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PERSONAL.

Frank Johnson spent yesterday in Olyphant. Rev. Fathers Stupper and Fricker are in Homestead. Architect Little, of New York city, is in this city. Colonel William Sedgwick, of Rochester, N. Y., called on friends in this city yesterday. Miss Simpson, of West Pittston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, of South Bromley avenue. Vice-President H. G. Young, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, was in the city yesterday. Miss Sophia Stimpkins, of Peckville, spent Sunday as the guest of the Misses Rita and Lizzie Coyle, of Prescott avenue. County Commissioners Giles Roberts, John Demuth and S. W. Roberts will today examine county bridges on the west side of the mountain. Miss Winifred Sullivan, the soprano singer, will leave for Yonkers, N. Y., on Wednesday, where she has accepted a position in the choir of St. John's Episcopal church. Mr. A. Zimmermann, division commander of the Knights Templar, goes to Great Bend tonight to install the newly-elected officers of the commandery at that place. He will be accompanied by Major T. P. Bonman. A. C. Renshaw, chemist for the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, and Miss Alice Williams, of North Main avenue, will be married at the home of her parents tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. They will leave on the 2:30 train for New York to spend their honeymoon.

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REASONS GIVEN FOR THE RAISE

Exhaustive Report of the Finance Committee Embodying the Annual Appropriation and the Cause of the Tax Increase—Bids for No. 10.

Twelve mills was last night fixed by the board of control as the tax levy for the ensuing year, an increase of two mills over last year. The large number of new improvements projected during the past twelve months has made it necessary to increase the tax rate. The board of control has also increased the tax rate on the city's taxable valuation has remained almost stationary, are the reasons advanced for the necessity of making this extremely large increase in the tax rate.

These reasons are fully set forth in the report of the finance committee, which is appended. "Scranton, Pa., April 27, 1896. To the President and Members of the Board of Control: "Gentlemen: The finance committee beg leave to submit the following report: "We have carefully examined the accounts of the district for the past two years and find that there is a gradual growth in our expenditures from year to year, owing to the increased attendance which necessitates the employment of more teachers and a gradual increase in salaries owing to length of service. We have also ascertained that the valuation upon which the tax levy for the coming year will be but very little in excess of the valuation of last year. After going over the various items and cutting the appropriations to the very lowest possible figure, we find that the requirements for the ensuing school year will be as follows: "AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED: "For current expenses, which are properly chargeable to the general school account, we recommend the following appropriations: Teachers \$131,000; Officers 5,000; Night schools 5,000; Repairs, labor and material 15,000; Rent 4,000; New furniture 8,500; Steam for high school 7,000; Coal and wood 5,500; Gas, water and telephone 2,500; Insurance 2,000; Horse and wagon 500; Printing and advertising 500; Incidental 500. Total \$206,500.

"Deducting from this sum an estimated state appropriation of \$82,000, there remains to be raised by taxation for general school purposes the sum of \$124,500. The assessed valuation of property and occupations will be approximately \$20,000,000. We recommend that a 6 1/2 mill levy be made for the ensuing year, which, after deducting 2 per cent. for commissions and exonerations, will produce \$126,100, which is the exact amount required to meet the above necessities. "The amount of school bonds outstanding is \$280,000. The law requires that an annual levy for interest and sinking fund purposes shall be made upon the assessed valuation of the property in the district which shall produce a sum equal to at least 8 per centum of the bonds indebtedness. This amount, after allowing 3 per cent. for commissions and exonerations, will produce for the interest and sinking fund account the sum of \$22,734.38.

"FOR BUILDING PURPOSES. "In making the levy for building purposes, the committee have borne in mind the numerous needed improvements, such as the purchase of lots in the Second and Eighth wards, and the erection of buildings and additions thereto in the First, Second, Eighth and Thirteenth wards; but owing to the buildings already contracted for and authorized during the past year, viz: Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 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