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ACHIEVEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The International Disarmament Conference completed its work at Washington, Monday. The praiseworthy achievements of the Conference include a five-power naval limitation treaty, junking many battleships and establishing a naval holiday for a period of ten years; five-power poison gas and submarine treaties, outlawing gas as a war weapon, and submarines as commerce getters; four-power Pacific treaty aimed at eliminating strife in the Pacific, and two so-called nine-power Chinese treaties, subserving respect for China's open-door and China's integrity, and providing for return of Kiaochow and the Shantung railway to China. The Conference made no provision for the ENFORCEMENT of the various treaties. Such action would have too much aped the League of Nations. Entangling alliances, at any rate in outward appearance, could not be tolerated. Since the United States was prevented from entering the League of Nations, the work of the Conference is to be hailed as the best that could be hoped for from the Conference. The ten-year naval limitation period is at least a very encouraging step toward final disarmament to the point sufficient only to police the world. Let all Americans rejoice that the Conference, inspired by the League of Nations, accomplished as much as it did in the direction of world peace.

SOME FIGURES ANENT THE BIG BRIDGE PROPOSITION.

Exhibiting commendable interest in county affairs, as well as fealty to the public, the Lansdale Reporter makes a comparative exhibit of figures relating to the assessed valuation of property in Norristown and other sections of the county. This exhibit shows that the assessed valuation of Norristown property for county tax purposes is only \$21,004,135 as against a total for Lower Merion alone under the old assessment of \$29,442,676. The total valuation of the county is now in round numbers \$167,000,000, of which only \$21,000,000 is in Norristown. "In the face of this situation," says the Reporter, "the proponents of the bridge pretend to believe that Norristown is justified in demanding that the county expend \$1,500,000 to bridge the Schuylkill when a perfectly serviceable bridge could be built for one-sixth of that amount." The Reporter sustains the position heretofore taken by the INDEPENDENT, viz: A substantial bridge from bank to bank over the Schuylkill at Norristown to be paid for by the county, as a whole. All additional structures, elevated boulevards or what not, hitched to the bridge proper, to be paid for by Norristown, Bridgeport, and the railroad corporations interested. That's plain enough to be clearly understood, and sufficiently reasonable and just to be supported at the bar of public opinion in Montgomery county.

NO THOUGHT FOR COAL CONSUMERS.

The Dauphin county court, made up of appointees of Governor Spraul, has decided that the coal tax law is constitutional. A few years ago the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided a similar law to be unconstitutional. Now the Dauphin county court is likely to be sustained by the Supreme Court. Therefore, it would appear that in its last analysis our State Constitution is just what the lower and higher courts read into it from time to time, and that said courts often base their interpretation upon personal bias or partisan-political exigencies. Since Governor Spraul's pet coal tax law is being sustained by the courts at the expense of coal consumers, who are continually paying extortionate prices for coal, will somebody stand up and tell the people of Pennsylvania what the Governor has ever done or tried to do in the matter of getting to the bottom of the coal problem in Pennsylvania for the purpose of ascertaining just who are the real extortioners? Is he capable of any genuine consideration for the masses of the people?

SOME MESS.

According to official records at Harrisburg (in so far as they are open to public scrutiny) and Judge Bonniwell, government of, for, and by the people, in Pennsylvania, is in some mess; evidently a mess of rank extravagance. Accepting the statements of Judge Bonniwell as in large part true—pending specific denial based upon conclusive evidence—millions of dollars of the State's money have been squandered or misspent by authority of reckless acts of legislation, and grossly incompetent public officials who have been banking upon the continuance of political power to shield them and upon the cupidity and indifference of the people to permit them to escape condemnation and to continue at the helm of State. Unless the people of Pennsylvania are beyond being aroused from lethargy and are beyond cognizing a grave duty that deeply concerns them, there will come, ere long, a day of reckoning for brazenly unfaithful public servants.

SENATOR PEPPER AND THE BONUS.

George Wharton Pepper, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania, recently asserted:

"I am ready to vote millions for disabled soldiers, but not one cent for the man whose earning capacity is unimpaired."

The Senator also implied, in an interview or speech containing the above declaration, that the American boys who did service in the war would be more harmed than benefited in receiving a bonus for their services. This is rather silly argument for a United States Senator to promulgate. No doubt some of the boys would be foolish enough to "blow in" their extra pay in short order and holler for more. But, a very large majority of the boys will make good use of the bonus, should it come their way. The Senator's argument does not meet the question at issue. If the service of our boys in the world war is to be considered only as a matter of loyalty and patriotism, why were they paid even as much as the relatively paltry sum of \$30 per month for risking their lives, and why were our army officers engaged in the war each paid relatively large sums per month? Why any pecuniary remuneration? Why not argue that the boys of the rank and file, officers and all, should have donated their time, boarded themselves, and taken chances on their lives—all to crush autocracy and save democracy, while millions at home were receiving \$10 per diem per individual to enable them to help save their country? Why not? * * * While opposition to the bonus is much in evidence, there is a good deal being said about exempting Allied nations from the payment of obligations, interest and principal, due the United States! A preposterous situation! The loans to the allied foreign nations were made in good faith and every dollar of those loans, interest and principal, should be required to be paid in full, and all indemnities from the German government should be collected to the last mark. Some of the money thus received should be applied to the payment of the bonus due our American boys. If the finances of the nation will not now permit the payment of the bonus, our boys can, no doubt, be persuaded to wait a few years. Meanwhile, why not pay them the interest on the money they are to receive in full, final settlement?

TWAIN FOND OF BILLIARDS

Biographer Has Told How Great Humorist Would Wear Out His Companions at the Game.

November 30 is Mark Twain's birthday. The beloved humorist would have been eighty-six on that day in 1921, if he had lived. His biographer, Albert Bigelow Paine, in writing of Mark Twain's passion for playing billiards, a hobby which endured to the last, comments upon his great physical endurance and perpetual youth. "I was comparatively a young man, and by no means an invalid," Mr. Paine writes, "but many a time far in the night, when I was ready to drop with exhaustion, he was still as fresh and buoyant and eager for the game as at the moment of beginning. He smoked and smoked continually, and followed the endless track around the billiard table with the light step of youth. At three or four o'clock in the morning he would urge just one more game, and would taunt me for my weariness. "I can truthfully testify that never until the last year of his life did he willingly lay down the billiard cue. He showed the least suggestion of fatigue. He played always at high pressure. Now and then, in periods of adversity, he would fly into a perfect passion with things in general. But, in the end, it was a sham battle, and we went on playing as if nothing had happened, only he was very gentle and sweet, like the sun on the meadows after the storm had passed by."

WITTY EVEN IN DREAMLAND

Rev. Washington Gladden Was Able to Recall Humorous Response He Made During Sleep.

Many of us have dreamed of writing a poem, delivering a speech or making a witty remark, that seemed at the time wonderfully brilliant, but that, recalled on waking, proved to be either commonplace or wholly meaningless. That is not always the case, however, as a story once told by the Rev. Washington Gladden proves. He dreamed that the old house that formerly stood near his church was still there, and that old Mr. Deshler, who had been dead many years, still lived in it. Doctor Gladden also knew that his old dog, George, who never failed to bark at the minister when he passed the house, still lived. In the dream Doctor Gladden was passing the house when the door opened and the old gentleman came out, followed by George, who, as usual, rushed barking up to Doctor Gladden. "Now, now, George," said the old man, "you ought not to do that. You know that's a friend of ours; that's Doctor Gladden." "Oh! I have met George before," responded Doctor Gladden in his dream. "In fact, George and I have for some time had a boy-watching acquaintance."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

WASH DAY SUPERSTITIONS

Laundry Work May Be Done on Good Friday if Clothespins Are Crossed.

Universally washerwomen agree that any one who washes a sheet on Friday is washing her winding sheet, and death will come within one year. Some say that to wash on Friday is to wish your husband's death.

The superstitions that are connected with washing on Good Friday have naturally a religious origin, and washing on that day is well-nigh impossible. But it can be made safe by tying two clothes pins together in the form of a cross and letting them float in the tub. If a laundress drops her soap on the left side she will be asked to a wedding. If she splashes water on her apron she will marry a drunkard. If a man's shirt is put in the tub upside down—accidentally, of course—it means the coming death to the owner. There is good fortune in store for any one who meets a washerwoman carrying a basket of freshly laundered clothes, but bad luck will overtake the one who passes a basket filled with the unwashed.—Detroit News.

Saving His Eye. A man was sharpening his ax on an emery wheel when a piece of steel lodged in his eye. He tried to remove it with a handkerchief, but it had gone right in and would not budge. He was 12 miles from the nearest doctor.

The man went to his telephone, took off the cap of his receiver, removed the diaphragm, exposing the electro-magnet below. Taking a needle he held it against the iron magnet. With the other hand he turned the generating crank, thereby sending electricity into the wires surrounding the core. The core became magnetized, and so did the needle which he held against it.

The rest was simple. He held the needle to his eye, and it promptly drew out the piece of steel, just as a horseshoe magnet will draw up tacks.

The Secret of Death Gulch. Death gulch, in the Yellowknife park, is a narrow, rocky, steep-bottomed ravine, with comparatively level floors or shelves, one above another. It was discovered in 1888 when the bodies of five bears, one elk, many small mammals and numerous insects were found lying on the bottom. Visitors have often seen many dead animals in the gulch, and one counted no less than seven bears.

The place where these victims are found is a level shelf about twenty feet long. Last summer a scientist visited the spot with apparatus designed to analyze air. He found outlets in the rock at the sides from which poured air poisoned with more than 1 per cent of sulphureted hydrogen and more than 50 per cent of carbon dioxide.

Editors in Glass by Themselves. The doctor can bury his mistakes, the dentist can plug his up with gold and charge it to the patient, and the lawyer gets a chance to try his case over when he finds an error, but with us it is different. When we make a mistake we have to climb the barbed wire fence and get over on the other side to make things right with our customers—we can't ask him to do it. The little extra care and attention necessary to do things right are therefore very important.—Selected.

Is That It? "Many a live wire would be a dead one if it wasn't for his connections," remarks an exchange. Meaning that the home folks supply the currency.—Walt?—Boston Transcript

AMERICAN STORES CO. Here is More Evidence That it Pays to Deal in an "Asco" Store "Where Quality Counts and Your Dollars Go the Farthest" What Would Groceries be Costing Today Were It Not for the "Asco" Stores MAIN STREET, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

Best Soup Beans lb 5c Regular price 7c. Proper soaking and slow cooking will transform them into a dish that will satisfy the keenest appetite and at the same time supply abundant nourishment. BIG BROOM SPECIAL For This Week Only Reg. 45c Brooms... 39c each Reg. 60c Brooms... 54c each Reg. 70c Brooms... 64c each MINGED CORNED BEEF can 8c Cooked with potatoes. Just heat and serve. Try it served creamed, or with poached eggs on toast. VICTOR BREAD... Big Quality Loaf 6c Fresh from our own ovens. Made of the purest ingredients. Victor Bread is the equal of the best home-made you ever ate.

"Asco" Coffee lb 25c If you want to enjoy the finest cup of coffee you ever drank, buy a pound of the delicious "Asco" Blend today. We know its delightful aroma and rich, rare flavor will please you. Our money-back guarantee goes with every pound we sell. Rich Creamy Cheese lb 23c Real good snappy cheese. Gold Seal Oats pkg 8c The choicest white oats grown. Why pay more? "Asco" Macaroni pkg 9c "Asco" Pork and Beans 3 cans for 25c Cooked, ready to serve. "Asco" Tomato Catsup big bot 15c

"ASCO" OLEOMARGARINE lb 20c A high grade pure butter substitute of exceptional merit. Hawaiian Sliced PINEAPPLE med. can 22c Everyone enjoys a nice dish of pineapple for dessert. It's very healthful. N. B. C. Cake Specials 29c Othello Cakes lb 25c 25c Snaparoons lb 20c Two very dainty cakes specially priced—for this week only. "ASCO" TEAS 1/4 lb pkg 12c 1/2 lb pkg 23c; lb pkg 45c No matter how particular you are about your cup of tea, we can please you. Five quality blends to choose from—Orange Pekoe, Plain Black, India Ceylon, Old Country Style and Mixed. More Reasons Why You Should Buy All Your Groceries in An "Asco" Store Sweet Sugar Corn can 10c Choice Tender Peas can 12 1/2c Best Pink Salmon can 12c Best Corn Meal lb 2 1/2c "Asco" Farina can 10c "Asco" Rice lb pkg 12c Peninsular Condensed Milk can 13c "Asco" Sliced Bacon can 15c Sweetheart Soap can 25c Fels Napha Soap cake 5 1/2c P. & G. Naphtha Soap cake 5 1/2c Star Soap cake 5 1/2c Snow Boy Powder can 4 1/2c

FANCY OREGON PLUMS... big can 25c Most everyone will enjoy a dish of these delicious plums for dessert. Fancy Calif Evaporated Peaches lb 19c "ASCO" GOLDEN SYRUP No. 10 size can 47c It's "Asco" brand, and that means quality. You should buy a can at this low price. "Asco" Buckwheat pkg 10c Have You Ever Tasted the Delicious LOUELLA BUTTER? The Finest Butter in America!

CHURCH SERVICES. Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. William S. Clapp, pastor. Services for next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Two adult Bible classes, one for men and one for women. You are cordially invited to join one of these classes. Church at 10 a. m. Junior and Senior congregations worshipping together. Junior C. E. 1:30 p. m. Senior C. E. 6:30 p. m. Church at 7:30 p. m. Services every Sunday evening at 7:30, short sermon and good music by the choir. All most cordially invited.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. W. Z. ANDERS, M. D., Practising Physician, Successor to S. B. Horning, M. D., COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Telephone in office, Office hours 9:15 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. DR. J. S. MILLER, Homeopathic Physician, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Office hours: Sunday and Thursday—9 to 10 a. m. only. Other days—8:30 to 10 a. m., 1 to 2 and 5:30 to 8 p. m. If possible leave calls in morning. Phone Bell 62.

DR. CLARKSON ADDIS, VETERINARIAN, Nearly opposite the Fire Hall, COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Bell phone 58-31. 11-24 JOHN H. CASSELLBERRY, Surveyor and Conveyancer, EVANSBURG-COLLEGEVILLE R. D. 1. Sales clerked and all kinds of personal property sold on commission. 10-30

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OAKS.

The Oaks Building and Loan Association held its regular monthly meeting in the Oaks Fire Hall last Monday evening.

The reception given by Rev. and Mrs. Cresson last Wednesday evening was greatly enjoyed by about sixty friends.

On Wednesday evening, February 8, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Phoenixville Hospital will meet in the Eagle hall at 8 o'clock.

Miss Alice Bare is recovering from a severe attack of jaundice.

Mrs. Kate Miller is spending some time with her son Harry Miller in Glen Mills.

Mr. Charles Campbell returned to his home Saturday evening after a lengthy business trip in the West.

Owing to a broken grate in the stove in the primary room of the Green Tree school the children had a forced vacation for a week.

Mrs. Leshor Root was a business visitor to Norristown, Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Lewis and sons, of Audubon, spent Monday with the David Biggam family.

Miss Ella Sheeder was a Philadelphia shopper, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blanshard will give a graduation party in honor of their daughter Nettie, Sunday, at which time her engagement to Philip Schaeffer will be announced.

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Miss Amy Ashenfelter is spending a week in Glen Riddle, the guest of R. Q. Griffith and family.

Mrs. Benjamin Gotwals, son of W. P. Gotwals, who was operated on in Phoenixville Hospital, is getting along very nicely. He is expected home on Friday.

Mrs. Harry Cresscup spent Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia visiting her sister Mrs. Daniel Pedrick.

Miss Neta Bortman and Mrs. Elmer Custer were Philadelphia shoppers, Monday.

Mr. John Kindy, a surgical patient in the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, shows a marked improvement in his condition. John appreciates visits from all his friends.

Mr. J. R. Davis has resumed his duties in Conshohocken at the John Wood Mfg. Co.

Mr. David Bigom and family, of Port Providence, and Mrs. Mike Cunnane, of Philadelphia, were Sunday visitors in the Wm. Lewis home.

Friday evening the men in the choir of the Green Tree church treated their wives and sweethearts to a real oyster supper. The menu was carefully planned and prepared by Mr. Harry Kramer, our local contractor and builder.

The regular monthly meeting of the Oaks Fire Company was held on Tuesday evening, January 31. The meeting was called to order by the president, A. H. Casselberry.

After the regular routine business was transacted they had election of officers with the following results: President, A. H. Casselberry; vice president, Robert Spakeman; recording secretary, J. A. Smith; financial secretary, A. M. Keyser; treasurer, Frank Weaver; chief, Peter McBride; assistants, Paul Francis, Grant Keyser and George Smith; trustees—A. B. Dettra, Chas. Mosser and Joseph Casselberry.

A. H. Casselberry, Horace Boyer, John Taylor, Peter J. McBride and Christian Weaver, the recently elected delegates, attended the regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Firemen's Association at Jeffersonville, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miller, of Royersford, and Mrs. Thomas Lukens and son and daughter, of Spring City, were Sunday guests of Frank Weaver and family.

Mrs. Charles Hamel and Mrs. Calvin Reynolds, of Harrisburg, visited at the home of Frank Weaver, Thursday.

On Saturday evening, February 18, St. Paul's choir will give an entertainment in the Oaks Fire Hall for benefit of the choir. Details next week.

Next Sunday morning there will be communion and services at St. Paul's church at 10:45; Sunday school, 9:45; afternoon services, 3:40—Rev. Cresson, pastor. Everybody welcome to all services.

Friday evening the Girls' Friendly of St. Paul's meet at Oakland hall at 8 o'clock.

Miss Kate Famous died in the Phoenixville Hospital Monday morning at 8:30. Miss Famous was esteemed and admired by all who knew her.

Her quiet loving disposition was the envy of all her friends. She lived in Oaks all her life and leaves one brother Benjamin and a sister Ella, both at home, to mourn her loss. Funeral notices, another column.

Don't forget the Valentine social given by the Girls' Friendly in the Fire hall, February 13. The 10 cent admission admits all to the moving pictures.

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For the Independent.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. He stands triumphant and alone—Needing no monument of stone To keep him in the public eye; His memory will never die!

We see him bowed by weight of years Of frightful agony and tears, Knowing that cruel war and strife Saps the heart of a Nation's life.

He saw beyond the agony The North and South in unity, Banished for aye the chattel slave— And over all one Flag did wave!

Out of his honest deep set eyes Fell tears for war's great sacrifice. Union he knew was our salvation— And noble Lincoln saved the Nation.

MRS. HENRY ARMSTRONG, 477 Washington St., Dorchester, Mass.

BLACK ROCK AND VICINITY Mr. and Mrs. John Wenger and Mrs. Bayard Hedrick spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Wenger, Sr., of Kimberton.

Mr. Frank Fell killed his faithful old horse "Bess" last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill and son Robert, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Horace Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunsberger and Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hunsberger spent Monday in Souderton.

Mr. D. H. Jones was among the bank directors who attended the trial of the Spring City bank robbers at West Chester, last week.

PORT PROVIDENCE Samuel Sheeder, of Altoona, spent several days of last week with his father.

Lawrence, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dewiler, who was threatened with pneumonia, is much better at this writing.

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FRESH COWS! Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1922, at Otter-stetter's hotel, Limerick Square, Pa., 30 fresh and springer cows. These cows were selected right off the farms in Cumberland Valley and are first-class stock. This is a commission load and will be sold for the high dollar. Sale at 1:30 p. m. Conditions by F. H. PETERMAN. M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

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FRESH COWS! Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1922, at Perkiomen Bridge hotel, one car-load of fresh cows and 125 feebing hogs, weighing from 25 to 145 lbs., all selected by Fred Fisher in Cumberland county. These cows, all big milkers, were bought at the right prices and will be sold to the highest bidder. Don't miss this opportunity farmers and dairymen. Sale at 1:30. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER. F. H. PETERMAN, Auctioneer. M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

WANTED.—A "coal-burning, canopy brooder," of 500 chicks capacity. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

WANTED.—A single man to do farm work on my farm near Collegeville. Apply to JOHN T. KEYSER, Collegeville, Pa. 1-19-21

FOR SALE.—Cook stove, full nickel trimmings, \$7.00; small egg or office stove, \$7.50; oil heater, \$2.00. I. P. WILLIAMS, Arcola, Pa. 2-2

FOR SALE.—White Leghorn day-old chicks from pure "Tom Barron" strain of W. Leghorns. All male birds on our farm are descendants from stock that we imported direct from "Tom Barron." Twenty-two years hatching experience assures you strong chicks. Bell telephone Norristown 1743. GEO. W. MIDDLEDON & SONS, 1-19-21 Jeffersonville, Pa.

THE OAKS HATCHERY, Oaks, Pa. Barred Rocks, White Neck, White Leghorns, Single and Rose Comb Reds—eggs and chicks. Custom hatching. N. U. DAVIS. Bell phone, Phoenixville, 687-r-4 2-9-19

FOR SALE.—MILD CLIMATE MARYLAND FARM—120 acres—75 acres under cultivation. Produced corn, wheat, clover, cow peas, and potatoes this year. Six-room house, barn and stables; good condition. Price \$1,500. J. A. JONES, Salisbury, Md. 1-19-21

FIRE TAX NOTICE.—The members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county are hereby notified that an assessment was levied January 31, 1922, equal to the amount of premium per one thousand dollars for which they are insured, to pay losses sustained. Payments will be made to the Secretary at his office in Collegeville. Extract from Charter: "If any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment within 40 days after the publication of the same, 20 per cent. shall be added thereto, and if payment be delayed for 50 days longer, then his, her or their policy will have become suspended until payment shall have been made." The 40 days time for payment of said tax will date from February 4, 1922. A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary, 4-2-21 Collegeville, Pa.

PROPOSALS.—Sealed revised proposals for the general construction, heating and ventilating system, plumbing, drainage, and water supply system, electric wiring, fixtures and bell work system, for a Four Class School House to be erected at Oaks in Upper Providence township, Montgomery Co., Pa., will be received by the School Board until 8:00 p. m. February 2, 1922, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Hall at Mont Clare, Pa., at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposals will be received at the same time for drilling an artesian well. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received. Drawings and specifications are on file at the Architects' offices, where they may be seen by prospective bidders. Copies will be furnished to bidders desiring same upon receipt of \$1.00 and at the discretion of the Architects, C. E. Schierhorn and Watson K. Phillips, 430 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. GEORGE J. HALLMAN, Secretary, Feb. 6, 1922. 2-9

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF W. D. KENNINGER, TREASURER OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE, PA. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1921.

GENERAL FUND Receipts: Tax of 1920, \$371.91; less exonerations, \$28.44; \$343.47. Total duplicate of 1921, \$371.91. Deduct: Commission, \$12.50; Outstanding tax, \$32.44; Exonerations, \$33.20; \$367.67. Amount received from collector, \$350.18; less exonerations, \$12.50; \$337.68. Total duplicate of 1921, \$371.91. Disbursements: Labor and hauling, \$197.23; Fuel, \$128.99; Oil, \$151.95; 2382.87; Lighting, electric current, \$451.00; Miscellaneous, \$97.19; Interest on loans, \$269.67; Auditing, \$120.00; U. G. I. Cons. Co., \$4.00; Municipal Law Reporter, \$10.75; Raymond K. Bard, \$95.50; Circuit lawyers, \$100.00; Extending tax duplicate, \$5.00; Printing materials, \$5.00; Rent and light, \$10.27; Collegeville Fire Co., \$14.56; 1097.55; Salaries: Solicitor, \$25.00; Treasurer, \$25.00; Secretary, \$25.00; Health officer, \$25.00; 100.00; Balance in treasury, \$112.28. Total, \$647.76.

BOND FUND Receipts: Tax of 1920, \$68.87; less exonerations, \$1.72; \$67.15. Total duplicate of 1921, \$68.87. Deduct: Commission, \$3.80; Outstanding tax, \$23.44; \$41.63. Amount received from collector, \$69.20; less exonerations, \$1.72; \$67.48. Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1921, \$67.48. Interest on bond deposits, \$4.00. Total, \$71.48.

Disbursements: Interest on bonds, \$5.00; Bonds liquidated, \$100.00; 104.00; General fund, \$67.28. Total valuation of taxable property, \$559515.00. Liabilities: Loan outstanding, \$500.00; Bonds liquidated, \$100.00; 600.00. Cash balance, \$2430.34. Total, \$565515.00. Tax Rate: \$1 mill for borough purposes. Audited and approved January 17, 1922. W. R. LANDERS, ROBERT K. MOYER, GUILLIAM G. CLAUSER, Auditors.

WE OFFER \$100,000.00 FREE HEATER COMPANY CHARTERED 1909 8 Per Cent Preferred Capital Stock PAR VALUE \$100.00 PER SHARE To be authorized \$100,000 Fully paid and non-assessable

The PREFERRED CAPITAL STOCK will have preference over the Common as to dividends at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable out of the net profits or earned surplus of the Company, as declared by the Board of Directors on the last day of January, April, July and October in each year. The Preferred Stock is subject to redemption as a whole or in part at any time at 110 per cent. and accrued dividends to date of redemption. The Preferred Stock of this Company shall not have voting power unless the cumulative 8 per cent. dividends shall not have been earned and paid for four quarterly periods, consecutive or otherwise, in which event it shall have equal voting power with the common stock until such time as the dividends in arrears shall have been paid and further regular payments shall have been made for four consecutive periods, all out of net earnings of the Company. The above stock is offered when, as, and if issued at 100 per cent. to yield 8 per cent. The right is reserved to reject any and all applications and also in any case to award a smaller amount than applied for. It is expected that stock certificates will be ready for delivery about January 16, 1922. The Plant and General Offices of the Freed Heater Company are at Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. A Sales Office is maintained at 110 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. A portion of the Company's business is devoted to the manufacture of Special Grey Iron Castings of the better grade. One of the largest accounts for that class of castings averages fifty tons per month. This business, as well as the boiler business, could be increased if the Company's facilities were enlarged to handle additional orders. From 1910 to 1920, inclusive, over 60,000 heaters have been made and marketed. Profits have been returned to the business in the erection of new buildings, installation of new equipment, and the manufacture of new iron patterns and fixtures. 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