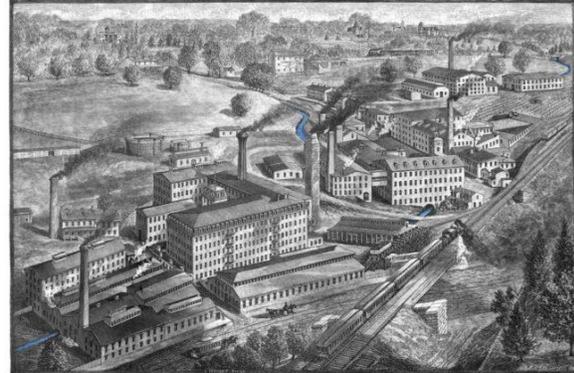


East Falls Past—Happenings Through the Years

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What February events happened in years past in Falls and neighboring communities? Take a look at these items from the local newspaper, the *Suburban Press*:



J. A. J. DOBSON,
CARPET, BLANKET, CLOTH AND FLUSH MILLS,
PHILADELPHIA.

Feb. 5, 1895: William T. Andrews was placed on trial before Judge Thayer, on the charge of malicious libel, growing out of his statements in reference to the manner in which the Queen Lane Reservoir was constructed by Filbert, Porter & Co., the contractors, who were the prosecutors in the case. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$1000 and costs. Part of the fine was subsequently remitted.

Feb. 6, 1896: A big storm carried away two Wissahickon bridges.

Feb. 10, 1882: Scioto Carpet Mills, of Thomas Schofield, in Manayunk, was burned down with a loss of \$30,000.

Feb. 15, 1892: Dobson's Blanket Mill, in the Falls, was burned with a loss of \$150,000.

Feb. 23, 1892: The Reading Terminal was thrown open for business.

Feb. 14, 1918: The marriage of Miss Mary Lawlor and John Buchheit was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6, by the Rev. Everling, of St. Bridget's Church...The bride's dress was of Georgetta cloth and white satin and her bouquet consisted of pale pink roses. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, 3436 Sunnyside Avenue. The honeymoon was spent in Tuscarora, Penna., home town of the bride. The couple will reside on Sunnyside Avenue.

Feb. 6, 1930: Announcement that the widening and paving of Hunting Park Avenue from Clearfield Street to Ridge Avenue, including the elimination of "death curve" and the steep dip in the roadway midway between the two intersecting streets, will be the first roadwork to be undertaken by the city in the spring. The stretch of highway which is sometimes known as Nicetown Lane has been permitted for years to remain in a condition described by motorists as "deplorable and dangerous." The cost of \$250,000 was provided for in the municipal loan bill of 1926, followed by many delays and more and more accidents.

Feb. 2, 1933: A report was published by the Falls of Schuylkill Relief Committee, a group responding to the nation's depression, indicating they had total receipts of \$642.93 (largely through donations and a garden party fundraiser) and had distributed all but \$8.28 of this amount. The proceeds went towards 80 food orders, 141 pairs of

new shoes, clothing, and internal expenses. They also distributed donated items, including: 724 lbs. of fresh or smoked meat, flour, 29 bags of fruit and vegetables, 87 Christmas toys, 320 candy canes, 4 cases of soap, 280 quarts of milk, and 11,205 loaves of bread. The meat and vegetables provided stews for 125 families every Saturday from mid-November through December.