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### PERSONAL.

Frank Johnson spent yesterday in Oly-Rev. Fathers Stopper and Fricker are in Honesdale. Architect Little, of New York city, is in this city. Colonel William Seligson, of Rochester, N. Y., called on friends in this city yes-terday.

Miss Simpson, of West Pittston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, of South Bromley avenue. Vice-President H. G. Young, of the Del-aware and Hudson Canal company, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Sophia Simpkins, of Peckville, spent Sunday as the guest of the Misses Etta and Lizzle Coyles, of Prescott ave-

County Commissioners Giles Roberts, John Demuth and S. W. Roberts will to-day 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 po-sition in the choir of St. John's Episcopal

A. C. Renshaw, chemist for the Lacka-wanna from and steel compony, and Miss Alice Williams, of North Main avenue, will be married at the home of her par-ents tomorrow afternoon at 1.39 o'clock, They will cave on the 3.50 train for New York to spend their honeymoon.

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## INCREASE OF TWO MILLS

School Taxes Will Go Up Twenty Per Cent. This Year.

REASONS GIVEN FOR THE RAISE

Exhaustive Report of the Finance Committee Embodying the Annual Approprintion and the Cause of the Tax Increase - Rids for No. 10.

the board of control as the tax levy for the ensuing year, an increase of two mills over last year.

mills over last year.

The large number of new improvements projected during the past twelvements, the increase in the bonded indebtedness consequent of the building of the high school and the fact that there was a deficit last year in teachers! be an increase this year in teachers' salaries, coupled with the fact that the city's taxable valuation has remained almost stationary, are the reasons ad vanced for the necessity of making this extremely large increase in the tax

These reasons are fully set forth in the report of the finance committee which is appended:

"Scianton, Pa., April 27, 1816.
To the President and Members of the Scranton Board of Control: "Gentlemen-The finance committee beg leave to submit the following re-

port:
"We have carefully examined the ac-counts 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 attend-ance 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 to make the tax levy for the coming year will be but very little in excess of the valuation of last year. After going over the va-rious items and cutting the appropriations to the very lowest possible figure, we find that the requirements for the ensuing school years wi'l be as follows:

AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED. "For current expenses, which are properly chargeable to the general school account, we recommend the fol-

lowing appropriations:	
Teachers	11,
! Officers	5,
Janitors	17.
Night schools	184
	13,
	4,
New furniture	8.
Steam for new high school	7
Supplies	÷,
Coal and wood	ï.
Gas, water and telephones	5
Text books	#
Insurance	-
Horse and wagon	
Printing and advertising	
Street improvements	
Incidentals	
Marat Ph	w

"Deducting from this sum an esti-mated state appropriation of \$83,000. there remains to be raised by taxation for general school purposes the sum of \$126,100. The assessed valuation of property and occupations will be approximately \$20,000,000. We recommend that a 6½ mill levy be made for general school purposes, which, after deducting 3 per cent, for commissions and exonerations, will produce \$126,100.

and exonerations, will produce \$125,100, which is the exact amount required to meet the above named expenditures.

"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 pro-duce a sum equal to at least 8 per centum of the bonded indebtedness. requires an annual revenue for this purpose, that is, for the payment of inerest and the accumulation of a fund for the redemption of the bonds at mamend that a levy of 1¼ mills be made upon the assessed valuation of the property in the district, viz.: \$18,750,000.

which, 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 pur-poses, the committee have borne in mind the numerous needed improve-ments, 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. 10, 16 and 23, involving the expenditure of a sum of money exceeding the balance of the building appropriation for the sum of the past year. tion for the past year and the total amount of the levy about to be made, we recommend that the improvements above named in the First, Second, Eighth and Thirteenth wards be postoned until another year, and that they

be the first considered in making the levy for 1897. "The building committee have placed before us the following estimates: For the erection of No. 16 \$38,000 For the erection of No. 10 36,000 For balance due on No. 10 lots 2,500 For the erection of No. 23 18,000

... \$91,500 "After completing Nos. 13 and 19 it is estimated that there will be a balance in the building account of \$10,000. We must therefore raise by taxation \$84,500 for building purposes for the ensuing year. For this purpose, we recommend a levy of 4½ mills, which will produce, after making the usual allowance of 3 per cent, for commissions and exon-

erations, \$82,450. "Making a total levy for the schoo year commencing July 1, 1896, of 18 mills for all purposes, which will produce, together with the state appropriation. A total estimated revenue of \$314,284.38 to meet the total estimated require-

ments of \$316,000. ments of \$310,000.

"We have made no report with regard to the completion of the new high school, as the balance in the high school account will probably be sufficient to complete this building.

Respectfully submitted, John Devancy, A. L. Francois,

F. L. Wormser, W. S. Langstaff,

Finance committee."

JENNINGS DID NOT SIGN. Mr. Jennings, the fifth member of the committee, did not sign the report, having been detained from the meet-ing at which it was drafted. He said that the report was that the report was a very thorough one and all right for all he knew, but he would like to have time to peruse it carefully in order that he might vote intelligently on it and for that reason moved to prostpone action on the report wholl the next meeting, two weeks hence.

Mr. Gibbons seconded the motion for the purpose, as he stated, of getting it before the house, and then asked for an explanation of the increase.

Mr. Jennings remarked that he was after similar information and no doubt many of the other members were, for which reason he had moved to lay the matter over for two weeks. He added that it would look better also if the whole board instead of five members only, had a thorough understanding of the report when they voted on it.

Mr. Wormser said the committee made the increase very reluctantly. Ex-penditures had been made and they had

penditures had been made and they had to be met. He realized how unpopular a move it i sto increase the tax rate, but the committee had to do its duty. Mr. Welsh protested against the speeches which spread the impression that last year's board spent all the money that was to be raised this year, and explained that several of the new

buildings have not been commenced yet and some of them will not be until next September. Consequently the pres-ent board is not providing altogether

A vote was then taken on the motion to postpone action on the report until next meeting, and it resulted as fol-

Ayes—Casey, Welsh, Walsh, Jennings, Langan and Gibbons—6, Nays—Mitchell, Francols, O'Malley.

Nays—Mitchell, Francois, O Malley, Davis, Devaney, Wormser, Schaeffer, Conrad, Jacobs, Williams, Schriefer, Barker, Notz, Langstaff.—14. Mr. Jennings made another strong speech against immediate action on the eport, after the motion to lay over had the report was before the house. He said that the board was giving but litthe consideration to so momentous a matter as the increasing of the taxes 20 per cent. A matter of great moment seems to be a matter of small import to some of the members, he said. Not having had an opportunity to study the report and the reasons for the increase he was not prepared to vote for it and in justice to himself and the people could not. He did not, but as fourteen others did the report was adopted, the

vote being as follows: Ayes—Mitchell, Franceis, O'Malley, Davis, Devaney, Wormser, Schaeffer, Jacobs, Williams, Schriefer, Barker, Notz, Gibbons, Langstaff-1i. Nays-Casey, Welsh, Walsh, Conrad, Jennings, Langan-6. While the result was the same in each ballot, the voting was slightly different. Messrs, Gibbons and Conrad changing

places in the second roll call.

BIDS FOR NO. 10 SCHOOL. The new bids for heating and venti-lating No. 10 building, to be erected on Prospect avenue, was opened last night and were as follows: The Hunt & Connell company proposed to do the heat-ing and ventlating for \$4.945, and gave the board the choice of three systems of dry closets, one, the Monarch, for \$1,300; another, the Smead-Wills, for \$150; or a third, Carpenter & Co.'s for \$700. P. F. & M. T. Howley proposed to do the heating and ventilating for \$5,811.70, and put in the Smead-Wills dry closets for \$595. W. P. Connell & Sconffered to do the heating and ventilating for \$5,000 forced to do the heating and ventilating for \$500.000 forced to do the heating and ventilating for \$1.000 forced to do the heating and ventilating for \$1.000 forced to do the heating and ventilating forced to do the heating forced to do the heating and ventilating forced to do the heating forced to do the Son offered to do the heating and venti-lating for \$5,338. They did not bid on the sanitary system. B. F. Sturtevant & Co., of Philadelphia, asked \$5,584 for heating and ventilating and \$650 for dry closets. The bids were referred to the building committee.

These proposals were on plans and specifications of Architect E. H. Davis. The former ones which were thrown out were on various systems,

The building committee reported the acceptance of new No. 19 building and made the following recommendations, all of which were adopted: That the grounds about No. 27 be graded and grounds about No. 27 be graded and otherwise improved; that a room be rented from George Edgington, at 920 Green Ridge street, to relieve No. 28; that a room be rented on Throop street, in the First ward, to relieve No. 26; that the secretary be instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of new No. 23, in the Third ward, on what is known as the "Loftus lot," as soon as the proposed trade with the city can

## ELEVEN MORE SUFFERERS.

Unusual Large Number of Scarlet Feyer Cases Reported Last Week.

Eleven new cases of scarlet fever were reported to the board of health last week and three other came in yes-terday. No great alarm is felt by the health authorities, as the disease is not of a violent nature, only one death re-sulting from the fourteen cases. Another good circumstance is that the cases are not confined to any one lo-cality, but scattered throughout the various parts of the city, showing that there is no epidemic, but merely an unusual rate for one week.

There were three new cases of diph-heria and three deaths resulting herefrom. Three cases of measles were reported, but no deaths from that disease.

The total number of deaths from all

causes during the week was thirtyfour, which is slightly above the aver

### DAVIS' CLOSING SHOW.

The Noss Company is the Attraction for the Last Three Days.

The talented Noss family entertained at Davis' theater yesterday. It is the last attraction of the season, and the final performance will be given on Wednesday night. The Noss company was here before, but now it is even bet-ter than before. Every member is an artist. A more original tramp specialist than Charles R. Sweet never created laughter.
Miss Mignon Carroll, as a burlesque

actress and clever musician, adds much vigor to the performance. The show abounds in musical outbursts. "The Fairy Bells" is pretty, and a descrip-tive piece entitled "On the Midway" awakens vivid recollections in those who saw the world's fair. Miss Carroll plays a fine solo on the oboe. Then music is extracted from the twists of ox horns, saxaphones and other instru-ments. Perhaps the finest melody given is the mandolin selection from "Il Trovatore," Throughout the play there is a light and amusing plot and in addition a burlecque dramatic sketch is well given. All in all the show is a

is well given. All in all the show is a great closing attraction.

Next Saturday evening a performance will be given at the theater by well-known artists for the benefit of Harry Thorne and his wife, Miss Maggie Willett, two very popular theatrical neonle.

Our Woman's Paper. number of enterprising business firms that have already secured adver-tising space in "Our Woman's Paper" is arready giving the ladies in charge of the edition great encouragement. The rooms of the association yesterday morning presented a businesslike air and not a few contracts were made by 10 o clock. The interesting matter already furnished by the lady editors will, we feel sure, be of great interest to the readers, and this together with the leautiful designed first page and children's nare will make the issue a value. dren's page will make the issue a valuable paper to be preserved in the family archives. To be represented in the columns of the paper by a well set advertisement, with proof of the same submitted before publication, it will be necessary for an early contract to be made, and copy prepared at an early moment, and advertisers who have de-layed this important matter should at-

### DIED.

ANDERSON-In Seranton, Pa., April 24, 1896, Emma Dean Anderson, Funeral 4t her late residence, 2430 North Main ave-nue, Tuesday, April 28, at 19,39 a. m. In-terment private.

DAY-In Scranton, Pa., April 27, 1896, Mrs. Margaret Day, wife of Officer Lona V. Day, at her home, 310 Washington ave-nue, aged 26 years. Funeral announce-ment later.

ment fater.

O'DONNELL—In Scranton, Pa., April 27, 1896, Thomas O'Donnell, at his home, 2192. Pitiston avenue. He is survived by a wife and six children. Funeral announcement later.

nouncement later.
O'HARA—In Scranton, Pa., April 26, 1896,
Mrs. Catharine, wife of John O'Hara,
aged 65 years. Funeral services Wednesday at 9 a, m. from St. Patrick's church.
Interment in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

SEAMANS—In Factoryville, Pa., Saturday, April 25, 1896, Miss Jessie Scamans, aged about 22 years. Funeral from family residence, on High street, on Tuesday, April 28, at 2 p. m.

## CORNELIUS SMITH'S CASE

Court Allowed a Postponement of the Argument Until Today.

WINTON COAL COMPANY'S SUIT

It Was Tried and a Verdiet Returned for the Defendant-Effort is Now Being Made to Secure a New Trint.

Argument court began yesterday morning, but the rule entered upon At-

torney Cornelius Smith to show cause

torney Cornelius Smith to show cause why he shail not be disbarred did not come up. It will be disposed of one way or another today.

The argument was set down for 10 o'clock in the morning. At that hour the court was busy hearing motions. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon Judge Archbaid announced that the court was ready to proceed with the Smith case. City Solicitor Torrey, who, with Attorneys S. B. Price and E. C. Newcomb, was appointed by the court to prosecute the rule, stepped forward and prosecute the rule, stepped forward and informed Judge Archbald that Attor-ney A. H. McCollum, of Montrose, one of Mr. Smith's counsel, is ill and for that reason they were not disposed to take the case up until today. Mr. Smith came into court a few minutes later, and when he heard the case was

Two important cases were argued, One was a rule for a new trial in the assumpsit suit of the Winton Coal company against the Pancoast Coal company. Attorneys S. B. Price and J. Alton Davis represented the plaintiff and ex-Judges W. H. Jessup and H. A. Knapp the defendant.

continued until today he got up and

CAUSE OF THE SUIT. The Winten Coal company brought suit against the defendant for the value of a certain quantity of coal mined, amounting to about \$40,000, and claimed that the right and title to an undivided Interest representing this amount was vested in them and not in the defend-The case was tried last January

ant. The case was tried last January and the jury found a verdict for the defendant. The arguments yesterday were for a new trial.

Attorney I. H. Burns argued to strike off the nonsuit in the action of trespass brought by Mrs. John Lilly against the city of Scranton. Mrs. Lilly was thrown out of her carriage on June 5, 1833, opposite No. 41 Lackawanna avenue, by the collision of the back and nue, by the collision of the hook and ladder company's truck with her car-riage. She sustained permanent in-juries. When the case came to trial the court granted a nonsuit on the ground that the city was not liable for the negligent act of a fireman or police-man, as these are servants of the state. Mr. Burns argued that in this case the use of the team was not for the state in going to a fire or coming from it, but the team was in the use of the city, because the driver was out exer-

ACTION IN OTHER CASES. Other cases on the list were disposed

Other cases on the list were disposed of as follows:
Continued—A. L. Shoemaker against Depue and Stoll; Salvator Arunello against L. Arigon); John Horn against M. Horn; J. M. Evererhart against G. F. Nosbitt and J. M. Lewis; A. S. Washburn against J. B. Lesh; John J. Jennings against Lehigh Valley Railroad company; M. A. McCarthy against Martin Scanlon. Martin Scanion.
Submitted-C. Hasley against David

Hasley: Marie Ferante against Dugo Ferante Settled-Township of Lackawanna against borough of Taylor; Julia Gilli-gan against J. Lehocse; A.-C. Nettleton & Co. against Thomas Rundale; E. Robinson's Sons against E. Roth.

RUNS HAVE BEEN CHANGED. New Train Arrangement on the Central Railrond of New Jersey.

At the last change of time table on the Jersey Central a change was also made in the crews on passenger runs. The runs used to be from Jersey City to Easton, Easton to Mauch Chunk and Mauch Chunk to Scranton and return. Now, however, three crews are run through without change daily from Jersey City to Mauch Chunk and re-turn, while two crews are run daily from Mauch Chunk to Jersey City and return. These crews make five round trips per week, then lay off two days and get a week's pay for their work. The conductors do not like this change very much, as they used to cover about 150 miles for a trip and work six days, while now they have to cover about 240 miles for a trip of five days per week.

They would naturally rather work under the old order. Milton Weller and Lee Kilbler are the proper and conductors. Joe Kibler are the upper end conductors affected by this change. Conductor Berkhelser, of Jersey City, is one of the lower end men in the change. Mr. Berkheiser used to run an express train, but now he runs the newspaper train out of Jersey City and makes all the stops to Mauch Chunk. The runs, however, will probably be more pleasant as the men become accustomed to the same, as it gives them two whole days to themselves each week.— Wilkes-Barre News Dealer,

THEY WANT THEIR RIGHTS.

Constables of Lackawanna County Seeking Redress of Their Grievances. The constables of the county will meet at Olyphant Monday afternoon, May 4, at 3.30 p. m., to take further action toward securing redress of cer-

One of the chief of these grievances is that regular police officers in this city are permitted to serve warrants and perform other duties which the constables claim belong to their office. A committee headed by John C. Moran, of the Twelfth ward, has sought an audit the ward had been pader that dience with Mayor Bailey in order that they may enter a formal protest against this alleged wrong.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS.

This evening at the Academy of Music that clever comedian, Joseph Hart, will be seen in "A Gay Old Boy" as a benefit for the Elks. Mr. Hart and his very competent company were seen here a few weeks ago in the same play and were received with the greenlest. and were received with the greatest favor. "A Gay Old Boy" is the story of a foolish man, who, although a wid-ower and the father of a bevy of beautiful daughters, falls in love with a French actress. His deceased wife stated in her will that her property should not revert to her husband in case he remarreld within two years after her death. He marries the Parisian actress within the forbidden time and the new husband endeavors to keep the fact a secret. He finds much diffi-culty in doing this for the reason that his daughters suddenly arrive home. The artiste becomes a domestic per force and has violent love made to her by her husband's friend, who is ignor-ant of the marriage. The situations are extremely ridiculous and the complications wonderful.

Wednesday evening another farcecomedy artist who made a most promi-nent hit in this city a short time ago will appear at the Academy of Music, producing "Our Flat," one of the most entertaining farces on the stage today. It is a frace of the best kind, bordering on real camedy and is devoid of horseon real comedy, and is devoid of horse-play or any of the insufferable non-sence that is often perpetrated in the name of farce-comedy, "Our Flat" will be produced as a benefit for the Scranton Athletic club.

Taken to House of Good Shephera. Nellie Connors, the woman who is in a dying condition with delirium tremens, was yesterday removed from the emergency hospital at the station house to the House of the Good Shepherd, it being impossible to secure admission for her at any of the hospitals.

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