

East Falls Past—October News

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Here is what was happening in Falls over 100 years ago (1900-1901) during the month of October. One can sense the lifestyle – Recreation: piano, pool, and quoits; Food: oysters; Progress: new plumbing, the initiation of a library, and improved trolley tracks. Let's look:



October 11, 1900 – A “piano opening” took place on Tuesday evening at 140 Stanton Street, the occasion being a party in celebration of the presentation of the instrument by Mrs. Florence McCarthy to her daughters.

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October 11, 1900 – At the poolroom of John Campbell, 4138 Ridge Avenue, Harry Snagg, the well-known oyster dealer, accepted the challenge of the veteran John P. Flanagan, who he defeated in jig time. *Weekly Forecast*

October 18, 1900 – Letter to the Editor: Dear Sir: It has been extremely gratifying to see the determined effort your valuable paper has been making to secure for the people of the Falls a Free Library, and it should be given the encouragement of every businessman of the town, as well as the public at large. Being deeply interested in its success, not only for my own benefit, but realizing of what great assistance it will be in the way of furnishing proper reading to my children, I will be pleased to give my check as an annual subscriber whenever it may please the publisher of *The Forecast* to call for it. Very truly, William Sowden, Meat and Provision Dealer, 3423 N. 35th St. (Conrad).

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October 3, 1901 – Robert G. Foster, our local plumber, has just finished putting in one of the latest improved model steam heaters in the Falls M. E. Church. *Weekly Forecast*

October 3, 1901 – (Ad) Oysters stewed, oysters fried or oysters raw, in fact oysters of any style can always be obtained at Porter's Oyster Saloon, corner Queen Lane and Cresson Street. *Weekly Forecast*

October 3, 1901 – **Quoiting Match** – Don't forget the match for \$25 per side between John Pearson of the Falls, and William Hennessey, of Camden, to take place on Saturday next at 2 o'clock, at the Falls of Schuylkill Quoiting Club grounds, corner of Scott's Lane and Cresson Street. *Weekly Forecast*

October 17, 1901 - The trolley company is putting in new curves on Ridge Avenue at Dobson's Mill and below Queen Lane [*now Indian Queen Lane—photo*]. These curves are of greater radius than the ones which they replace, and will greatly do away with jarring which the old ones occasioned. This leaves but two of the old-style curves along the entire Ridge Avenue line. These, which are at School Lane and the "Old Crow's Nest" are shortly to be replaced.

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