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CITY NOTES.

Roger Howells announces himself as a candidate for the office of supervisor of Old Forge township. The improvements in Sheriff Clemons' office are completed, and it is now the handsomest in the court house. Ernest Friend, one of the proprietors of the "Fair," has rented Dr. O'Brien's house on Quincey avenue for next year. The Live Oak Lumber company, limited, yesterday began an action against the Carbonade Traction company to recover \$422.56. James Smith, of Carbonade, was received at the county jail yesterday to undergo six months' imprisonment for vagrancy. The Cowan property on Jefferson avenue was sold yesterday to W. H. Pierce through M. H. Holgate's agency; consideration, \$12,000. Andrew Hutchie, charged with malicious mischief, entered bail before Judge Archibald yesterday in the sum of \$300. Ignatz Uram became his security. Elias Flowers, of Clifton township, and Dr. R. Ottman, of the first ward, of Carbonade, returned their assessment books to the county commissioners yesterday. Court made an order yesterday discharging from the count of jail James O'Boyle. He was charged with killing rabbits with a ferret, but the grand jury ignored the bill. Feb. 10 will be the last day for filing applications for liquor licenses with the clerk of the courts. Only a small number of applications have as yet been received by Clerk Thomas. The Scranton Liederkreis at a meeting Wednesday night elected the following trustees: Herman Osthaus, Edmund Bartl, Theodore Fitzock, Herman Landau, Frank Lathner, Fred L. Wormser, E. Moses and Fritz Miller. In a lengthy opinion filed yesterday Judge Archibald refused to grant a new trial in the case of the New York, Ontario and Western Land company against Mrs. Laura Weidner. The matter in dispute is a tract of coal land in Blakely borough. Sheriff Clemons yesterday acknowledged deeds in court before Judge Archibald to F. J. Fitzsimmons, People Savings bank, of Pittston, the Electric Building, and Loan association, S. C. Whitmore, and the Taylorville Building and Loan association. Marriage licenses were granted by Clerk of the Courts Thomas to Henry M. Kelly and Nellie O'Connor, Carbonade; Jacob Kaushnerok, Winton, and Rose Lukas, Throop; Antonio Penelli and Rachella Corcino, Scranton; Isaac J. Falk and Johanna Joseph, Scranton. A decree was handed down by the court yesterday dividing the township of North Abington and creating the new township of West Abington. The following were elected election officers for West Abington: Judge George H. Corvill, inspectors, W. S. Ross and H. E. Capwell.

DO THE FIREMEN GAMBLE?

Large Gas Bills Start Common Council a-Thinking.

TWO INVESTIGATIONS ORDERED

Chief Ferber Criticised—Mr. Robinson Could Not Be Forced to Report a Committee Meeting Which He Didn't Attend—Other Business.

Two questions one involving the fire department and another in reference to gambling by the quaters of the Niagara Hose companies, were the cause of heated discussion and decisive action by last night's meeting of common council. Another enlightening feature of the meeting was Mr. Robinson's firm refusal to report an ordinance which, it is believed, has been favorably considered by the railways committee. Mr. Morris precipitated the matter by stating that the auditing committee had objected to the large gas bill for the Liberty block. When Chief Ferber was asked if the members played cards he replied that he didn't think so, but that he believed the members of the Niagara company did. Mr. Morris said the chief's remark caused him (Mr. Morris) to make an investigation, and he ascertained that the Niagara members had not played cards in their quarters for two years. Mr. Morris stated that his remarks would explain a resolution which he introduced directing Chief Ferber and the fire department committee to ascertain whether card playing is carried on in either or both of the company quarters mentioned. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Hickey after Mr. Ferber. Mr. Hickey remarked that Chief Ferber had loaned the hose of the Niagara company to be used in flooding the Base Ball park, and that the hose was kept at the residence of Mr. Hickey. This statement was verified by Mr. Morris, who said that he received a note signed by the chief and directing that the hose be loaned for the purpose specified by Mr. Hickey. A motion that a special committee of five members be appointed to investigate the matter and "heads of the departments" was made by Mr. Sweeney. After Mr. Mofr and Mr. Robathan had objected to the latter and sweeping portion of the motion, Mr. Sweeney changed it to apply to the chief of the fire department, upon which President Nealls appointed on the special committee Members Morris, Norton, Battle, Hickey and Howe. A detective bill of \$477 was returned without recommendation by the auditing committee. No action was taken upon it, the apparent intention being to let it remain in the files. Mr. Robinson, chairman of the railways committee, refused to report an ordinance which Members McLean, Howe and Grier had considered favorably in committee previous to the council meeting. The ordinance grants the Traction company the privilege of laying a double track on Franklin avenue, between Spruce street and Lackawanna avenue. Mr. Sweeney requested Mr. Robinson to report it. Mr. Robinson said he was not notified of the committee meeting and refused to present the matter to the council. The explanation given. Members Sweeney, Battle, Grier and McLean explained that in the absence of Mr. Robinson, Mr. McLean acted as chairman and it was proper that Mr. Robinson should present their favorable consideration of the ordinance. Mr. Robinson again declined to make a report and the discussion terminated. The Scranton and North End railway ordinance was received from the select branch and referred to committee, as was also the ordinance forbidding the laying of cement sidewalks. The meeting occurred in the select council's exonerated of the All Souls' church from paying an assessment of \$208 for the paving of Pine street. An adjournment was made until next Thursday night.

ARCADIAN TEAM WON.

Played a Picked Team at the Driving Park Last Night.

The Arcadian Polo club was to have played the Jefferson Avenue Stars at the Driving park last night, but the stars failed to twinkle. The Arcadians say that it is the second time the Stars have disappointed them, and they will accept no more challenges from them. A polo team was picked from the skaters on the rink, and a game was played which was won by the Arcadians in a score of 3 to 0. The members of the Arcadian team were: D. Owens, goal; Joseph Jeremiah, cover point; Walter Jones, half back; F. Reese, center; Tom Heels, rush; George Reese, drive; Fred Peters, assistant drive. The goals were driven by George Reese, Tom Heels and Fred Peters. The Arcadians would like to hear from any polo club in the city. They will play the Glenburn Hockey club a game of polo on the Driving Park rink one week from Saturday in the afternoon.

RECEPTION TO MR. HORTON.

Tendered to Him Last Night at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

L. M. Horton was tendered a reception in the parlors of the Penn Avenue Baptist church last evening, when a large number of friends assembled. The lecture room was very prettily decorated and refreshments were served during the evening. Mr. Horton has faithfully discharged the duties of treasurer of the church for the fifty years, and owing to pressure of business operations was compelled to resign the position at the beginning of the year. The many friends and admirers present spent a very enjoyable evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Horton were much gratified with the numerous kind wishes which were expressed.

THE LITTLE TOFTOON.

It Had a Narrow Escape from Failure Last Night.

Professor D. G. Johns comic opera, "The Little Tootoon," was presented at the Academy of Music last night. It was not adequately cast or staged and the work of Miss Lydia Sallor, Miss Julia Allen and Thomas Williams alone saved it from absolute failure. The performance of the company showed lack of concentration and rehearsal. The chorus, consisting entirely of female voices, proved that discipline and training were not its strong points.

INITIATED THE GIRLS.

Fourteen Are Members of the Twentieth Century Club.

Fourteen young women were initiated into the Twentieth Century club, an association of retail clerks, at a meet-

MEETING OF ALL NATIONS.

A Cantata Performed by Juveniles at Music Hall Last Night.

A delighted audience witnessed the presentation of the cantata, "Meeting of All Nations," by the children of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church at the Music Hall last evening. The audience by their applause manifested their hearty appreciation of the efforts of the clever juveniles, who scored a decided success in their dramatic efforts. The arrangements were made by the following: Stage manager, Mrs. Richardson; pianist, Miss May Elshinger; musical director, Professor E. N. Protheroe. Music was supplied by Morgan's orchestra. The entertainment was provided for the benefit of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church, and a considerable sum was made by the performance.

BETTER CITIZENS WANTED.

Prohibitionists Hold a Meeting to Consider How They Can Be Secured—Talle Morgan Thinks the Saloon Must First Be Abolished.

There was a very interesting meeting at Conservatory hall last evening, which was the first of a series that will be held in the interest of good citizenship by the Central Prohibition league. Charles H. Chandler presided and gave a brief outline of the purpose of the meetings that will be held every Thursday evening. The first speaker was Andrew Weisend. He was followed by Harry Lathrop, Professor D. A. Stone and F. M. Koehler. Talle Morgan had been given the subject of "Forces That Produce Bad Citizenship," and his chief topic was the saloon, the number in the county and its political power. He had prepared a number of interesting charts in order to make clear his comparisons. He showed that the number of saloons had steadily grown since the passage of the high license law. In 1887, the first year of high license, the number in the county was 213 and last year the number was 522, a growth twice as fast as that of the population. There were 225 legalized saloons in the city open nearly all the time; 82 churches, including all denominations, open a few hours each week, and 26 public school buildings, open about twenty-five hours a week. The internal revenue office books show that nearly 1,500 licenses are taken out in this county, proving that about 500 people are selling liquor without a license. There is no legalized saloon in the Twelfth ward, but there are scores of places selling without a license, with the full knowledge of the officers of the law. Political bribes do not go to the churches to purchase votes, but to the saloons. The saloons create a purchasable vote, and the capitalists have the money to buy it. There can be no reform in the politics of the city, state or nation so long as the saloon is permitted to carry on its business, and sooner or later the good people of this nation must unite for its overthrow. Such was Mr. Morgan's opinion.

WILL BE CHARGED TODAY.

Case of Spruks Brothers Against Norton is to be tried today.

Judge Spruks adjourned court yesterday at 4 o'clock, preferring to charge the jury this morning in the mechanic's lien suit of Spruks Bros. against Catharine and Michael Norton, as it was late when the attorneys finished arguing to the jury. The suit is to recover \$200 for the balance of the contract price of a house built for the defendants by the plaintiffs, who are lumber dealers and builders of the South Side. Two verdicts were rendered. The jury in the case of William P. Connell and Sons against Dr. J. N. Rice found a verdict of \$75 in favor of the plaintiffs. That is half the amount of what they claimed. In the case of F. B. Slikman and Son against J. F. Mullen the jury found a verdict in favor of the defendant.

EDWARDS HAS RETURNED.

A typewriter thief named Elmer Edwards Cooper, alias "Edwards," "Ulrich," "Howard" and "Bullfinch," was brought from Binghamton to this city by Chief of Police Simpson yesterday afternoon. Cooper will be tried for stealing a typewriter from the Remington agency of this city by the city.

MRS. SECKSKY RELEASED FROM JAIL.

Mrs. Kate Secksky, of Priebeburg, who was committed to county jail Wednesday night for having by false pretenses succeeded in getting an undertaker to bury her dead child, was released on bail yesterday by Judge Gunter. Cashmere Merrill became her security in the sum of \$500.

DETECTIVE ROCHE SUSPENDED.

Detective David Roche has been suspended from duty until Feb. 1 because of not having complied with certain regulations governing the conduct of officers of the police department.

THE PLATT-BLAIR WEDDING.

Ceremony by Rev. Dr. McLeod at First Presbyterian Church.

INTERESTING SOCIAL EVENT.

Contracting Parties Are Miss Jessie Gay Blair and Frederick Joseph Platt. Ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church Was Used.

At 8.30 o'clock last night in the First Presbyterian church occurred the wedding of Miss Jessie Gay Blair to Frederick Joseph Platt. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Dr. James McLeod, according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal church. The bridal couple represent two of Scranton's oldest and wealthiest families, and their union was witnessed by many prominent persons from this and other cities. The bride is the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin B. Blair, of 401 Jefferson avenue, and is a popular and an accomplished member of the younger social set of the city. Mr. Platt is the manager and engineer of the Scranton Electric Construction company and a son of J. C. Platt, of Waterford, N. Y., and a grandson of J. C. Platt, deceased, of this city. The church ceremony, the reception at the home and all the accompanying details were quite formal, and together made one of the most elegant and exquisite functions of its kind which has occurred in this city in recent years. Members of the Bridal Party. Following are those who composed the large bridal party: Maid of honor, Miss Frances E. Hunt; bridesmaids, Misses Alice Ballantine, Newark, N. J.; Mae Bell, Patterson, N. J.; Eliza McCormick, Harrisburg; Alice Swaby, Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Carrietta Dorfinger, White Mills, Pa.; Harriet Stanton and Daisy Holmes, Holliston, Mass.; Joseph Coates, best man; John Knickerbocker, Troy, N. Y.; Lushers, Charles McKnight, Elmira; Edwin B. Kattie, New York; Edgar Carolan, San Francisco, Cal.; A. E. Hunt, Fred Fuller and James Blair, Jr., Scranton. The bride wore a white, full trained satin gown, pearl and chiffon trimmed, and arranged with orange blossoms. She wore a veil and one ornament, a diamond pendant, the groom's gift, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Hunt, the maid of honor, was gowned in white satin, chiffon trimmed, and carried a bouquet of carnations. The eight bridesmaids wore pink satin gowns, trimmed with chiffon, and carried sunrise carnations. The reception at the home of the bride's parents was largely attended. Potted palms and ferns, cut flowers and festoonings of laurel and ground pine were used in the floral decorations. Supper was served by Caterer Davis, of Orange, N. J., and music was furnished by Bauer. At an early hour this morning Mr. and Mrs. Platt left on a tour which will occupy several weeks. On their return they will reside a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Blair until their home on Quincy avenue is ready for occupancy. Guests from Out of Town. Among the guests from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair, of New York; Judge John A. Blair, of Jersey City; Mr. and Mrs. A. Blair Kelsey and Miss Kelsey, of Bolvidere, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Vail, of Blairstown, N. J.; Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Milton Armstrong, of Newton, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Burnham, of Dover, a ranceton, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Knickerbocker, of Troy, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Todd Porter, of Montclair, N. J.; Henry S. Williams, of New Haven, Conn.

ORANGES THAT WERE NOT FROSTED

The reports of the freeze in Florida presented to some wholesale fruit dealers a fine opportunity of making some money, and they immediately advanced prices on what stock they had on hand at least 50 per cent. They now find that in order to move the goods they have to make concessions from their high prices. We have just had a shipment of Large Naval Fruit that we are offering at \$2.25 A BOX, OR 30c. A DOZEN. These figures are lower than any we have been able to name at any previous time this season on this class of fruit. They are entirely free from frost, and while not the very finest orange grown, are still very nice fruit, and the price only about half what is being asked for no better goods. We have only about 50 boxes, and will not be able to procure any more to sell at any such rates.

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