

CAMDEN NEWS NOTES

** Camden Councilmen were advised last night through the city's legal department that the public utilities bill signed by Governor Fort on Thursday does not deprive their body of any of the powers it now exercises over public service companies, except that they cannot grant franchises or privileges unless approved by the commission which the bill creates.

** Convinced that the fractured skull sustained by Frank Ostertag was the result of an accident, Recorder Statehouse yesterday released in nominal bail William Soffeld, who is accused of being responsible for Ostertag's condition.

** Falling from a toy express wagon, John Crain, aged 8 years of 316 North Tenth street, fractured his left leg.

** Suit for \$2000 for the loss of two horses and the demolition of a wagon was yesterday begun against the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad by Andrew E. F. Smith in the Supreme Court. The team was struck by an electric train at Seventh and Royden streets on February 4 and the driver, George Miller, was so badly hurt that he died while on the way to Cooper Hospital in the ambulance.

** City Council will next Thursday name a successor to James Hunt, deceased court constable. The place will likely go to William Williams.

** The German-American Alliance is making extensive preparations for a big celebration of Whitsuntide Monday on May 16 at Riverview Park. Mayor Ellis has accepted a part in the exercises of the day.

** Flames caused by an overheated stove yesterday damaged the rear of the dwelling of James Dare, 107 Locust street.

** Falling down stairs, Mrs. Louise Johnson, of 138 Sycamore street, sustained sprains of both ankles. She was taken to Cooper Hospital.

** Five hours after he escaped from a sanatorium at Byberry, Pa., Michael Morgan was captured in Camden by Detectives Brothers and Moffett.

** Falling while carrying a kettle of hot soup at a canning factory, Allen McGraw, aged 49 years, of 444 South Third street, was badly scalded about the arms. He was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital.

** Arrested by Detective Carroll at Wilmington, Del., on a charge of deserting his bride of a few months, Samuel Williams asserts that he married the girl in fear of harm at the hands of a relative. He says that he never intended living with his wife.