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Williams & M'Anulty Carpets, Draperies and Wall Paper. 127 WYOMING AVE.

he thing said about her and ex-Judge Stanton is going to make a strong effort to get it for her. The meaning of it all was that the Grouzla woman had been unduly influenced by dissipation.

THIRD BRIGADE WILL GO.

Major Millar Reads Between the Lines—Gen. Gobin's Interview. Despite the dispatches of yesterday indicating the contrary, the Thirtieth Regiment is going to the inauguration.

The fact that the First and Second brigades have been ordered out is proof enough, says Major Millar, that the Third will also attend for the Pennsylvania guard without the Third brigade would be the Pennsylvania guard at all.

AN ELECTRICAL MELODRAMA.

Presented Before a Fair Sized Audience at the Frothingham. "Shaft No. 2" pleased a fair sized audience at the Frothingham theater last night. It is a melodrama in which electricity figures prominently.

THE BULLET REMOVED.

Frank Sholes, Mysteriously Shot Last Fall, is Operated Upon. Frank Sholes, the young man who was so mysteriously shot on the night of Sept. 8 along Washington avenue

LAID AT REST.

Funeral of the Late John R. Williams, One of Scranton's Pioneers. The funeral of the late John R. Williams was attended yesterday afternoon from the family residence, corner of Webster avenue and Mill street.

CUT BY A PIECE OF STEEL.

Foreman Henry McGrath Injured at the South Works. Henry McGrath, foreman of the South Mill, was struck on the head with a piece of flying steel yesterday morning. A deep gash was cut in his scalp.

A GOOD OFFER.

2 lbs. Triple Blend Coffee, 34c. 65c. 1 lb. any kind best 50c. tea... 50c. 1 lb. London Baking free with this order. Good for one week. At COURSENS'S.

Everybody's Attention.

Remember our stock of goods is not a cheap line bought for auction sale, but the accumulation of years of unredeemed pledges, consisting of watches, rings, diamonds, mourning instruments, bric-a-brac, etc. Everything must go, as we are going to quit business.

Bought by Normie Bros.

The shoe stock of H. C. West, special agent for Hurt Shoe at 208 Broadway, N. Y., was bought today by Normie Bros., who have a shoe store in this city and several in different parts of New York state.

Steam Heating and Plumbing.

P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.

Highest Bidder

gets the goods at Davidson Bros. great auction sale of diamonds, watches, etc. 250 XX White Envelopes for 17c. at 3c. Store, 523 Lacka. Ave.

Tailor made full suits and overcoats,

latest styles, John Ross, 307 Spruce street.

SELECT COUNCIL FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Inspectors of City Work Will Have to Pass Muster.

IT IS MR. CHITTENDEN'S IDEA

He Attributes the Loss of Thousands of Dollars to Contract Jobbery and Incompetent Inspectors—Now Mr. Frable Wants to Tax the Street Cars \$50 Each—The City Electric Light Plan Goes to Committee.

Early in last night's meeting of select council Mayor Bailey's message was read during the order of business relating to reports and communications from the mayor and heads of departments. It is reported in full on the seventh page of The Tribune.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Chittenden was chosen president pro tem and he presided until the arrival of President Sanderson shortly after the meeting was called to order. An ordinance of no little importance, regulating the appointment of inspectors of contract work and introduced by Mr. Chittenden, passed two readings.



ins, but not without the firm objections of Mr. Coyne and others to some of its provisions. The ordinance is as follows:

An Ordinance Regulating Appointment of Inspectors of City Work, and Requiring Applicants for Same to Stand Examination. Sec. 1.—He is ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Scranton, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That after the passage of this ordinance every nomination for Inspector on any city work sent by the mayor to the select council for confirmation shall be accompanied by a certificate from the city engineer stating that he has personally examined such nominee and that he possesses a sufficient amount of technical knowledge to fill the office of inspector on the contemplated work in a competent and satisfactory manner.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the city engineer to personally examine and question all persons who may apply for examination or who may be referred to him by the mayor or any councilman for such examination, and he shall in each case file a certificate with the city clerk showing the class of work he is competent to inspect and also showing the degree of competency of the applicant. This certificate shall be sufficient warrant for appointment by the select council, and shall be cancelled by the engineer for cause, if the engineer discovers incompetency or dishonesty in any inspector actually employed by the city.

LOSSES BY THE CITY.

In support of the measure Mr. Chittenden argued at length. He cited instances involving a loss of \$25,000 within a few years owing to jobbery in contract work, especially in sewer, culvert and minor bridge contracts. The fault rested not with the mayors nor city engineers, but traced to a lax system which had permitted the appointment of incompetent men. He asserted that sewer and catch basins were crumbling away because they were "cemented with mud" instead of cement and that few or none of the city's many culverts and small bridge abutments had been built according to specifications on solid foundations.

Mr. Coyne's objection, which was voiced by but a few, was that the ordinance placed too much partisan power at the disposal of the city engineer. He suggested that there should be two or three examining applicants, in answer to this Mr. Chittenden remarked that under the ordinance the city engineer would be responsible for the good or bad work of the inspectors to whom he issued certificates of competency.

L. A. WATRES ELECTED.

Succeeds Judge Willard as President of the Scranton Savings Bank. The stockholders of the Scranton Savings Bank recently met and elected the following directors for one year: E. N. Willard, L. A. Watres, M. J. Wilson, O. S. Johnson, E. P. Kingsbury, August Robinson, William M. Silliman.

JOHN LOWRY CONFIRMED.

The appointment of John Lowry by the mayor to succeed W. T. Sprays as permanent man of Franklin Engine company was confirmed.

Opportunity for Everybody.

is now offered by Davidson Bros. to buy Elgin's Watches and other watches at your own price, at the great auction sale now going on. Watches which formerly sold for \$20 to \$35 can now be had for \$5, \$6 and \$7. Whole stock must be closed out by April 1st, as Davidson Bros. will retire from business.

Franklin avenue were received and referred to committee as follows: Economy Light, Heat and Power company, \$170, for furnishing steam heat per season, September 15 to June 1; Thomas F. Mullen, \$545, \$584, \$649 or \$688, for heating appliances and connections; W. P. Connel & Sons, various bids for supplying and erecting fixtures; Charles B. Scott, \$816, for heating appliances and connections; Hunt & Connel, \$653 or \$653 for heating appliances and connections.

Dealers in bankrupt stocks of clothing received a blow in the following resolution which originated in common council and was given hearty concurrence: "That the attention of the city officials be called to ordinance file of common council No. 68, 1895, governing temporary or itinerant fairs in bankrupt sales, etc., and if any such class of business be found as referred to in said ordinance that the special tax, viz., \$500 per month be enforced at once."

Another concurrent resolution was adopted directing the Scranton Traction company to put in proper condition the roadway between its tracks on Hickory street between Cedar and Pittston avenues within three days, and if the work is not performed within that time, authorizing the street commissioner to do it and charge the expense to the company.

MONEY DUE PHILLIPS.

A knock-out was given the resolution of Common Councilman Nealls that money due Max Phillips for masonry work on grading contract work at Ninth and Robinson streets be withheld until it was shown that he had paid all claims for labor. Select council's streets and bridges committee recommended as an amendment that only \$200 be withheld. The amendment was

lost on a vote of 8 to 8. Mr. Chittenden moved concurrence on the original resolution and Mr. Durr moved to table it. The latter motion prevailed by a vote of 9 to 8.

CHIMES' ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers for the Year Were Elected at Last Night's Meeting. At the annual meeting of the Chemical Hose company held last night, the following officers were elected: President, E. N. Shiro; vice-president, B. F. Yous; secretary, C. E. Becker; treasurer, C. M. Zions; foreman, C. H. Sharp; assistant foreman, A. E. Spencer; trustees, B. F. Yous, F. W. Shoen, S. P. Moore. The three permanent men were recommended for reappointment. They are Thomas Campbell, driver; J. George, engineer; and William C. Throop, County Treasurer. C. H. Schult was elected delegate to the firemen's state convention and L. P. Zeidler, alternate.

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NOW ARRANGING BANQUET DETAILS

Event in New Board of Trade Building Will Be a Memorable One.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

Members Hope to Be Able to Hold It in the Hansome New Structure that Occupies the Court House Square. On the Evening Preceding the Banquet a Public Reception Will Be Held in the Building.

Secretary D. B. Atherton of the board of trade, has returned from New York, where he went to arrange details in connection with the annual banquet of the board, which is to be held on either Jan. 28 or 29. The banquet promises to be a memorable one, inasmuch as by that time the board will occupy its rooms in the new building on court house square.

THE NEW BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING IS NOW RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION.

Yesterday a janitor was put on duty while an elevator boy has served for over a week and one tenant has also moved in. The financial side of the building as well as that of the artistic is now an assured success as nearly four-fifths of the entire renting capacity of the building is now leased.

ON THE EVENING PRECEDING THE BANQUET A PUBLIC RECEPTION WILL BE GIVEN IN THE BUILDING.

A sort of a house warming, and several hundred people will probably be in attendance.

WILKES-BARRE PRESS CLUB DANCE.

Elaborate Preparations Are Being Made for That Event.

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the members of the Wilkes-Barre Press club for their annual ball in the Ninth Regiment armory. Bader's band of this city and Alexander's band of Wilkes-Barre will give a concert from 8 until 9 o'clock in the evening, and after that the hands will alternate during the night in playing dance music.

ATTEND THE GREAT AUCTION SALE.

Davidson Bros., closing out sale is no fake. We are surely going to retire from business, April 1. Watches, jewelry, silverware, etc., must go. Your price is ours. Highest bidder takes the goods. 217 Lacka. ave.

WE OPEN TODAY NEW STOCK OF SCOTCH GINGHAMS, FINLEY'S.

MARRIED.

BELL-ABBOTT—On Jan. 7, 1897, at Trinity parsonage, Scranton, by Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, Miss Priscilla Abbott and Robert Thomas Bell, both of Throop, Pa.

DIED.

DOUGHERTY—In Scranton, Pa., Jan. 7, 1897, at his home, on Birney avenue, Anthony Dougherty. He is survived by a wife and four children. Funeral Saturday morning, interment in Minooka cemetery.

FORDHAM—In Scranton, Pa., Jan. 6, 1897, at 12 m. Mrs. Isabel L. Fordham, relict of the late John R. Fordham, at her home, 1659 Sanderson avenue, in the seventy-second year of her age. Funeral Friday at 1 p. m. from residence; interment at Carbonado.

JUDGE—In Scranton, Pa., Jan. 6, 1897, at 8.30 p. m., Mrs. Agnes Judge, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Patrick Cannon, 47 Railroad avenue. Funeral announcement later.

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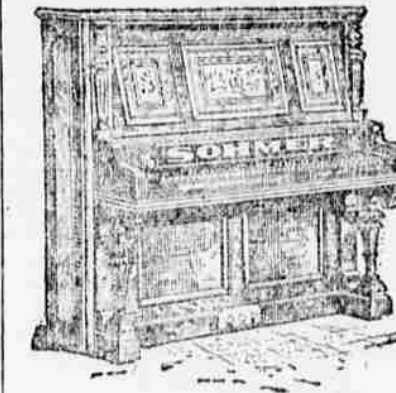


LADIES' JACKETS

Start the new year with a new jacket. We will start the year with a new Special Clock Sale. All will be sold at bargain prices. We will not have enough to go around so the lucky customers will be those who call early. Ladies' cloaks, children's jackets, separate skirts and winter suits all are included in the sale.

CLARKE BROTHERS

Solmar Piano Stands at the Head



AND J. W. GUERNSEY Stands at the Head in the Music track. You can always get a better bargain at his beautiful warerooms than at any other place in the city. Call and see for yourself before buying.

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WM. T. SMITH.

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