

September 1, 1909

CENSUS TAKERS WILL BE MANY

Eight Hundred Necessary to Count Heads in Allegheny County

Washington, Sept. 1. —As in the last census Pennsylvania, in the one to be taken next year, will have a greater number of enumerators employed than in any other state. There will be about 5,260 of them. Of that number about 1,000 will be employed in Philadelphia and 800 in Allegheny county. The enumerators to be employed in counting the people will receive from two to six cents per head, according as to whether they are working in thickly or sparsely settled territory. Those engaged on the industrial enumeration will receive per diem pay of from \$4 to \$6.

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CITY SWIMMING POOL TO CLOSE IN TEN DAYS

Policeman Hoffman Wishes to Have Water Sports Saturday Week

The city swimming pool will close for the season on Saturday evening, September 11, and if the merchants and a few citizens will donate some prizes, Policeman Henry Hoffman, who is in charge of the pool, will arrange a program of water sports that will eclipse any ever given in this city.

This, the initial season for the swimming pool, has been most successful and thousands have enjoyed the bathing. Mr. Hoffman is keeping a record of the number of swimmers each day, together with other data of considerable interest, and will make his report to the chief of police just as soon as the season closes.

Yesterday about 500 bathers took dips at the pool and the water was fine. Today only a few went in, on account of the cool weather.

Mr. Hoffman is anxious to have a fitting finale to the season and solicits prizes for the closing evening. Should sufficient prizes be secured, there will be a game of water polo, swimming races, diving contests, tub races, etc. He is anxious to have the prizes donated as soon as possible and if this is done promises to arrange an excellent program. Those desiring to make donations can inform Mr. Hoffman at the swimming pool or leave word with the police department.

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MOOSE OUTING

Local Lodge Has Enjoyable Time at Olympia Park Yesterday

McKeesport Lodge No. 41, Loyal Order of Moose, held its first annual outing yesterday at Olympia Park, when there was a large crowd of members and friends present and also a number of visiting delegations.

The committee in charge of the arrangements had prepared many interesting and amusing features for the day and a good sport program was carried out.

The dancing was one of the bright features of the day and was enjoyed by a good crowd all day and in the evening a happy crowd danced to the strains of the music.

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IMPORTANT PIANO DEAL

A trade event as important as it has been quiet, has just been announced. The W. F. Frederick Piano Co. last week purchased the entire stock of the Hallet & Davis Piano Co., at 613 Smithfield Street, Pittsburg. The deal comprises the outright purchase by the Frederick house of the Hallet & Davis store in its entirety, and the transfer of the agency of the several pianos controlled by them to the Frederick concern for the entire western part of this state, Eastern Ohio and other adjacent territories.

The Hallet & Davis Piano Co. is one of the oldest and best-known piano houses in the country, being established in 1835.

The W. F. Frederick Co. will immediately take possession of the stock. A portion of the stock will be moved to the McKeesport store, 422 Fifth Avenue

Mr. F. C. Wampler, manager for the Frederick Co. in McKeesport, states that he spent yesterday in making selections for the McKeesport store, and in a day or two will have some fine bargains in slightly shop-worn instruments, as well as brand new goods from the Hallet & Davis stock, at greatly reduced prices.

September 2, 1909

AFRO-AMERICAN

Concert This Evening

The Baptist Young People's union of the Bethlehem Baptist church will give a grand concert at the church this evening. The following program will be given: Selection, B.Y.P.U. Choir; prayer, Rev. A. Elias; selection, choir; address, J. W. Walker, Jr.; recitation, Bertha Johnson; solo, Laura Johnson; recitation, Mrs. P. Kelley; instrumental duet, Florence Marshall and Stephen Collins; selection, choir; piano solo, Logaola Sayles; recitation, Iva Randolph; instrumental solo, Jeannette Taylor; recitation, Jennie Sayles; duet, Misses Jeannette Taylor and Martie Hemmons; select reading, Annabelle Allen; solo, Callie Griffens; recitation, Katie Hemmons; solo, Virginia White; closing selection, choir. Refreshments will be served.

September 3, 1909

NIGHT SCHOOL

Opens Sept. 6 in Douglas Business college, 308 Fifth avenue. 6 months \$20. Books free. Courses in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, civil service and English branches; experienced teachers. But this is a limited offer. Only good until Sept. 6. Don't wait; better see us today. Open evenings.

September 6, 1909

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY INCREASES STOCK

Announcement is made of an increase in the capital stock of the Dravosburg Street Railway Company from \$10,000 to \$100,000 and a decision to begin work on the line shortly.

The road is to be built from the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Plum Alley, Duquesne, through the Duquesne Annex property to Dravosurg. The surveys for the line have been completed in Duquesne and the plans are now being prepared for the construction work.

The officers of the company are: Fred W. Scott, president; J. C. Cato, vice president; T. F. VanKirk, secretary; Adam J. Prill, treasurer; W. J. Leader, J. W. Spering, M. G. Conlin, A. C. Purdy and Charles McGinley, directors.

October 4, 1909

AFRO AMERICAN

TESTIMONIAL TO THE PASTOR

At the pastor's testimonial a fine program will be rendered tonight at 8 o'clock in St. Paul's A.M.E. church, given under the auspices of the stewardess board. The best talent, both foreign and local, will take a part on the following program:

Chorus, by the young choir. Miss Miller of Washington will preside at the organ.

Invocation, by Dr. D. S. Bentley, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Selection by choir.

Remarks by pastor, Rev. E. R. Bazier,

Solo by Mr. Norton Minor, Washington, Pa.

Recital, Mrs. Dr. Howard, Braddock, Pa.

Instrumental duet, Miss H. Pryor and Mr. E. Henderson, Washington, Pa.

Solo, Mrs. Minor, Washington, Pa.

Remarks, by P.E.D.S. Bentley, D.D.

Solo, Mrs. Carolyn Montgomery.

Instrumental by Prof. List, McKeesport, Pa.

Mrs. A. R. Pryor, Mistress of Ceremony.

Immediately after the program a fine banquet will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission free. Come early as the program will be rendered at 8 p.m. sharp.

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WHITE'S NEW THEATRE

The dramatization of "St. Elmo," by Willard Holcomb as presented by Vaughan Glaser's company at White's Wednesday night follows the original story by Agusta Evans Wilson with fidelity that will be readily recognized by the readers of this popular novel.

The novel extends over a period of fifteen years and ranges in localities from Tennessee and Georgia to New York and Italy. Mr. Holcomb's play begins and ends in the shadow of Lookout Mountain with scenes at "La Bocage," the home of the Murrays. Here it is the heroine finds refuge and at the parsonage of the Rev. Mr. Murray. Three of these are exterior scenes and the opportunity for setting the stage with picturesque reproductions of nature as she luxuriates in Dixieland and have been fully improved by the scenic artist, while the one interior scene is an elaborate reproduction of an artistic southern home of the "Befo the Wah" period.

The coming musical comedy, "The Flower of the Ranch," is doubtless the best ever given the public in the musical comedy line. The scene opens on a ranch in the California hills, the atmosphere is as one experiences traveling over the mountainous ranges. There are cowboys of all types and a little seventeen-year-old girl called

“Flower,” the pride of the ranch. The action of the play is based upon a scheming sheriff and his fiendish branders to prevent a marriage between the Flower and Jack Farnum, a young rancher to whom she has become engaged. Of course the story ends as it should and Flower and Farnum are made happy.

This charming play will be presented at White’s theater Thursday night.

October 7, 1909

PORTVUE INSTALLS NEW FIRE WHISTLE

Its Weird Calls Startled Residents of McKeesport Last Night

Portvue has a new fire whistle. It’s a daisy. To use to the superlative and be literal at the same time---it is a siren.

It has just been installed at the plant of the McKeesport Tinsplate company, and if there was ever a scared community, it was last evening when the “screecher” was let loose.

People sat up and took notice. It was something new and it was thought Glassport, Duquesne or some other suburban town was at the mercy of flames.

The fire alarm was being given a trial: Councilman Tomeldolsky of the property committee had charge of placing the fire whistle and if the resident of the town don’t wake up when it lets go, they will be dead ones.

One screech of the whistle will mean a downtown fire, two blasts for the Kaler plan and three for the Upston plan.

October 11, 1909

COLUMBUS DAY

Local Italian Societies to Give Parade and Hold Dance

The local Italian societies will celebrate Columbus Day tomorrow with a street parade in the afternoon and a dance at night.

The parade will form on Market Street and at 2 o’clock will parade up Market Street to Twelfth Avenue to Walnut Street to Fifth Avenue to Versailles cemetery and return in Fifth Avenue and disband. In the evening the dance will be held in Elks’ temple.

The parade will be headed by a delegation of police to be followed with a band. The official staff will march ahead of Mayor H. S. Arthur in a carriage and be followed by the local Italian societies.

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Cow Causes Wreck

Striking a cow and wedging it between a running passenger train and a freight train at Glassport yesterday morning the steps of a coach were torn off as they struck the animal. Passengers on the train were frightened and thought a wreck had occurred. The train was stopped and one of the damaged cars sidetracked. Anson Campbell of this city was a passenger on the train.