

COUNTY HAS PROSPERED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Farsighted Policies of Board of Freeholders Fostered Progress—Economy the Watchword—\$62,000 Surplus in Treasury.

At no period in its history has Atlantic County prospered so greatly as during the last five years. There has been a general improvement of public property, without any undue taxation of heavy bond issues, and with all expenditures made during the last year there remains available cash in the treasury amounting to \$62,000.

Since the year 1906, when F. Fraley Doughty was first elected Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, an office he has held continuously since that time, the Board has carried on an aggressive campaign for improvements, the members at all times exercising farsighted policies that avoided financial embarrassment to the County for the great progress being made.

One of the most important features in the development of the County has been the establishment of good roads, of which one hundred and thirty miles are now under construction or about to be started.

During the last year contracts were awarded for the road leading to Chestnut Neck Bridge, for \$24,300; from Cologne to Port Republic, for \$19,100; and for paving the Old Shore Road, for \$18,000.

Improvements have been made to the County buildings since the year 1906 involving a total expenditure of about \$75,000, this sum not including furnishing, ordinary repairs, etc. It cost \$15,000 to remodel the County buildings at Smith's Landing, which are now among the finest institutions of their kind in the State.

The bonded indebtedness of Atlantic County is now \$17,000. In 1906, before the improvements mentioned were begun, it was \$26,000. At that time the surplus in the treasury was only \$15,000, less than one-fourth of the available cash this year.

The records preserved by County Collector Levi C. Albertson at his office, show by the building of the new County buildings, the growing prosperity of the County. With great improvements were made prior to 1906, including new roads, repairs to the County buildings and others, progress has been most marked in recent years.

In the Churches. Rev. D. H. Shock, of Pitman Grove, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow, both morning and evening, 9:30 a. m. Class meeting, 2:30 p. m. Sabbath School, 6:45 p. m. Epworth League Devotional Meeting. Everybody welcome. Rev. S. K. Moore, Pastor.

The Rev. R. H. Sharpe, of Hammonton, will preach in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow, both morning and evening, 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor Meeting at 8:45 p. m. Topic, "Bringing others to Christ." John J. 35-1. Leader, Miss Anna Corson. The annual Congregational meeting will be held Wednesday evening for the election of two trustees, and to hear the financial reports of the treasurers and all other departments of the church. A full attendance is requested. D. E. Iszard, Calling Elder.

Owing to the storm last Wednesday evening, the meeting of the newly elected officers and committees of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church was postponed until next Wednesday evening. The newly elected President, Miss Patterson, requests that all members be present at the meeting.

Services will be held to-morrow in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church as follows: Mass at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. Music by Choir. Rev. Thomas F. Hennessy, Pastor.

As the annual election of the Presbyterian Sabbath School held last Sunday, the following officers and teachers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Daniel E. Iszard; Assistant Superintendent, Robert Turp; Secretary, Joseph Davis; Assistant Secretary and Librarian, Harry Salvendy; Treasurer and Organist, Miss Catherine B. Endicott; Assistant Organist, Mrs. Walter Mahanke; Teachers—Miss C. B. Endicott, Miss Joseph Hollis, Mrs. Walter Mahanke, Misses Grace Watson, Laura Herbert; Assistant Teachers, Prof. S. G. Huber, Misses Edith Patterson, Mary Lambert and Mema Hawthorn; Primary Teacher, Miss Anna Corson; Assistants, Misses Emma and Helen Lambert.

Opened Store Thirty Years Ago. Just thirty years ago yesterday morning, Mr. M. R. Morse opened the general store at the corner of Myrtle and Maple Avenues, conducting business under the firm name of Morse & Co. "Trade conditions have undergone great changes since that time," said Mr. Morse yesterday. "When we sold large quantities of pork, and bought high leather boots, several dozen at a time, and now there is very little sale for either. Some of the staples, such as sugar, flour, cotton, etc., were in demand then and their sale has not greatly increased; but there are many articles of merchandise sold now that were not found in those days that time. Our inventory at that time was about two thousand dollars; now it is three times that amount."

New Water Tank for Railroad. The W. J. & S. R. Co. is erecting a large water tank in the rear of the Main Station. The steel frame work is in position and the tank will probably be completed within a few days. The old water tank next to the North-bound track will be torn down.

SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG.

Celebrates 34th Wedding Anniversary Begins 47th Sunday School Term.

In spite of his three-score and fourteen years, Magistrate Daniel E. Iszard, hale and hearty and merry as when he wedded thirty-four years ago, celebrated the anniversary of that happy event Tuesday evening last, surrounded by relatives and friends.



MAGISTRATE DANIEL E. ISZARD.

Gathered around the table at six o'clock dinner, passing jests and giving reminiscences of yore often times within the memory of but few people, Mr. Iszard, assisted by his charming wife, entertained his guests in a most enjoyable manner. Those present were: Mrs. Isabella Corson, Capt. and Mrs. Harrison Thompson, Miss Anna Corson and John E. Iszard.

Mr. Iszard was recently elected Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School for his forty-seventh consecutive term, a record that probably cannot be equaled in the County. In the entire State. During the Civil War he was Clerk of Atlantic County and later served as County Collector.

CROSSING MUST BE PROTECTED

New Tuckahoe Boulevard Will Cause Heavy Travel Over "Death-trap."

Before the new boulevard from this place to Tuckahoe is completed steps will probably be taken by either the Township authorities or the Board of Freeholders to secure protection at the Estelle Avenue grade crossing, known among automobilists as the "death-trap."

This crossing has been the scene of several violent deaths and is probably more dangerous now than last year, for a freight car sliding here, constructed on the North side, which will be the end of the view of the track North from either side. The station and freight cars on the other sliding block the view South.

The only protection now afforded is a small bell, which usually cannot be heard by approaching automobilists. With the heavy travel the new road will cause over the crossing, it will be positively necessary for the railroad to provide either a flagman or a safety gate to prevent further catastrophes.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Prof. and Mrs. John P. Walker, of Trenton, spent several days during the week at the Forge.

Mrs. Carrie C. Abbott and daughter Bessie spent New Year's Day in Atlantic City as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Towell.

John J. Tromp is having a hot-water heating plant installed in his home.

Stations recently installed in the First National Bank, 545 S. 10th St. M. R. Morse.

Rev. Spencer K. Moore writes that he arrived at Ocala, Fla., Tuesday afternoon last, somewhat improved in health. He will go further South, stopping at Homosassa, where he will seek rest and quiet.

Dr. George Endicott, of Plainfield, N. J., was the guest of Mrs. Isabella Corson Monday evening.

Charles T. Abbott spent New Year's Day as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Fitch at Sea Isle City.

Asses Harry Jenkins attended the session of the County Board of Tax Equalization Wednesday in Atlantic City.

The many friends of Mrs. M. R. Morse, who has been confined to her home during the winter by a severe cold, will be pleased to learn that she has almost recovered from her illness.

Ex-President J. E. P. Abbott was one of the passengers of the belated Philadelphia express Wednesday evening, which arrived here two hours behind time, and he graphically describes the brilliant electrical display caused by the cars in their progress over the steel-covered third rail.

Look for the first new moon of the new year Tuesday next. It will rise 7:04 a. m.

Joseph Bauer, of Cologne, ex-Township Committeeman, was here two days this week on jury duty.

Annual Stockholders Meeting of First National Bank. The annual stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank of May's Landing for the purpose of choosing directors for the ensuing year will be held Tuesday morning next at ten o'clock in the bank building. The officers will be chosen at a later meeting. During the past year the bank has done a record business and deposits reached the \$21,000 mark. Cashier M. R. Morse was unable yesterday to give the net earnings of the bank for the year, but will announce the amount Tuesday next at the meeting.

Cantata Well Rendered. The Christmas cantata, entitled "Santa Claus' Reception," sung in the Opera House Saturday evening last by the choir and Sunday School children of the Presbyterian Church before a large audience, was well rendered and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, all the members taking their parts in an able manner. The musical numbers played by Mrs. Harrison Wilson and Miss Edwina Johnson added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. The affair netted the Church thirty-five dollars.

Township Committee Reorganized. No change was made in the officers of the Township Committee at its annual meeting for reorganization Saturday last, Harrison Wilson being re-elected Chairman and Charles D. Makepeace Treasurer. Charles C. Stewart was elected President of the Board of Health. An adjourned meeting will be held this evening, when the Committee will dispose of the regular business of the month and wind up the accounts of last year.

Preached to Wide-Awake Listeners. Two eloquent sermons were preached Sunday last in the pulpit of the M. E. Church by the Rev. D. H. Shock, of Pitman Grove, who will conduct services again to-morrow. "Rev. Shock's sermons are of the wide-awake kind that arouse the interest of the congregation, and a large attendance of members and friends is anticipated to-morrow, both morning and evening, to hear him preach.

Freeholders Fix Meeting Dates. At its annual session the Board of Freeholders fixed the following dates for its meetings during the current year: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 11, June 8, July 6, August 10, September 7, October 5, November 9, December 7. With the exception of the September meeting, which will be held at the Almshouse, all the meetings will be held in Atlantic City.

Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., meets every Friday evening in the Lodge Room over the Post-Office.

BUSY SESSION OF COURTS

One Hundred Cases Listed by Prosecutor Goldenberg for Consideration of Grand Jury When Courts Convene Next Week.

With Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard presiding and Law Judge Enoch A. Higbee on the Bench, the County Courts will convene Tuesday morning next for the regular January Term. The Grand Jury, consisting of twenty-four men good and true, drawn by Sheriff Enoch L. Johnson, will be called and sworn by County Clerk Samuel Kirby and will sit in the Court room provided for its sessions.

One hundred cases have been prepared by Prosecutor Clarence L. Goldenberg and his assistant, G. Arthur Bolte, for the consideration of the Grand Jury, among others of importance a charge of homicide preferred against Albert L. Watkins for the murder of Ernest Crown in Atlantic City. The work of the term will be considerably lighter than that of the October session, the last cases of which were disposed of yesterday.

The January session of the Orphans' Court will be held before Judge Higbee, beginning Tuesday immediately after the opening of Court, when final accounts will be passed in several estates and will admitted to probate.

Following are the petit jurors who will serve during the term: Abscon City—Samuel McCambridge, James E. Ryan.

Atlantic City—William Hyman, Jacob Herzig, John H. Townsend, John W. Parsons, Edward Gaskill, John J. Nesbitt, John C. Thomas, William H. Moore, Tony Cella, Charles D. White, Martin V. De Sull, Leonard J. Williams, Henry C. Obergfell, J. Haines Jappineau, Nor J. Collins, Walter Jarman, Joseph D. Nixon, William E. Davey, Hiram Mathis, Morris Skoloff.

Burgess Vista Township—Harry Brown, Jacob Haeger, Richard Borch, Antonio Guzman.

Egg Harbor City—Edward Ensisdel, William R. Oeser.

Egg Harbor Township—John P. Smith, John Laird, Nevada Tallman.

Galloway Township—Ornament Leeds, Lewis R. Smith, Joseph Sahl, Abram Strickland, Charles Pilling.

Hammonton Township—Ralph S. Vannaman, William Ripley, William Adler, Henry Busby, Joseph Duberson, Albert Smallwood.

Hammonton—Frank Tomassello, William Colwell, William Maxwell.

Mullies Township—Henry Oeljenbaum, Northfield—Japhet A. Ireland.

Pleasantville—John H. Clarke, Joseph Palmer, Charles Campbell, John Betz.

Port Republic City—William T. San Sant.

Somers' Point City—John F. Hill, Lewis Mason.

English Creek News Items. At a meeting of the Auxiliary of Asbury M. E. Church held Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Joseph E. Lee, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Bella Bare; Vice President, Mrs. Cudde Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Lee; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Mary Ann Lee; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Lee; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee. Luncheon was served by the hostess after the business session.

Spirited revival services are being conducted in Asbury M. E. Church by the Rev. B. F. Bausman, of Harrisville, under the direction of the Rev. George W. Abel. The meetings will be continued through the coming week.

Christopher English, who recently went west in search of fortune, returned Wednesday last to his home at this place.

At the fourth quarterly conference of the Asby- and Zion M. E. Churches, a unanimous invitation was extended to the Rev. George W. Abel to return to this Pastorate, where he has accomplished much good work during the last two years.

Officers of the English Creek Grange were elected Saturday last at a meeting of that organization as follows: Worthy Master, Clarence C. Lee; Overseer, Joseph Hickman; Secretary, Mrs. Eunice Hickman; Treasurer, Ion English; Steward, Andrew English; Gate Keeper, Oliver Lee; Lecturer, J. Warren Gifford.

Andrew R. English has been appointed road overseer of District No. 1, Egg Harbor Township, for the current year.

Sunday School officers for the year were recently elected as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Eunice Hickman; Assistant, Richard Lake; Secretary, Morrel Ingersoll; Assistant, Martha Frank; Treasurer, Andrew English; Organist, Miss Marian English; Assistant, Miss Emma Seull.

Brigantine City Wants to Grow. Owners of large tracts of property at Brigantine City are said to have planned a scheme of improvements which will convert this attractive seaside municipality into an "American Riviera." It is said that a steam-boat line will be established between that place and Atlantic City, and the old railroad bridge to Oceanville rebuilt. While the report is not authentic, it has caused residents of Brigantine to "sit up and take notice," and to seriously consider the question of making the city grow.

As a Summer resort, the location and proximity to Atlantic City with good Philadelphia train service would insure popularity with visitors.

Lost Her Feathers in Bad Weather. Township Committeeman Charles D. Makepeace has a turkey hen that is in rather uncomfortable circumstances for Winter weather. Recently she began to lose her feathers, and in a few days presented such a sorry appearance and suffered so much from the cold that the bird was given temporary quarters in the Makepeace cellar.

New Law Firm Announced. Another change was made Saturday last in the formation of the new law firm of Eli H. Chandler and Richard H. Robertson, who will conduct business under the name of Chandler and Robertson at the former offices of Mr. Chandler, Blackstone Building, South Tennessee Avenue, Atlantic City.

Young Lawyers in Partnership. E. G. Schwinghammer and J. Wharton Stokes announce that they have formed a partnership for the general practice of law, with offices 425-678 Bartlett Building, Atlantic City. Both young men are able lawyers and have wide distinction at the County bar.

Street Gutters Need Clearing Out. Large quantities of rain have flooded portions of the avenues during the week where the drains and gutters have become clogged with leaves and other debris. A thorough clearing out of these at the first opportunity will allow the water to drain off properly.

Mite Society Will Hold Session. The regular monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Mite Society will be held Tuesday evening next at the residence of Mrs. Isabella Corson. All members and friends will be cordially welcome to the session.

Appointed Assistant Postmaster. Following the resignation of Wesley Ford as Assistant at the Post-Office, Curtis Hazelton, Jr., has been appointed to that position by Postmaster Lewis W. Cramer.

DOUGHTY AGAIN HEADS BOARD.

Re-Elected Director for Fifth Term—Standing Committees Appointed.

Harmony prevailed Saturday last at the annual meeting of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, when that body met in the Court House on the first day of the new year to reorganize and fix the new budget. By the unanimous choice of the members, Director F. Fraley Doughty, of Abscon City, was re-elected as the executive officer of the Board for 1910. The meeting was called to order at noon by Clerk Fred. Seuchardt, with every member present except Samuel Headley, who was obliged to attend the annual meeting of Council in Atlantic City.

When the Clerk announced the opening of the nominations, Freeholder Albert Smith nominated Mr. Doughty, who was elected for his fifth consecutive term without a dissenting voice. Capt. Daniel F. Vaughn was re-elected Supervisor of the County Buildings and E. D. Brightmire retained in office as County Engineer, the salary of the latter office having been raised previously to his nomination. Absalom Higbee was re-elected County Auditor.

The following committees were announced by Director Doughty: Finance—Lewis T. Imlay, John Unsworth, Samuel H. Headley, Frederick W. Willeis, Charles Hart.

Asylum and Almshouse—Alfred B. Cymus, Charles Cramer, John P. Ashmed, John Smith, F. Osgood, Elva F. Field, George Jeffers.

Bridges—Frank Engdlin, John K. Johnson, Alfred B. Smith, John P. Ashmed, James Clark.

County Roads—Edwin Robinson, John Unsworth, Frank Enderlin, Elva Field, Lewis Mason, Harry May, Joseph Brown.

Public Buildings—Frederick W. Willeis, Charles C. Fortner, John S. Risley, Robert M. Hart, Edwin Robinson, George Jeffers.

Populists—Recognizances—Samuel H. Headley, Harry May, John K. Johnson, John Carver, George Jeffers.

Ordinances—Charles C. Fortner, Lewis T. Imlay, Lewis Mason, Joseph C. Brown, James Cimino.

Soldiers' Burial—John S. Risley, Cyrus F. Osgood, Anderson Bourgeois, Robert M. Hart, Henry Otto.

Declarations of Prisoners—Harry May, John S. Risley, William L. Black, James Cimino, John Carver.

Printing and Stationery—Charles Hart, S. H. Headley, William L. Black, John Carver, James Cimino.

Library—John Unsworth, Anderson Bourgeois, Henry Otto, James Clark, John K. Johnson.

Following the morning session the members of the Board together with the County officials, were the guests of Sheriff Enoch L. Johnson at the American Hotel, where a bountiful New Year's repast was served.

COUNTY BUDGET REDUCED.

Appropriations for Year Fixed by Board of Chosen Freeholders.

County expenditures during the current year will be less than those of 1909, according to the annual budget fixed last Saturday by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Last year the total appropriations amounted to \$177,300, while this year the budget calls for only \$175,000.

The appropriations for the several County departments for the current year, with which the 1909 budget of 1909 for comparison, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1910 and 1909. Rows include interest on surplus revenue, interest on loans, stationery and printing, lunatic asylum and almshouse, elections, coroners and physicians, expenses of board and officers salaries, bridges, jail, county law library, interest on bonds, interest on taxes, county school examinations, county roads construction, county roads maintenance, premium and fees on foxes, soldiers' burial, lighting county roads, county board of equalization, taxes, incidents, Atlantic City Hospital, and Totals.

Farmers Realize Benefit of Hunters' License Law. "The farmers of the State," says the Trenton Evening Times, "now realize that the gunner's license law works well for them. There are fewer hares, rabbits and henns now, and game left for the farmers and their sons and friends to shoot, and there are fewer broken fences, rifled orchards and less stolen poultry. The license fee was first proposed, the strongest opposition came from the farmers. Now that has been removed it is doubtful whether there will be any considerable sentiment in favor of the repeal of a law that adds between \$400 and \$500 annually to the State's revenues, and makes the Fish and Game Commission self-sustaining, instead of a burden upon the treasury."

Will Open Night School at Minotola. Prof. J. E. Phipps, principal of the Minotola public schools, and Charles T. Hess, of the Night School, announce the opening of a night school early during the month, sessions to be held in the Minotola school building. The instructors are graduates of the Millersville State Normal School of Pennsylvania and hold State certificates, having a wide experience in teaching. A nominal rate will be charged to students who enroll in the night school, where all the common branches of study and possibly a few special subjects will be taught. The establishment of the school will give many young men and women of Minotola and other County towns an opportunity to complete their education under efficient instructors. Application for enrollment may be made to either of teachers.

County Finances Satisfactory. County Collector Levi C. Albertson's report, read at the meeting of the Board of Freeholders Saturday last, was one of the most satisfactory ever presented to that body. According to Mr. Albertson's figures the County finished the year with a balance in the treasury and with enough funds available to pay all the ordinary charges during the next four months without borrowing. Only one account was overdrawn during 1909, that being the election fund, which deficit is directly attributable to the expenses of the constitutional amendments election which was unlooked for and therefore not taken care of in last year's budget.

Oyster Commission Reorganized. Reorganization of the Atlantic County Oyster Commission was effected Saturday last in Atlantic City, with Isaac Smallwood, of Port Republic, Harry H. Powell, of Atlantic City and Dr. R. M. Sooy, of Pleasantville, in attendance. The session was held in the rooms of the Young Men's Republican League. A number of licenses were revoked because they had not been paid for, but the names of the delinquents were not made public.

FIFTY CIVIL SUITS LISTED

Twenty-five Supreme, Twenty-two Circuit, One Common Pleas and Two Appeals Court Issues Before Judge A. B. Endicott.

Fifty issues are listed for trial in the Civil Courts of Atlantic County during the January Term before Judge Allen B. Endicott, who will open Court Tuesday morning next after a trial call of the causes listed. There are twenty-five cases in the Supreme Court, twenty-two in the Circuit, one in Common Pleas and two in the Court of Appeals. The "List of Causes," issued by County Clerk Samuel Kirby, is in full as follows:

SUPREME COURT ISSUES. 1—Millville Impr. Co. vs. W. J. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; Carrow & Kraft, Bourgeois & Sooy. 2—Albert L. Dorman vs. John W. Ryan, in ejectment; Bleakly & Stockwell, Bourgeois & Sooy.

3—Antonio Flask vs. W. J. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; John W. Wescott, Bourgeois & Sooy. 4—Bertha Morris vs. W. J. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; John W. Wescott, Bourgeois & Sooy. 5—Randolph Keitz vs. W. J. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; John W. Wescott, Bourgeois & Sooy.

6—Margaret Earle vs. Morris Lamb, in tort; John W. Wescott, S. A. Atkinson. 7—Charles W. Bolton vs. First Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City, on contract; Grey & Archer, George W. Stone.

8—Hannah Rothemel vs. A. C. R. R. Co., in tort; Carrow & Kraft, Thompson & Cole. 9—John M. Quinn vs. W. J. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; John W. Wescott, Bourgeois & Sooy. 10—Hiram Mathis vs. Warren-Ehret Co., in tort; William M. Clevenger, John W. Wescott; Thompson & Cole.

11—Charles W. Mathis vs. Elizabeth J. Boucher, in contract; Samuel E. Perry, J. J. Crandall. 12—The Traut & Hine Mfg. Co. vs. New York Hose Supporter Co., in contract; Eli H. Chandler, Woodson & Hay, Carrow & Kraft.

13—Arnold Cramer vs. Edward Weber, in tort; William C. French, Bourgeois & Sooy. 14—Arnold Cramer vs. James Gale, in tort; William C. French, Bourgeois & Sooy. 15—Alwilda Higbee vs. George W. Johnson, in tort; William C. French, Carrow & Kraft.

16—Edward Johnson vs. George W. Johnson, in tort; William C. French, Carrow & Kraft. 17—Mildred Higbee vs. George W. Johnson, in tort; William C. French, Carrow & Kraft. 18—John Lloyd vs. Harry J. Mulock, in ejectment; John B. Slack, Robert H. Ingersoll, Thompson & Cole.

19—Edwin H. Cuthbert vs. Clement Restin, in tort; R. H. Ingersoll, Wm. J. Garrison. 20—William Somers & Co. vs. Johnson Mason & Co., in contract; R. H. Ingersoll, Wm. J. Garrison. 21—John Henry Barnard, Admr. of Alfred P. Malone, vs. Philander E. Lane, in tort; Martin V. Bergen, Jr., Eli H. Chandler.

22—George W. Bailey, Admr. of Thomas H. Bailey, vs. Consumers Gas & Fuel Co., in tort; J. J. Crandall, Bourgeois & Sooy. 23—Walter L. Owens vs. Associated Realities Co., in tort; U. G. Strayton, Garrison & Voorhes, in contract; Wm. M. Thompson & Cole, McDermott & Fisk.

24—Henry N. James vs. Townsend Rushmore, in contract; Garrison & Voorhes, Arthur Lovell. 25—Wm. McLanehan vs. John B. Hahn, in contract; Wm. M. Thompson & Cole, E. H. Chandler, Clevenger, S. E. Perry, J. J. Crandall.

26—Wm. McLaughlin vs. Harry Hahn, in contract; Wm. M. Thompson & Cole, E. H. Chandler, Clevenger, S. E. Perry, J. J. Crandall. 27—Wm. M. Clevenger vs. Consumers Gas & Fuel Co., in tort; Wm. M. Clevenger, Bourgeois & Sooy.

28—Ingalls Electric Construction Co. vs. E. J. Austen Co., on contract, in attachment; Bourgeois & Sooy, Arthur B. Bissell. 29—Carroll Doughty vs. Atlantic City Business League, in tort; Bourgeois & Sooy, Theodore Schimpf.

30—Emery Marvel vs. Katharine McGrath, in contract; Bourgeois & Sooy, Thompson & Cole. 31—Harry W. Harrington vs. Joshua Jagmetty, in tort; Eli H. Chandler, E. G. Schwinghammer. 32—Anna Harrington vs. Joshua Jagmetty, in tort; Eli H. Chandler, E. G. Schwinghammer.

33—Estate of L. Lewis Sagarowich vs. Rebecca H. Kilpatrick, in mechanic's lien; Eli H. Chandler, S. Cameron Hinckle. 34—North Jersey & Pocono Ice Co. vs. Henry Male, on contract; H. C. Kramer, Eli H. Chandler.

35—Catherine Cor vs. A. C. S. R. R. Co., in contract; Wm. Schimpf, Thompson & Cole. 36—Charles F. Kehoe vs. Benno Klopfer, in contract; C. L. Goldenberg, Samuel E. Perry. 37—Corwin Nerve Force Blood Circulation Co. vs. Eleanor E. Drummond, in contract; Theo. W. Schimpf, Bourgeois & Sooy.

38—Brilliant Electric Co. vs. Ingalls Electric Construction Co., in contract; C. L. Goldenberg, Bourgeois & Sooy. 39—Samuel H. Headley vs. Andrew Marcus, in tort; Emerson Richards, D. O. Watkins. 40—Samuel H. Headley vs. Walter K. Cavliere, on contract, lien claim, Emerson Richards, H. W. Lewis, Thompson & Cole.

41—Samuel H. Headley vs. Walter K. Cavliere, on contract, lien claim; Emerson Richards, H. W. Lewis, Thompson & Cole. 42—Wm. A. Clark vs. Warden L. Lane, in tort; Bepetto & Bepetto, Charles C. Babcock. 43—Eli H. Chandler vs. Samuel Headley, in tort; J. J. Crandall, Emerson Richards, R. H. Ingersoll, Thompson & Cole.

44—First National Bank of Pleasantville vs. Marine Trust Co., in contract; Garrison & Voorhes, Theo. W. Schimpf. 45—Walter Price vs. A. C. & S. R. R. Co., in tort; Charles Pettit, Thompson & Cole. 46—Moldaver & Milgrim Co. vs. Braunstein Dry Goods Co., in contract; E. G. Schwinghammer, Bourgeois & Sooy.

COMMON PLEAS COURT ISSUES. 1—Garrigue Diorio vs. Genaro Castello, in tort; Garrison & Voorhes, Thompson & Cole. 2—Harry Lovless vs. Harry Stewart, in debt; Edmund Wilson, Garrison & Voorhes. 3—Harry Lovless vs. Louis H. Barrett, in debt; Edmund Wilson, Garrison & Voorhes.

LAST CONVICTION OF OCTOBER TERM. The last conviction of the October Term was secured by Assistant Prosecutor Bolte yesterday before Judge E. A. Higbee, when Wilson Anderson, colored, of Pleasantville, was found guilty of receiving goods stolen from the general store of George W. Leach. The Jury in the case of Richard Buzby disagreed and a new trial will be held. The following sentences were imposed yesterday: James McCall, larceny of ring from sister-in-law, three months in the County Jail. Michael Crigiano, receiving stolen goods, fined \$100. Harold Bogan, larceny of feed from Leach's Store, Pleasantville, fined \$100. Judge Higbee will impose sentences Monday on other prisoners convicted of larceny in connection with the Leach Store robbery.

ICY WALKS MADE UNCERTAIN FOOTING. icy walks during the week made very uncertain footing and many pedestrians suffered slight bruises from falling on the frozen ground. Fortunately no serious injuries have been reported.

HARMONY IN COUNCIL.

Regular Organisation Slate Carried in Atlantic City Without a Scratch.

Without a scratch the organization slate was carried out Saturday last in the reorganization of the City Council of Atlantic City. Harmony marked the session, which was largely attended by prominent residents of the resort. Alderman George Carmany was elected President, and announced the following committees:

Finance—Messrs. Bacharach, Buzby, Kessler, Phoebe, Hiddle. Fire—Messrs. Lane, Kessler, Phoebe, Buzby, Donnelly. Streets—Messrs. Kessler, Buzby, Bacharach, Lane, Donnelly. Education—Messrs. Mallia, Bolte, Bacharach, Johnson, Parker. Building—Messrs. Headley, Murland, Mallia, Cuthbert, Bacharach. Railroad—Messrs. Hiddle, Freisinger, Mallia, Phoebe, Murland. Parks—Messrs. Cuthbert, Donnelly, Kessler, Parker, Lane. License and Police—Messrs. Blyte, Mallia, Johnson, Bacharach, Kessler. Lighting—Messrs. Donnelly, Freisinger, Parker, Headley, Murland. Printing—Messrs. Parker, Mallia, Phoebe, Freisinger, Johnson. Charities—Messrs. Phoebe, Bolte, Johnson, Buzby

CAPTURED AS SPIES

A Story of the Civil War.

By THOMAS GRISWOLD.

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"Butler's coming! Railroad track's all torn up and the telegraph wires cut! You boys had better get right back to Petersburg." I'm going there to give the alarm."

A dust-covered farmer mounted on a foaming horse, who had come tearing down the Richmond turnpike, shouted this startling news to two barefooted newsboys who were resting in the shade on the side of the turnpike, a few yards from the point where it crossed the Richmond and Petersburg railroad.

The time was in the early days of the siege of Petersburg, when General Benjamin F. Butler was operating on the James river.

The older of these two newsboys was fifteen. I will call him Jack. I was the younger one and was eleven years old.

We discussed the question whether we should go home or go on toward Richmond and endeavor to get a glimpse of General Butler, whom Confederate boys at that time regarded as a sort of monster.

We started at a brisk walk along the railroad, with our usual stock of Richmond papers under our arms.

As we turned a curve near the Swift creek bridge we saw, about a mile beyond, a sight that greatly excited us. The air was full of black smoke, through which we saw an occasional flash of flames. Presently we came close enough to discover that the source of the flames was a great pile of telegraph poles and railroad ties.

"Butler's men did that," said Jack. "We'll have to be mighty cautious. Let's get into the ditch along the track and keep a sharp lookout."

Just beyond a slight rise of the ground north of the house was a Union encampment. The smoke lazily rose from a hundred campfires, and the white tents gleamed in the bright sunshine in a manner that was almost painful to the eyes.

Gradually it dawned upon us that the camp had been suddenly abandoned—so suddenly, indeed, that the diners were left cooking on the fires, and all sorts of camp utensils and provisions were scattered promiscuously around.

We made straight for the big tent in front of which the flag was flying. Jack lowered the flag. With a beating heart I entered the tent. I found it littered with torn papers and maps. In one corner was a camp chest upon which lay a book of the words of General B. F. Butler, U. S. A.

In a tent in the rear of General Butler's, which was probably used as a kitchen, we found a stock of provisions that set us wild with delight. We had little to eat at home and now had been for several hours without food.

A pot of coffee steamed on the fire in front of the tent. On the shelves inside was a boiler of ham, and about it lay a variety of canned meats and fruits, while a chest was found to contain a quantity of freshly baked bread.

"Oh," said Jack, "if we only had a wagon we might carry home a lot of these things."

"Well," said I, "the next best thing is to tote home as much as we can on our backs. What are we going to take?"

"I reckon," said Jack, "that the folks at home would like tea and coffee best. They are scarcest."

We decided to load ourselves down with those two articles. We found some empty sacks and divided the contents of the sack of green coffee in General Butler's kitchen tent into two parts of thirty or forty pounds each. Then into two other sacks we poured a chest of Oolong tea. These were tied up and put inside the sacks containing coffee, and Jack also stuffed into his sack the flag in front of the general's tent, which he had taken down when he first entered the camp.

He suggested that I give him a part of my coffee in order to lighten the load, and at first I was inclined to do so, but when I thought how the people at home after many months' use of chicory, parched corn, roasted sweet potato parings and other poor substitutes for coffee would enjoy the genuine article I made up my mind that I would carry home the contents of the sack if I had to drag it over the entire five miles.

We had been so much excited with our discoveries that we had not noticed that the sun was very low. It would be dark before we could reach home. We gazed longingly at what we were leaving behind and started homeward.

We took the turnpike with the hope of getting a lift in some passing vehicle. As we trudged along we saw two Confederate cavalrymen riding toward us. In our fear lest they should rob us of our precious possessions we slouched along as near the woods as we could get, hoping they would pass without noticing us.

"Valn hope!" "Halt!" we heard one of them shout just as they were abreast of us. One of them, who was a corporal, dismounted.

He was a cruel looking fellow, and we soon discovered that his looks did not belie him. Walking up to Jack, he gruffly asked, "What have you got there?" and at the same time roughly jerked the sack from the terrified boy's shoulder.

Plunging his arm into the sack, he drew out the United States flag. At sight of this the corporal shouted, "Spies—traitors!" and danced about wildly.

It was useless for us to try to explain to the infuriated man, and, to tell the truth, we were too badly frightened to give a good account of ourselves.

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Bonds and Mortgages Owned.....	\$473,334.50
Time Loans on Collateral.....	476,345.00
Notes and Bills Purchased.....	687,656.45
Stocks and Bonds Owned.....	555,094.40
Demand Loans on Collateral.....	82,100.00
Cash and Reserve.....	217,096.81
Banking House.....	135,000.00
	\$2,626,627.16
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$150,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	300,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	61,538.35
Dividends No. 19, January 1, 1910.....	22,500.00
Individual Deposits.....	2,091,078.00
Due Other Banks.....	1,510.70
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Report of the Condition OF THE Marine Trust Co., ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

At the close of business December 31, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$904,558.85
Interest accrued.....	2,806.93
Cash and Reserve.....	198,267.42
	\$1,105,633.20
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus earned.....	100,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	928.38
Dividends.....	3,000.00
Deposits.....	901,704.81
	\$1,105,633.20

Amount expended in dividends, \$21,000.
Three per cent. interest allowed on Time Accounts.
Safe Deposit Boxes to rent, \$5.00 per year, up.

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Report of the Condition of the Guarantee Trust Company, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

At the close of business December 31, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Investments.....	\$2,369,207.92
Cash and Reserve.....	330,300.84
	\$2,699,508.76
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock Paid In.....	\$600,000.00
Surplus.....	270,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	9,177.82
Dividends Unpaid.....	120.00
Twentieth Semi-Annual Dividend.....	36,000.00
(Payable July 1, 1909)	
Deposits.....	1,783,495.53
Interest accrued.....	715.41
	\$2,699,508.76

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Deposits December 31, 1909..... \$1,783,495.53
Deposits December 31, 1908..... 1,524,990.16
Increase in Deposits..... \$258,505.37

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