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SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a convention will be held in the Arbitration Room, Court House, on Tuesday, March 16, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates to represent the Second legislative district of Lackawanna county at the state convention to be held at Harrisburg, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

The primaries for the election of delegates will be held at the several polling places on Saturday, March 13, 1897, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. Fred W. Fleitz, Chairman. Attest—Chas. S. Seaman, Secretary.

CITY NOTES.

Thirty-three new cases of measles have been reported to the board of health since Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis' Monday evening dancing class will give a reception in Excelsior hall Tuesday evening.

There will be a 16-round glove contest in Music Hall next Friday evening between Patrick Murphy, of this city, and Dan McDermott, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Persons who wish to attend the St. George's concert and who will make up parties of six or more, can get liberal rates on seats downstairs by applying to Mrs. Edw. H. H. H. H.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal company paid yesterday at the Grassy Island mine at Olyphant and the Delaware shaft at Mill Creek. Today the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay the employees on the Southern division and the yard men.

Donations for the month of February are acknowledged by the managers of the Home for the Friendless as follows: R. H. Freear, Zeller's bakery, Mrs. Julia Trantrot, Mrs. James P. Dickson, Mrs. William Shafer, First Presbyterian church, Miss Janet Storer, Mrs. J. L. Stelle, Mrs. George Dietrick, Mrs. William R. McClave, Huntington's bakery, Mrs. R. W. Lusk, Miss H. Jackson, St. Gillis's club, of St. Luke's church, Saturday club, C. C. Rose, Mrs. John Genler, E. G. Courson, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mrs. R. B. Williams, Mrs. Thomas Shotton, James A. Linn, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Photographer Griffin, Mrs. N. Y. Lee, Mrs. E. H. Rippe, Mrs. R. G. Brooks and a friend. Special acknowledgment is made of a donation of ten tons of coal from W. H. Richmond and of a musical entertainment given at the Home by Masters Gordon and Esson Taylor.

HOOK AND LADDER ELECTION.

It Was Held Last Night and Followed by a Supper.

Hook and Ladder company of the fire department held its annual election last night and followed it with a supper at Schnell's hotel on West Lackawanna avenue.

The officers chosen were: President, Fred Durr, who is chairman of the fire department committee of selection; council vice-president, B. T. Danilich; recording secretary, J. J. Martin; financial secretary, Peter Ross; treasurer, C. H. Miller; foreman, Albert Henne; first assistant foreman, William Meder; second assistant foreman, Joseph Mastenbacher; property clerk, Joseph Carden; trustees, Philip Schnell and C. D. Wegman.

Speeches were made during the supper by Mr. Wegman, H. F. Ferber and J. J. Thomas.

KELLERMAN WAS INSANE.

Was Found Late at Night Wandering About the Streets.

Peter Kellerman, 24 years old, of Pittston avenue, while walking in a demented condition about the streets Thursday night was found by Patrolman Day and taken to the central police station.

Drs. Gunster and Bernstein examined Kellerman yesterday and pronounced him insane. He was taken to the Hill-side Home.

Rests Upon Merit.

The great fame gained by the Scranton Business College, owned by Buck, Whitmore & Co., as a thoroughly up-to-date and first-class school of business training has been rightfully earned by thorough and conscientious work. Parents, pupils and business men all recommend it.

Beemer's Cafe.

Dinner, 11 to 2. Supper, 5 to 8.

Music by Professor Johnson.

Beemer's Cafe, 128 Washington Avenue.

Martins Sieveking, March 8.

Scranton's favorite pianist. Tickets at Powell's music store.

Men That Have Not Had a Pair

of Crouch Bros. & Beatty's \$4.00 and \$4.50 shoes will have to get a move on.

ASPHALT QUESTION STILL HANGS FIRE

Pavements Committee Hears Arguments but Prepares No Report.

MR. KELLER ALONE IS PREPARED

But Other Committeemen Want Time to Think It Over—Rival Asphalt Men and Property Owners Were Present and Put Forward an Array of Arguments—Contract Evidently Rests Between the Barber and the Columbia Companies.

Another chapter in the fight between the land and lake asphalt representatives in connection with the Mulberry street pavement contract was enacted at the city hall last night. The pavements committee of common council sat and heard the wishes of a large delegation of property owners and the arguments of agents of the Barber Asphalt Paving company and the Columbia Construction company, of Syracuse.

The committee met in the private room attached to the city clerk's office. With them there were present by invitation of Chairman Luther Keller two of the pavements committee of the select branch of council. The committeemen were: Chairman Luther Keller, James P. Noone, P. F. Gordon and E. F. Wenzel, of the common



SCENE AT THE ASPHALT HEARING.

branch, and W. J. Thomas and J. A. Lansing, of the select body.

The session began at 8 o'clock and lasted two and one-half hours. Chairman Keller advised that a report be agreed upon, but Mr. Wenzel and Mr. Noone were unwilling and an adjournment was made at the request of the two latter to next Thursday night at 7 o'clock, one hour preceding the regular time for beginning councilmanial sessions.

Whatever may be the nature of the committee's decision and its report, the members have received from the property owners nothing but petitions, written and verbal, for the land variety of asphalt, the kind involved in the Columbia company's bid. That there is, however, some hesitancy on the part of certain members of the committee and that the Barber company's bid is the only one that will be considered along with the low proposal of the Columbia company was evidenced last night.

ONLY TWO WERE ASKED.

The representatives of those two concerns were the only asphalt men asked to address the committee, although one of the Dunn brothers and an agent of August Robinson, another bidder, were in waiting.

The four bids before the committee are as follows: Dunn Bros., \$2.58 per square yard; Barber Asphalt Paving company, \$2.50; August Robinson, \$2.43 and \$2.10; the Columbia Construction company, \$1.95. All bids except the latter bid of Mr. Robinson and that of the Columbia company were for pitch lake asphalt.

Two of the most astute and expert men in the Barber company's employ were sent from New York city to meet and address the committee last night. They are J. C. Rock, general agent of the company, and Clifford Richardson, the superintendent of tests. Carl McKinney, of McKinney & Reeves, and local Barber agents, was present, but did not accompany Mr. Rock and Mr. Richardson into the committee room.

The two latter were before the committee about three-quarters of an hour and occupied that time in presenting arguments in favor of lake asphalt and the land variety of pavement.

Common Council Clerk Hutton invited the property owners into the room after the two Barber men had retired. P. J. Quinlan and his attorney, George S. Horn, entered with the delegation, out of which J. W. Garney, George B. Thompson, B. Moses, Joseph Redington, P. W. Stokes, P. J. Honan, William Delke and others addressed the committee and requested that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder.

WANT LAND ASPHALT.

The burden of the real estate owners' talk was that 75 per cent of the property owned by the city in the Mulberry street avenue had either been partitioned or valued themselves in favor of a land asphalt pavement. They were satisfied as to the responsibility of the Columbia company and the durability of its work. There was any question about the latter, they would be protected by the contract bond.

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When the meeting in the private room adjourned, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Rock, the Barber men, were waiting in anticipation that some conclusion would be reached.

The former's opinion of the probable disposition of his bid was indicated in

NEW ASSESSMENT OF CITY PROPERTY

There is an Impression That It Was Not Legally Made.

WHAT ATTORNEY I. H. BURNS SAYS

He is of the Opinion That the Board of Revision and Appeals Has No Power to Order a New Assessment As Such Action is Contrary to the Constitution—What That Instrument Says.

There seems to be some doubt that the new city assessment, just completed, will stand the test of law. It is contended that making of an assessment of property within the city is a municipal function, the only legislative body provided by law for the city.

HOME WILL BE SOLD.

Board of Managers to Dispose of Adams Avenue Property—Effort to Raise Funds to Be Made.



Two important steps were decided upon by the general board of managers of the Home for the Friendless at a regular meeting held yesterday. One was to sell the present Home property and the other to make a thorough and energetic movement to raise money by subscriptions.

The property is now formally on the market and can be purchased for \$25,000. It contains five lots, is located in a desirable residence portion of the city, with an asphalted street in front and a large alley in the rear.

The plan adopted for raising subscriptions is to canvass the entire city, placing the worth and needs of the institution personally before each person who can be expected to assist the most deserving charity. The city has been divided into thirteen districts and canvassers appointed as follows:

1. Lackawanna avenue and Cliff street, from the bridge to Wyoming avenue—Mrs. N. Y. Lee and Mrs. D. E. Taylor.

2. Lackawanna avenue, from Wyoming avenue to Jefferson avenue—Mrs. E. H. Rippe and Mrs. W. D. Kennedy.

3. Franklin street, from Lackawanna avenue to the Dickson works—Mrs. C. H. Scott and Mrs. T. H. Dale.

4. Penn avenue, from Lackawanna avenue to the Dickson works—Mrs. W. H. Perkins.

5. Wyoming avenue, from Lackawanna avenue to the Erie and Wyoming station—Mrs. Charles Schlager and Mrs. R. G. Brooks.

6. Washington avenue, from Lackawanna avenue to the Erie and Wyoming station—Mrs. W. W. Watson.

7. Adams avenue, from Lackawanna avenue to the Erie and Wyoming station—Mrs. E. S. Moffat.

8. Spruce street, between Miffin and Clay avenues—To be appointed later.

9. Mulberry street, between Miffin and Taylor avenues—Mrs. George L. Dickson.

10. Green Ridge—Mrs. J. Ben Dimmick.

11. Chamberlain and Miss Jennie Reynolds.

12. South Side—Mrs. John Green.

13. West Side—Mrs. Cara Merrifield.

Mrs. H. M. Streeter and Mrs. F. W. Mason.

The canvassing will commence next week.

Electricity in Dentistry. Dr. G. E. Hill & Son, dentists, of this city, have added to their already elaborate outfit of dental appliances a Cataphoric outfit for the treatment of teeth electrically and without pain. This is the first instrument of its kind to be brought into the city, and is one of the most modern of dental inventions of the day. Its use renders practically painless all operations in filling and treating teeth. This establishment is also equipped with electric engine, portable and appliances for placing porcelain front caps on teeth with gold crowns by a new method.

DOUBLE TRUCK CARS.

Traction Company Negotiating for a New Equipment.

Summer will see double-truck cars running on all the longer lines of the Traction company unless the present plans of General Manager Sullivan go astray.

Negotiations are pending for the purchase of a number of such cars, and as soon as satisfactory terms can be arranged at the new equipment will be ordered.

THE ACT OF 1895.

A provision in the act of 1895 amending our city charter provides that, should a board of appeal and revision, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, may in any year other than a triennial year, if they shall deem a new assessment necessary, on or before the first day of September, issue their report to the city assessors requiring them to make a new assessment, a full, just and equal assessment of property within the city or such parts thereof as the said board of revision may deem advisable.

"This is the authority under which the present assessment is being made and it seems to be a clear exercise of legislative authority, the power of exercise of which cannot be delegated even to a board of revision and appeals.

"It is also subject to the objection that even if exercised by the legislature it would be special legislation. The constitution provides that all taxes shall be levied and collected under uniform laws. This is a law for third class cities, but under its provisions one city might have a new assessment every year, another every two years and others once in three years. Not only this, but there might be a new assessment in a part of a city and not in the other parts. This would clearly be special legislation.

WHAT CONSTITUTION PROVIDES. "The constitution also provides that the general assembly shall not delegate to any special commission any power to levy taxes or perform any municipal function, the only legislative body provided by law for the city."

It will be remembered that last year the question of the authority of the board of appeal and revision was taken to court in the matter of the assessment of the Jersey hotel and the decision was against the board. The assessment just completed increases the value of the property in the city \$2,500,000.

INSURANCE MONEY LACKING. Redistribution of Policies on City Property Was Necessary.

As only \$1,000 for carrying insurance on city property was included by the estimates committee in the appropriation ordinance for 1897, Mayor Bailey yesterday had to reduce the insurance carried on many city properties in order to provide for policies on the city's property.

Last year the same amount, \$1,000, was appropriated for insurance premiums.

In order to place \$30,000 on the city's property, various small reductions were made here and there on policies covering the city hall, police stations and fire company quarters.

THAT GLEE CLUB. Views of the Washington Correspondent of the Philadelphia Press.

"There was one other organization that created a sensation. It sang its way into the people's hearts. It captured the crowd on the streets and it added a novel charm to the delights of the city."

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