

THE QUESTION OF LIGHT.

COMMON COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION UNTIL MARCH SEVENTEEN.

The Friends of the System Have Their Say and a Yet Shows a Close Result—Finance Committee's Report of the Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

Both branches of city councils met steadily in the council chamber on Wednesday evening.

Common council was called to order by Chairman Hurst, the following members being present: Adams, Auker, Hare, Baumgardner, Beard, Bolinius, Buckler, Corney, Dinkelsberg, Eberman, Evans, Gorman, Hershey, Kendig, Lippold, Long, Martin, Mayer, McLaughlin, Metzler, Noll, Schum, Shirk, Snyder, Trisler, and Hurst, chairman.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Finance Committee's Report of the Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

Mr. Baumgardner, chairman of the finance committee, offered a resolution fixing the tax rate for 1886, at mills on the dollar, which was adopted. Select council concurred.

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures, listing various items like interest on loans, salaries, and other municipal expenses.

The report of the finance committee accompanying the report of city treasurer, was presented. The report showed last month's receipts, \$299.56; last month's payments, \$5,756.12; balance in treasury, \$11,262.72.

Following are the balances in the various appropriations: Interest on loans, including sinking fund, \$15,726.25; State tax on loans, \$40.30; State tax on property, \$2,254.39; Repairs to streets, \$272.43; Trading and manufacturing streets, \$274.38; Laying water pipes, \$2,850.00; Police and fire, \$1,800.00; Light and fuel, \$2,197.75; Fire department apparatus and real estate, \$20.47; Salaries for the department, \$1,309.62; Provision for city tax, \$1,309.62; Contingencies, \$1,309.62.

Mr. Baumgardner offered a resolution instructing the water committee and superintendent of the city to lay a new 30-inch water main on Orange street to Prince, up Prince to Walnut and out Walnut to the western part of the city.

Mr. Baumgardner moved to amend the resolution so that the water main be laid on Orange street, and that the water main be laid on Orange street, and that the water main be laid on Orange street.

Mr. Long presented the report of the lamp committee, recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Thompson & Houston company to light the city with the 1,200 candle power lamps at 30 cents per lamp per night; all pipes of the city not having electricity to be lighted with gas and gasoline at the prices stated in their bids, and the public buildings of the city to be lighted by the Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel company.

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MUST HAVE A NEW PRISON.

THE OUTCOME OF A MEETING OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN BODIES.

Members of the State Board of Charities, Prison Inspectors and Local Charitable Bodies. All For a New Prison, But One Man.

This morning the state board of charities held a joint meeting at the County house, with the county commission, prison inspectors and local charitable bodies.

The following gentlemen were present: Lewis T. Bunker, president of the board; and Philip Garrett, Philadelphia, and J. W. C. O'Neil, Gettysburg, of the state board; County Commissioners Myers, Hartman and Gingrich; Prison Inspectors Carter, Weaver, Miller, Zellers, Martin and Nesley; County Solicitor Shick; Judge, Solicitor Kennedy; Keeper, Burkholder; J. M. W. Geist and Samuel H. Zahn represented the local board of charities.

The party were taken through the prison by the keeper, and they made an examination of the entire building. About ten o'clock they met in the inspectors room, where a formal meeting was held.

The members of the state board all seemed to be of the same opinion, and that was that a new prison should be built on the county grounds. There is no doubt that the present building is too much crowded and at least the drainage is very bad and the building is not properly heated.

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MOUNT JOY NOTES.

Three Horse Blankets Stolen—A Project to Manufacture Steam Heaters.

Mount Joy, March 4.—On Saturday last week while at the Mount Joy, Pa. State Prison, the three horse blankets were stolen.

The sermon delivered to Cove Lodge No. 301 Knights of Pythias, by the Rev. Geo. W. Herz, of the Church of God here, was highly appreciated by all who were in attendance.

Texas Charley with his pal is drawing large crowds of people to De Long's hall, where they are introducing their wares.

Blind Tom, the negro pianist, the wonderful musical prodigy of the age, is billed for Hergeford's opera house March 5 with a grand concert.

Harry Hildebrandt, son of ex-County Commissioner Hildebrandt, left here for his frontier home on Tuesday.

Invitation are out for the marriage of Mr. Leonard K. Allys, of this place, to Miss Lizzie Stamm of Lancaster, on the 11th of March at the residence of Mr. Lancaster.

Arrangements are being made for the formation of a stock company here for the purpose of erecting a new prison.

The remains of Jacob Greibill, deceased, for a number of years proprietor of the Union Hotel, were brought to Mt. Joy yesterday.

Interment was made in the Henry Eberle cemetery of this place.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

Reports from all Parts of the County Show That the General Health is Good.

A stated meeting of the Lancaster County Medical Society was held in G. A. R. hall Wednesday afternoon. There was quite a large attendance, the following members being present.

Drs. Albright, Bernheisel, Buckles, Black, Brobst, Blackwood, Boardman, Carpenter, Craig, Compton, Charles, M. J. Davis, Eber, Foreman, M. L. Herr, A. J. Herr, B. F. Herz, Hershey, Kendig, Knapp and Martlet.

Dr. B. Weaver read a very interesting paper on "The Influence of the County Board of Health on the General Health of the County."

Reports from all sections of the county show that the general health is good; there are no epidemics of any kind, and no other diseases of an unusual character, though coughs and colds are very prevalent, owing to the severe weather and the sudden changes of temperature.

The following sanitary committee was appointed for the ensuing year: Drs. A. M. Boardman and J. R. Lehman.

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THE CHINESE OUTRAGE.

What Impelled the President to Prepare a Message on the Subject—The Demands of the Chinese Legation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The Critic to-day publishes a column explanatory of the circumstances which led to the promulgation of the Chinese message by the president. The investigation of Col. Bee, consul general of China at San Francisco, who at Rock Springs massacre, convinced that officer that it was a cruel outrage perpetrated by white men, whom he supposed to be Americans, upon an inoffensive party.

His report was forwarded to the imperial Chinese legation, and transmitted to China through the proper official channels. The instructions the Chinese minister received from his government were startling.

He was directed to demand from the United States the total disavowal of the affair; the infliction of punishment—capital—if killing could be proved against individuals, and a pecuniary indemnity to the sufferers for their losses, to be paid by the United States.

This was the ultimatum. If the United States refuse to comply with the demands, the president was to be informed that the Chinese government would immediately proceed to collect the indemnity from American citizens in business in the imperial territory, and "withdraw its protection from them."

which meant that he would be notified to great risk, once simultaneously with this, information came to the state department from a semi official source in London that the Marquis Tseng, Chinese ambassador to the courts of St. James and St. Cloud, was about to return home to take a high position in the imperial court of state, and that he would insist upon the state department being taken against the United States to mark its displeasure at the outrages which the American authorities permitted its citizens to commit against his people without any attempt being made to prevent them or punish those who openly avowed their participation in them.

This was the situation when the president sent the message to Congress on Tuesday last. It will be seen that he denies the right of the Chinese government to demand an indemnity for property destroyed. This is a great mistake, and it is a mistake which the imperial council to the minister here admit of no concessions. It has been known for a month past that the Chinese minister here is about to return home very soon. It is learned that he will take with him the final conclusions of the emperor in regard to the Chinese ultimatum. These are the simple facts, the Critic says, from undoubted authority, and they are given to the country as aids to the comprehension of the president's last message in its full importance.

THE TROUBLE OF LABOR.

UNDESIRABLE FEELING ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE TEXAS RAILROAD STRIKE.

SEBASTIA, Mo., March 4.—There is a good deal of uneasiness manifested at the condition of affairs at Marshall, Dallas and Fort Worth, in connection with the strike of the Knights of Labor in striking at those points, Martin Irons, of this city, chairman of the executive board of district assembly, No. 10, is now at Marshall. A gentleman who stands high in the Knights of Labor circles said last night that the great strike in regard to the Texas railroad, which is now in progress, has not endorsed the demands made upon Receiver Brown of the Texas & Pacific; that Foreman Hall, of Marshall, should be reinstated in his position, and that the contract made in St. Louis as a basis for the settlement of the great strike, should be adhered to. The archbishop restored in all departments of the Texas Pacific. Unless there is a speedy settlement of the trouble in Texas, it is probable that the members of the order of the entire Gond system will be called out.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—The Texas railroad strike is about to extend to this state, at least in the feeling, based on reports from different railroad centres in Missouri. The men are expecting it, and are only awaiting orders from Sebastia, the headquarters of the Knights of Labor, to quit work. The complaint is that several employes have been discharged without any cause being assigned, which they claim is against the agreement entered into during the big strike a year ago. The local railroad branch of the Knights of Labor, however, are of the opinion that the situation and the feeling was that a general strike was imminent. The Gould roads here, the Missouri Pacific and the Iron Mountain, have issued orders to their agents to receive no freight for Texas points until further notice, on account of the strike in Texas.

SAVATIONISTS IN YORK.

UNSUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE LIEUTENANT TO ASSIST IN THE WORK.

A communication to the York Dispatch says: Last night I attended the Salvation Army meeting at the assembly hall. The attendance was very slim. I got talking to one of the converts about the attendance and asked why it was not so large as usual. He stated that the lieutenant did not return to York again the attendance will be much lessened. Since the lieutenant has been written, I learn that several young men have got a petition out to send to General Moore for her return to York again. We hope they will succeed in their undertaking.

From the York Age: When Lieut. Annie Holmes took her departure from York, the carriage was an affecting one. Quite a number of the converts and the remaining officers were present. Tears were shed in profusion, and it was noticed that parties who had never attended the meetings were affected to tears. It was a scene long to be remembered by those who witnessed it. The lieutenant has been written, I learn that several young men have got a petition out to send to General Moore for her return to York again. We hope they will succeed in their undertaking.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The Local Branch Well Organized—Arrangements for a Mass Meeting.

A meeting of the local branch of the Irish National League of America was held in the room of the Soldiers' Orphan school, with a view of ascertaining how much truth there is in the recent revelations of gross mismanagement in these institutions. That the investigation will be thorough may be inferred from the fact that the governor will be accompanied by Attorney General Cassidy. All the testimony will be taken down by a stenographer. The governor has not indicated the schools at which the investigation will take place.

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FITZ JOHN PORTER'S CASE.

FAVORABLY REFERRED TO THE SENATE BY SENATOR SEWELL.

Legals to speak Against It—The Great Relief, Riddleberger, Making an Exception. Public Building Bill Passed in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—[Senate].—A message from the president transmitting the annual report of the board of Indian commissioners was laid before the Senate and referred to the committee on Indian affairs. A letter from the secretary of the treasury in answer to a Senate resolution calling for information as to what proportion of the bonds recently called, is held by national banks. (The amount held by the United States treasurer in trust for national banks is \$9,386,568. The letter was referred to the committee on finance.)

Mr. Sewell, from the library committee, reported favorably a joint resolution accepting from Julia D. Grant and W. H. Vanderbilt, objects of value and art, presented by foreign governments to the late General Grant upon suggestions of Messrs. Lugals and Logan, the resolution was changed to a bill, and passed.

Mr. Sewell, from the military committee, reported favorably the House bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter, accompanied by a report of the majority of the committee, and said that Mr. Porter would submit the views of the minority at a later day.

Mr. Riddleberger, understanding that some remarks made by him yesterday, were offensive personally to some senators and especially to the senator from North Carolina, said that if anything that he had construed was pointed out to him in the Record, he would be glad to erase it. His only object had been to protest against the admission of professional lobbyists to the Senate—men who came to persuade and seduce, and they could not be allowed to abuse and blackmail them. He had meant no offense to the senator from North Carolina.

Mr. Logan gave notice that he would, at an early day, ask the Senate to take up the bill to amend