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### CITY NOTES.

Henry Corless, of Pittsburg, will speak in Fisher's hall on Lackawanna avenue Saturday night. His subject will be socialism.  
The Ladies' Aid society of All Souls' church on Pine street, across Adams street, will hold one of its excellent suppers tonight. Every one cordially invited.  
Hittenbender & Co. have gone into the manufacture of typewriters and have equipped their factory with the latest machinery. They will call their wheel the "Scranton," which will be fully up to date.  
On and after Nov. 1, '97, the Nicholson accommodation on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad leaving Scranton at 4 o'clock will leave at 3:35 p. m., and the 6 o'clock train will be discontinued.  
George Kovach and Mary Hahn, of Scranton, Michael Thomas, of Avoca, and Ann Maloney, of Scranton; Joseph Krieger and Anna Mox Tobing, of Scranton; Alfred Kresel and Clara Gerish, of Carbondale, were yesterday granted marriage licenses.  
Misses Louise Nordt, Amelia Koch, Nora E. Collins, Margaret Evans, Anna Von Koenig and Anna Kenney, stenographers from Mrs. F. A. Brand's office, Wednesday took recreation to McKie's hall on Church street because of his condition and then went out on the street, drew a revolver and amused himself in firing shots at the hall. Three shots had been fired when Patrolman Louis Gorkitz arrived and placed Phillips under arrest. He will be given a hearing today.

In music hall last evening the Italian society "Dandolo Vittorio Emanuel" held their eighth annual ball. There was a large audience present and a very pleasant time was spent. Dancing began at 8 o'clock and continued until early morning without a break in the festivities. The officers of the society are: Victor Sartor, president; G. Capanna, vice president; L. Liberto; revisor; G. Capone; G. Abate; N. Bocco; secretary; G. Ohio; G. Marcotia; consaglio; G. Raimondi; L. Tomaselli; G. Provi; G. Noto; G. Path; Portanachia; B. Peusa.  
**Big Man Plays Detective.**  
Eugene Tinkler, of Scott township, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Justice of the Peace George W. Cavinor. The charge was playing detective and pointing firearms. The prisoner is over 6 feet 3 inches in height, and of corresponding build.

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That are worth 50c.
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That are worth \$1.75.
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O'Shanters ..... 10c  
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That are worth \$4.25.

Special sale of Feathers, Wings, Birds and Trimmings of every description.

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## TAX EXONERATIONS MUST BE STOPPED

Common Council on Record Against Real Estate Exemptions.

AN ADVICE FROM CITY SOLICITOR

Special Committee Appointed to Try and Solve the Itinerant Merchant Problem - Lackawanna Avenue Paving Ordinance, Involving a City Expense of \$2,500, Passed Two Readings--Resolution for a New Franklin Company Steamer.

Common council had a love feast last evening. This branch of the city legislature, which is the more noted for frequent partisan tiffs and wrangles, got really down to business and through there were frequently expressed differences of opinion the division never reached a point where the Republican minority and the terrified majority were at loggerheads. An unusually large amount of important business was transacted.

The taxes committee presented a report through Mr. Oliver, which puts a quietus on the growing custom of exonerating the payment of taxes on real estate. According to the report, the city solicitor was asked for two opinions, whether or not real estate exemptions were legal, and, if illegal, whether or not exonerations granted in the past could become liens. The city solicitor made this reply:

An exoneration is virtually an exemption of the property from taxation and only property exempted from taxation are public properties used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity. The law contemplates so far as possible, equalization of the burden of taxation shall fall equally upon all. The statute declares, as herein stated, that properties shall be exempted from taxation only on a statute exempting property from taxation must be construed strictly.

**THE POWER TO EXEMPT.**  
The power to exempt is not included in the power to tax but must be specifically conferred by legislative enactment. There is no constitutional provision or statute in this state empowering exemptions other than as above mentioned. Therefore it is my opinion that councils have no authority to exonerate taxes on real estate.

In reply to your second question as to whether exonerations granted in the past become liens against such properties, would say that the act of assembly providing that no tax shall run on a lien on real estate for a longer period than two years from the time of such levy or assessment unless the same be entered of record in the proper office, in order to continue the lien, the same must be revived every five years.

The following recommendation of the committee was approved:  
Your committee, therefore, disapproves of the accompanying exonerations and further recommends that the city solicitor be and hereby is directed to register and enter as liens all exonerations illegally allowed during the current fiscal year.  
Captain Moir called the attention of the council to the injustice done to permanent merchants by the temporary presence in the city of so-called bankrupt, fire-sale or assignee-sale goods. He understood that the 1897 ordinance imposing a tax of \$500 per month of the state act which authorized such an ordinance had been declared unconstitutional. The city of Reading, however, imposed a monthly license of \$1,000 and Scranton, we believe, should find a way to do the same thing. He therefore offered the following resolution which was adopted:

### ITINERANT VENDERS.

"That a special committee be appointed and, in conjunction with the city solicitor, that they be instructed to draw up an ordinance dealing with those itinerant vendors of fake bankrupt and fire sales and fix what amount of tax can be levied on above described class of persons. Before adjourning President Nealis appointed a special committee as follows: Messrs Flanagan, Zelder and Keller.  
The ordinance granting property owners permission to pave Lackawanna avenue from Washington to Jefferson avenues passed two readings but with an amendment that the city's share of the expense should be \$2,500 instead of \$5,000.

The following resolution was reported by the fire department committee and was adopted: "That the Chief of the fire department and the Joint Fire Department committee lease or purchase a steamer of the city for the purpose of acquiring a municipal light plant. He introduced an ordinance identical with that of 1886 and it was referred to a committee. The ordinance provides for an increase of the city debt by the issue of city bonds in the amount of \$200,000, the question to be submitted to the vote of the electors at the next municipal election on the third Tuesday of February, 1898. After the passage of the ordinance and at least thirty days before the election the notice of the election, shall be advertised in two daily newspapers.

### TIME EXTENDED.

Select council's resolution extending the time for the payment of taxes up to the date that the delinquent lists are given to the collectors was tabled. A concurrent resolution extending the time for tax payments without penalty up to Nov. 30 was adopted and later in the meeting a resolution offered by Mr. Jackson was adopted extending the non-penalty period to Dec. 31.  
Current resolutions were adopted authorizing the purchase of two horses for the fire department and permitting the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company to build a private sewer to drain the territory south of Linden street and north of Monroe avenue, the property not to be exempt from future city sewer assessments.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Sweeney and adopted, provides: "That the city controller is hereby instructed to draw no warrants in favor of the Columbia Construction company until the claim of the Scranton Vitrified Brick and Tile Manufacturing company's claim for brick furnished for paying the gutters on Mulberry street is settled, said claim amounting to \$1,267.29.  
Another new resolution was adopted providing for the exoneration of Holy Trinity Lutheran church from payment of its Mulberry street paving assessment.

Ordinances passed two readings

awarding to the James May estate \$500 for property damaged by the grading of North Ninth street in the Fourteenth ward; providing for the setting of curbstones on both sides of Webster avenue, between Linden and Mulberry streets; appropriating \$600 for repairing the old Center street station house.

### MERRY MAIDENS COMPANY.

**They Are Filling an Engagement at the Davis Theatre.**  
"Merry Maidens at the French Ball" is the title which covers a varied entertainment of a decidedly up-to-date nature which was on the boards at Davis' theater yesterday afternoon and evening. The merry maidens introduced a large amount of fun and an abundance of entertainment, were evidently intended to outshine all previous efforts.

The company contains some very talented people, including the celebrated song writer, Dave Marion, Gladys Van, southerly; Frankie Vedder, acrobatic dancer; Nellie Hanly, solo contralto; De Alden sisters; Madison and Curran, Celtic wis, and Johnson and Rice, parody vocalists.  
The opening sketch and olio are followed by musical burlettea entitled "An Early Sunrise," by Sam Rice, one of the comedians of the company, and several of Dave Marion's latest songs are introduced during the performance. Several objectionable features in the first performance were cut out of the subsequent ones.  
The "Merry Maidens" will be seen at Davis' theater for the balance of the week.

### CAVING HAS STOPPED.

**Hole Made by Dropping of the Surface Filled--Damage Done to the Zurlieff Property.**

The settling on North Main avenue, North Scranton, ceased during yesterday and the work of filling in, begun Wednesday night by employees of the Delaware and Hudson company, was finished at 2:30 o'clock in the morning. During the night, the settling continued and at daylight the newly-made surface was several feet below where the surface ought to be.  
The work of filling in was begun over again. A long procession of teams moved from the ash dump at the Von Storch boiler house to the deep cove in front of the property of John Zurlieff, on Main avenue.  
At 8:30 o'clock the filling in had progressed so far that street car traffic which had been allowed, was started. The cove covered a space of forty feet square and averaged six feet in depth.  
It is estimated that 150 wagon loads of ashes were dumped into the cavity. No further settling was noticed yesterday.

The scene of the disturbance was much visited yesterday. On the street nothing but a tumbled about patch of ashes could be seen, but the work of the cove was best shown at the Zurlieff property. The double dwelling stands at least thirty feet above the road and is approached by a series of stone steps in double terrace. These steps and the three-foot stone wall in front were displaced and the stones scattered about. Yesterday afternoon the steps were rebuilt by Delaware and Hudson masons, but the wall was allowed to totter as the cove left it.

A long crack in the brow of the first terrace threatens the tumbling over to the sidewalk of a big mass of earth. The Zurlieff building has not been disturbed by the present cave. Last September the building was shaken by a settling.

Nothing can be done at this time to stop the cave from the inside of the mine, as the work would be extremely dangerous. The rock vein, where the falls are occurring, has been abandoned for years and at the point of the caves is almost completely blocked and impassable.

### READ HIS OWN POEMS.

**Aella Green Heard in the Elm Park Church Last Evening.**

Aella Green read selections from his own poems, in the Elm Park lecture room last evening. The entertainment was interesting and pleasing. Mr. Green's literary ability is of a high order and his manner of presenting his thoughts was more successful than is usually the case with authors and their own productions.  
The entertainment was for the benefit of the Epworth League and was enjoyed by a large audience.

### A NEW HISTORY.

A book which should be of value to all who are interested in the religious history of the valley and to Presbyterians in particular has just come from the press under the title of "A History of Luzerne Presbytery" by the Rev. Jonathan Osmond of Tacona, Wash. This ecclesiastical body was organized in 1815 as a missionary presbytery and was merged into the present Presbytery of Lackawanna in 1870. Included within its boundaries was the whole of the anthracite coal regions. The book is not a dry list of names and dates but touches the historical, industrial and commercial development of northeastern Pennsylvania at many points. As a compendium of local history the work is invaluable. The writer has given the most careful attention to details even in regard to the early days of the churches, and has made the past live again in his pages. His work has been entirely a labor of love and the book shows that he has been in love with his task. As a pioneer when this was missionary ground, he speaks from personal acquaintance with such men as the Revs. John Dorrance, D. D., Richard Webster, M. J. Hickok, D. C., T. P. Hunt, N. G. Parke, D. D., S. C. Logan, D. D., A. A. Hendrick, and many others. The book is most beautifully printed and bound and contains 34 pages with uncut edges. It comes from the press of Baur & Son, Wilkes-Barre.

On account of Pennsylvania State Grants, Patrons of Husbandry meeting, to be held at Harrisburg, Nov. 9th-12th, the Delaware and Hudson R. R. will sell round trip tickets from Scranton to Harrisburg at the low rate of \$4.07.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT CAUSES BOTHER

An Auditor Who Audited the Audit of Auditors is Attacked.

HE EXCEEDED HIS JURISDICTION

**So Mr. O'Malley Alleges Against W. W. Lathrop Who Was Appointed as Auditor in the Matter of the Exceptions to the Report of the Auditors of Olyphant Borough--New York Dental Parlor Infringement Case is Argued.**

Exceptions to the report of the auditor appointed by court on the exceptions to the report of the auditors of Olyphant borough was one of the several badly knotted problems that the local bench had to contend with in argument court yesterday.

One of the borough auditors, in appearance, made a minority report, taking exceptions to the report of the other two members of the board regarding the accounts of M. A. Cummings, collector of electric light rates. Court appointed W. W. Lathrop as auditor in the case and he proceeded to take testimony and frame a report, finding that the collector was owing the borough a small balance.

Hon. C. P. O'Malley, appearing for the majority report of the auditors, filed exceptions to Auditor Lathrop's reporting yesterday arguments in the matter were heard. Mr. O'Malley contended that the auditor exceeded his authority in making an audit of the collector's account, as the law only requires him to frame an issue that the matter may be tried before a jury. James H. Torrey, attorney for the exceptions to the borough auditor's report, contended against this, holding that the auditor was appointed to audit, that he had the authority to do so and that he did just what was authorized to do.

### CONTENTION OF DENTISTS.

The case of Dentist C. G. Sapp against the New York Dental Parlor to restrain the defendants from using their trade name, came up in the shape of a demurrer and was argued at length by John M. Harris, representing the plaintiff, and Charles L. Hawley, representing the defendants.  
Attorney S. B. Price, representing the defense, argued for a new trial in the case of the Arcade File Works against T. F. Leonard, alleging errors in the judge's charge. The rule was opposed by Attorney C. H. Welles.  
Attorney E. C. Newcomb appeared for the Workman Fruit company in support of a motion to strike off an attachment secured against the Scranton Merchandise company, limited, the allegation being that it was fraudulently permitted by the defendants in order to defeat their creditors. Attorney Joseph Jeffreys represented the defense.  
In the case of J. W. Guernsey against H. L. Holshear, the rule to open judgment applied for the plaintiff was modified by court to a rule to strike off judgment and was allowed in the modified form. W. S. Diehl, of Watson, Diehl, Hall & Kemmerer, appeared for the defendants and Vosburg & Daw-

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son for the plaintiff. In the case of J. M. Frank against A. L. Spencer, the OTHER CASES ARGUED.  
rule for judgment was made absolute. Among the other cases argued were: John W. Raub against W. A. Pearson, rule to open judgment; Joseph W. Griffin against S. H. Ayresworth and others, rule to open judgment; E. K. Hanley against the Traders' and Bankers' Mutual Life Association, demurrer; H. E. Armes against Ira Turner, certiorari; Lawrence Duhig against J. Majernik, certiorari; J. E. Jodry against the borough of Olyphant, new trial.

### ON TO VICTORY.

Every indication points to a routing Republican victory for the entire ticket next Tuesday. The party's fighting blood is up at last and that portends a Waterloo for the enemy. But no individual Republican should relax his efforts. This is the chance of a life time to rivet and clinch Republican supremacy in once Democratic Lackawanna.

### ALDERMAN KELLY STRIKES BACK.

**Has John Martin Arrested on a Charge of Perjury.**

Alderman John P. Kelley, the magistrate of the Eighteenth ward, who was held under bail Wednesday night on a charge of extortion, brought a counter action yesterday against John Martin, his prosecutor. Kelley charges perjury.  
He appeared before Alderman John T. Howe and swore out the information that Martin in his statement under oath at the hearing said what was not true. The warrant was placed in the hands of Conable Cole, but before the papers was served Martin entered bail in the sum of \$100 to appear for a hearing next Monday night.

### Taken to the Hillside Home.

Mary Jensen, whose attempt to cut her throat with a table knife was mentioned in yesterday's Tribune, and Bridget Ruane, another demented woman, were removed last evening from the police station to the Hillside Home. They will be placed in the ward for the insane.

It may save trouble to examine your purchase before it is wrapped. Then you can be certain that you get what you ask for, and not a substitute.

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112 Pieces Semi-porcelain, three-color decorations and stipled, gold traced; real worth \$12.00. During this movement of goods they're \$9.98.

Floor Brush Full bristles and handle good, long hair; real worth 75c. Price now 49c

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Men's Underwear, 50c. Fleece lined; will not irritate the most tender skin.

Ladies' Underwear, 25c. Fleece lined, gored sleeves, perfect fitting.

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Misses' Underwear, 50c. Natural wool, ribbed. Regular price, 65c.