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PERSONAL.

A son was born Sunday night to Attorney and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Charles Kingsbury has been attached to the corps of the city engineer's depart-

M. J. Waish, of O'Brien & Kelley's office, and E. J. O'Malley, of the West Side, are in Pittston today on business. Letters received from Dr. D. B. Hand, who is sojourning in Florida with his son, indicate that he will return to this city on April 5 or 6.

Samuel Backus, for several years in the employ of G. W. Fritz, the harness manufacturer, will on Monday begin traveling for a Syracuse saddlery firm.

Rev. W. H. Pearce, D.D., has been un-able to attend to his duties for a few days owing to a severe attack of grip, but was reported to be slightly better last night. Card of Thanks. In sickness and death we learn and

know our real friends, for their friendship is then made manifest by their deeds. With this thought before us we gratefully thank those who offered us so many kindlinesses, and especially to the members of Griffin post, Grand Army of the Republic, the Scranton Typographical union, and our neighbors, Mrs. Skillhorn, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Hand, Mrs. Sparhan, and especially to Mrs. Owens, who rendered the beautiful solo, "Thy Will Be Done," in the last sad rites to our dearly-loved husband and father, Jerome D. Boyce. Mrs. Minnie Boyce and family. 1316 Jackson street.

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and in twelve cases defense had been in-terposed. Six suits for damages or for the recovery of real estate alleged to have been taken by the city have occupied much of the time and attention of the so-licitor during the year, Eight boards of viewers have been appointed to assess damages, five of whom were asked for by the city and three by the property own-ers.

ers.

An important work which has engaged the attention of the department during the year was the compilation and publication of the principal ordinances enacted by the city councils of past years, which have a direct bearing on questions of a general nature affecting the city and the taxpayers and citizens.

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The large sums of money which are recovered each year through the medium of this department are sufficient argument for the manner in which the work of the office must necessarily be looked after, that the rights of the city may be guarded and the interests of the taxpayers, who are providing the city with street improvements and sanitary conveniences may be protected, and I think the showing made during the year in the amount of delinquent assessments recovered, and in the vigor and ability manifested in watching every interest and question involving the city, is highly compilmentary to the decity, is highly compilmentary to the decity, is highly complimentary to the de-partment in the care and methods that have been observed.

Work of the Fire Department.

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In no one of our nunicipal departments has greater progress been made in equipment and general efficiency in the last two years than in the fire department. This branch of the public service, intimately associated as it is with the lives and property of all our citizens, meris the closest attention of the honorable councils. Under the careful superintendency of the capable head of the department, and the wise course pursued by your honorable bodies in making frequent additions to its permanent manual strength, its capability has been steadily increased, until now it is fast approaching the limit of efficiency attainable by a volunteer organization.

ganization.

Fourteen additional men have been enrolled in the department under the pay of the city, adding greatly thereby to the individual usefulness of the companies to which they are attached, and, of course, to the department as a whole. A number of horses have also been added to lits equipment, perceptibly decreasing the haulage rent formerly paid to liverymen and the stable board paid to the companies owning their own horses.

The most important single addition made to the paraphernalia of the department in recent years, or possibly in its history, is the chemical engine which was purchased during the fiscal year just closed and placed under the charge of the Phoenix Hose company. I am informed by the chief engineer that this machine is rendering invaluable service to the department in the extinguishing of incipient fires, where heretofore the use of water, despite the greatest care exercised by the firemen, oftentimes resulted in great loss on the contents of the building. Another instance of its usefulness was very pointedly illustrated last February in the case of a fire breaking out in a locality where the fire plugs, owing to the extreme cold weather, had become so frozen as to be made useless for the time being. The fire was totally extinguished in a few moments, where if the department had been compelled to depend on its water supply, as would have been the case a year ago, the laiding and its contents would unquestionably have been compeletely destroyed.

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Revise the Fire Limits. Since the establishment of the fire Since the establishment of the fire limits by the honorable councils a few years ago the business portions of our city has overlapped the contines, which at that time were thought ample for its protection, and now many handsome and valuable business blocks have been creeted beyond this territory. It is manifestly unjust to the owners of these buildings, which contribute so largely to the appearance and value of our city, that the existence of their properties should be constantly imperified by the proximity of shalby, inflammable frame structures, which are not only already built, but are being erected by the score each year in that portion of the city which has long since been given over to business. I would recommend that your honorable bodies draft a new ordinance embracing within the fire limit those sections of the city lying adjacent to the parts already included in the limit, which are either now occupied by business houses or evidently will be within a very short time.

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occupied by business houses or evidently will be within a very short time.

The proper protection from fire of that extensive section of the city lying in the Ninth and Seventeenth wards, which is composed almost entirely of frame dwelling houses, urgently demands that one of our fire companies shall be located at some point within easier access of this district. As is well known to your honorable bodies this portion of the city is very poorly provided with fire protection; and in view of the extensiveness of this section I think that it is just to the residents that this security should be extended to them. It would seem to me that the best way to accomplish this would be for the city to proceed with the erection of the building which it was proposed to put up last year on the site purchased for that purpose immediately in the rear of the municional building. This building is greatly needed as a suitable headquarters for the fire department, as well as a location for a permanent company. I would suggest to the Bonorable councils that they keep this subject well in mind and that as soon as the resources of the city will warrant the step, this structure be erected. The erection of a building for a fire department house on the city lot on Franklin avenue should also be accomplished at as early a date as possible.

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As I have stated above, I believe that our city fire department is fast approaching the limit of efficiency to which a volunteer fire system may attain. The members of the department work enthusiastically in the interests of their several companies, the service given the city is as good undoubtedly as that furnished by any volunteer department in the country, and the department enjoys the confidence and respect of the citizens generally. These conditions might seem to answer the requirements of any fire system, but in my opinion the time is near at hand, if it is not already here, when it will become a necessity for us to make a change from our present system into a paid department. This is an experience undergone by every city of our class, or larger, in the country, and it is unreasonable for us to suppose that we will be able to continue under conditions which all other cities have been compelled to discard.

I am convinced that by careful figuring we might be able to establish a paid department similar to that operated in some other cities, at a not much greater expenditure than we are now laying out annually for a volunteer system; and, in the difference in the protection afforded to our property owners, in the reduced insurance rates and even in the prestige of the city itself, we would be more than compensated. This is one of the most important matters which the city conneis will have to deal with in the future, and I carnestly hope that because the ordinance which was drafted last year, which looked toward the establishment of a paid system, was set aside by your honorable bodies as premature, this subject will not be lost sight of.

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The wisdom of the suggestion I made to the honorable councils in my last annual message as to the advisability of the appointment of two assistants for the street commissioner's department, and the appropriating of the entire amount used for street purposes to that department, has been clearly shown by the deplorable condition of our unpaved streets. There is no city in the United States of 100,000 inhabitants of the business and industrial importance of the city of Scranton, in which its citizens have more reason to complain as to the condition of its streets and highways. We have always prided ourselves upon the enterprise and energy we have shown in every mart of trade, and we have heralded our name as the Electric City throughout the country, as synonymous with progress and improvement, but today we are held up to public ridicule as to the condition of our unpaved streets that are a poor apology for a country highway.

While there may not be sufficient funds appropriated each year to place in perfect repair all our streets that remain unpaved I do claim that an expenditure of \$42,000 each year for the cleaning and repairing of paved streets is a sufficient amount if properly expended to make our streets at least passable and presentable.

Wooden Block Abominations.

I wish to call your attention to the condition of the block of Penn avenue, between Spruce street and Lackawanna avenue, which is paved with Wyckoff wood block pavement and which will, unless something is speedly done to improve its condition, become actually dangerous to passing vehicles. Its sarface is now broken in a dozen different places, by

great holes caused by the rotting away of the plank foundation and the sinking and falling out of the wooden blocks. This pavement has been condemned from a sanitary point of view by the board of health, and is in a fair way to be condemned by the grand jury of our county. I have understood that the property holders, notwithstanding the fact that they are not liable for the repaying, have offered to pay a proportionate amount toward the cost of repaying this block, it seems to me that with an offer of this kind on the part of the property holders, and from the fact that it will be only a few months at the longest until the city will be compelled to repaye it, the councils should gladly avail themselves of this offer and provide the necessary funds to make this improvement.

The rapid development of our city, the new class of business blocks that are being erected and the increased number of our streets that are paved with solid materials, renders it necessary that the old ordinance, under which the street department now operates, shall be either radically revised or supplanted by an entirely new one.

City Engineer's Department.

The city engineer has furnished me with a vast amount of data relative to the detail of the work done in his department during the year, very valuable in connection with a close study of the engineering work the city has engaged in or now has under way, but entirely too exhaustive to be reproduced within the limited space of this communication.

This department has devoted much attention during the year to the preparation of certain standards for material and workmanship, which must hereafter be conformed to in the prosecution of all city work. General specifications for sewer construction have been prepared, which will in the future be observed and compiled with in any and all sewer construction done within the city, which will, of course, insure a uniformity of all work. One result of the adoption of this method will be to require a superior quality of sand and the best American Portland cement. The observation and enforcement of these specifications on city work will, in time, result in a vastly superior sewer system to that which we now have.

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ing brook bridges. It is the very com-mendable intention of the engineer, that only materials of the highest standard shall be used in the construction of these

Police Department Progress.

The past year has witnessed several important innovations in the general method of administration employed in the police department. The new rules and regulations, which were among the last measures acted upon by the honorable councils of last year, went into practical operation with the beginning of the fiscal year. The improvement over the old order was very soon manifested in the superior discipline of the force and the closer application of the individual officers to the minutiae of their duties. Another important change brought about by the provisions of the ordinance was the creating of a captaincy and four lieutenanteles. This places a lieutenant in command of each one of our four city precincts, and a captain with general supervision over all, second in command to the chief, and to not on occasion in his stend. The wisdom of this step will be more clearly seen in the future than at present, when it becomes necessary for our force to be enlarged as it must be from year to year in Police Department Progress. seen in the future than at present, when it becomes necessary for our force to be enlarged, as it must be from year to year in proportion to our growth, and the duties and responsibilities of the subordinate officers to the chief be greatly increased. The new ordinance forms a suitable foundation upon which to rear a police system, adequate to the needs of a metropolitan city such as we are fast growing into.

The addition of ten more patrolmen to the working force of the department has shown most satisfactory results in the additional protection it has enabled the

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department to extend to the citizens by the increased number of beats patrolled and the greater territory brought under police surveilance. Our force, however, is still too small to properly perform all the functions usually ascribed to the depart-ment of police, not only in consideration of the area to be covered but even in proportion to our population. In the gen-eral personnel and efficiency of our depart-ment we are not second to any city in the

proportion to our population. In the general personnel and efficiency of our department we are not second to any city in the country.

I repeat the recommendations I made a year ago, that steps be taken to remodel the sanitary arrangements of the station house in the Third precincit, located on West Market street. It is a frequent occurrence during rainsforms for this place to be so flooded as to be practically untenable, and remaining for days thereafter in a most unhealthy condition.

This department is always one of the most important under the control of municipal authority, and I would earnestly recommend that you make such additionate its working strength each year, as the resources of the city will admit of, that its usefulness may be maintained co-extensive with our growth and development.

Work of the Health Board.

Salt on the Car Tracks.

I also desire calling your attention to the blockadding of streets with snow and ice by the street gar companies by the use of an elsetric track sweeper. This missance caused by the piling up of snow in that portion of the streets frequented by vehicles has been repeatedly seen during the past winter by any one who has noticed the blockaded condition of many of our public shighways. In consideration of the valuable franchises granted these companies, an ordinance compelling them to had away the snow they remove from the tracks would be neither unjust nor burdensome. In connection with this matter I also desire to call your attention to another nuisance practiced upon our streets by the street car line; that is the sprinking of sait upon the rails. This sait, mixing with the dirt and snow, forms a sort of sandy substance which closes in the shoes of the horses, rotting their hoofs and eventually destroying their feet altogather.

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is the establishment of a satisfactory sys-tem for the regular collection of garbage. Several methods have been tried but none have as yet been adopted by the board as suitable. I am informed by one of the members that they hope to solve this problem in the near future and pro-vide the city with a garbage collection system satisfactory in every respect. Order Fenders on Street Cars.

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In my message of last year I suggested to your honorable bedies the advisability of enacting the necessary legislation to compet the Scranton Traction company to use fenders upon its cars for the better protection of the lives of our citizens, and also to regulate the speed at which it shall run its cars through the street of the city.

work will, in time, result in a vastly amperior sewer system to that which we now have.

This, however, has not been the extent of the department's work along that line. Since the draughting and promulgating of the general specifications for sewer construction, the engineer has attempted the same scheme with reference to street pairing. N. Y., and made a very careful cannot be now in the hands of the printer for publication. As copy of these specifications and ordinance authorizing the construction of the readers in use upon that is now in the brands of the printer for publication. A copy of these specifications and ordinance authorizing the construction of the fairly. In conversation are publication, a copy of these specifications will hereafter be attached to the plant of the general specifications for sewers in the case of bidders for sower contraction, these specifications will require a better quality of material in the way of sand and cement, which will result in an improved quality to the pave itself.

Among many important changes introduced in asphalt road building by these specifications will be one requiring that hereafter the gutters shall be constructed of vitrified brick, laid on a congrete base, identical with that of the rest of the round and destructive properties of the water and street refuse matter for an indefinite time, and will addicorrespondingly to the life of the whole pave. The gutters may be observed there.

During the year a vast number of tests of sand and construction of the single processing without even taking the precaution of the single processing without even taking the precaution of the single processing without even taking the precaution of the single processing the part of the processing the processing second the processing that the construction of the single processing the processing that the construction of the single processing the processing that the construction of the single processing the processing that the processing the processing the processing the processing tha ing for the manner of building inspection and the construction of buildings in 1894 mendable intention of the engineer, that only materials of the highest standard shall be used in the construction of these bridges, which constitute one of the most important city undertakings that has come under the observation of the department in its history.

Under instructions from the councils, plans, specification, etc., were prepared and filed with the city clerk for the drainage of that immense territory embracing the greater portions of the inhabited sections of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Nineteenth wards, the approximate cost of which is \$35,000. This territory has since been authoritatively constituted the Seventeenth sewer district of the city. This work at last places the southern section of the city in a fair way to obtain an adequate sewer system, of which it has so long been in need.

Statistics of the department show that there were 12,422 feet of sewer constructed in the city is at each of years of pavement were laid under city contract at a cost of \$16,828,537,234 square yards of pavement were laid under city contract. The total amount of estimates during the year by direction of concurrent resolution of councils was \$455,172.68.

Police Department Progress.

Curb the Itinerant Cow.

The apparent indifference manifested by the city officials as to the enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting the running at large of cows, horses and mules upon the streets of the city, has created unfavorable comment on the part of many of our citizens. The present provisions of the ordinance itself makes its enforcement impossible. Section 2 of said ordinance provides that it shall be the duty of the chief of police to provide such pound or pounds as he may deem necessary for the enforcement of the ordinance, and the mayor shall appoint as many pound-keepers as may be required, but they shall receive for their services only such fees as are hereinafter provided, and the city shall in no case be liable for the payment for such services. The honorable councils will notice that it directs the chief of police to provide tha necessary pounds, but it makes no appropriation for such expenditure; it directs the mayor to appoint pound-keepers, but it is careful also to provide that the city shall in no way be liable for the payment of such services. The ordinance consequently in its present condition is a farce, and I desire at this time to place the responsibility where it

belongs, namely, in the legislative department; promising the citizens of Scranton that if your honorable bodies will pass proper legislation, this department will see to it that this nuisance is abolished.

The ordinance known as the nuisance ordinance, in Torrey's laws and ordinances, has proved conclusively from the experience that we have had during the past year in attempting its enforcement.

Growing Cost of City Lights.

I desire to call the attention of the honorable councils to the increased cost of our electric lighting. In 1886 with resources of \$155,000, the cost of lighting the city was \$8,400, or about 5 per cent. of our total revenue. In 1885 with resources of \$277,000, the councils have provided for an expenditure of \$43,420 for electric lighting, or about 15½ per cent, of the city's revenue. The city is now paying out for lighting purposes all that it can consistently afford to, and I trust that the honorable councils will not permit the passage of any legislation contemplating an additional expense to the city through this item. I would also mention to your honorable bodies that the regular annual increase in the cost of our electric street lights, as indicated by the figures quoted above, would suggest that a duscussion as to the feasibility of the city owning and operating its own plant, would be entirely in order in the very mear future.

In conclusion I wish to thank the honorable councils of the past year for the councils of the past year for the councils of the saw year for the councils of the beast year for the scourtesy which has been so uniformly extended to me, and also to express my appreciation to the heads of the several departments for the support and valuable assistance in the discharge of my duties they have at all times cheerfully rendered me.

(Signed) W. L. Connell, Mayor.

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