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CITY NOTES.

Pay your poor taxes and save costs. Today excavation work will be started on building the western pier of the Spruce street bridge.

The Electrical Workers' union of this city will run a ball at Turner hall on Christmas night.

The eleventh annual ball of the Excelsior Athletic club will be held at Music hall on Christmas night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Penn Avenue Baptist Men's league will occur this evening at 7:30.

Sheriff John J. Fahy yesterday moved from the jail to his home on Jefferson avenue, between Pine and Gibson streets.

The sale of seats for "Princess Bonnie" will open at the box office at the Academy of Music at 9 a. m. this morning.

The Keystone Social club will run a social at St. David's hall Thursday evening, Dec. 20. A waltz contest will take place.

Ordinances providing a permanent man and horses for the William Connell House company were yesterday signed by the mayor.

The most complete cottage doll house ever on exhibition to the public can be seen at Williams & McAnulty's, Wyoming avenue.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union of Green Ridge will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at 415 Green Ridge street. Evangelistic work will be the subject for consideration.

Rev. A. Griffin, secretary of the Methodist Episcopal infirm ministers' fund, delivered an excellent address before the Methodist Pastors' union at the Elm Park church yesterday.

At the Woman's Christian Temperance union meeting this afternoon at their rooms on Spruce street, the superintendent of departments will deliver interesting reports of their work.

Mr. McGee, of Philadelphia, the representative of the carpet industry proposed to be located in Scranton, is expected in the city daily to inspect the sites which have been suggested by the board of trade.

Judge Archibald made an order yesterday committing Thomas H. Smith, of Jersey, an incorrigible youth, to the house of refuge. Smith was in the house before, but was released last June. He is 34 years of age.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance union will be held in their rooms, 323 Spruce street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All members are urgently invited to be present and bring friends with them.

Mrs. Cornelia Depillo began an action in trespass yesterday against Mrs. Marie Capona to recover \$500 damages for defamation of character. On Nov. 20 Mrs. Capona made charges that seriously reflected on Mrs. Depillo's reputation for chastity.

William Meyers, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western brakeman who was injured last Tuesday and died after an operation in the Moses Taylor hospital, did not die before recovering from the effect of an anaesthetic as was erroneously stated in Tuesday's and Wednesday's papers.

An entertainment under the auspices of the Epworth league of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church will be held Thursday night at the church. One of the features of the entertainment will be a grand stereoscopic exhibition by Professor T. J. Call and A. E. Verbis. The price of admission is fixed at 15 cents.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the executive committee of the Home for the Friendless it was decided to indefinitely postpone building operations upon the new structure on Arlington heights. The foundation walls have been erected, but the committee hesitates to continue building until the way for procuring funds seems more favorable than at present.

There was a pronounced decrease during the past week in new cases of con-

tagious diseases and deaths. Eighteen deaths resulted from all causes and the report of the board of health shows the worst of record of infectious and contagious diseases: One new case of typhoid, 2 new cases of scarlet fever, 2 new cases and 2 deaths from diphtheria, 2 new cases and 1 death from whooping cough.

Preparations are being made for the Young Men's Christian association annual reception, which will be held on New Year's day. Last year over 5,000 visitors were supplied with refreshments and participated in the proceedings. It is expected that this year the number will be increased.

On the evening of Dec. 29 the drama, "Hand and Glove," will be staged at the Academy of Music by the Coyne-Bankin Dramatic company. M. J. Coyne, of Looney street, who has distinguished himself in comic roles, will play the leading part. The rest of the company is well selected and they have been carefully rehearsing for the production.

The 729 south bound passenger train Sunday night on the Central Railroad of New Jersey struck a cow near the crossing at the Elm street bridge and the animal was thrown to the side of the track with only a broken leg. She was still in the same position at supper time yesterday evening and her piteous moans should have interested the people living near there.

John Hanlon, of the City Boarding house, who was arrested by Officer Flaherty for making a charge of blackmail against him, and also for disorderly conduct, was brought before Alderman Fuller yesterday morning. No further evidence was offered, but Hanlon was held in \$500 bail to appear at court to answer the charge. J. L. Harding became his bondsman.

The eighth annual dinner of the New England society of Lackawanna county will be served at the Terrace hotel, on Wyoming avenue, Friday evening. Among the guests will be Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, of Hartford, Conn.; Rev. Eichelberg, of Warfield, president of Lafayette college of Easton, S. C.; Nathaniel, congressman from the Garfield district of Ohio; Rev. W. H. Pearce, and Attorney T. V. Powderly.

An interesting meeting of the Baptist Pastors' union was held yesterday at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, when Rev. D. G. Williams, of Blakely, gave a splendid address on Schleiermacher's excavations at Troy. Several of the pastors took part in a discussion which followed and complimented Mr. Williams upon the scholarly manner in which the address was delivered. At the next meeting Rev. D. C. Hughes will read a paper on "The Dispensation of the Logos."

Plans for ventilating and heating the new high school were examined by the school committee of the board of control yesterday. The system in the Smith Heating and Ventilating system and the inventor, Frederick Smith, of New York city, was present at the meeting of the committee. It is estimated that the cost will approach \$20,000. At the meeting of the board Friday evening the committee will recommend that advertisement be made for proposals to erect the system under the supervision of Mr. Smith.

Pabst's Milwaukee Beer, cool and sparkling, at Lohman's, Spruce street.

AGAINST GRADE CROSSINGS

Opinion on the Subject Handed Down by Judge Gunster.

THEY WOULD BE DANGEROUS

Traction Company Must Cross the Delaware and Hudson Tracks at Moosic by Means of an Overhead Bridge or Not At All.

Judge Gunster handed down his opinion yesterday disposing of the injunction case between the Scranton and Pittston Traction company and the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. The matter at issue was the right of the Traction company to cross the tracks of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company at grade at Wyoming avenue and Spring street in Moosic. Judge Gunster decides that such a grade crossing would be extremely dangerous and that the Traction company must cross the railroad company's tracks at these points by means of an overhead bridge.

It has been suggested that overhead crossings are not practical because they are not practical. That is a mistake. They are practical, and, as I have shown, grade crossings are not only to be discouraged, but they are extremely dangerous. The evidence does not disclose how often or how frequently the traction company proposes to run its cars over these crossings, but it is reasonable to suppose that they would do so often as public travel warranted it. It is common experience that if a grade crossing is once established it is in all intents and purposes established forever and neither the company whose road is crossed nor the public at large can rid themselves of the inconvenience and danger caused thereby.

After a careful examination of all the evidence in the case I am of the opinion that it would be extremely hazardous and dangerous to permit the defendant to cross the plaintiff's road at grade, and that it is reasonably practicable to avoid such grade crossings at both of the points in question by an overhead crossing. This conclusion may, and no doubt will, work hardship to the defendant, but that duty is imposed upon me, and I cannot do less than perform them in the spirit in which they are imposed, and that is, that the public welfare is paramount to any private or corporate interests.

The rule is made absolute and the injunction heretofore granted is continued until otherwise ordered.

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Plan for Board of Commissioners May Be Abandoned.

It is possible that the idea of establishing a board of fire commissioners in connection with the proposed paid fire department will be abandoned. Nevertheless, City Solicitor Torrey was yesterday consulted upon the manner of creating the commission in order to facilitate the creating of the commission if such a board is decided necessary.

Regarding the paid call system, which it is proposed to embody in the creative ordinance, but to which there seems to be some objection, Chief Ferber said yesterday: "San Francisco, Jersey City, Hoboken, Easton, Erie, Lancaster and a number of other large cities, many of them larger than Scranton, have found the call system a decided success. It is better than volunteer service, no matter how good that may be, and for that reason is worthy of support. Statistics show that call systems in the cities mentioned have proved a saving; I cannot believe that those in authority will deny Scranton the privilege of improvement."

According to the ordinance two of the existing companies will be abandoned. It is proposed to have seven hose companies, five engine companies, one chemical company, and one hook and ladder company. Which particular companies are to be abandoned cannot be determined until after the passage of the ordinance.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE

To Consider the Bids for the Bridges Tonight.

There has been one week of delay in awarding the contract for the iron work of the Linden street bridge owing to the difference of opinion between common and select council members of the street and bridges committee upon the resolution providing for the awarding of contracts on the two proposed bridges. Tonight the committee will meet.

When the members of the committee met a week ago the common council members broke the quorum by leaving the city clerk's office before the meeting was formally called to order. This action was based upon their inability to convince the selectmen that one company should be awarded the contracts for the two bridges provided the total of its two bids is lower than the two bids of any other one company. It is the opinion of City Solicitor Torrey,

Mayor Connell and Mr. Lauer, who drafted the resolution, that the measure provides for the contracting on one bridge to be awarded to the lowest bidder independently of the bids on the other bridge, the contract for which should separately be awarded to the lowest bidder on that particular bridge.

The commoners have half gained their point by delaying action until tonight. Since the evening the committee failed to meet it has received the bids on the Spruce street bridge which have been read in council and will be considered along with the Linden street bridge tonight. Unofficially, the Edge Moor Bridge works, of Wilmington, have made the lowest bids, including either an asphalt or plank flooring, for the Linden street bridge; on the Spruce street bridge the Phenix Bridge company has bid lowest on a structure with an asphalt floor, while the Pennsylvania Bridge company has bid lowest on a plank floor structure. Similar bids on the bridge appropriations after about \$10 are transferred from the Linden street bridge appropriation to cover that probable shortage on the Spruce street bridge.

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THE BRIDE OF A CHINAMAN

Miss Plummer of Wilkes-Barre Weds Jim Wah of the Same Place.

CEREMONY PERFORMED HERE

Alderman Fitzsimmons Tied the Knot That Made Them Man and Wife—She Was Formerly Employed in Wah's Laundry.

One of the dark chapters in the ebb and flow of the tide of life was enacted in Alderman Fitzsimmons' office yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A few minutes before that hour four persons arrived at the office and were ushered into the private room. Two were men and two women. The former were Jim Wah and Sing Lee, two Chinamen, and Miss Plummer and Annie Murdoch were the women.

Alderman Fitzsimmons looked aghast when the first named Mongolian produced a marriage license and intimated that he wanted to be joined in wedlock with Miss Plummer. She lifted her veil and asserted, and her face revealed features once handsome, but strongly marked with the undeniable lines of dissipation.

They had just been up to the court house and were granted a license by Clerk of the Courts John H. Thomas. The Chinese groom gave his age as 49 and the bride-to-be admitted that she was 22 years old. Alderman Fitzsimmons questioned the girl closely about the matter and when he was convinced by her answers that it was a bona fide agreement on her part to become the Chinaman's bride, he instructed them to get ready for the ceremony.

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