

NO LET UP.

The picture selling continues at a furious rate. Every department was robbed of some of its clerks on Saturday. Needed them in the picture room. If we hadn't cut the life out of prices on our own stock, the Pratt stock, large as it is, would not have lasted till now. A picture store without a picture would be a funny sight. But if this week's selling is as large as last week's, we'll have none left. Some of the lots are so small now we almost fear to advertise them. Let you be disappointed.

Medallions

Glass front medallions in gold frames. Such as usually sell for 75c or \$1.00. This lot hasn't been advertised before. No need to advertise them now, since they sell on sight and would easily be gone before the week's end. But we must have something to talk about. So we tell of these. Choice of the lot, (about 100)

25c.

A Few Left

Those framed pictures, the 16x20 size. That have caused so many to look surprised—and buy. No wonder! This is the first time Scranton ever saw a picture of this size in a good white and gold frame sold for

48c.

Water Colors

Reproductions of the masterpieces of water-color painting. With this difference: These are made by the French process, not by hand. Which you know when you're told. Not otherwise. Framed in white and gold and gilt frames. Worth \$3.00, but sold today for

75c.

Etchings

A few dozen buyers can be made happy today. Framed etchings, 16x20 inches inside measurement. Ready to hang.

69c.

Big Ones

20x24 inches in size, with frames 3 or 4 inches wide. Making the picture about 28x32 outside. The biggest picture and the biggest value ever sold for

69c.

Beauty about them, too.

Lamp Globes

A specially fortunate buying of these must not be left untold. If you're tired of silk shades, we suggest one of these. Decorated globes 9 inches in diameter. Any color. Worth \$1.50 to \$2.00. 100 go on sale today at

89c.

There's a great big crockery sale on the way. It'll reach you about next week. Our New York buyer telegraphs us that a big pottery is in difficulties. And he's bought a carload for almost nothing. But the "almost nothing" must be paid in cash. So we send him the money today. And anxiously wait to tell you of the good things. Which we'll do as soon as they arrive. Maybe the last of this week. Surely by the first of next.

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The Through Sleeping Car Service.

is to be re-established between New York and Chicago via the D. L. & W. and Nickel Plate Roads on April 12th, 1897. An elegant Pullman car will be attached to train No. 7 leaving New York at 7:30 p. m. each day, and will arrive at Chicago at 9:00 p. m. the following day. Dining car attached at Buffalo at 7:00 a. m. For space and all information call on ticket agents D. L. & W. R. R.

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REORGANIZATION OF THE TWO COUNCILS

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Nealis Are Elected Presidents.

REPUBLICANS THROWN BY NEALIS

Promised to Support Clerk Hatton for Re-election in Return for a Unanimous Republican Vote on the Presidency, but He and Mr. Norton Voted for John P. Mahon, an Ex-Clerk, Who Was Elected—Details of the Reorganization.

The last 1896 session of select council and the 1897 reorganization of both the select and common branches took place yesterday morning.

President Sanderson, Republican, succeeded himself as presiding officer of the select branch, whose membership has not changed. P. J. Nealis, Democrat, of the Fourteenth ward, was unanimously chosen president of the lower body, and John P. Mahon, Democrat, was chosen clerk to succeed Harry C. Hatton, Republican. Mahon is an ex-clerk. His election aroused the only live competition of the two sessions and was openly attributed to treachery by Mr. Nealis, who did not deny the charge.

The Democratic members of the old common council carried out their threat not to meet at 9 o'clock and consider select council's amendment to the 1897 appropriation ordinance. The latter branch passed the measure on third reading. It is a dead letter now and the 1897 expenses will have to be provided by a new ordinance.

The reading of the mayor's annual message was heard separately by the two branches and is reported elsewhere in this article. Select council reorganized with eleven Republicans and ten Democrats, the same as last year. In the new common council there is either a new or a re-elected member from each of the ten odd-numbered wards. Mr. Reese, Republican, succeeds John J. Loftus, Democrat, from the First ward; Mr. Walker, Republican, succeeds R. E. Thomas, Republican, from the Fifth ward; T. B. Jackson, Republican, succeeds C. S. Seaman, Republican, from the Thirteenth ward, and R. J. Sheridan, Democrat, succeeds George Wirth, Jr., from the Nineteenth ward.

MAJORITY OF TWO VOTES.

The twelve Democrats and nine Republicans in the common branch gives the former a majority of two votes on joint ballot.

The old select council convened a few moments after 9 o'clock and a common council resolution directing the settlement of ex-Patrolman T. V. Leavin's claim for back pay on a basis of \$150 was concurred in.

The latest Kinsley resolution was tabled by motion of Mr. Durr. The only negative vote was that of Mr. Fellows. President Sanderson remarked that he could not have entered into a compromise with the intent of the resolution was contrary to the law which makes it possible for only the mayor to remove an officer whom he has appointed. The appropriation ordinance as amended was given a third reading and passed by a party vote of 11 to 9. Mr. Robinson, Democrat, not voting.

Mr. Chittenden moved a recess for fifteen minutes in order to be ready for an appropriation compromise conference in case the common council Democrats expected a change of heart and decided to meet. Mr. McCann amended with a motion to adjourn sine die. The motion prevailed.

At 10 o'clock the selectmen appeared for reorganization. Mr. McCann, Democrat, nominated by Mr. Kearney, was unanimously chosen temporary chairman and immediately declared nominations for permanent chairman in order. Mr. McCann was nominated by Mr. Kearney and Mr. Roche, and Mr. Sanderson by Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Durr.

MR. SANDERSON ELECTED.

Mr. Sanderson was elected by a vote of 12 to 8, he and Mr. McCann exchanging courtesies by voting for each other. Mayor Bailey then appeared and administered to Mr. Sanderson the oath of office. The mayor's message was read by Clerk Lavelle after which the old rules were adopted and the meeting adjourned to convene in special session next Monday night for the election of a city engineer and a city solicitor.

Common council's doings were not as prosaic as those of the upper branch. The nine Republican members were present and ready to take their seats at a moment's notice beginning at 9 o'clock, but the Democratic twelve failed to appear. They were at the Globe hotel conducted by their colleague, Mr. Flanagan, waiting to go in a body to the city hall at 10 o'clock.

At 9:55 Clerk Hatton called the roll, but only the nine Republicans responded. The Democrats were then in the lower corridor waiting for the court house clock to strike the hour of ten. They took their accustomed seats—all excepting the retiring members at 10:02 o'clock—and a moment later Clerk Hatton proceeded with the roll call of the new council.

It had been agreed between Mr. Nealis and the Republican members two weeks ago that if he was given Republican support he would guarantee the oath of office and three other Democratic votes for the re-election of Clerk Hatton. Thomas Norton, Democrat, also made the same promise—not to one person but to several. Ex-President Grier, Democrat, had personally pledged himself to support Hatton and the ex-president was the only one to keep his promise. So it was no little surprise all around when later Mahon, the Democrat candidate was chosen by a vote of 11 to 10.

HAD NO OPPOSITION.

There was no opposition to the selection of Mr. Nealis for temporary chairman. The commissions of the new and re-elected members were read and approved by a motion that the certificates be accepted.

When nominations for permanent chairman were called for Mr. Grier and Mr. Rogan named Mr. Nealis, the nominations were closed and he was chosen unanimously. He acknowledged the honor in a very brief speech. Mayor Bailey then administered to President Nealis the oath of office and the latter in turn performed the same administration to the new and re-elected members from the odd numbered wards.

A motion by Mr. Zeidler to adjourn to 11:30 o'clock gave the first intimation that all was not right for Hatton's re-election as clerk. There was no debate on the motion and it prevailed by a party division of 12 to 9. It was then 10 o'clock.

Before leaving the room Mr. Nealis was buttonholed by several Republican members and asked if the adjournment meant that he and Norton were going to repudiate their promises. Mr. Nealis said: "No, sir; it's all right; I'm going to do as I agreed."

Mr. Norton gave a like assurance. This reply satisfied the minority as with the votes of Mr. Nealis and Mr. Norton—not considering Mr. Grier—Hatton's election was assured and they made no effort to lobby during the recess.

TWO NOMINEES.

When 11:45 o'clock arrived the session was called to order and Hatton was nominated by Mr. Oliver and Mr. Thomas. John P. Mahon, the Democratic candidate was named by Mr. Regan and Mr. Noone. The nominations were then closed and Mahon was chosen by the following vote of 11 to 10: For Mahon—Gordon, Regan, Gilroy, Flanagan, Wenzel, Wirth, Jackson, Noone, Sheridan, McGrath, Norton—11. For Hatton—Reese, Grier, Thomas, Walker, Alder, Wenzel, Wirth, Jackson, Oliver, Keller—10.

The rules of last year were adopted and the meeting concurred in select council's resolution to convene in special session next Monday night to elect a city solicitor and a city engineer. Clerk Mahon then followed City Clerk Lavelle, who had been acting clerk, and read the mayor's message. The newly elected clerk subscribed to the oath of office and the meeting adjourned. President Nealis when interviewed after the meeting by a Tribune reporter said: "Yes, I did not intend to support Mr. Hatton for the clerkship; I pledged my vote and the votes of certain others. I cannot go into a detailed explanation of why I voted against him, but it is enough to say that a 'slick' Republican leader who about runs the select branch is responsible for it, not directly through me, but others of my party, who, because of the man I refer to, forced me to party obligations. I am sorry I could not do as I promised; it made me feel worse than I can tell you—but I couldn't do otherwise."

MR. BOLAND'S NAME. Mr. Nealis' reference to a Republican selectman was made to several persons in explanation of his vote, but the excuse gained little or no favor. Mr. Nealis did not experience his change of mind until after an interview with City Treasurer C. G. Boland in Mayor Bailey's office during the recess.

Now that he is openly charged with breaking his pledge to support Hatton and in view of the publicity given the situation during yesterday, the Republicans who were "thrown down" have as publicly stated that Mr. Nealis not only promised to support Hatton, but agreed to remember the Republican members and give them control of several important committees. They are waiting to witness to what extent the new president will carry his break of faith.

Evidently the Republicans are not afflicted with sour grapes in their claim of "throw down." Mr. Noone admitted in the presence of a Tribune reporter that he might have been elected president as a Republican-Democratic candidate. Mr. Gilroy and Mr. Grier say the Republican leaders were two other compromise candidates.

It was learned last night that Mr. Nealis' promises were not individual but were made to Messrs. Simon Thomas, Wenzel and Walker, who conferred with him as an authorized committee from the Republican caucus two weeks ago.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Following is a complete copy of Mayor Bailey's message:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Scranton: With the close of the first year of my administration of the affairs of the office of Mayor of Scranton, I find it expedient to briefly review the work of the several municipal departments, and to take up such other matters as may concern the welfare of the citizens of Scranton.

THE CITY'S FINANCES. The continued business depression evidences itself in the loss of municipal economy during the calendar fiscal year. Notwithstanding the wide-spread depression and the consequent need for economy, my before mentioned Scranton has raised high in the matter of municipal debt and municipal resources she stands in a position as enviable as any city in this continent.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

The assessment which has just been made of the value of the property for the next fiscal year which will be more adequate to sustain the necessary public expenditures than that of the present year. This has in the main been accomplished by an equalization of valuations which raises our properties in the central city by the assessment of new industries and the many property improvements which are incidental to Scranton's remarkable growth, and by the assessment of coal lands which had not up to this time been taxed. I desire to call your attention to the several ways in which this increased revenue may be employed by you when you come to frame your appropriation ordinance for the next year.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No function of any government is more important than the protection of the lives and property of its citizens. Money expended for this purpose is well spent when it is wisely applied. Scranton's police force has done exceedingly well when its handicaps are taken into consideration. The night patrol force numbers less

than twenty men and these are expected to see that peace is preserved in a city having a population of more than one hundred thousand and an area of more than twenty-one square miles. The entire force during the past year numbered but fifty men. That they have done so well during that time is, indeed, a tribute to their vigilance and courage, and a testimonial to the general law abiding character of the inhabitants of the city. I would earnestly urge upon the necessity which still exists for a further increase in their number. It is a necessity which may at any time become startlingly apparent.

THE CITY'S PARKS.

We have but recently received from your honorable bodies a resolution asking the park commissioners to submit an estimate of the cost of the new park with all the most modern appliances, and of making it an ornament and an honor to the city. I am pleased to see this resolution with particular pleasure because it is directly in the line with the policy of my administration, which is to improve the city's increased revenue be appropriated for the improvement of the city's fire department, as it, too, includes the protection of life and property. I would, therefore, express a goodly portion of the city's increased revenue be appropriated for the improvement of the city's fire department, as it, too, includes the protection of life and property. I would, therefore, express a goodly portion of the city's increased revenue be appropriated for the improvement of the city's fire department, as it, too, includes the protection of life and property.

THE QUESTION OF LOWER RATES. Some time since I received a largely signed petition requesting me to use my influence to have street railway fares reduced during the hours when people are engaged to and from their daily employment. Acting upon this petition I have had the reduction of street car fares to three cents during the hours when workmen are going and coming from their places of employment.

In reply to this I have received the accompanying communication. This gives both sides of the question which has attracted much attention. I have had the correspondence in this message for your future guidance.

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New Wall Decorations for coming Season are now arriving frequently. We invite the attention of persons desiring choice covering for their walls to see our excellent assortment of Decorative Novelties, which will be cheerfully shown to all callers without incurring any obligation to order. All grades of stock, exclusive patterns, artistic, up-to-date colorings at popular prices.

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SEED OATS

There is no economy in sowing oats that will not grow.

Buy Good Oats

Ours weigh 34 to 36 lbs. per bushel and are Clean Natural Oats.

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316 LACKAWANNA AVE.

PERSONAL.

Alderman C. C. Donovan, of the Twelfth ward, spent Sunday with friends at Great Bend.

Miss Julia C. Allen, violinist, after an extended visit in New York city, returned home last evening.

Hon. G. L. Rives, a prominent member of the bar of New York city, is attending United States court.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr and Mrs. Clara D. Pettit are stopping at the Grand, Atlantic City, with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Davis, of Reading.

Hon. John Keay, at one time Republican candidate for governor of New Jersey, is among the attorneys in attendance at United States court.

Theodore V. Konecny, hair dresser, formerly of 417 Lackawanna avenue, this city, has removed to 24 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York city.

George S. Baskerville, of this city, has left for Philadelphia with the Washburn and Moeen Manufacturing company, by whom he has been employed for the past five years, where he intends to make his future home. He will be joined shortly by his wife, who is now at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas Rafter, of Gordon street, who is ill.

TWO FINISHED ARTISTS.

They Will Soon Be Heard in the Frothingham Theatre.

Mr. Bigham, the baritone, who will soon appear in this city at the Frothingham, is in the front rank of vocalists of the age. In oratorio Mr. Bigham has sung practically every character suited to the compass of his voice. In mixed concerts he has a repertoire which is at once the envy and despair of many contemporaneous baritones, and finally, as a recital artist he has at his disposal a perfectly startling list of songs; in short, from every point of view Mr. Bigham is one of those exceptional artists who are indeed few and far between, and whom it is at once a pleasure and privilege to hear. The Toronto Globe says: "With an instrument of a delicious quality of tone, with thoroughly developed technique and the soul of an artist of the highest type, words cannot praise too much or hardly express the delight, especially to a violinist, in hearing Mr. Gregorovitch perform. He satisfied the most exacting critic."

Dr. Keller's Change of Office.

Dr. Keller has removed his office to 435 Wyoming avenue.

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The best shoes we know how to buy. Should they turn out unsatisfactory in any way, we will make them satisfactory in some way. Can anyone do more than that? We show spring styles in the Rugby, Berlin and French toes. See the American calf skin shoes for men we sell at

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Men's Black Hose, double heels and toes, Hermsdorf dye, worth 25c., for.....19c

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Corsets--M. & H., French model.....47c

J. B. Corsets, perfect fitting, good material, never sold at less than \$1. All sizes, in order to close.....69c

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