

CAMDEN TO PROFIT BY LIGHTING PLANT

Special Committee Submits Figures to Council Showing Substantial Income Will Follow

Camden City Council yesterday received additional information relative to the municipal lighting plant which it is proposed to erect. The Special Committee appointed for that purpose, of which Councilman Warren is chairman, gave some facts and figures, according to which the city may derive a comfortable profit.

In the estimates submitted by experts employed to plan the plant, it is shown that the cost of installation will be \$538,928. The operating and other expenses are estimated as follows: Interest, \$29,611.04; depreciation of plant, \$23,159.70; maintenance, \$64,255.50; total, \$117,056.24. As to the income it is believed that a total of \$171,244.58 can be derived from street lighting and other sources. This will make the net earnings to the city of \$54,188.34.

This is merely an estimate, however, and Council decided to lay the matter over for further consideration before going into the subject of actually arranging the erection of the plant. It will be up to the committee to be appointed at the reorganization of Council to take up this work.

Council also decided to purchase from the trustees of the estate of the late William J. Thompson the tract of land at the foot of Line and Walnut streets and reaching to the riparian lines in the Delaware for \$68,000. This is a further step toward the reclamation of the city's water front.

On the recommendation of the Fire Committee it was decided to place on the pension list, beginning with February 1 next, Peter Gray, who has been a fire-fighter for the past thirty-five years.

TWO PRISONERS ATTEMPT SUICIDE IN THEIR CELLS

Temporarily deranged, two prisoners in the Camden city jail tried to end their lives during the early hours of yesterday morning and they would have succeeded but for the vigilance of Captain Hyde. Martha Williams, a negress, 26 years old, of 327 Division street, was found hanging to the bars of her cell by a pair of garters. She was cut down by Captain Hyde and revived at the Cooper Hospital.

This was followed by an attempt by Nicholas Gearguise, a Pole, to knock his brains out against the iron bars. He was subdued and placed in a padded cell. Later Recorder Stackhouse gave each twenty days in the county jail.

Speechless Girl Puzzles Doctors

Camden physicians are puzzled over the case of Jeanette Purvis, 11 years old, of 737 Clinton street, who is in the Cooper Hospital speechless as a result of striking her spine in a fall on roller skates. Unable to utter a word, the girl simply indicates to the physicians and nurses that her back pains her. It was while Jeanette was going about on roller skates which had been made a Christmas present to her that she fell. She struck her back a severe blow, although she was able to get into the house. Then it was that her parents found that she was unable to speak.

Hit by Train But May Recover

Unable to see an approaching train of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company, Walter Middleton, a motorman of the Public Service Railway Company, was run down at Mt. Ephraim avenue and Walnut street, Camden, yesterday. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital, where it was stated that his shoulder and two ribs had been broken and that his body was badly bruised. His recovery is anticipated. Middleton is 45 years old and lives with his wife and family at 1435 South Tenth street.

CAMDEN NEWS NOTES

Local Democrats have called a meeting for Saturday night to settle the controversy over the selection of a man to fill the job of motor vehicle agent, soon to be vacant.

Announcement was made by Prosecutor Boyle yesterday that he will not try the members of the Excise Commission next Monday as was planned, but will substitute several election cases.

Said to have been despondent because his sweetheart went back on him, Lester Sharp, a negro, 23 years old, of 710 Sycamore street, drank laudanum yesterday. His life was saved at the Cooper Hospital.

After a several weeks' illness, Isaac Lee, 70 years old, of 325 State street, died yesterday. He was at one time prominently identified with Philadelphia's fish market and owned considerable real estate in Camden.

With a capital of \$3000, the Berkley Beach Company was incorporated yesterday, the object being to deal in real estate. The incorporators are J. F. Satton, K. L. Raiser and F. Harry Rowland.

Slipping on the ice, Mrs. Susan Compton, 72 years old, of 722 South Eighth street, broke her hip last night. Owing to her advanced age it was stated at the Cooper Hospital that her injury may have serious results.

Champion-Beckett

Special to The Inquirer.
MILLVILLE, N. J., Dec. 26.—At noon today under a bower of smilax and evergreens at her home here, Miss Anna Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram O. Beckett, became the bride of Richard Champion, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Champion, of East Millville. The wedding culminated a romance begun in the Millville High School, from which both of the young couple were graduated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William C. Ilett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The maid of honor was Miss Rachel Beckett, a sister of the bride, and the best man, Maurice Champion, a brother of the groom.

To Retire After Long Service

Special to The Inquirer.
BRIDGETON, N. J., Dec. 26.—Commissioner of Public Works Timothy Woodruff, who has been superintendent of Bridgeton's water works since they were established in 1877, will retire from office with the first of the year. City Council has passed on two readings an ordinance providing a pension of half pay, \$600, for him annually. Another ordinance which is in process of passage increases the salary of the new commissioner of public works to \$1800. He will have charge of Bridgeton's new water plant on the city park property, which is now nearly completed. It is not known yet who the new official will be.

GLOUCESTER CITY NEWS

Special to The Inquirer.
GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J., Dec. 26.—At the home of the bride, Clark W. Diament, of Mianesspolis, and Miss Kathryn Callahan, of this city, were married by Rev. William L. Haines, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Despite the heavy fog on the river, the Gloucester ferry boats today managed to make nearly all of their trips. Half hour service on the ferry is being continued this winter longer than ever before, and is due to the increased traffic.

The Christmas Sunday school exercises of the First M. E. Church were held tonight in the church and were largely attended.

Rev. Charles J. Glese, rector of St. Mary's Catholic Church, visited the Detention House of the Immigration Bureau today and held short services.