

The Advance-News

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BILLBOARD BAN SIGNED

Unsightly billboards advertising in glaring colors various nostrums and other products got a wallop when Governor Lehman announced that he had signed a bill which bans them by law from the vicinity of parks and state parkways. The bill was sponsored by Lithgow Osborne, commissioner of conservation, and was introduced in the Senate by Senator John J. McNaboe, New York Democrat.

Under the new law, which is Chapter 44 of the 1934 statutes, no billboard of any kind can be put up or used within 500 feet of any state parkway or park without a written permit from the conservation department. These permits are going to be hard to get. Secretary J. Helpin of the department told the Herald correspondent today.

Public and civic bodies have been fighting the billboard nuisance for years, and the enactment of this law shows that they are at last getting somewhere.

G. O. P. Majority Delays Lehman's Utilities Program

ALBANY, March 12.—Hope for immediate action on Gov. Lehman's utilities program was dimmed when the Republican majority decided to discuss his recommendations at a party conference "within two weeks."

Speaker McGinnies announced that Lower House Republicans, urged by State Chairman M. Kingsland Macy to support Lehman's drive to reduce gas and electric rates, had determined to submit the program to the conference.

LaGuardia

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down on a department order by his Commissioner of Public Welfare, Mr. William Hodson, that no employee in that department could retain his position "and remain either as a member of a political club or engaged in the activities of such a club whether a member or not."

Mayor LaGuardia's ire did not rise until he had been well provoked, however.

"I think it is a good idea," was his calm reply to the first question for comment on the order. "It has worked out very successfully in Cincinnati, I have been told."

"I do not see why any employee wants to spend from \$3 to \$15 a year on a political club. It is not going to get him anywhere in this Administration. It did, of course, in past administrations. It even helped him in civil service commissions, and I say that without fear of contradiction. But why spend the money now?"

"I believe it is wholesome for any employee to know that each department in the next four years will be run on the merit system. He doesn't have to donate, pay dues, see any political leader to get promotion now. All he has to do is work. There have been more civil service promotions in the last six weeks than there were in six years before this Administration took office. Just look over the list if you want proof of that."

Finally, a reporter said that civil service workers were complaining about the making of new exempt offices in the Corporation Counsel's office. It looked to many people, the reporter continued, as though the old Tammany custom of hiring "experts" was in order in this Administration, too.

"Nothing of the kind," interrupted the Mayor. "These men are being hired full time at a salary. There will be no \$25,000 fees. These men will be the assistant corporation counsels and are lawyers who know their business, so that we won't have to go outside for counsel."

"Won't you make it a little clearer, Mr. Mayor," the reporter persisted, "whether you would prohibit city workers from active po-

SLIGHT FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT IN THE ARMORY

A slight fire occurred Sunday night at 6:45 in the boiler room at the State armory. The city fire department was called and extinguished the blaze within half an hour. Employees said the damage was small. It was believed the fire might have been caused by a match tossed into some excelsior and waste paper which lay on the floor near a partition. The sidewall and ceiling were scorched. The pistol range was being used during the afternoon and it was thought the match might have been dropped by one of the men while on his way out. Assistant Armorer Richard Newton visited the boiler room shortly after 6 and everything was all right at that time. About half an hour later, when he again went down stairs he noticed smoke and called some of the members of the company who were still in the building. They coupled the garden hose on to the faucet and were playing a stream of water on the blaze when the fire department arrived in response to an alarm from Box 124. A large number of people quickly assembled. The firemen cut a hole in the ceiling of the boiler room to get at the fire.

The smudge caused a dense smoke, which filled the basement and drill hall on the main floor. This gradually disappeared when the doors were opened.

Capt. Arthur Fleetham, commanding officer at the armory, and the police hurried to the building when notified of the fire.

Political Affiliations?

A black frown had settled on the Mayor's face by now, and it was here that he delivered his press ultimatum.

The edict is strongly reminiscent of his predecessor Mayor John P. O'Brien, whom news columns ridiculed when early in his mayoralty he raised a barricade of an official censorship.

Gouverneur Woman Dies From Wound

GOUVERNEUR, March 12.—Peritonitis, resulting from a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the abdomen, caused the death at 5:30 Saturday morning of Miss Cecil Evelyn Boughner, 27, Edith street, this village, who died in the Vanduzee hospital where she had been confined Sunday night March 4.

Coroner F. D. Allen of Richville rendered the finding of death from peritonitis Saturday morning. No autopsy or inquest has been held.

The case was one of "apparently attempted suicide," according to Dr. Allen, who said that the Boughner girl had been melancholy of late. Information obtained by the coroner indicated that the girl was alone in her home at the time of the shooting which was about 7:30 Sunday Mar. 4. She was found by Carl Grappette, Rock Island street, who called at the Boughner home, according to the coroner, Dr. F. D. Drury was summoned and the girl was removed to the hospital. News of the shooting was at first suppressed by the family.

Miss Boughner, was born Aug. 1, 1906, at Sedalia, Mo., a daughter of the late Albert E. and Mary McCall Boughner. She has lived in this vicinity six years.

Survivors include her brother, Albert E. Boughner, and two sisters, Miss Beulah and Mrs. Rufus Keiser of this village. Her father died a year ago in Gouverneur.

Funeral services were held from Trinity Episcopal church at 10:30 this morning; burial in Riverside cemetery.

Little Falls First and OFA 2nd in Matches

CANTON, March 12.—Coach Krip's Little Falls High School wrestling team copped the Team Trophy in the First Annual Interscholastic Wrestling Tournament held in Brewer Field House here Saturday. Ogdensburg was a close second and Ellenburgh third.

The bouts were hotly contested and proved a great interest to the fans. In the finals, every match but one was won by a fall. Little Falls took four first places; Ogdensburg, one of first place and five seconds. Ellenburgh got two first places and one second place and Alexandria Bay got one first. Ogdensburg won seven first places in the preliminary bouts held in the morning. Ellenburgh won five; Canton four; Little Falls, four and Alexandria Bay, three.

In the semi-final, Ogdensburg got six firsts, Little Falls, four and Ellenburgh, three and Alexandria Bay one.

The summary for the finals is as follows:

- 145 pound—Trombley, Ellenburgh, threw Banks, Canton, in 2:30.
115 pound—Brown, Alexandria Bay, threw Snow, Ogdensburg, in 3:30.
125 pound—Gravfine, Ogdensburg, threw Trudeau, Ellenburgh, in 3:35.
125 pound—Bosner, Little Falls, threw Northrup, in 5:50.
145 pound—Hamilton, Ellenburgh, threw Thomas, Canton, in 1:54.
155 pound—Gerinshek, Little Falls, won a time advantage over Burns, Alexandria Bay, of 3:00.
165 pound—Koisaki, Little Falls, threw Sutherland, Ogdensburg, in 6:30.
Unlimited—Roy, Little Falls, threw Waehler, Canton, in 3:10.

Advance-News TALKIE-TOPICS

This item is clipped from a Hollywood newspaper: "Al Jolson, not worried by the mud, ran a mile and an eighth and looked good for another two mile jaunt. Al Jolson is a great racer." Don't worry about the mammy-singer becoming a track star. This Al Jolson is a race horse.

Motion pictures came near losing Jean Harlow. For at least two weeks late in January, the platinum blonde seriously considered quitting her screen career. Several times she was on the point of making announcements to that effect, but each time she decided to wait a few more days.

This all took place during her salary quarrel with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio. For two months, she was under suspension, which means that for two months she received no salary.

Of course, everything is settled now, and Jean is once more at work in the studio. Early in February, she met with her employers in a final conference. From that meeting came about a peaceful settlement of the controversy. Had the conference not ended satisfactorily, I am positive that Jean Harlow would have quit motion pictures.

Whatever became of Lili Damita, who hasn't been seen hereabouts in some time? She isn't out of films. She's abroad—and she's about to start work on the picture version of "Sons o' Guns," the musical comedy in which she made a big hit on Broadway a few seasons ago. Opposite her, in the role played by the late great Jack Donahue, will dance Jack Buchanan, United Artists, which paid plenty for the picture rights, with Al Jolson in mind as the star, will finally get something back on its investment, with London Films doing the producing.

Pickfair has recently had house guests from the New York Four Hundred, though Mary Pickford herself, will probably not be back for many moons. She has been standing 'em up on her personal appearance tour (making twelve thousand dollars a week, too, according to report). In Chicago, she surpassed the box-office record of Mae West, thought to be invincible. Who says Mary is out of date? Anyone worth that much a week and able to fill a house five times a day is pretty much on the map, we think.

Many marriage shake-ups loom. The Sidney Fox-Charles Beahm tie may soon be legally severed, though they went through a second marriage on their first anniversary in an endeavor to cement it. The town-talkers continue to cry that Jean Harlow and Hal Rosson are not so honeymoonish as they might be. The Conrad Nagels (he's on Broadway now) have parted. The Spencer Tracys are at a stalemate, with Mrs. Tracy about to seek a stage career, interrupted by her marriage eleven years ago. Spencer, who met Loretta Young soon after the separation, appears devoted to her, but refuses to answer questions. However, his rage at a recent newspaper column that hinted he was practicing his movie love scenes with Pat Paterson off the set of "Bottoms Up" would seem to prove his feelings are deeply involved.

"THAT LITTLE GAME" Inter-national Carbon Co., N.Y.—By B. Link

