CITY NOTES.

The Scranton Liederkranz will elect a musical director tonight.

Saturday, Oct. 3, is the last day for taking out naturalization papers.

James Connery went to St. Bonaventure's college, at Allegheny, N. Y., yesterday to join the foot ball team.

This evening M. W. Lowry, Clarence Ballentine and Rev. Henry Harris will address a political meeting at Olyphant.

Rev. Foster U. Gift is attending the North Branch conference of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society at Shamokin Dam, Pa.

In the estate of Harry Dusinberry, late of this city, letters of administration were granted yesterday to John W. Dusinberry by Register Hopkins.

E. H. Hall, G. M. Watson and H. M. Streeter will deliver addresses to the Peckville McKinley and Hobart club on Thursday evening, Sept. 24.

Certificates of nomination of the candidates named at the recent Democratic county convention were filed with the county commissioners yesterday by T. J. Jennings, chairman of the convention.

At 8 o'clock tonight in the Central Republican club rooms a club will be organized of young men who will cast their first ballot at the coming election. All such are invited to attend. J. M. Walker and John McComb will be the speakers.

A replevin suit was begun yesterday for 14,456 feet of lumber, valued at $230.31, by Calkins & Co. against Thomas H. Sharp, Robert McKenna and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company. Patterson & Wilcox are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Alfred Cooper, of Olyphant, petitioned court yesterday to grant him permission to adopt Alfred James Loder, son of James and Margaret Loder, as his child and heir. The boy's father is willing and his mother is dead. Attorney John J. Manning represents the petitioner.

The finance committee for the state Christian Endeavor convention met last night in the Young Men's Christian association building. While the meeting was brief, it developed that the amount of money necessary to bear the expense of the convention will be forthcoming.

The cake walk announced to take place last night in Finlay's hall, on Lackawanna avenue, was postponed until tomorrow night, when will also take place a literary and social entertainment for the benefit of the M. T. Jones Household of Ruth, No. 921, an organization of colored women, auxiliary to the lodge of colored Odd Fellows.

Matthew Connolly, of the North End, alleges that a few days ago in the presence of several persons, he was called an old black thief by Maggie and Martin Golden, his neighbors. He thinks they ought to pay about $2,000 for this language, and he brought a slander suit for that much damages yesterday against them. He is represented by Hulslander & Vosburg.

At Harrisburg yesterday a charter was granted to the Collins-Hale Manufacturing company of this city, which has been manufacturing furniture at Capouse avenue and Poplar street for some time. The capital stock is $40,000 and the directors are Arthur L. Collins, Louis Oettinger, William M. Van Dyke, C. E. Spaeri, Scranton; John Kaschendach, Wilkes-Barre.

A prayer service over the remains of W. J. Robb was conducted yesterday morning at his late home, on Linden street, and the body was then taken to Philadelphia, where interment was made. The pall bearers were: W. J. Madigan, John Bumford, Frank Shiffer, E. J. Coleman, J. J. Coleman and Arthur Evans. The flower-bearers were Frank Callahan and C. M. Duffy.

St. Luke's Churchman for September just received abounds in notes of work done, work resumed, and that to be done in an early day. Out of all we single the reminder of all the generous contributors to the "Needleworkers' Guild" that their two new articles of clothing, for the hospital and the poor, are requested on or before Oct. 15. The Guild has membership of both men and women, some of them not members of the parish, but voluntary aiders in this special work for the needy.

Marriage licenses were granted yesterday by Clerk of the Courts John H. Thomas to Michael Mangan and Delia C. Mulherin, of Providence; William Taylor, of Scranton, and Eunice Jeffrey, of Dunmore; Patrick Polan and Bridget Toole, of Minooka; George E. Robinson and Alice G. Pidgeon, of Carbondale; Patrick J. Rowan and Bertha Robertson, of Wilkes-Barre; William Henry Watts, of New street, and Annie F. Nolan, of Stone avenue; Owen F. Biglin and Bridget V. Holleran, of Dunmore.

The literary department of the Elm Park Church Epworth League have arranged a fine programme for tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock. The leading feature will be a debate on the interesting question of the authorship of Shakespeare's plays. The Baconian theory will be contended for by Aaron V. Bower and Frank B. Littell, while Risca Cocker and H. H. Beidleman will uphold the traditions of the past. Some good music, also, will be heard. The evening promises to be very interesting and profitable. All are invited.

For the alleged illegal sale of the household effects of John Capper, of Old Forge, Alderman Wright yesterday awarded Capper judgment in the sum of $200. The defendants in the case were George Drake and T. Stewart, who conduct a mercantile store at Old Forge, and Constable William Davis. The firm had caused an attachment to be issued for a store debt of $38 and a sale followed, notwithstanding Capper's claim of a benefit of $300.

PERSONAL.

Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ryan is ill.

Robert Adams, of Franklin avenue, is home from a trip to Europe.

Miss Edith Morton, of North Main avenue, has returned from Lake Ariel.

Miss Maggie Walsh, of Price street, is spending the week with Stroudsburg friends.

Register W. S. Hopkins was at his office yesterday after a week spent at Tunkhannock.

Miss Margaret Discon, of Dodgetown, has returned from Croton, N. Y., after a five week's visit.

Miss Mattie Kase, of Carbondale, is being entertained by Miss Gertrude Griggs, of Franklin avenue.

Miss Catharine Scanlon and Miss Annie Cooney, of the Metropolitan, attended a banquet at Carbondale last evening.

Ernest B. Gardner, who has been visiting his parents, at 1618 Dickson avenue, returns to Joliet, Ill., today, where he has charge of the spike machines in the large Joliet mills.

FIREMEN ON PARADE.

Annual Inspection Will Take Place This Afternoon--Line of March.

The annual parade and inspection of the fire department and also of the police department will take place this afternoon. The firemen will turn out in their dress uniforms, and the fire engines, hose carriages, and all other city property will be polished up in the neatest style to make the best possible appearance.

At 2.05 the court house bell will strike one tap and this will be the signal for the parade to move. The line of march will be from Jefferson to Spruce, to Franklin, to Eighth, countermarching, to Adams, to Pine, to Washington, to Gibson, and countermarching again. The review by Mayor Bailey, members of councils and invited guests will occur at the city hall on Washington avenue.

Police inspection will take place at 1 o'clock in front of city hall. Chief Robling will be in charge and Mayor Bailey will inspect. All police not on duty will join the firemen's parade and will march at the head of the line. After the police will come the Forest band, and then the carriages. Chief Hickey and Assistant Chiefs John Timlin, Fred Warnke, M. McManus, Louis Schwass, J. J. O'Malley, and Charles Raynor will march afoot at the head of the companies and the bands.

Should a fire occur during the parade only the companies in the district will leave the procession to respond to it, and it will be the duty of the assistant chief having charge of the district to see that there is as little confusion as possible in such an emergency. He will have absolute control of affairs at the fire and his orders are authoritive.

The visiting companies in line will be the Taylor Hose company, guests of the board of engineers, and the Crystals, of Jermyn, guests of the Nay Augs.

SUING FOR A BROKEN CONTRACT.

Home for the Friendless Is the Defendant in an Action for $2,500.

Edward P. Bates, of Syracuse, brought suit for damages in the sum of $2,500 yesterday against the Society of the Home for the Friendless Women and Children of Scranton.

Mr. Bates was one of those who sent in sealed proposals for fitting the new building of the Home for the Friendless with a heating and ventilating system. Charles B. Scott was the lowest bidder, but his proposal did not comply with all the requirements, and the contract was let to Mr. Bates, who was the next lowest bidder.

Before the contract was executed Mr. Bates alleges that the managers reconsidered their action and received new proposals. Mr. Scott was the lowest again, and his second bid met with approval, and the contract was awarded to him. The amount of the contract is between $6,000 and $7,000, and Mr. Bates says he is damaged to the amount named in his suit, because on the strength of being given the contract primarily he expended large amounts of money in procuring material to begin the work.

SQUEEZED BETWEEN CARS.

An Austrian Laborer Severely Injured at Peckville.

Alex Mespar, of Olyphant, employed in the mines of the New York and Scranton Coal company, at Peckville, was squeezed between cars yesterday and sustained a fracture of the right leg above the ankle. The flesh above the point of fracture is severely lacerated, and he also is suffering from a dislocated collar bone.

The ambulance conveyed him to the Lackawanna hospital, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Fish. He is an Austrian and unmarried.

Funeral of Mrs. Wagner.

On Monday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. A. M. Wagner, mother of Fred Wagner, of this city, took place from the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. William P. Morrow, of Wilkes-Barre. Services were conducted in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Wilkes-Barre, by Rev. M. Conrad, of Pittston, and burial was made in Dunmore cemetery.

Organ Concert.

Mr. J. Alfred Pennington's first organ concert of the season at Elm Park church, occurs on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Caroline Wolf, soprano, will assist. Admission free. Silver offering.

DIED.

ANTHONY—In Scranton, Sept. 22, William Anthony, at the home of his brother, E. B. Anthony, 414 North Main avenue. Funeral notice later.

INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCILMEN

Contained in Letters Sent to Them by Attorney W. W. Watson.

CLAIMS OF THE COMPANY STATED

Mr. Watson Also Sent Letters to Mayor Bailey and Attorney Price. No Agreement About an Amicable Action--Arrest of Workmen Ordered--Mayor Has Not Yet Signed Resolutions Passed by Councils.

That squabble between the city and the Providence and Abington Turnpike company over the repairing of that portion of the Abington turnpike within the city is still far from settlement.

Mayor Bailey has not signed the two important resolutions which were adopted in common council Monday night, but there is not the slight doubt that he will do so. One resolution directs the street commissioner to cause the arrest of any company employes found working on the roadway, and the other directs the city solicitor to petition the present grand jury to condemn the thoroughfare.

To a Tribune reporter yesterday Mayor Bailey said he had not affixed his signature to the two measures referred to; however, he would not state that he would not do so. On the contrary there was sufficient implication given by him that he would sign them. This was indicated by his directing the street commissioner early in the day, and before the papers from the preceding night's council meeting reached him, to go to the turnpike and cause the arrest of any company employes that he might find working there.

Meanwhile the company was not idle. President Paine and W. W. Watson, the company's attorney, attended Monday night's meeting. What they heard and saw most have prompted them to cause the issuance of a letter. It is a pointed document and was sent to every member of each branch of the councils. Apparently it is meant to convey the impression that if councilmen were properly informed on all sides of the dispute they would act differently. The letter begins as follows:

ATTORNEY WATSON'S LETTER.

"Before any radical measures are taken in regard to the Providence and Abington Turnpike and Plank Road company, I would like to call your attention to a few facts." After setting forth a number of facts with reference to the dispute, the letter, under the head of Section 6, contains this clinching argument: "It is said, it seems, that the company has no right to repair that part of the road, notwithstanding it is not in repair. Do you believe it? If you do, why not let the Turnpike company repair the road, because if the company has no right to repair, surely it cannot collect the cost from the city and the taxpayers of the city would get the benefit of the money expended." * * * "It is not true that the company has refused to have any disputed question determined by the courts in a civil action. Nor is it true, as asserted, that the company agreed to bring suit before this date or at any special date." The letter is signed by W. W. Watson, attorney for the company.

Although company workmen were said to be repairing the road early yesterday morning, they were not on the ground when Street Commissioner Kinsley went there to cause their arrest, as directed by the mayor. That the mayor's order was not a "bluff" was indicated by the fact that the police patrol wagon and officers were ready to respond to a telephone call in case their services were needed. The following letter was sent to Attorney Price yesterday by Attorney Watson:

Mr. S. B. Price, Attorney for the City of Scranton.

My Dear Sir:—As there has been considerable in the newspapers alleging that there was an agreement to file an amicable action in court in regard to the Turnpike company, I address you to say that the Turnpike company is not yet advised what question you desire submitted to the court, whether it is the right of the Turnpike company to repair the road, whether the road is owned by the city or owned by the company, or whether the agreement between the city and the company, executed May 14, 1889, is valid or not.

Now, if you will advise us what question you desire determined by the court, and it is a proper matter to be so determined we will be pleased to join you therein.

Very truly yours,
W. W. Watson,
Attorney for the Turnpike company.

LETTER TO THE MAYOR.

This is a copy of a letter sent to Mayor Bailey:

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 22, 1896.

To the Honorable James G. Bailey, Mayor of the City of Scranton, and Other Officers of Said City.

The Providence and Abington Turnpike and Plank Road company hereby acknowledge the receipt of your notice served upon the president of said company Sept. 21, 1896, wherein you state that the city of Scranton has accepted the terms of the contract executed the 14th day of May, 1889, between the said Turnpike company and the said city, wherein the city agreed to keep the road running from Providence corners to Leggett's Creek bridge in as good order and repair as the said Turnpike company were bound by law to keep the same prior to the execution of said contract. And further that the city intends to provide and maintain proper fences and guards at points of danger and to indemnify the company from expense and loss or damage growing out of any neglect or negligence of the city in the premises, and in which you say that said company and all persons who are engaged in work upon said road are hereby notified to cease and leave the same, the city having agreed to accept the terms of said contract and undertaken the liability to repair and keep in order the road aforesaid.

The Turnpike company is gratified to receive this notice, and assume that the city of Scranton is now ready to fulfill in good faith the terms and conditions of said agreement and comply with the notices heretofore given by the Turnpike company.

In addition to the acknowledgment of your notice we desire to give you and the city of Scranton the following notice:

First—That the Turnpike company demands that the road-bed of said road, not recently repaired by the Turnpike company, be macadamized; made an even surface and so nearly level in its progress that it shall in no place rise or fall more than will form an angle of four (4) degrees with a horizontal line as required by said contract and the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Second—That said road below where the same has been recently repaired by the Turnpike company is in bad condition, full of hollows and ruts and not an even surface and that the guards along said road are down and worthless and no protection against injury, and in fact were insufficient for guarding purposes.

Third—The Turnpike company further gives notice that it will, in compliance with your request, cease further work upon said road until the 1st day of October, 1896, and unless the city of Scranton on or before that date proceeds in good faith to speedily put the road in the condition above mentioned the Turnpike company will, for its own protection and for the benefit of the traveling public continue its repairs thereon.

Fourth—That the Turnpike company insists that the repairing of the part of the road as now being done by the city of Scranton is but a pretense and does not in any manner comply with said agreement or the Act of Assembly for the maintaining of the road.

In our judgment the way the city is now working upon said road is a waste of public moneys and we may further add that the macadamizing recently done by the Turnpike company covers about nine hundred (900) feet of the road from Leggett's creek bridge to Providence Corners, and has cost one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fourteen cents ($167.14.)

Therefore to properly macadamize the whole distance, to wit, 7,947.3 feet, will not necessarily cost over $1,500 and the Turnpike company is ready to do it for the city for that sum.

W. W. Watson,
Attorney for the Turnpike company.

INSTRUCTED THEIR ASSISTANTS.

City Assessors Unfolded Their New Plan of Making Assessments.

The twenty-one assistant city assessors recently appointed were called together in the select council chamber last night and instructed as to the manner of making the new assessments, ordered by the board of revision and appeals.

The plans as agreed upon by the board, Charles S. Fowler, William Dawson and Chris Fickus were unfolded by President Fowler. It is proposed to make a new and complete assessment without consulting any former assessment books or following any customs that have obtained in former years. The most decided departure from the methods heretofore followed is the system of arriving at the value of a property.

The statutes provide that a property shall be assessed at what in the opinion of the assessor it would bring at a forced sale. In previous years this value was computed by taking the actual value and dividing it by three in the case of land and by two in the case of improvements. The new assessors have determined to make no distinction between land and improvements and intend to assess each at one-third their actual value. In the matter of new buildings the actual value will be arrived at by consulting the price stated on the building permit.

The board of assessors themselves will endeavor to fix the values throughout the whole city. They will at least give their personal attention to the business wards. The details such as the enumeration of horses, cows, dogs, etc., will receive the attention of the assistants, who will also cover whatever other work the assessors will not be able to attend to. The assessing will begin next week and must be completed before January 1, 1897.

City Engineer Phillips attended the meeting and explained to the assessors the intricacies of the city maps upon which the assessment will be based.

BOARD ISSUES APPEAL.

Wants Means with Which to Carry on Its Work During the Coming Winter Months.

At the meeting of the associated charities last night, the depleted condition of the treasury and the near approach of a winter which promises to be one of the worst this city has ever experienced in the matter of hardship among the poor, were about the sole topics of discussion. That the board might be in shape to continue the good work it has beene doing and to meet the usual demands that are expected when the cold weather sets in it was resolved to make an appeal to the public. The following was ordered published in all the papers:

Many hundreds of our people are out of work, cold weather is upon us, and coal, clothing and food are needed at once to provide for the necessitous. The Board of Associated Charities has exhausted its funds entirely. To continue our work we are compelled to appeal to those who can spare from their plenty something for the poor and destitute. Donations of money can be sen to the treasurer, William T. Smith, Third National Bank building.

Donations of food and clothing can be delivered at police headquarters, city hall, or will be called for if notice is given to the agent. Those who are willing to donate coal will please notify the agent of the board from where the coal can be delivered and the quantity.

The need for all these supplies is very urgent, and we earnestly appeal to the public to put us in position to help those who are now and those who certainly must be soon hungry, cold and destitute.

It should also be remembered by the public when giving that this organization cares for destitute and ill-treated children, supplies a nurse for the sick poor, finds employment, as far as possible, for men and women and ministers to distressed strangers.

The board's agent, Mrs. Duggan, reported having investigated 26 cases of which 17 were found worthy ,and assisted in the following ways: Furnished employment, 9; furnished transportation, 8; sent to hospital, 1; sent to orphanage, 5; sent to Foundling Home, 1; referred to district attorney, 2; referred to chief of police, 3.

Mrs. Duggan also reported that she had had an application for help from Andrew Columbus, a son of the woman who grinds a small music box on the principal avenues, day and night, in all sorts of weather. She found that the family are not in need and further that common report has it that they have money in bank.

AMUSEMENTS.

Thursday evening Emily Bancker and her fine supporting company will again be seen at the Academy of Music in that delightful absurdity, "Our Flat." The comedy illustrates the humorous side of life in a fashionable apartment house. It is brimful of humor, and embraces ridiculous situations, but underneath there is a strong current of interest which holds the attention much more than the made-to-order fun of the average modern farce-comedy. The company include Will Mandeville, Philip H. Ryley, George W. Parsons and other prominent comedians.

At Davis' theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week Dan Darleigh will appear "In Old Maine." This is what the Syracuse Post says of the attraction: "'In Old Maine,' as presented at the Wieting last evening by Daniel Darleigh and his company, is a new piece. The scenery was excellent. The second act, first scene, was about as pretty as Syracuse has seen in some time. Mr. Darleigh's make-up, a make-up which nature gave him, is capital, and he carried himself through the play with conscientiousness. Hazel Dawn, as the waif, was clever in her part."

To lovers of fine art in the drama, there'll be glad tidings in the announcement of the forthcoming presentation at the Frothingham, Friday and Saturday nights, of "Secret Service," William Gillette's latest work, by a company of Charles Frohman's clever players. Mr. Frohman has mounted the piece, it is said, in his usual lavish fashion and has assigned to its interpretation, besides Mr. Gillette himself, Amy Busby, Odette Tyler, Campbell Gollan, Walter Thomas and others of the best among his forces.

At the Academy of Music on Friday and Saturday evenings, with a Saturday matinee, Harry Martell's original "South Before the War" company will be seen. It is a picture of Southern life in slavery days, bringing out the peculiarities and fun-loving qualities of the colored people. The company is composed of fifty performers, mainly colored, the main characters, however, being taken by white artists, who stand in the front ranks of their profession. The singing of the company is inspiring and the rich melody awakens the music-loving soul to sympathetic fellowship.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY

Case Put on Trial Before Judge Archbald.

MICHAEL REAP IS THE PLAINTIFF

Claims Five Thousand Dollars Damage Was Done to His Lot on West Market Street by the Construction of a Retaining Wall at the Culvert. Interpleader Suits Disposed Of.

A suit for damages against the city was put on trial in civil court yesterday afternoon. Contractors Anthony Knight is a co-defendant with the city, and Michael Reap, of West Market street, is plaintiff. He wants $5,000 for a retaining wall built on part of his lot. Attorneys J. Alton Davis and C. Comegys represent him, and City Solicitor Torrey and Assistant City Solicitor D. J. Davies are for the defendants.

Mr. Reap's property is on West Market street; or to be more specific it commands a fine view of the scene where the bloodless battles have recently been waged between Street Commissioner Kinsley and Weather Observer Paine, president of the Abington Turnpike company. By an ordinance passed away back in 1888 providing for the construction of a stone culvert on West Market street, Mr. Knight was given the contract to make the improvement, and it is alleged by the plaintiff that not only a large strip of his lot was taken to build the wall, but the wall has damaged his property by making access to and from the street very inconvient.

After Mr. Comegys opened the case to the jury he offered Mr. Reap's deed of the lot in evidence, and today witnesses will be called on the part of the plaintiff to prove that the retaining wall built when the culvert was constructed has lessened the value of his property to the extent that he is entitled to a large measure of damages.

CASE FROM MONTDALE.

The cases on trial before this were interpleaders. The suit of Harry Smith against M. Harris & Brother, which was begun late Monday afternoon was finished in the morning. The parties live in Montdale, or Brown Hollow, up around Blakely. There was a difference between them as to the ownership of some horses, wagons, carriages, harness and household furniture. The jury's verdict was as near an equal division of the property in dispute as could be estimated. The whole lot is worth about $1,000.

The other interpleader suit came to an abrupt ending. Judge Archbald withdrew a juror and continued it. W. J. Bugelholl and Lewis Bugelholl, brothers, were plaintiffs, and B. S. Reynolds was defendant. The former were represented by Attorneys W. R. Lewis and J. Alton Davis, and the latter by I. H. Burns and Frank T. Okell. The Bugelholls are mine contractors, engaged in business in Luzerne county.

They made a contract with H. M. Miller to furnish them with $900 worth of machinery, air compressers, drills, etc. When they prepared to move the machinery Chester Cammer came forward and informed them Miller had no right to sell it, and he got an injunction from the court to restrain them from taking possession of it. Cammer claimed a partnership interest with Miller in the machinery, and that he was not consulted nor did he give his consent with reference to the sale of the property to the Bugelholls.

AN EXECUTION ISSUED.

While the injunction was pending, the New York Powder company had an execution of $250 entered against H. M. Miller and Chester Cammer. Mr. Cammer paid the judgment and caused it to be assigned to B. S. Reynolds. The issue was framed to determine the ownership of the machinery, but the record showed that the execution on which the sheriff had taken the interpleader, is not now in force because the judgment was satisfied by Mr. Cammer.

It was the opinion of the court that the condition of the record did not support an interpleader that a replevin was the proper proceeding to take and a juror was withdrawn and the case was continued.