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**Second Legislative District.**

The Republican voters of the Second legislative district will meet in convention in the arbitration room, court house, Scranton, Pa., on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate.

**CITY NOTES.**

James Flynn began a suit against the United States Casualty company to recover \$25 on a policy that he carried with the company.

**Two Mill-Hands Burned.**

Ex-Police Officer Henry Canavan and James McNichols the Victims.

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**BOARD WILL CELEBRATE**

To Have a Jubilation When New High School is Opened.

At last night's meeting of the high and training school committee, plans were discussed for a grand celebration in connection with the opening of the new high school. It is the purpose to have present every surviving ex-school controller as a guest of the present board on this auspicious occasion. There will be speech-making of course, possibly exhibitions by the pupils and some substantial kind of entertainment as a grand finale. Nothing definite has as yet been decided upon further than that it is to be a grand affair befitting the event.

A number of routine matters were also disposed of at the meeting. One of them was the interpreting of one of the rules for entrance to the high school, recently promulgated by the board. The rule in question provided that any graduate of the high school, under 21 years of age, can, by applying to the board, secure permission to take up special work in the new school.

A number of high school graduates are now taking the business course at Williams' college under the tutelage of Miss Kathryn Hargerty, who is to have charge of this department of the high school and it is their wish to be allowed to finish their course under her teaching. Under the provisions of the rule quoted these students are entitled to admission to the high school.

**APPLICATIONS FOR DIVORCES.**

Separations Wanted by Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Schofield.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Swallow began proceedings yesterday to secure a divorce from Isaac W. Swallow. They were married May 16, 1882, at La Grange, Wyoming county, and for eight years have resided in Scranton. Mrs. Swallow now resides at 307 North Bromley avenue, and in her libel, which was filed by Attorney Milton W. Lowry, she sets forth that her husband rendered her condition so intolerable by his cruel treatment that she was compelled to withdraw from his home on the eleventh day of this month.

Mrs. Diana Schofield is another injured wife who began proceedings yesterday to secure a divorce from Alfred Schofield. They were married in this city on November 25, 1890, and lived together until January, 1894. The divorce is asked on the statutory ground, Annie Rushton being named as corespondent. There is also an allegation in Mrs. Schofield's libel, filed by Attorney Ballentine, that her husband treated her in a cruel manner.

**FARMERS WILL PICNIC.**

At Lily Lake Wednesday and at Madisonville Thursday.

The Harvest Home picnics of the farmers of Lackawanna county will be held this week at Lily Lake, near Wayville, on Wednesday and at Madisonville on Thursday.

Major Levi Wells, state dairy and food commissioner, is expected to deliver the principal address. There will be opportunity for general discussion of topics in which farmers are interested, and music and recitations by the young people will be interspersed.

These meetings are under the management of the County Agricultural Society. One object is to interest the farmers in the rather more solid work of the Farmers' Institutes held during the winter season in various parts of the county.

**DAISY STOLE DIAMONDS.**

She Was About to Come to This City When Arrested.

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Daisy Miller, a fashionable, attired young woman of about 25 years, was arrested this afternoon at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, as she was about to take a train for Scranton, Pa., where she claims she resides. During the morning she visited several jewelry stores in this city and stole diamonds to the amount of several hundred dollars.

When searched at police headquarters she had in her possession diamond ear rings, a gold brooch, a diamond ring valued at \$150 and a pair of diamond cuff buttons. At one of the stores she visited she was detected in the act of dropping an unset diamond valued at \$150 into her parasol.

Miss Braun has vacated her rooms over Finley's and will re-open her dress-making establishment on her return from Paris, about the middle of September, at 510 and 512 Spruce street.

Special attention and private dining rooms for dinner parties at Lohmann's, Spruce street. Service and cuisine unexcelled in this city.

**DIED.**

DALEY.—In Scranton, Aug. 17, 1896, J. H. Daley, of 192 Pittston avenue. Funeral from the residence Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at Moscow.

GAY.—At Seneca Falls, N. Y., Sunday, Aug. 16, 1896, Mrs. Laura S. Gay. Funeral service Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Seneca Falls.

MCGURRIN.—In Scranton, Monday, Aug. 17, Thomas McGurkin aged 1 year and 5 months. Funeral from parents' residence, 217 Irving avenue, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

WHITE.—In Scranton, Aug. 16, 1896, Anna White, wife of Patrick White, of 41 Chestnut street, aged 22 years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. S. W. Singer, of Park Place. Funeral notice later.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY CARPETS CHEAP.**

The fire in our basement on July 27th, damaged some 800 yards of Straw Matting. They were only slightly damaged by water, and one would scarcely notice the difference. Others, and some of the Carpets stored there, were somewhat smoked and will be sold at less than ONE-HALF their value.

Think of Mattings at 5c and 10c Per Yard.  
Think of Carpets at 20c Per Yard.

To give the public a chance to buy from our entire stock at reduced prices, we have marked down the price on everything. Draperies as well as Carpets.

**SIEDECKER & WATKINS,** 406 LACKAWANNA AVENUE  
(LARGE SHOW WINDOW.)

**SHALL THERE BE A NEW ASSESSMENT**

It is an All-Important Question Now in Municipal Circles.

**IT COMES UP TOMORROW NIGHT**

Tax Committee of Select Council Will Pass Upon the Matter and Make a Recommendation Thursday Night. What the New Assessment Means to the City and Why It is Considered Necessary at This Time.

Whether or not a new city assessment shall be made next year depends in a great degree on the action of the tax committee of select council, which meets tomorrow night to pass upon the resolution advising the board of revision and appeals to order such an assessment.

The board is in favor of making the assessment and may do so even in case councils should advise otherwise. They would prefer however, to have council sanction the move and at their instance the resolution in question was laid before council in order to test their sentiments. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, The necessity of a new city assessment for 1897 is under discussion, and

Whereas, The board of revision and appeals might desire some expression of the sense of council on the matter, be it

Resolved, That the board of revision and appeals be advised to order a new city assessment in 1897, for the purpose of equalizing assessments and placing lands and improvements on the same basis.

The resolution was introduced in common council by Mr. Regan, of the Sixth, who is a member of the board of revision and appeals; it passed that body and is now in the hands of the tax committee of select council, which committee will take the matter into consideration tomorrow night and make some recommendation regarding it at next Thursday night's meeting.

**IT IS IMPORTANT.**

This proposed new assessment means much to the city of Scranton. If it is not made the city will again experience the difficulty encountered last spring, when the estimates committee made the hardest kind of time finding money for mere necessities and had to let everything that had the semblance of luxury go by the board. The cause of this was that the city assessors failed to raise sufficient revenue. Properties of certain descriptions were not assessed at the value they should have been and land was generally assessed too low. By dint of hard scraping, as mentioned before, the estimates committee managed to supply the wants of the different departments.

Next year with its increased expenditures it may be utterly impossible even with the greatest economy to make ends meet, with the present valuation as the basis of assessment. To obviate this impending difficulty and for the even more pressing purpose of giving the tax payers a more equitable assessment the board of revision and appeals conceived the idea of making a new general assessment next year instead of waiting for the regular biennial assessment year, which is 1899.

The present valuation of this city is a little over \$20,000,000. Thirteen and six-tenths mills is the highest levy the laws allow and the estimate of making a new general assessment next year would need additional revenue to increase the valuation. To do this the board proposes to raise the assessments which are now flagrantly low and to place land and improvements on the same basis. The law directs that property shall be assessed at the price it would bring at a forced sale. In this city it has been for years and still is the custom to assess land at two-thirds of its value and improvements at one-half. It is the intention of the board to do away with the old system by rating land and improvements on the same basis of valuation. The rate will be determined by the result of the assessment and the apparent needs of the city.

**FIVE MILLIONS MORE.**

The board feels that a valuation of \$25,000,000 is none too small for this city and believes it can be raised to that figure without inflicting hardship on any taxpayer or set of taxpayers. With this valuation and the present rate of levy the sum of \$25,000 could be raised for general purposes and the sinking fund which would with the revenues from liquor licenses and other sources give amply sufficient funds for supplying all the needs of the municipality.

It would not then be necessary to close the public library early because of limited fund for lights, the parks might commence to assume the appearance of parks, streets could be kept in proper repair, there would be no necessity of discharging much needed help at city hall, a paid fire department and a police force commensurate with the needs of the city, would be among the possibilities and the city would not have to pay interest on judgments for damages, because of a depleted judgements and incidentals fund.

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per pound, . 18c

**20 Lbs. Granulated Sugar,** . . . \$1.00

**Strictly Fresh Eggs,**  
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**Choicest Light and Very Lean Bacon,**  
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**LADIES' CAPES.**

Ladies' Cloth Capes, formerly \$2.50, Sale Price, 98c.  
Ladies' Velvet Capes, formerly \$5.00, Sale Price, \$2.59  
Ladies' Silk Capes, formerly \$6.00, Sale Price, \$2.98

**LADIES' SUITS.**

Ladies' Outing Suits, lined with silk, full skirt, formerly \$11.80, Sale Price, \$8.98  
Ladies' Blazer Suits, in all wool mixed goods, formerly \$10.00, Sale Price, \$5.98  
Ladies' Black All Wool Serge Suits, formerly \$12.00, Sale Price, \$7.00  
Fine Milan Braid Sailors' worth \$1.40, Sale Price, 39c

**LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS.**

Which were sold at \$1.19, 98c, and 75c., Sale Price, 39c.  
Ladies' Fine Dimity Shirt Waists, formerly \$2.80, \$1.75 and \$1.45, Sale Price, \$1.19

**INFANTS' COATS.**

Infants' Long and Short Coats, silk and cashmere, formerly \$3.50, Sale Price, \$1.19  
Infants' Caps, formerly 35c, Sale Price, 10c

Now is the time to have your furs repaired by the only practical furrier in the city.

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