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PERSONAL.
Mrs. M. Kramer, of Cedar avenue, is
in New York city.
Miss Cassie Reese, of Price street, is
visiting in Hazleton.
Mrs. Daniel Oliver, of Beech Lake, is
visiting friends in this city.
Christian Gonsinger last night for
Germany for a three months' visit.
Mrs. Edward Merrifield, of Wyoming
avenue, leaves today for Old Point Com-
fort.
V. H. Menig has returned to this city
after spending two weeks with his par-
ents at Mapletown.
Miss Kittle Hoskins, of Pittston, who
has been the guest of Miss Henrietta
Gardner, has returned home.
Patrick Dougherty, of Prospect avenue,
intends to leave this week for Ireland,
where he will remain for some time.
City Superintendent of Schools George
Howell returned Saturday from Harris-
burg, where he attended the convention
of school superintendents.

MORA AT DAVIS' THEATRE.
Clever Artist in an Interesting Com-
edy Drama.
That charming little comedy artist
Mora and her company began a three
days' engagement yesterday at Davis'
theater by presenting the interesting
comedy-drama "Pretty Polly." The ver-
satility of the star is apparent from
the fact that she is seen in six distinct
roles during the progress of the drama
and in all of them she acquitted herself
with credit. Her supporting company
is a strong one.
This afternoon and evening the com-
pany will be seen in "Conroy's Cross
Roads," a picture of Kentucky life in
the '20's, and Wednesday afternoon and
evening "Liberty" will be produced.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 24, 1897.—For a
long time I was unable to work on ac-
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me relief until I began taking Hood's
Sarsaparilla which has entirely cured
me. Gomer E. Jones, 1159 Hampton
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Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.
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Have you taken advantage
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Shoes? Not as extravagant
an offer as you often see in
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saying more than the truth?
If we didn't need the room
we wouldn't cut them as much
as we do. \$3.00 Shoes for
\$2.27.

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**BOARD OF TRADE
ON THE RAMPAGE**

All Kinds of Reforms Developed at Last Night's Meeting.

COLD WATER ON THE MUSEUMS
Board Doesn't Favor a Half Million State Appropriation—Councils to Discard the Words "Court" and "Alley"—Telephone Franchise Bigger is Buried—W. H. Richmond's Letter Gets a Chilly Welcome from the Board.

For nearly an hour and a half last night the board of trade was in regular session and engaged in the consideration of several matters of moment. About forty members were present. A letter was read from a machine tool company of Massachusetts that wishes to change its location and would establish a plant in Scranton under certain conditions. The company values its present plant at \$30,000 and asks a first mortgage bond subscription of \$15,000. The matter was referred to the manufacturing committee.

The telephone franchise "hold-up" campaign has been the subject of several passages of the board. Concerning A. W. Dickson's charge at a former meeting that the Lackawanna Telephone company's application for a franchise from councils had been purposely circumvented and that influence had been used in its passage, a report was submitted by the legislation and taxes committee, of which H. E. Paine is chairman.

After reviewing the work of the committee in investigating the charge and in its testimony before the board, the report concluded with this paragraph: "Therefore, in view of all the evidence, we beg to report that the rumor referred to by Mr. Dickson seems to be without foundation in fact, and we believe that no attempt has been made to interfere with the passage of the ordinance of the Lackawanna Telephone company." In discussing the report Mr. Dickson reiterated J. A. Lansing, chairman of select councils' judicial committee, from any blame, but took occasion to criticize the present operating telephone company.

CONDITION OF COURTS.
The unpaved surfaces and unhealthful surroundings of certain alleys, or courts, as they are officially known, was brought to the notice of the board in an unexpected report from the committee on streets and highways, one of its members being in its person. Attached to the board, its members are T. H. Watkins, chairman; Major Everett Warren and Colonel F. L. Hitchcock. The report follows:

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.
Secretary Atherton made a report, which was adopted, as chairman of a special committee appointed at the preceding meeting to suggest a plan for increasing the board's membership. The committee suggested that a special committee of ten be appointed to act with the standing membership committee; that a list be made of the names of business men who are not members and that the work of soliciting applications for membership among the men whose names are on the list be divided among the committee. It was believed that at least fifty new members could be secured in this way.

of the Philadelphia Museum to secure an appropriation of \$500,000 from the state. The board is represented ex-officio on the museum's board of officers and has from time to time given its approval of the projects of that institution for the advancement of the export trade. A communication from the Museum read last night asked the adoption of a resolution urging legislation from this district to support the request for the appropriation of \$500,000.

President May relinquished the chair to Mr. Keller in order to debate in favor of the proposition and was supported by Mr. Lansing and Mr. Dickson. The opposition was voiced by C. H. Zehner, president of the Dickson Manufacturing company; Colonel H. M. Boies, Sol Goldsmith, Colonel Hitchcock and H. E. Paine. By a vote of 19 to 5, President May's motion that the resolution be adopted was lost.

WANTS THEM CALLED STREETS.
Mr. Dickson came forward with a motion that councils be requested to abolish the word "Court" in designating alleys from streets and to adopt the word "street." His argument was that at one time there was an odium attached to the word "alley" when those thoroughfares were occupied by immoral places, stables and the like. In late years respectable, but not overly well-to-do people had and are living in the alleys and courts which have lost much of their old-time color. Mr. Dickson's motion was adopted without debate.

A letter was received from W. H. Richmond suggesting that the board inquire into the unnecessary expenses attending the passage of the ordinance of an elaborate and uselessly ornamental style of architecture permitted by the board of control in building new school houses.

Mr. Richmond's letter was not needed a very heavy welcome. After it had been read by the secretary, a motion that it be "received" was carried without comment.

Colonel Hitchcock, who has for several years been delegate to the national board of trade meetings and who is a member of the latter body's finance committee, was directed to attend a meeting of that committee called for the near future at Washington. The call is for the purpose of presenting President McKinley and congress to create a financial commission to investigate and suggest a money plan, as recommended by the president in his recent message.

still another memorial to the city councils was presented by Mr. Paine in the form of a resolution that the tax on poles be increased from 50 cents to \$1 per pole. It was adopted.

DELOSS EVERETT SPEAKS AT MOSCOW

The "Engineer Poet" Entertains and Instructs a Large Audience.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE HOUR
Appropriate Subject Handled in an Able Manner—Had the Pleasure of Hearing Two of His Own Poems Recited at the Entertainment—Excellent Impression Made by Master Walter Smith, a Promising Boy Orator—Others Who Participated.



DELOSS EVERETT.

DeLoss Everett, of Cleveland, O., third grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and known particularly among the railroad men of the United States and Canada as the "Engineer poet," delivered an address in the Moscow Methodist Episcopal church last night under the auspices of the Epworth society.

Mr. Everett was brought here through the instrumentality of E. B. Vail, the well-known Delaware, Lackawanna and Western engineer, who is a resident of Moscow and at his invitation also, a large delegation of the members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, accompanied Mr. Everett to Moscow. The party went from this city at 6:45 o'clock on a special train kindly furnished by General Manager Halstead. Among its members were John Troch, John Shaffer, Richard Naps, Thomas Smith, Arch Decker, Fred Gorman, John Peters, George Shaw, O. B. Schriely, C. H. Travis and Secretary F. W. Pearsall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, also Mrs. David Brown and Mrs. John Norech, of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The church was crowded when Chairman Frank Posten, of the Epworth league opened the exercises at 8 o'clock. First there was a male quartette, "The Danger of the Curves," by W. P. Clement, L. H. Martin, H. H. Dreyer and John Scheitler, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. S. W. Lamoreaux. Secretary Pearsall led in prayer and then to the great surprise and to much gratification, Mr. Everett heard one of his own poems, "The Veteran Engineer," recited in a very effective manner by Miss Lizzie Harrington. Then came a treat in the shape of a stirring declamation by Master Walter Smith, the young son of Engineer Tommie Smith, of Regular 35. The lad fairly took the audience by storm and it seemed it could not hear enough of him. Not satisfied with enouncing him, he called on him for two declamations at the festival which followed. Mr. Everett afterward referred to him as Daniel Webster, Jr., and complimented him in the highest terms. He is certainly a very promising boy.

CITY LIFE RECITED.
Mr. Everett again heard the audience cheer loudly another of his effusions, "City Life," which Miss Sarah Decker recited in a manner which brought from its author the remark that he thought more of it now than he ever did before. Mrs. S. W. Lamoreaux and Mrs. J. M. Nook sang sweetly a duet, "Come My Loved One," Mrs. Lamoreaux accompanying on the organ. Then the presentation of the speaker of the evening occurred. Mr. Vail introducing him formally to Chairman Posten and he fairly took the audience by storm and it seemed it could not hear enough of him. Not satisfied with enouncing him, he called on him for two declamations at the festival which followed. Mr. Everett afterward referred to him as Daniel Webster, Jr., and complimented him in the highest terms. He is certainly a very promising boy.

The famous Brothers Byrne, the quartette of fun makers, who have amused so many people by their grotesque acrobatic specialties, will appear at the Academy of Music Wednesday matinee and night. In the musical comedy comedy, "Eight Bells," the scenery of "Eight Bells" is constructed especially for these acrobats, and they go sailing through the windows, jumping headlong through the sides of the houses and tumbling through a trick coach in the most reckless and startling manner.

of a warm place in the hearts of the people of Moscow, an ovation which he himself said repaid him for the "little sacrifices" he had made.

Mr. Everett is well advanced in years having been an engineer for nearly half a century, but he is quite as sprightly and twice as cheery as the average person twenty years his junior. He has a pleasing address, speaks direct and to the point and has a prominent feature in his face, a full set of teeth and a very apt memory.

MADE SOME COMPARISONS.
As an introduction to this line of thought he compared this locality as it appeared to him fifty years ago when he crossed through it in a stage coach bound from Harrisburg to Broome county, N. Y., and the way it presented itself to him on this visit, pointing out with an evidence of unusual power of observation the changes that time has wrought and the difference between the facilities for living and the pursuing of happiness.

SAD DURVEA CASE.
Joseph Cramer, aged 12, in a Critical Condition with Hydrophobia. From the Pittston Gazette.

HANDLEY WILL DISPUTE.
Legatee Student Makes Claim for Extra Allowance.

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GRAND JURY CHARGED.

Soldiers Monument Referred for Final Consideration.

Judge Edwards charged the grand jury yesterday morning and sent it up to its new quarters on the third floor of the court house to deliberate on the long list of cases that District Attorney Jones has prepared for the consideration. L. C. Kessler, merchant, of Scranton was made foreman.

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