

James K. McGuire Denies Allegations of Newspapers.

TALKS OF SPECIFICATIONS

Says Under Hughes Highway Commission It Was More Favorable to Barber Co. Than Under Dix—Not in Rival Co.

Former Mayor McGuire of this city, whose name is used in the New York World to-day in connection with a story of road building which the World captions, "How Murphy, Using Governor Dix, Has Spent \$25,000,000 of State Money on Highways," makes the following statement to The Herald relative to the World story: "Concerning the New York World article I would state that the asphalt specifications under the Hughes administration were more favorable to the products of the Barber Asphalt company than the specifications adopted by the present highway commission. The specifications which prevailed under the highway commission of the Hughes administration required the contractor to bid separately on Bermudes, Trinidad, Gilsonite and residual products, the commission reserving the right to award the contracts to whichever material the commission favored. The present highway commission changed the specifications, claiming that they were closed to competition and they were changed so as to admit asphalt, one being known as natural products and the other the residual products. The natural asphalt is mined in several countries, while the residual asphalt is a product of petroleum. As a matter of fact the Barber Asphalt Paying company sold as much asphalt to contractors under the Hughes administration as they have sold to the contractors under the Dix administration.

McGuire never had anything to do with the matter of specifications, that being a technical subject, which is handled by the chemists. I have never had occasion to speak to Charles F. Murphy on the subject of asphalt or specifications and I have never appeared on the subject before the present highway commission. I am not connected with nor have I joined a rival company in the same line of business and I have been wholly unaware that the asphalt specifications were eliminated in many contracts.

The World in its story said: "Asphalt stands out conspicuously in the business of the Dix commission. The Barber Asphalt Company, until recently numbered among its agents James K. McGuire, former Mayor of Syracuse and close friend of Governor Dix, who deals in natural and lake asphalt, which contain a small percentage of sulphur. The residual asphalt handled by competitors of the Barber company contains no trace of sulphur. In all other respects they are identical. Expert opinion is a large factor in the selection of products as equal also in value for road construction. The Barber product sells at 13 1/2 cents per ton, while the residual product sells in the market at 10 1/2 cents per ton. Early in the work of the Dix Highway commission a peculiar thing crept into the construction specifications. It was a specification calling for asphalt containing 2 per cent of sulphur, which is a negligible matter and has no value one way or the other in the matter. As the Barber company was in full control of the only asphalt that could meet that specification, all asphalt rivals were driven from the field. In a word, the Dix commission, through its specifications, eliminated in many contracts the natural asphalt which was used in the new roads. Recently Mr. James K. McGuire, Mr. Murphy's friend, withdrew from the Barber company and joined a rival concern in the same line of business, handling a residual product. Now the sulphur specification is eliminated in many contracts. The World is gathering additional facts on this matter and its indications promise some interesting revelations."

DR. SCHAMAU WILLING TO START RELIEF FUND

Dr. C. G. Schamau to-day suggested starting a fund for the relief of the people made homeless and ruined by the tornado. Dr. Schamau said that he would be glad to start the fund with a contribution of \$25. "The people out there are in bad shape. Many of them have lost everything," said Dr. Schamau. "They have no insurance and all that they have earned and saved has been swept away. I think that a fund for their relief should be started and I will be glad to head the list with a contribution of \$25."

Dr. Schamau yesterday was at his brother's home just north of the tornado area. He tried to get back to the city by automobile but found every road blocked with trees and debris. Finally he walked to Syracuse. This morning he went back and got his wife and children. He had to help them pick their way through fallen trees and brush.

Miss Mary Frenck of Rome has returned home after spending a week with the Misses Molly and Nettie Brown.

Destroyed by Tornado as It Sweeps Through Air



HOUSE TURNED OVER, WENDELL FAMILY ESCAPED

Mrs. H. U. Wendell and her three sons had a miraculous escape from death when the tornado lifted their home on Pitcher's hill off its foundation and turned it completely over, so that the babies rested in the soft clay soil. The mother and children escaped from the wreckage through a first-story window.

Found Themselves on Ceiling. They had not reached the door when there was a dreadful crash and the house went up in the air. Pictures, ornaments, chairs and tables flew in all directions. When the house came to rest again the four were lying on a heap of wrecked furniture which rested on the ceiling of the parlor.

Harold's left shoulder was injured slightly. He stayed by the house until his father reached home. Mr. Wendell had left early in the afternoon to fish at South Bay. Shortly after 5 o'clock he heard of the tornado that had struck Pitcher's hill and was told that his house had been destroyed. He was unable to find out whether his wife and children were dead or seriously injured. He was almost prostrated while waiting for the cars to start running, and was unable to get word from his family over the telephone as the wires had been torn down. After two hours he secured a buggy and rig and was driven to his home.

READY TO ISSUE LIQUOR LICENSES

Special Deputy Excise Commissioner Joseph E. White will be ready to-morrow to receive applications for liquor tax certificates for the coming year. The law requires that the new certificates shall be displayed in the places for which they are issued on October 1st.

Chronic Ulcers Mean Bad Blood

If outside influences were responsible for chronic ulcers, then external applications and simple cleanliness would be a curative treatment. But the trouble is always in the blood which has become unhealthy and diseased, and keeps the sore open by continually discharging into it impurities and infectious matter. Scrives, washes, lotions, etc., may cause the place to heal over temporarily, but the blood is not made over by such treatment, and soon the old inflammation and discharge will return and the ulcer will grow larger.

WOMAN IS DRAWN THROUGH WINDOW BY WIND'S FORCE

Mrs. T. H. Bennett, whose home was a mile from Long Branch on the Liverpool road, was sucked out of a front window in the second story of her home and her husband was caught in the debris as the house collapsed and pinned down by the roof. He escaped because the cyclonic dimensions of the wind whisked the roof away after it had dropped partially on him.

When the storm began to approach them, Mrs. Bennett was in a front window of the house on the second floor. She sat looking out of the window. Mr. Bennett was in the rear of the house on the same floor, preparing the house against the invasion of the wind.

Before her husband got back to the front of the house the storm hit it. Mrs. Bennett said that she felt a waving motion to the house and then the front of it, caught in the grasp of the wind, was pulled outward. The suction pulled her out of the front window.

Seen Wife Disappear. Mr. Bennett in the rear, was doing his best to close windows and lock doors. He said that the force of the wind was such that he could do nothing with the doors. They were smashing back and forth, he declared, and there was a waving motion to the building that foretold the quick disaster that followed. He heard a grinding, tearing noise, and as he looked he saw the front of the house break outward and go down, and his wife disappear through the window.

House Collapses. When Mr. Bennett felt the house wavering and saw that disaster was impending he started to go to the lower floor. He went, but in a way different than he had planned. The crumbling out of the front of the house caused the floor of the second story to go down and Mr. Bennett went with it. The house collapsed and Bennett went down beneath the wreckage. He fell on his back, face up.

Before he could get out of the way, the roof dropped down. One end of it struck him. As he realized that it was coming down on him, Bennett raised up his hands. He was holding it up off his body as much as he could, momentarily expecting that it would drop down on him and crush him. Instead of this the tornado took a hold underneath the roof and instantly whisked it away. This freed Mr. Bennett and he was able to crawl from the wrecked house and seek his wife. The wind carried the roof fifty feet away from where he was when it took its second hold. The cellar was exposed to view to-day, and long rows of canned fruit, jellies and pickles remained intact, the wind having left it untouched and the wreckage not having hit it. Mr. Bennett complained to-day of bruises and pain on his left side near his heart.

Good Morning, Judge

Julius Sobkolski of Greenway avenue can always be depended upon for originality. Few would think of tearing the stovepipe off the wall to use as a weapon in a domestic war, but this was a commonplace idea for Julius. He took an impression of Mrs. Julius's coiffure in the pipe Saturday night, and as a result was arrested for assault in the third degree to-day.

The trouble started when Julius came home very much to the "plenty," which is Polish for puffed. Julius had in mind a few reforms that he believed his wife should adopt in the running of her household. He thought that to have his ideas injected into the home would create a great improvement.

Now Mrs. Sobkolski is about six feet two every day in the week, and the best way to tell her where to get off is to don a suit of medieval armor and then climb a tree, after which you stand an even chance. Whereas Julius will never aspire to anything out of the lightweight class.

So the minute Julius started to get critical the mischief began to take on. As we said before, Julius is original. There was no weapon in sight, friend wife having cornered every object unattached. So Julius tore down about eighteen feet of the stovepipe. After that the issue of the battle was never in doubt. Julius clipped her whom he had sworn to love, honor and obey just southeast of her ear and she took the count for nine. When she arose her count was gone. She couldn't locate the home plate with a compass, and even "Chief" Meyers would have been unable to hold her delivery on stilts. One more with the stovepipe and it was all over but the counting. It was at that point that the special court presided over by Justice Shove for the almost exclusive use of the Polish settlement here was called upon to settle the differences of the Sobkolski family.

From an unbiased standpoint it looks like Sobkolski. Mrs. Sobkolski has twenty-one witnesses who will swear that her husband committed every crime upon her person, from assault in the first degree to snoring, but it is said that Sobkolski has twenty-three who will testify that he was visiting relatives in Odessa at the time the assault is alleged to have occurred, he will probably get the decision by a neck.

11 BOY RECRUITS ON PLEASURE TRIP DROWNED IN LAKE

DAMAGE DONE IN AN INSTANT, EYE WITNESSES SAY

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Eight dead seamen, victims of a sailing accident near the United States naval training station at Lake Buff, had been recovered from the lake to-day when an inquest was begun. Three others are missing. Among the dead is the body of W. E. Negus, gunner's mate, the petty officer in charge of the craft which was capsized in a heavy sea with twenty-five men aboard. Negus died trying to save the men under his command. The dead: W. E. Anthrobus, Indianapolis; J. A. Paten, Canton, O.; R. C. Harlan, Bloomington, Ind.; John Wallace, Turner, Ind.; W. L. Southworth, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. E. Negus, Attleboro, Mass.; J. L. Lindsey, St. Louis; F. S. Winkler, Chicago.

The missing are: L. R. Fields, Sorento, Ill.; W. Woodward, Warsaw, Ind., and A. W. Bauld, Beardstown, Ill. Officers at the naval station believed the missing men were drowned. Capt. W. F. Fullam of the Training station said: "There will be two investigations of the tragedy. One will be an inquest to determine the manner of death and make a formal report. The other inquiry will be made by a naval board of inquiry. The reports will be sent to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington. The entire matter will be in the hands of the government."

The accident occurred after the cutter had been rowed some distance into the lake. A northwest wind sprang up, and Negus turned and strove vainly to reach the shore. The wind freshened to a gale and the inexperienced lads became seasick and practically helpless. Negus tried to reach the training station, but driven before the gale, changed his course to reach the Lake Buff pier. Three hundred feet from shore he threw out an anchor hoping to hold the boat off the beach, where the waves were carrying it. The boat capsized and the crew tumbled into the water. Many of the boys could not swim.

GOV. DIX SPEAKS AT ROCHESTER EXERCISES

Rochester, Sept. 16.—Rochester to-day is celebrating her centennial with exercises in convention hall and military, historic, civic and industrial parade, representing the progressive stages of the city's development. Governor Dix, accompanied by his military escort, is here and made a brief address at the convention hall exercises. The address of the day was made by Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, president of the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago. To-night a carnival parade will be held with the Mystique Krews of Syracuse a feature.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARLES CHAPMAN

The funeral of Charles Chapman, one of the victims of the tornado who was killed when his home on Pitcher's hill collapsed, will be held privately from the undertaking rooms of A. C. Shumacher, No. 410 South Lima street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Friends may call to view the remains to-morrow and Wednesday morning. Interment will be made at North Syracuse.

Belle Ervin, 40 years old, of Seneca Falls, died suddenly this morning at No. 317 South Franklin street, where she had boarded for the last two weeks. Death was caused by heart disease. Immediately after she was discovered lying critically ill reports were circulated that the woman had taken poison. The doctor who was called stated that the woman died of heart trouble brought about by excessive use of alcohol.

HEART DISEASE, NOT POISON, CAUSED DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. Bailey of Schenectady, formerly of the city, have returned after spending State fair week with Mrs. Bailey's sister, Mrs. H. B. Chase of No. 943 Westcott street.

ONLY ONE HAD A TORNADO INSURANCE CLAIM

Farmers living in the vicinity of Van Buren Center, Long Branch and Liverpool were making plans to-morrow to devote all the time they could spare to helping neighbors whose homes were wrecked beyond repair. In practically all cases where the residences were reduced to kindling wood or where the roofs and sides of the houses were torn off by the tornado, the farmers are without the tornado damage in their insurance policies. Thomas H. Bennett, whose barn and home were completely destroyed, thinks that he has the tornado claim in his insurance policy and said this morning that he was going to take active steps immediately to secure the money coming to him.

He was the only one that a reporter could find who even thought he had a chance of securing any money. In other cases the losses are not covered, and in many cases they will run up into the thousands of dollars. "The idea that the farmers have volunteered to help their unfortunate neighbors is that if they pitch in the work of reconstruction will be quickly accomplished. At an early hour this morning many were at work and much progress was being made in cleaning up the debris. One reason why they are so anxious to help their neighbors is that on practically every farm between Van Buren Center, Long Branch and Liverpool, and in many districts around North Syracuse the effects of the tornado were felt. There was little damage except to the dwellings which came directly in the path of the center of the tornado.

But the crops throughout the wind-swept area are leveled to the ground, and are practically destroyed. The corn especially felt the effect of the wind and in practically all the fields the stalks are lying on the ground. The work of clearing the forests where great trees were torn up by the roots or where the roots proved too strong and the trees were broken off above the ground, will take months.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN MISSING

Relatives of Miss Josephine Ryan, who lives at the corner of State and Croton streets, were anxious this afternoon because of Miss Ryan's absence from home. She and a girl friend went to Long Branch yesterday and up to 2 o'clock this afternoon they had not been located. Telephonic inquiries at the hospitals and among doctors failed to bring any news of Miss Ryan or her friend.

BOY NEWSPAPER THIEVES ARRaigned

William Lincoln and Walter Adams were arraigned in the Children's court this morning, charged with stealing a bundle of Sunday newspapers yesterday morning at the corner of Seymour and South West streets. They were arrested by Detective Hoehn as they were carrying the papers away.

For several weeks a number of papers have been stolen in the neighborhood where the boys were arrested. In court this morning they pleaded guilty, and Justice Shove fined them \$25 or twenty-five days in jail. The police are determined to stamp out theft among young boys in Syracuse. Thomas Frank, who was also arrested yesterday morning as one of the gang, is being held for examination.

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