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CITY NOTES.

St. Patrick's church choir will meet tonight in the church, instead of tomorrow night. This evening the officers of Green Ridge convalesce, No. 199, Independent Order of Heptasophis, will be installed.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Elm Park church will meet at the parsonage at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Green Ridge lodge, No. 605, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, paid a fraternal visit to Red Jacket lodge of Factoryville Saturday evening.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief corps, No. 50, will serve tea at the residence of Mrs. Loomis, 105 Wood street, from 4 to 5 p. m. tomorrow.

Professor H. D. Back's Sunday school class social has been postponed until Monday evening, Feb. 8. All members of the class are requested to be present next Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company, in Williamsport, a dividend of 14 per cent. for the last quarter of 1896 was declared.

The Wattle Comedy company will begin the second week of its engagement at the Academy of Music today, when performances will be given afternoon and evening.

Large audiences saw the afternoon and evening performances Saturday.

The exchanges at the Scranton Clearing House last week were as follows: Monday, \$15,347.73; Tuesday, \$18,654.28; Wednesday, \$18,109.84; Thursday, \$12,042.83; Friday, \$106,063.74; Saturday, \$15,588.97; total, \$22,582.38.

The clearings for the week ended Feb. 2, 1897, were \$78,082.93. At midnight Saturday the hoisting contest at Backus' alley closed.

John Schmitt, deputy county treasurer, won the \$25 in gold offered as a prize for the highest aggregate of five scores, and won \$10 for the greatest number of even 100 scores. Mr. Schmitt's highest score was 28.

Elijah H. Dennis, Frank Hill and John Shiro, three bootblacks, were arrested Saturday night on suspicion of having burglarized the Little Broadway restaurant in Center street. They were given a hearing before Mayor Bailey yesterday morning and discharged for want of evidence.

FIRE MAKES RUIN OF ELECTRIC PLANT

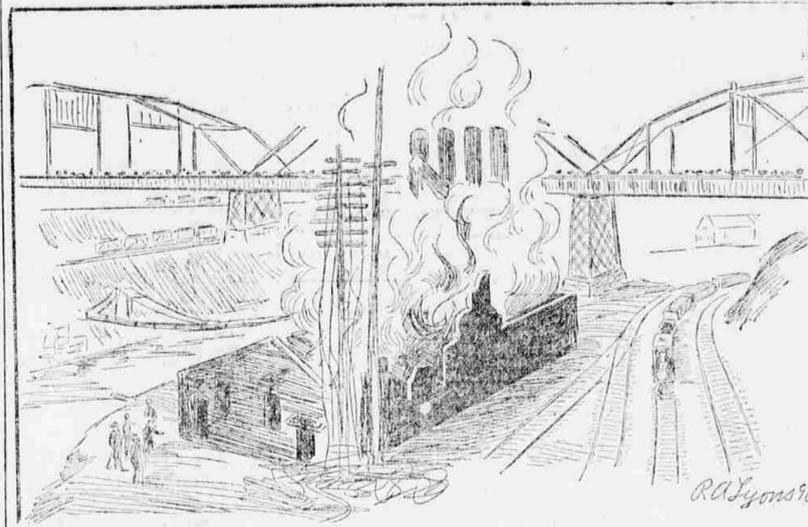
Scranton Illuminating, Heat and Power Building Totally Destroyed.

FLAMES WERE NEVER HALTED

Gross Loss of \$67,000 Protected by Only \$37,000 Insurance—Structure Burned Rapidly and with Such Fierceness That at No Time Was There Any Hope of Saving It—Service Will Not Be More Than Temporarily Interrupted.

A fire almost totally ruined the power plant of the Scranton Illuminating, Heat and Power company between 135 and 140 West street yesterday morning. The great loss might have been prevented but for the location of the building on the banks of the Lackawanna river, almost beneath the Linden street bridge, where it was practically impossible to fire the firemen and from where it was at least a five-minute journey to the nearest fire alarm box at the Weston mill on Lackawanna avenue.

The blaze made a great pyrotechnic display that was viewed by many hundreds of persons from slightly points on the Linden street and Lackawanna



AS THE RUINS APPEARED YESTERDAY.

avenue bridges and on Millin avenue and Sixth street, which traverse the high ground on either side of the river. For a half hour immediately following the alarm the flames in their fury leaped high in the air and were mingled with a dense volume of smoke and myriads of sparks, seeming to imply the dire and extensive destruction that would have been suffered by other structures if the burning building had been anywhere but in such an isolated locality.

The destruction of the plant was sure and quick. The burning was of such ferocity that the glow of the flames lighted the heavens with a brilliancy that led persons at a great distance to believe that a more serious conflagration was in progress.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE.

Engineer Lawrence Lynch discovered the fire at 1:05 o'clock near the canals where the electric supply lines entered the building in the dynamo and engine room. He summoned Fireman Charles Cooper, who had charge of the boiler room, and the two other men, assistants, who are on duty at night. A line of 2-inch hose was attached to a water plug at the rear of the building and directed upon the flames, but the force of water was hardly sufficient to reach the flames, which had secured too much headway to be subdued so easily.

The water made little or no impression and it became apparent to the little force of men that the building was doomed, unless, by a rare chance the fire department could in an unreasonable short space of time come to their aid.

One of the assistants was dispatched to the Weston mill to send in an alarm from box 12. Cooper, with rare presence of mind, proceeded to turn off the water and release the steam from the ten boilers in the part of the plant immediately adjoining that in which the flames were taking, by which action was averted the serious consequences that would have followed an explosion or a series of them.

By this time the blaze had extended all along the roof of the dynamo and engine room and driven the men from that part of the building. As yet the flames had not reached the boiler room, separated by a 4-inch brick wall. Those two departments occupied the whole of the building which was one and a half stories in height. It was, however, less than fifteen minutes before the entire plant was a sea of flames.

SECOND ALARM TURNED IN.

The alarm from box 12 summoned the central city companies who were delayed on account of the great distance and inaccessibility. In their efforts to extend their hose to the burning structure, a second alarm was immediately turned in by Chief Hickey. The additional force finally had two lengths of hose stretched from Lackawanna avenue and the corner of Millin avenue and Spruce street. To one line a "twine" connection was formed, making three streams which played upon the then fiercely burning fire.

Any attempt to quench the flames was realized as hopeless by Chief Hickey and he directed the entire force toward protecting the boilers. The fire in the dynamo room had by this time wrapped that part of the structure in a mantle of heat and flame and done irreparable damage. The three streams of water were directed on and about the boilers and, as it was found later, preserved them from ruin.

By 2:30 o'clock the fire had consumed almost everything combustible within reach. It was two hours later, however, before the last vestige of flame had been extinguished.

The building was valued at \$12,000 and its contents at \$76,000, of which the boilers and connections that may be used again are valued at \$15,000, making a gross loss of \$67,000. Insurance was carried to the amount of \$37,000 in the following agencies and companies:

- NORMAN & MOORE—Phoenix Co., London, \$1,000

- Hartford Ins. Co., Hartford, 2,000
- Humber, Bremen, Hamburg, 2,000
- L. L. Globe, London, 2,000
- Merchants Ins. Co., Providence, 1,500
- Royal Ins. Co., Liverpool, 2,500
- C. H. SCHADT—Phoenix, Hartford, 2,500
- Springfield Ins. Co., 2,000
- Actna Ins. Co., Hartford, 2,500
- Wheatstone, New York, 2,500
- R. W. LUCAS & SON—Home Ins. Co., New York, 2,500
- Lancashire Ins. Co., N. Y., 2,500
- HENRY BELIN, JR.—American Fire Ins. Co., Philadelphia, 1,000
- Fire association, Philadelphia, 2,000
- American Fire Ins. Co., Philadelphia, 2,000
- Continental Ins. Co., New York, 1,000
- PHILIPPS & HOKAEM—Pennsylvania Fire Ins. Co., Phila., 2,500
- Ins. Co. of N. A., Philadelphia, 2,500

The insurance was divided as follows: Building, \$7,000; boilers, stacks, etc., \$5,000; engines, belting, etc., \$7,000; dynamo, regulators, etc., \$15,000; fixtures, switches, etc., \$1,000. The plant contained eight engines, all of which were totally ruined, excepting two, which possibly may be repaired; ten incandescent dynamo, one alternating dynamo and five arc dynamo, all of which are a total loss.

The company furnished no city lights but supplied power for about 250 arc lights, 200 motors and 8,000 incandescent lights.

With commendable pluck and energy the officers of the company at daylight yesterday morning began an effort which will insure a partial resumption of service tonight and which, it is claimed, will bring about a complete resumption Wednesday and possibly

Thursday. A movement is afoot among Twelfth and Nineteenth ward property owners to influence Mayor Bailey against signing the Seventeenth sewer district ordinance which passed third and final reading in common council Thursday night. The ordinance now lacks only the mayor's signature to become operative. He yet has fifteen days in which to sign the document, but in the interim considerable pressure will be brought to bear to influence him toward negative action.

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owing to the fact that it was announced in but one Sunday paper, but the spirit of opposition to the sewer was none the less plain and indicated that the residents of the high ground portion of the Twelfth and Nineteenth wards do not view the proposed improvement with approval. The meeting was suggested by an informal gathering of citizens Saturday evening at the home of Thomas H. Kelly on Prospect avenue.

Mr. Kelly called last night's meeting to order and suggested an organization, Select Councilman Edwin Frable, of the Nineteenth ward, was elected chairman. There were present School Controller Herman Note, Owen Walsh, E. J. Coleman, P. J. Messitt, David Clarke, Daniel Sullivan, John Carroll, Patrick Kennedy, John Barrett, John Gavin, Michael McCabe, Daniel Laughan and several other residents of the district.

THE ORDINANCE READ.

Mr. Frable read the sewer ordinance and stated his opinion that the only recourse against its operation was to petition Mayor Bailey not to sign it. Mr. Note and others coincided with this view. To a suggestion that the ordinance might be combated in the courts on the same grounds as had been another Seventeenth district measure, it was remarked that in the present case there was not the same technical flaw. Mr. Note renewed his petition plan and Chairman Frable suggested the appointment of a committee to arrange for a future meeting, which, it was then decided, should take place Wednesday evening.

Following the chairman's suggestion Mr. Kelly made a motion that a committee be appointed to arrange for the printing in German and English of papers announcing the meeting. The motion prevailed and the chair appointed Thomas H. Kelly, P. J. Messitt and John Carl. After having been about a half hour in session the meeting adjourned.

In response to a Tribune reporter's inquiries it was stated by many of those who attended the meeting that a sewer system was not wanted by the residents of the high ground contained within the great area involved in the proposed system. It was asserted that one person in a hundred favored sewers. There was no denial that a sewer system would benefit the properties along Prospect and Pitts-tan avenues and the low ground, and no objection on that score was offered by the residents of other districts. They do, however, object to paying for something which does not immediately benefit them.

NOT TO BLAME FOR NATURE.

The reporter's suggestion that the high land residents should be willing to share the expense of carrying off their own sewage, was met with this response: They were not to blame for the slope of the ground, and if the people of the blocks below were inconvenienced by the sewage they should be willing to pay for sewers and not expect the upper localities to share an expense for something that would do them no benefit. It was further argued that the citizens of the upper Nineteenth and Twelfth wards were not able to meet the sewer assessments which would average at least \$1 per front foot and more than that in most cases. They may built by building and loan associations and are not paid for; times have been hard, and most of the modest property owners are in debt and behind in the payments on their houses and the great hardship would follow the provisions of the ordinance.

BINGHAMTON GIRL ARRESTED HERE.

She Disappeared from Home More Than a Month Ago.

A prepossessing young Binghamton girl is named Emma Warren, arrested by Chief of Police here Saturday a disorderly house

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The engine had been in the round house for three days having her flues cleaned. The operation had been completed and the work of fitting up was under way. It is supposed there was a flaw in the iron and it gave away under the double strain of expanding under the firing up process after having contracted when the engine was allowed to cool.

There was only ninety pounds of steam registered at the time of the explosion. The engine had been carrying 100 pounds almost daily during the eight years she has been in service.

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The singers will be Kathrin Hike, soprano; Mary Louise Cary, contralto; J. Henry McKinley, tenor, and Carl E. Duff, bass-baritone. Miss Hike and Mr. McKinley were heard in the solo parts in "The Messiah" last April, but Miss Cary and Mr. Duff have never been heard in our city.

Miss Cary has been pronounced by many to be the greatest American contralto of today, and she will be heard by music lovers with much interest and expectancy.

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DIED.

RYAN—In Scranton, Pa., Jan. 31, 1897, James E. Ryan, aged 29 years, at his late residence, 817 Capouse avenue. Funeral announcements later.

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