

East Falls Past—January News

The Fallser, January 2006, by Wendy Moody

Note: The East Falls Historical Society wishes to acknowledge and thank locksmith Jim Dolan for his pro bono work in providing and installing a lock on the Society's new glass-doored cabinet in the Falls Library. Mr. Dolan's efforts will help protect our local archives.

Here's a sampling of January news items in East Falls during the years. 1901 takes top honors.



January 24, 1901 - The sons of Robert Miller, of 4265 Ridge Avenue, who are known in musical circles as the Miller Brothers, have secured a location in West Philadelphia, where they intend engaging in the manufacture of knitted goods. *Weekly Forecast*

January 24, 1901 - The annual ball of the Falls Wheelmen took place in Odd Fellows' Hall on last Friday evening. It was strictly select - being confined to the members and ladyfriends. A highly enjoyable programme was presented, Mr. John H. Costella and wife leading the grand march after which all sat down to an elegant spread...108 plates being laid. *Weekly Forecast*

January 24, 1901 - Who Is the Champion? The long mooted question as to who is the next in line for championship cue-handling honors will be decided Friday evening at the pool parlors of Jack Campbell, 4138 Ridge Avenue... Dickie Lawson, who is fast pushing aside all competitors in rolling the ivories issues a challenge to any pool player, bar P. H. Kelly, for 300 points. *Weekly Forecast*

January 24, 1901 - Advertisements:

Best new Sour Crout - 3 cents per qt.; Best Lean Boiling Pork - 10 cents per lb.
When you buy Crout don't fail to get some of this Pork.

Midvale Tea Company, 3418 N. 35th Street (Conrad), **America Hall** [photo].

A new line of Miniatures and Brooches in rolled gold, enameled in all colors, also black for mourning.

Note: Pictures taken in cloudy weather as well as clear.

Brownworth, Photographer, Odd Fellows Hall, Ridge Avenue.

January 22, 1914 - It is very gratifying to know that Falls of Schuylkill is now steadily emerging from its long period of slothfulness to one of development. In addition to the marked improvements recently completed (the library) and those...under construction, it is pleasing to know that the Falls...gave birth to an organization which is known for its progressiveness...and will have a strong tendency to make additional improvements in the

Falls...The local Order is known as Washington Camp, No. 814, Patriotic Order Sons of America, which meets temporarily in the Falls Band room. *Weekly Forecast*

January 25, 1918 - With the...industrial plants being closed for five days by order of Secretary Garfield, there was little doing here except with the bartenders in the saloons who were kept busy dealing out drinks....Is it any wonder so many persons are favoring a country wide prohibition? *The Chronicle*

January 30, 1919 - David Borland...purchased the property at Ridge Avenue and Eveline Street, where he will open an up-to-date shoe store and repairing shop. *Weekly Forecast*

January 22, 1997 - Rock Solid - The cold temperatures over the weekend were enough to freeze the Schuylkill from bank to bank, an event we last recorded on Dec. 29, 1989. *The Review*