North and South Dakota over diversion of drainage waters in the Red river district flooding valuable land in those states was granted. The Dakotas each claim \$1,000,000 damages from Minnesota.

Application of the Pacific Livestock company to reargue its suit to overthrow a ruling of the Oregon water board, limiting diversion of water from Oregon rivers for pasture lands, was denied.

Construction by lower federal courts of a Missouri law requiring equipment of dangerous machinery with safety guards was, in effect, upheld in refusing to review judgment for \$9,600 damages secured against the Atlas Portland Cement company by Fred W. Hagen for injuries received while employed at the company's mill in Missouri. The lower court held the Missouri law prevented use of the doctrine of "assumption of risk" by an employee in the company's defense to Hagen's suit.

Blue-sky laws of Ohio, Michigan and South Dakota, designed to check sales of fraudulent securities and held unconstitutional in lower federal courts, were defended by attorneys general of the three states in oral arguments before the supreme court. Decisions on the appeals are expected to form a precedent affecting similar laws of about twenty other states.

Attorney General Turner of Ohio argued that the lower court erred in concluding that the Ohio law restricts interstate commerce, and Attorneys General Fellows of Michigan and Caldwell of South Dakota defended the laws of their states as not burdensome upon legitimate security transactions.

Sparks From Brake Burn Hay.
As Floyd Randles, a farmer, was hauling a load of hay to Cochocton, O., sparks flew from the brake and ignited the hay. The wagon was a mass of flames in a moment and Randles freed the horses from the wagon. The hay and wagon were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$79.

A Big Gasser.
What is said to be the largest gasser in southern West Virginia has been brought in seven miles from Hamlin, Lincoln county, according to word received by the Huntington Development and Gas company. The well produces between 4,000,000 and 6,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

New High Price For Apples.
The climax price of the season of \$6 a barrel for apples just shipped to Philadelphia markets is announced by the Martinsburg Fruit Exchange. This represents \$5.13 net a barrel to the grower.

Mad King Otto Is Dead.

King Otto of Bavaria, Europe's "mad king," died suddenly at the castle of Fuerstenried, where he had been confined, insane for several years. He was seventy years old.

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Consideration.

In his Maine speeches Mr. Hughes
made it plain that he was not attacking
labor or the equity of the proposed
increase of wages for the rail
road men. He was simply contending
for the all important principle of arbitration
as the right means of settling
disputes of such questions. Speaking at
different places in Maine Mr. Hughes
went upon this question, saying:

"I deeply deplore, in the name of
justice, the name of American ideals, the
surrender of the Executive and of Congress
to force, instead of permitting reason
to reign.

"The measure to which I have alluded
was not, properly speaking, an
eight-hour measure. It was a wage
measure. It was a plain proposition
for a change in the wage scale. I do
not speak of the equity of that. That
is a matter to be fairly considered. I
want what is just and right with re-
spect to wages. I am for the arbitration
and the peaceful settlement of
these industrial controversies. We
can settle everything in this country

if we approach those matters with a
fair and open mind and an examina-
tion of the facts.

"This particular measure shows on
its face that it was legislation in ad-
vance of the investigation, instead of
investigation in advance of legisla-
tion. It is said that there was in its
favor the judgment of society. The
judgment of society in this country
has never been passed in favor of legis-
lation without knowledge of the equity
and regardless of the facts of the
case. There was no judgment of so-
ciety in favor of the roads which were
excepted from its provisions. If there
was a judgment of society, why not ap-
ply the rule to electric or other kinds
of roads or roads less than 100 miles
in length? I say, away with such pre-
tense! It was a surrender to force in-
stead of a clear, candid, faithful fram-
ed examination of the facts, and then
action in accordance with American
principles.

"Autocracy represents force; tyrann-
y represents force. Democracy rep-
resents the rule of the common judg-
ment after discussion, after an oppor-
tunity to know the facts."

One thing we must all admit—the
President is never too proud to side-
step.