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PERSONAL.

Attorney William Vokolek left for New York city today on important business.

The will of James Goodrich, late of Scott, was yesterday admitted to probate.

Edward R. W. Searle, a prominent Susquehanna attorney, called on friends in the city yesterday.

A party consisting of Mrs. Fox, Miss Saddle Fox and Miss Mammie Kenney were shown through the Pine Brook colliery yesterday afternoon by Mine Foreman John Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Stark will leave tomorrow for a trip to Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Mary Francis Evans, of Philadelphia, to E. Boyd Wetzel, formerly of Scranton, but now of Philadelphia, to take place Wednesday evening, April 21, at the Temple Presbyterian church, Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hampton Courson have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jessie Stillwell Courson, to Benjamin E. Watson. It will take place Wednesday, April 21, at 12:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courson and bride and groom will be at home Thursday, May 13 and 20, from 4 to 6 o'clock at 70 Jefferson avenue.

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Flower seeds given away Saturday and Monday with every 50c. purchase. Mears & Hagen.

TEACHERS' LOCAL INSTITUTE.

Will be held tomorrow in the Olyphant Central School.

Tomorrow afternoon the local teachers' institute for the district including Pritchburg, Dickson, City, Olyphant, Blakely and Winton, will be held in the Olyphant central school building. The exercises will begin at 1:30 o'clock. The following programme has been arranged:

- Paper on Mensuration, M. W. Cummings
- Thomas H. Watkins
- Recitation, Miss Grace Hinchey
- Penmanship, M. C. Floyd
- Education, L. R. Richards
- Miss Jennie Gillespie
- Solo, Miss Joseph Gray
- Superintendent Taylor
- Miss Bertha Williams
- Recitation, Miss Cora Griffin
- Solo, Miss Anna Sande

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COMMON COUNCIL BEGINS THE WORK

Starts to Provide Money for the Fiscal Year, 1897.

NEW APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Introduced and Reported for Printing by a Special Committee--Is the Old as Amended in the Lower Branch Before Select Council Changed Its--Question Raised as to Method of Procedure.

The first meeting of the new common council was held last night and after a great deal of controversy as to the proper method of procedure a new appropriation ordinance was started on its passage.

An appropriation ordinance introduced by Mr. Oliver, Republican, was rejected by the Democratic majority because the measure contained the select council amendments which caused the recent deadlock. The ordinance that was received was presented by Mr. Sweeney, Democrat. It was the recent ordinance in the regular containing the common council amendments.

Mr. Oliver accompanied his introduction of his ordinance with a motion that the meeting go into a committee of the whole and consider it.

The measure was tabled on motion of Mr. Sweeney who then introduced a counterpart of the old appropriation ordinance as it appeared before select council had nullified the amendments of the lower branch. He moved that the ordinance be referred to a special committee which should report forthwith.

Then began a debate of some duration as to the legality of referring the ordinance to any but a regular estimates committee. This contingency was raised because of the fact that President Neelis has not appointed his standing committees. In raising the point it was apparent that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans sought for delay. They disagreed as to method.

CAUTION URGED.

Captain Moir and Mr. Keller, Republicans, urged caution. Councils, they argued, should be sure of proper and legal routine. The law provided that the ordinance should be referred to only a regular and standing estimates committee.

President Neelis relegated the chair for a time to Mr. Zeidler and then proceeded, seconded by Mr. Grier, in the contention that the rules of the body provided that ordinances might be referred to committee and if reported favorable should be printed for the personal of members. The rules did not make it impossible, they claimed, that any particular committee should be selected.

Captain Moir quoted the act of 1889 which in its application to an appropriation ordinance on its passage just previous to the election of an old councilmanic body, says that the measure shall be referred to a standing estimates committee.

Mr. Sweeney's motion prevailed and President Neelis named Messrs. Grier, Moir, Girty, Sheridan and Oliver as the special committee. They quickly reported the ordinance favorably. There being no objections, it was ordered printed.

The first sign to indicate that President Neelis will place a Democratic majority on all the committees was evidenced by an adjournment to next Friday night. That will be one night following select councils' stated meeting, when President Sanderson might name his committees and thus give the president of the lower branch an opportunity to outline his committees and thus block any legislation introduced by Republican members. It was a part of an agreement that if Mr. Neelis were elected a Republican support for the presidency he would give the latter a majority on certain committees.

MR. WENZEL'S MOTION.

When Mr. Wenzel moved to adjourn to Thursday night Mr. Reagan offered an amendment that the adjournment be to Friday night, and the amendment was carried.

A letter from the secretary of the board of health containing that body's opinion that the building of Phoenix Chemical company was in an insanitary condition, was referred to a special committee, Messrs. Oliver, Regan and Planaghan.

A resolution was presented by Mr. Girty and adopted directing the city engineer to prepare plans and an estimate of cost for a lateral sewer on Green's lane, Monsey avenue and adjacent territory in the Seventh ward.

Only a very few resolutions and those of a minor nature were introduced before adjournment.

SPECIAL APPEAL DAYS.

Large Owners of Realty to Have a Turn Next Week.

A large number of dissatisfied property owners yesterday passed in and out of the city clerk's office where the board of revision is hearing appeals from the recent tax assessment. The callers were holders of Eighth ward realty. In that ward an increase of over \$500,000 was made by the recent assessment.

Considering the increased taxes that Eighth warders will have to pay, their appeals were not numerous. It had been possible that an extra day would be required for appeals from the ward but when night came the last objection had been heard.

Special days for appeals have been set aside as follows: Real estate agents, Monday; Lackawanna Iron and Coal company, Tuesday; Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, Wednesday; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Ware and Hudson companies, Thursday. On Thursday the board's duties will have ended as far as hearing appeals is concerned, but several more weeks will be required for consideration of appeals already made and for personally inspecting a large number of properties whose values are in dispute.

ENGINEERS IN SESSION.

Held a Meeting Followed by a Social Session.

The Scranton Engineers' club last evening held a social session after the regular business meeting in their rooms in the Board of Trade building. The business meeting was of especial interest. The resignation of John Sweeney as vice president of the club was received. Mr. Sweeney will soon take up a permanent residence in Hartford, Conn. His successor will be elected at a later meeting. Frank Silliman, jr., general manager of the Scranton Traction company, was elected an active member and W. Scott Palmer, of Glenburn, an associate member. The business session closed and the social session followed.

sion, which is an innovation with the Engineers' club, was begun.

President A. D. Hixson was master of the festivity. Refreshments were served by Hanley. Present at the session from out of town were: Walter Frick, Alfred P. Trautwein, of Carbondale, and W. H. Gloucker, of Philadelphia.

PENN AVENUE CHURCH DEAL.

Reports Concerning It Have Been Somewhat Mixed.

The congregation of the Penn Avenue Baptist church held a business session after prayer meeting Wednesday evening and authorized the trustees to grant an option on the church property for \$12,500. It is not true, as was reported, that an offer for an option was made with \$2,000 nor any other sum for temporary use in case the property was sold.

J. G. Simpson had asked the trustees for an option but did not accompany the request with an offer to give a cash consideration. The property has been for sale for some time.

As regards the tabernacle plan, it was mentioned only incidentally. Luther Keller did not agree to head a subscription list with 2,000 nor any other number were any subscriptions pledged.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Motion for a Non-Suit in Eschelmann-Warman Case Refused--Verdict for Plaintiff in Kirt-Hartman Case.

In common pleas court yesterday before Judge Edwards the suit of Elizabeth Carey against Meredith L. Jones and W. Gibson Jones was on trial. Her attorneys made special pleas and the defendants' attorney, Mr. Torrey, pleaded surprise and succeeded in securing a continuance.

Miss Carey is also seeking to replevin goods seized by the Messrs. Jones for non-payment of rent. She conducted a millinery store in Temple court three years ago. They seized her goods, she alleges, and carried them away, destroying her business and causing her financial ruin. The amount which she bases her suit to replevin are that the seizure was irregular.

Major Warren, attorney for the defense in the Eschelmann-Warman damage case, argued for a non-suit when the plaintiff rested yesterday morning, but Judge Gunter refused to affirm his contention that no negligence had been shown on the part of the defendant and that contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff had been established.

Mr. O'Malley made the opening for the defense. He said they proposed to prove that the laundry wagon was being driven carefully along the road, and that instead of the wagon running into Eschelmann, that he ran into the wagon.

Mr. Warman, his driver Elmer Hughes, his father-in-law, S. B. Stillwell, and others were called to establish the contention of the defense. The arguments will be made this morning.

The jury in the case of Anna Elizabeth Kirt and others against John P. Hartman and others brought in a verdict for the plaintiffs for the land in dispute to be returned upon the defendants paying \$774.76, within thirty days from date.

A verdict for \$8,723.19 was entered for the plaintiff in the case of the Aberdeen Lumber company against the Spring Brook Lumber company.

Arguments in the case of D. B. Hand, guardian of George F. Waldon, minor child of the late Dr. Waldon, against the Handley estate were heard before Judge Gunter yesterday, Ward & Horn appearing for the plaintiff and Mr. Armstrong for the estate.

Young Waldon is one of the boys whom Judge Handley was supporting at school and for whose education he made provision in his will. The executors refuse to pay for anything but tuition. The plaintiff claims the will intended that board, lodging, clothing and the like should also be paid for out of the estate.

SHERIFF'S DEEDS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Eleven Transfers Announced in Open Court Yesterday.

The following deeds of Sheriff Clements were acknowledged in court yesterday morning:

To Joseph Sommers for land in Old Forge township, sold as the property of Hoke Bishiga at the suit of Ignatz Uram; consideration \$1449.

To Mary T. Phelps for land in Scranton, sold as the property of John J. Klein at the suit of Charles Schiager; consideration, \$1527.40.

To Charles H. Welles for land in Scranton, sold as property of Scranton Lace Manufacturing company at the suit of William Crighton et al.; consideration, \$6125.

To David J. Reedy for land in Lackawanna county, sold as the property of Peter Dumas at the suit of the Scranton Brewing company; consideration, \$66.80.

To the Suburban Building and Loan Association land in South Abington township, sold as the property of Joseph W. H. Bartholomew at the suit of the Suburban Building and Loan association; consideration, \$7183.

To Anglo-American Savings and Loan association for land in Olyphant, sold as the property of Margaret P. Martin at the suit of Anglo-American Savings and Loan association; consideration, \$4255.

To Constantine H. Williamson for land in Scranton, sold as the property of Sarah D. Lee; consideration, \$1500.

To Ira Drake for land in Ransom township, sold as the property of George C. Haupt at the suit of Ira Drake; consideration, \$425.

To S. S. Spruks for land in Scranton, sold as the property of Frank Joseph at the suit of Spruks Bros.; consideration, \$1800.

To August Robinson for land in Scranton, sold as the property of John Horn and John Horn, executor, at the suit of A. Robinson; consideration, \$50.

To John J. Durkin for land in Scranton, sold as the property of Michael J. Durkin; consideration, \$92.50.

To John B. Moore for land in Lackawanna township, sold as the property of Mary Mullen at the suit of Hannick & Moore; consideration, \$92.50.

BUTLER MINE CAVE.

Surface Settles Twelve Feet Beneath the Weigh Scales.

There was quite an extensive cave-in at the Butler mine near Pittston, early last evening. The surface settled twelve feet over a radius of about 35 to 40 feet at the weigh scales, which are situated 100 feet from the breaker. The weighmaster's house is in close proximity to the edge of the cave.

It will be necessary to stop work at the mine while the damage is being repaired.

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AT LEAST SIX BAD DEMOCRATIC VOTES

Record of the First Day in the Dunmore Election Contest.

FIFTY-SEVEN WITNESSES HEARD

First Two Called to the Stand Were Shown to Be Illegal Voters, Admitting They Had Not Paid Taxes. Three Others Disqualified for This Same Reason and One for Not Being Naturalized--Contest to Be Continued from Day to Day.

Six defective Democratic votes is the first day's record in the Dunmore election contest. The lawyers will be able to figure out even more than this number, but by their own admissions six of those examined showed conclusively that they had cast illegal votes.

The inquiry was begun at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the arbitration room before Commissioners R. H. Holgate and D. J. Reedy, Attorney M. J. McAndrew taking the official stenographic notes. Judge Knapp, of Warren, & Knapp, conducted the contestants' side and attorneys T. J. Duggan and C. C. Donovan appeared for the respondents.

Fifty-seven witnesses in all were examined and ten more were subpoenaed, but failed to respond. They were all from the First district of the first ward.

THE FIRST TWO WITNESSES.

The very first two witnesses called, John Blanche and Anthony Blanche, admitted that they had not paid state and county taxes within two years prior to the election. Jeremiah Kelly, John J. Mullen and Thomas O'Donnell were also disqualified for this same reason. Anthony Conway, the sixth to have his vote knocked out, failed to prove that he had been naturalized.

The commission adjourned at 3 o'clock p. m. to meet again at 10 o'clock this morning. Daily sessions will be held for thirty days to hear the contestants' side. Then there will be a ten days' recess to give the respondents time to prepare and after that thirty days will be given to the hearing of the respondents.

BILL OF PARTICULARS.

Pursuant to an order of court, Warren & Knapp, for the contestants, yesterday filed a 100-page bill of particulars in each of the seven contests, showing the votes that are attached and the defects alleged against them. There are about 400 names on the list.

Out of this number at the rate of progress made yesterday, the contestants feel assured of overcoming all or at least the majority of the Democratic majorities.

In the Burgess contest the majority to be overcome is fifty; for treasurer Morgan had 73 more than Engle; for tax collector Burke beat Correll 73; for the other contest the offices the majorities ranged from 69 to 92.

SERVICES AT THE JAIL.

The Volunteers Have Begun Work Among the Prisoners.

Captain and Mrs. S. M. Johns, commanding the two Scranton posts of the Volunteers of America, and a number of the members visited the county jail yesterday afternoon and held a short service.

This work is a somewhat novel departure in local salvation army and volunteer work. The volunteers yesterday visited the prisoners individually in each cell. After a confidential talk, ending with the gift of a Volunteer Gazette, the official paper, the volunteers gathered on the rear of the main balcony and conducted the service.

Contributions for the purchase of Gazettes for the prisoners will be gladly received.

FROM BETHLEHEM TO CALVARY.

Illustrated Talk by Attorney A. Vincent Bower Last Night.

Attorney A. Vincent Bower gave a talk illustrated by stereopticon views on the subject "From Bethlehem to Calvary" last evening at the Calvary reformed church. The attendance was deferred by the falling rain but the fortunate ones present listened to and saw a vivid and impressively impressive portrayal of the life of Christ.

Mr. Bower has collected several hundred stereopticon plate engravings from paintings by the world's greatest artists on the tragic incidents in the Saviour's journey from the manger to the cross. He referred to Raphael's painting "The Transfiguration" as the greatest work of art in the world. The

VICTIM OF THE MAFIA.

Italian Stabbed by an Agent of the Murderous Society.

Bradford, Pa., April 8.--Neta Morasco, supposed to be an agent of the Mafia, seriously wounded John Serrano at Kane this afternoon. Both are Italians. Morasco arrived in Kane from New York this morning, and after several hours' search, found Serrano lying asleep in his slumbers on the outskirts of town. Morasco entered the house and attacked the sleeping man with a stiletto. With one slash he cut Serrano's throat almost from ear to ear, and then slashed his face in a frightful manner.

DAILEY IN A GOOD THING.

Greeted with a Big House on His Return Engagement at Academy.

The "Jolly Jasher" Peter F. Dailey had a big house to laugh at his ridiculously funny sayings and doings upon the first night of his return engagement at the Academy of Music.

He is the same Dailey and at that enough is said. His company however is slightly changed in its personnel. James Kelly and Flora Irwin are succeeded by Albert Demer and Della Stacey and while they differ in style from the originals it is a question if the entertainment is diminished any by change.

The sketch by Albert Demer and Ollie Evans is easily the best thing of the show next to Dailey's own fun-making. Then in order came the singing of the American Comedy quartet, the acrobatic dancing of William Barry, jr., and Mattie Nichols and the work of Edna Elsmere. The chorus singing of the company is also exceptionally good and all the songs are catchy and up-to-date. The performance will be repeated tonight.

THE MYSTERIOUS MR. COACH.

Arrested as an Accessory in the North End Shooting Affair.

John Coach was arrested last evening charged with being an accessory to the shooting of William Fiecher at Providence March 21, for which crime three Italians are awaiting trial in the county jail.

The police last night knew nothing of Coach's arrest. He was committed to the county jail from the office of Alderman Wright. That is about all that is known about him. Fiecher is steadily improving.

AMUSEMENTS.

Tonight the one thousandth performance of C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's immensely successful production, "Palmer Cox's Brownies," at the Rexfordham, will be fittingly celebrated by the presentation among the ladies who hold purchased tickets on the first floor of beautiful and appropriate souvenirs. The ones chosen for the occasion are, without doubt, the most expensive that have ever been given in a Scranton theater. There will be a matinee and night performance of "The Brownies" tomorrow. The engagement is the farewell one here of the charming spectacle. Many fascinating new features will be witnessed tonight, and among the brand new scenic effects there will be a gorgeous transformation, "The Break of Day in Brownie Land." Gertie Carlyle, the wonderful little child artiste, will make her first appearance here, and the new prima donna of "The Brownies," Marie Celeste, will be heard.

Charles E. Blaney's big extravaganza success, "A Boy Wanted," which will come to the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon and evening, is said to be one of the strongest farce-comedies on the road today, the company numbering forty people, half of whom are clever vaudeville performers, who introduced their specialties at different times during the comedy. The comedy stars engaged for this production are Misses O'Neil and Sutherland, Allyn and Lingard, Laura Bennett, Protog, Belle Tufts, Miss Rivera, Miss Loring and a host of others.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Two Italians were arrested for annoying ladies in Nay Aug park yesterday afternoon. Mr. Phillips, superintendent of the park, noticed the men following two young women and heard them whistle and otherwise annoy them. He notified Park Policeman McManaman and the pair were arrested and brought to the central police station.

Frank Moffitt while drunk on Wyoming avenue Wednesday night ordered Patrolman May to arrest a man who had jammed the former's hat over his eyes during a political argument. May refused and was placed under arrest by the irritated citizen and conducted to the central police station. At the station Moffitt was locked up. He was fined \$5 in yesterday's police court and in default of payment was sent to jail for thirty days.

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- 60 Pieces Vigorous Tweeds and Bourettes, broken and even checks, and complete range of mixtures, well worth 75c., Sale Price, 47c.
- 85 Pieces Twills, Star Checks and Stripes, Mohair and Silk Mixtures, complete assortment of styles to select from, all 75c. and \$1.00 goods, Sale Price, 58c.

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