

East Falls Past--Falls May Happenings

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May 31, 1900 – The Taking of the Census – It is well for the public to be warned in advance against giving admittance to sneak thieves who may go from house to house pretending to be census takers. Many rascals have already tried this game and others will doubtless imitate them. It should be remembered that the work of taking the census will begin tomorrow (June 1).

The enumerators will be provided with badges and credentials.

Weekly Forecast



May 16, 1901 – Falls Depot - To the Editor of the Forecast:

Dear Sir: Your aggressive little paper deserves to be congratulated on the support it is giving to the agitation of the question of a new railroad depot at East Falls [*photo: New depot, 1927*]. There is no station along the whole line which is more discreditable to the Reading Company or which has poorer accommodation for its patrons than that at East Falls... Wishing your paper success, and that the assistance you are rendering will give us a new depot. I remain yours, F.H. *Weekly Forecast*

May 24, 1906 – 2400 Houses found without Drainage – Reports made by nuisance inspectors to the Mayor's specially appointed water commission on the pollution of the Schuylkill River have reported that 1672 houses in Roxborough, Manayunk, Falls of Schuylkill, Germantown and Chestnut Hill are without drainage connections, because of inadequate sewers, and 735 houses should be connected where there are adequate sewers, making a total of 2407. *Weekly Forecast*

May 24, 1906 – Tarantula On His Arm – The appearance of a huge tarantula crawling on his arm frightened Anthony Parcillo, a huckster, of Port Richmond, into convulsions, Thursday last, and he had to be taken to the Samaritan Hospital for treatment. Parcillo was selling bananas on Clearfield Street, Falls, when the tarantula fell from one of the bunches and lit upon his bare arm. He gave a shriek of alarm, and fell backward from his wagon. The tarantula was killed by one of Parcillo's customers. *Weekly Forecast*

May 24, 1906 – Quoits - A grand quoit match will take place on May 30, Declaration Day, at Whalen's Quoiting Grounds, 4156 Ridge Avenue, between John Goff and three of the best players of the Falls, they have to have six quoits to Goff's two, distance fifteen yards; quoits not to weigh four pounds each; game to commence at 2:30 P.M. Admission free. *Weekly Forecast*