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PERSONAL.

L. N. Kramer, of New York, is in the city. Attorney James Shea, of Wilkes-Barre, was here yesterday. M. H. Burghander, of Wilkes-Barre, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

THE HAT SALE.

To Continue All This Week—Some Great Bargains Offered. Dunn's hat sale will continue all this week in the Wyoming House dining-room.

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BOARD OF CONTROL UNDER DISCUSSION

Occupied Much of the Attention of the Board of Trade Last Night.

IS ITS TAX ASSESSMENT ILLEGAL

It Would Appear to Be Irregular from What Developed—The Alleged Extravagance in the Erection of School Buildings Dwelt Upon at Length in a Report from the Committee on Legislation and Taxes—New Factory Promised for Scranton.

The legality of the system of collecting taxes followed by the board of control was brought into question at the meeting of the board of trade last night by a letter from the Pittston board of trade.

Pittston in accordance with what appears to be the plain mandate of the law governing school boards in cities of the third class, makes its school assessment of the county valuation.

The bill has passed the house and is now before the senate. The Pittston board of trade decided to request the senator from that district to favor the bill and is sending out circular letters to other boards of trade in third class cities urging them to use their influence for the measure.

In the letter to the Scranton board of trade Secretary Scott calls attention to the fact that our school board is making the assessment on the city valuation and if the bill in question is defeated it will likely result in our present alleged illegal procedure being called into question and doubtless overturned with much confusion to school district affairs.

THE SENATOR INSTRUCTED

After a short discussion in which some doubts were expressed as to the advisability of the board of trade taking any steps in the matter whatever, it was decided by a seemingly close vote to instruct Secretary Scott to urge Senator Vaughan to vote for the bill.

At the last meeting of the board, it will be remembered a letter was read from W. H. Richmond, suggesting that the board of trade investigate and take appropriate action in the alleged extravagance of the board of control in the erection of school buildings, and the poor board in its administration of the school buildings in the city, also as regards the expenditures of the poor board in the construction of buildings at the Hillside Home, would say that we have gone no further than to take up the matter of the present style and structure of the school buildings, and will have to defer to a future meeting of the board, a report on the expenditures made by the poor board in improving their conveniences at the Hillside farm.

It seemed wise to your committee, before making any suggestions of our own, to ascertain from other cities throughout the state, something of the style and quality of school buildings erected by them. All Pennsylvania cities are growing in wealth and population, and are compelled to be constantly providing for a growing school population, and are therefore in the same condition of affairs as ourselves.

Your committee requested the secretary of the board to communicate with the school boards of quite a number of the larger cities throughout the state, asking for direct information on a few essential features pertaining to the school buildings now being constructed in their cities. The most important one of all was the cost of the building and its seating capacity, or to be more explicit we wished to ascertain the cost of the building per scholar of its accommodation. This being the only basis of comparison.

EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

In reply to our inquiries we have received the information desired from the cities of Easton, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport. Taking up the communication section the only building referred to in our communication from the city of Easton was a modern high school building constructed in the year 1895. This building has all the modern improvements requisite to a high school building for any city in this country. The building cost complete, including all furnishings, even to a clock in the tower, \$2,817.57. This building is built on 200 x 100 ft. lot, having 12,000 sq. ft. of floor space, 10 classrooms, 10 class rooms, and all the other rooms and appliances pertaining to a high school building. By dividing this same style of building that is at the present time being erected in Scranton, comparing all of the buildings together and dividing into the sum total the seating capacity, we find that these buildings are costing a little over \$91 per scholar.

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