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CITY NOTES.

The Scranton Turner Basketball team will not play the North End team this evening as has been announced. T. J. Matthews, assessor of Spring Brook township, made his return to the county commissioners yesterday. Wasil Harniczak and Victoria Steffani, of Peckville, were the only ones to take out a marriage license yesterday. The Yale Alumni meeting will take place at Colonel H. M. Boies' residence in the Commonwealth building at 5 o'clock p. m. today. An eleven-ton boiler which is being erected in the Finch company's machine shop. Other improvements are being added to the plant. John Larson, of the West Side, was released from the county jail yesterday after serving a nine months' sentence for aggravated assault a 4 battery. Owing to the death of Mrs. J. L. Stelle the annual meeting of the Home for the Friendless which was to take place today has been postponed until next week. George Thompson, a Scott township farmer, arrested for fast driving and drunkenness in the North End Wednesday night, was fined \$5 by Alderman Webster yesterday morning. The regular monthly meeting of the Teachers' Mutual Benefit association will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in the board of control rooms. Every member is requested to attend. Deputy Sheriff T. J. Price yesterday sold the saloon of Edward Carey, corner of Main avenue and Elyon street, on executions issued by the Dickson Brewing company and E. Robinson's Sons, it brought \$23. The team from the Scranton Turners and the South Scranton Basketball club will play their first championship game Monday evening, Jan. 18, at Turner hall, on Seventh street. A social will be held after the game. A welcome meeting was held in the hall of the American Volunteers at 218 Washington avenue last night for Captain Chapin and wife, the officers in charge. There will be meetings every night in the rooms of the Volunteers at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Fralay, the Grant avenue woman who recently claimed that her daughter, Sophonia Honecker, was kidnaped, was taken with her two children by Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday by Agent H. M. Walter, of the Wilkes-Barre Humane society. J. D. Peck, president of the Lackawanna Lumber company, and brother of the late J. W. Peck, formerly of this city, announces himself as a candidate for the office of burgess of Blakely borough. Mr. Peck has resided in the vicinity of Blakely for about fifty years, during which time he has held the highest esteem of all who have become acquainted with him. Three Months of Winter. At about half price you can buy a Child's or Ladies' Coat that is stylish and of good material as we have three months yet of winter, customers will get the worth of their money. We intend selling every garment in our coat department. NEARS & HAGEN. Coal! Coal! Coal! Nay Aug Park colliery egg, stove and chestnut, \$2.50 delivered. Telephone 3712. Lots of bargains at the great clearing sale now on at the Scranton Cash Store. Skates at one-half price at Florey's, 222 Wyoming avenue. Lots of bargains at the great clearing sale now on at the Scranton Cash Store.

JUDGE ARCHBALD ON HANDLEY ESTATE

Orphanage and House of the Good Shepherd Greatly Enriched.

A MOST IMPORTANT OPINION

It Covers Thirty-seven Pages and Deals with the Appeal from the Collateral Inheritance Tax Appraisalment—He Holds that the Two Local Charitable Institutions Are Equal Owners in 20,000 Acres of Coal and Timber Lands and That They Will Come by \$50,000 Each, with the Land Held at Only \$10 an Acre.

One of the most important and elaborate opinions delivered by the local court was that handed down by President Judge R. W. Archbald yesterday, dealing with the appeal of the executors of the Handley estate and the city of Winchester, Va., from the collateral inheritance tax appraisalment of the estate of the late Judge made by H. E. Fales.

The opinion is of general importance because of its findings in some several controverted points of law, but from a local standpoint it is most important because of one of its incidental findings which gives to St. Patrick's orphanage and the House of the Good Shepherd



JUDGE R. W. ARCHBALD.

unlooked for legacy of \$50,000 each, according to the appraisal valuation, but which will amount to vastly more when its real value is considered. A careful estimate places the value of these legacies at \$100,000 each. The value of the residue which goes to the city of Winchester, the residuary legatee, is fixed at \$400,000.

The whole estate, Judge Archbald concludes, is subject to the collateral inheritance tax, even including the real estate in Virginia and West Virginia, which is virtually made personally, he contends, because it is in a stipulated line to be turned into cash and distributed by a court of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This disposes of the objection made by the appellant that realty in a foreign state is not subject to the collateral inheritance tax of this state. Another contention of the appellant—that at all events the city of Winchester can not be taxed for its legacy until it comes into the enjoyment of it—is dismissed on the grounds that to enjoy that privilege the city should have within one year after the death of the testator filed an account of the expected estate with the register of this county and given security for the payment of the tax, which the appellant in this case failed to do.

The substance of the opinion is appended. It occupied thirty-seven closely typed-written pages and represents, as is readily apparent, a vast amount of labor and research. It is the lengthiest opinion ever written by Judge Archbald. It was for the purpose of giving him an opportunity to complete it this week that he called Judge Purdy of Honesdale, to preside in his place in court room No. 2.

JUDGE ARCHBALD'S OPINION.

Appeals of executors and of City of Winchester, residuary legatee, from appraisalment for collateral inheritance tax.

The appraiser from whom these appeals are taken has made a report excellent in form and correct in the main in principle, but in many particulars which we have with it as to values. The questions raised by the appeals can best be disposed of by being taken up as they are presented by the exceptions assigned to the appraisalment. It is true that they cover pretty much everything embraced in it which suggests the same to them are merely formal, but when we have considered and passed upon them all we can be sure that the whole case has been duly met as it laid before us. The exceptions of the executors and of the residuary legatee are the same both in substance and in the order in which they are assigned and they may therefore be considered and disposed of together. It is true that a motion has been made to dismiss the appeal of the city for want of the security required by law, but in an opinion just filed opportunity has been given to remedy this defect and in anticipation that it will be called with us, we will accordingly regard the appeal as before us and dispose of it the same as if no such motion had been made.

1. Just why the insurance upon the decedent's life is excepted to we do not well see. It forms a part of the personal estate and passes under the will with the rest of the collateral, and is subject to a tax in consequence.

2. The same is true as to the household effects, library, statuary, works of art, etc., in the residence of the deceased. That the value of \$5,000 given to this property is excessive we cannot agree to.

3. What is said with regard to the household effects is true in all particulars as to the furniture found at No. 428 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, assessed at \$500.

4. The estate of the decedent is accorded with 496 shares of the capital stock of the improvement company of Scranton, Pa., which is appraised at \$47.51 per share, making a total of \$23,644.96. There is no evidence to call this appraisalment in question, and it will have to stand. We are not informed by the evidence as to what is the character of the corporation nor in what its capital is invested nor what if any is the par or market value of its shares. In the absence of any guide of this kind we must assume that the estimate of the appraiser is correct.

5. Considerable evidence has been taken to call in question the appraiser's value of the shares held by the decedent in the Equity Improvement company of Winchester, Va. The capital stock of this company consists of one hundred thousand shares of the par value of five dollars per share, and the decedent had 56,299 shares or over one-

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OFFICERS OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Chosen at a Meeting Held on Wednesday Evening.

At a regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, No. 19, of Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin Camp 5, Sons of Veterans, Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Carrie Moyer; vice president, Mrs. F. D. Sloat; chaplain, Bertha Leonard; treasurer, Mrs. Hughes; guide, Mrs. Della Hartwick; inside guard, Eva Williams; outside guard, Mrs. S. Leonard; trustees, Mrs. Della Hartwick, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Sweet; delegate to national encampment, Mr. Farrell; alternate, Mrs. A. H. Thomas; delegate to state convention to be held at Tawanda in June, Miss Haynes; Nellie Thomas; alternates, Mrs. Carrie Moyer, Mrs. F. D. Sloat; advisory committee, Past Captain William Widener, chairman; Brothers M. C. Bullock, William A. Schmidt, Don C. Fudgy and Albert Ehrlich, all members of Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin Camp 5, Sons of Veterans.

The election was conducted by Vice President Mrs. Carrie Moyer, owing to the absence of the president, Mrs. Farrell, who was absent from the city. The newly elected officers will be installed by Past Captain William Widener, of Camp 8, Sons of Veterans, at their next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday evening, January 27.

Among other business transacted was the mystery of the order conferred upon four applicants, and three applications were received for admission to the order.

MRS. J. L. STELLE DEAD.

Funeral Tomorrow Morning—Interment at Paterson, N. J.

Mrs. J. L. Stelle, whose death had been expected at any time for a week past, died at 6.30 o'clock last evening at her home, 429 Quincey avenue.

She is survived by her husband and one married son, Mr. R. Stelle, who resides at the family home, Two brothers from Paterson, N. J., have been at the dying woman's bedside for several days.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 8.30 o'clock at the home and the interment will be at 10 o'clock at 9.50 Lackawanna train to Paterson for interment.

Mrs. Stelle was prominently identified with the Penn Avenue Baptist church, the Young Women's Christian association, the Home for the Friendless and other local institutions. She was of a quiet, painstaking disposition, but possessed of great force of character. In church and charitable works she was particularly well known.

ELM PARK CHURCH SUPPER.

Large Attendance at the Periodical Function Last Evening.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church gave its regular semi-monthly supper last evening in the social parlors of the church. As is usual with these events the attendance was large, and during the time of serving supper, 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock, the table space was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Mrs. William Connell was chairman of the committee of arrangements, and was assisted by Mrs. J. S. McAnulty, Mrs. W. A. Connell, Mrs. C. H. Connell, Mrs. A. E. Connell, Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mrs. Charles W. Fulton, Mrs. H. A. Connell, Mrs. A. J. Connell, Mrs. Elizabeth Connell, Mrs. W. L. Connell and Miss Jessie Connell.

REFORMED CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.

Will Be Celebrated at Calvary Church with special Services.

Next Sunday will be celebrated in the Calvary Reformed church as the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed church in the United States. Two special sermons will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Welsh. The morning subject will be "The Reformed Church in Europe," and the evening's subject will be "The Reformed Church in America."

A special feature of the Sunday school service on that day will be a lecture entitled, "The Women of the Reformed Church." At all the services of the church on next Sunday the old reformation hymns will be used exclusively.

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IT WILL BE A GREAT CONCERT.

To Be Given by Bauer's and Alexander's Bands.

A great many residents of this city who do not dance are going to attend the 1897 ball of the Wilkes-Barre Press club next Wednesday just to hear the great concert to be given by the two bands, Bauer's of this city, and Alexander's, of Wilkes-Barre. Of course a great many more who do dance will go to enjoy all the many treats the Press club has arranged for them. Decorator Fuhrman of this city, is now busy transforming the armory to a bower of beauty.

No invitations have been issued to Scrantonians, but tickets can be had on application to Mr. T. J. Walker, with Rees & Long, 212 Linden street. A special train will return after the ball.

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COMMON COUNCIL TRANSACTS BUSINESS

Last Night's Session Developed Little, Excepting the Estimates.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT SEWER

The Ordinance Passes Two Readings Despite Opposition—It Has Passed the Select Branch, but the Twelfth Ward Is Against It. Proper Grade in the Heart of the City Is Questioned and May Cause No Little Expense—A Dry Session.

Excepting the estimated city expenses and revenues for the approaching fiscal year, common council had but little of importance to occupy its attention last night. The estimates feature is reported elsewhere.

Mayor Bailey's message was read but invited no comment and but little concern, as it had been read a week ago



READING CLERK HATTON.

in select council and was fully reported in the newspapers. Select council's action that it be received and filed was concurred in.

The meeting developed a fight on the passage of the Seventeenth district main sewer ordinance on first and second reading. The measure was passed however. The ordinance has been approved by the select branch and provides for the sewer of the Twelfth, Nineteenth and a part of the Twentieth wards on the South Side. Captain Mohr, Mr. Flannagan and Philip Wirth were the chief advocates of the measure.

WHAT SWEENEY SAID.

While the Twelfth ward lies on extremely high ground and its refuse and sewage has for years polluted the wards of less altitude, its residents oppose paying for sewers which will only extend to the edge of the ward but for which the ward will have to bear a proportionate expense. That was Mr. Sweeney's argument against the passage of the measure. He and Mr. Wirth, of the Nineteenth, and Mr. Norton, of the Twentieth, cast the only negative votes.

For six or seven years the property owners of the lower wards have been clamoring for sewers to rid them of the filth from the Twelfth above and from their own localities, but favorable action has never been taken owing to the opposition of the Twelfth constituency. The board of health is largely responsible for the present action.

There were no reports from committees, other than the usual prosaic document from the auditing committee.

An important communication that involves possibly a great expense to property owners on Spruce street, and on Wyoming and Penn avenues, and on Linden streets, was received from



MEMBER FROM THE EIGHTH.

the city engineer. It was in relation to the grade of those two blocks. The sidewalk on each side of the building is several inches higher than the walks adjoining. If the sidewalk about that particular corner is at the proper grade the contiguous walks will have to be raised several inches.

ENGINEER'S COMMUNICATION.

The city engineer's communication was a voluminous one and cited the incompleteness of figures of profiles made many years ago. The matter was referred to the streets and bridges committee in conjunction with the city engineer.

The large batch of concurrent resolutions from select council were all approved with remarkable rapidity and with no comment.

Mr. Seaman introduced an ordinance providing for the grade of Delaware street between Capouse and Penn avenues and it was referred for printing.

A resolution providing for a stone arch culvert over Stafford Meadow brook on Elm street, introduced by George Wirth, was adopted.

The meeting adjourned to convene two weeks hence.

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HARRIGAN IN OLD LAVENDER.

Delighted a Large Audience at the Frothingham Last Night. "Old Lavender" was the attraction that drew hundreds to the Frothingham last night. The author, Edward Harrigan, appeared in the title role and gave an impersonation of the character that attracted the eyes of men and women. The way he sketched old Lavender in the second act was as nearly a perfect piece of character acting as has been seen in Scranton for some time. He sang "Poverty's Tears Ebb and Flow" and was of course compelled to respond to an encore. His company was rather weak. One

LADIES' WHIST NIGHT.

Progressive Duplicate Game Played in the Scranton Club Rooms.

Last night was "Ladies' night" at the Scranton Whist club rooms in the Mears building. Progressive duplicate, or compass, whist was played. Appropriate souvenirs were awarded the winners.

T. E. Olin, of Newark, a teacher, writer and player of whist, and a director of the American Whist league, participated and had the distinction of winning, with his partner, Mrs. E. B. Jermy, one of the sets. The other winners were Miss Scranton and C. R. Fuller, Mrs. W. J. Brown and C. B. Penman. Following are the scores:

NORTH AND SOUTH. Mrs. E. B. Jermy and T. E. Olin, 113. Mrs. John Owens and W. J. Brown, 112. Mrs. Myron Kason and J. W. Dusenberry, 111. Mrs. Eugene Healey and Mr. Healey, 110. Mrs. Collins and Dr. C. R. Purke, 109. Mrs. Charles Fuller and F. C. Hinters, 108. Mrs. E. J. Parrot and Mrs. J. J. Parrot, 107. Mrs. J. H. Alibach and Mr. Alibach, 107. Mrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Kirkpatrick, 106. Mrs. C. R. Park and Mrs. Bell J. J. J. 105. Mrs. T. H. Dale and Mr. Dale, 105. Average, 108 2-10.

EAST AND WEST. Miss Scranton and Charles Fuller, 120. Mrs. W. J. Brown and C. B. Penman, 119. Mrs. L. G. Labar and Mr. Labar, 118. Mrs. C. E. Wade and Mr. Wade, 114. Mrs. Spencer and E. R. Hall, 113. Mrs. E. J. Parrot and Mrs. J. J. Parrot, 112. Mrs. C. B. Penman and Mrs. I. F. Everhart, 111. Mrs. S. T. Hayes and J. H. Dusenberry, 110. Mrs. E. J. Parrot and Mrs. J. J. Parrot, 109. Miss Bradley and H. S. Robinson, 108. Mrs. P. F. Struppier and Mr. Struppier, 107. Average, 121 7-10.

EXTRAVAGANZA AT DAVIS.

Blue Beard Is the Bill for the Latter Part of the Week.

"Blue Beard," an extravaganza with rich scenery and a good crowd of people, made things pleasant at Davis' theater yesterday afternoon and last evening. The show is notable chiefly because there are two people in it who can sing. Emma Mory is as chic as Della Fox, of whom she is a reminder, and her voice is very sweet; Henri Vogel, the other singer, plays the part of the monster, Bluebeard. He has a big bass voice and he can use it well. Amidst these two centers revolve a company of shapely young ladies, the chorus singing being more than passable. O. K. Sato is the funniest juggler on earth. The way he toys with cigar boxes, lighted lamps, etc., all the time introducing things to be laughed at, would make you want to know him. Beatrice De Cuba is a graceful dancer and Sidney Hart is clever at knock-about work. The show will be repeated for the balance of the week.

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A HEARING A MINUTE.

Alderman Millar Disposes of the People Caught in the Raid.

The twenty people arrested Wednesday night by Chief Robling and a squad of policemen for being identified with houses of ill fame, located respectively at 35 1/2 Lackawanna avenue and 213 Center street, were arraigned before Alderman Millar yesterday morning. He disposed of the individual cases at the rate of one per minute, in twenty minutes, giving twenty hearings and imposing twenty fines. The results of these minutes of work by the alderman show up very well for the exchequer of the city for it now contains \$28 more than it did previous to the hearing. Three of the eight men interested did not appear at the hearing. Three of the other five paid each \$5 and the other two \$3 each. The female contingent of the party

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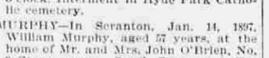
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