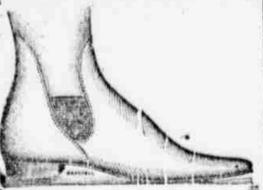


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CITY NOTES.

The Tackus-Burt bowlers did not meet last night as announced.

The Elks will have a euchre and euchre party at their rooms tonight.

A meeting of the New England society will be held this evening in the board of the room.

The fair of the congregation of the Sacred Heart of the South Side opened last night in Musk hall.

The music pupils of St. Paul's parochial school will give a concert at this school at 2:30 in the school hall.

The Board of Associated Charities of Scranton will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the poor board room, municipal building.

The Delaware and Hudson company will hold the trainmen on the division north of Scranton and the locomotive shops of Carlisle yesterday.

Of the thirty-three deaths reported to the board health last week six were from diphtheria and one from erysipelas. There were nine new cases of contagious disease.

Henry Graham charged Josie Price with assault and battery and malicious mischief before Alderman Miller last night. The woman was held under \$500 bail to appear at court.

The joint building committee of councils will meet tomorrow afternoon to investigate Building Inspector Nelson's recommendation that results be made to the contrary. How houses are built.

James Curtis, the man who was stabbed in the neck by a friend Saturday evening on Penn avenue, still refuses to disclose the identity of his assailant. He is recovering from his wounds.

Anthony Navichon was committed to the county jail last night by Alderman Bailey in default of bail on a charge of stealing a horse from a young daughter of Miss McDonald, Penn avenue.

George Windock was his wife, Josephine, arrested yesterday for assault and battery of which he was the victim. They live in the Hill building. The woman was held under \$500 bail by Alderman Miller.

At half past midnight the meeting of the board of trade the annual meeting will be held. The manufacturing committee will make its report on winter rates to large consumers and on the government armor plate plant.

The police were asked yesterday to re-attach tax tags on the property of Mr. St. John, of 46 Centre avenue, the other a mousetrap for the past week had hung around P. P. Phillips' residence, 40 Webster avenue. The stage will be attended to today.

John Duplek had John McKnight arrested last night on a charge of assault and battery. Duplek accuses McKnight of firing his gun in a room at 615 plant a few nights ago. Alderman Miller held McKnight under \$500 bail for appearance at court.

Two burglars were found on Wyoming avenue late Sunday night by Patrolman Schmidt. One was stored in the Postoffice building, the other at Ross' meat market. Where they came from or who are the owners is a mystery. When found the burglars were standing against the curb.

Alderman Brundage takes poisonous pills in commemoration the performance of Henry E. Lister at the layman this evening as being thoroughly first class in every respect, and as a gratification in consideration of his services in not supporting either Herrmann or Kelly. Hisay made a great hit in Wilkes-Barre last night. He pleased to "stalling room only."

The men of the "Older" Reform club will give a concert and entertain a party in the church parlors. The supper will be served between the hours of 8 and 9 p. m. and the concert will begin at 9 o'clock. Among those who will take part in it are Professor R. G. Williams, William Stanton, Mrs. C. G. Jones, Anna Home, Miss Rhoads Clark, Miss Anne Scammon, Lawrence Krings and Charles Deersman.

A horse attached to one of Shedd's milk wagons was left standing on Wyoming avenue yesterday morning and caused slight damage to a garage owned by C. L. Ely, the insurance agent. The milkman's horse became restless and moved forward until a forward wheel was locked into the rear wheel of the Riggs buggy. The horse that was hitched to the latter plunged and reared but was quiet by a bystander. One of the buggy wheels was broken.

Men can Draw Work. makes an elegant Christmas gift. Most delicate line ever shown in Scranton. Mrs. M. E. Reynolds, 716 Adams avenue.

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The very best place in this valley to buy Candy, Nuts, Fruits, Poultry, Oysters or Vegetables, from now until Christmas, either wholesale or retail, will be at the

SCRANTON CASH STORE

TRUANT OFFICER MAKES A REPORT

Says the County Commissioners' Registration is Defective.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS 9,896

Financial Reports of the Secretary and the City Treasurer Show Deficits and an Overdrawn Building Account—System Adopted for the Admission of Grammar A Pupils to the High School and a Second Examination for Those Who Attain 65 Per Cent.

Last night again at its regular session the board of control continued its record as the state debating organization. At 10:20 a. m. the board, for two hours and thirty-five minutes from the beginning of the session, one of the first orders of business, the reports of committees, had not been finished and the meeting adjourned.

Martin Joyce, attendance officer, submitted a written report of eleven pages of his work during November. He had distributed among the principals the registration books furnished by the county commissioners and supposed to contain the names of all children eligible to school study between the ages of 8 and 13 years. The books did not contain a complete registration, but officer Joyce had ascertained the number of absentees through a system of checking by the teachers and through information furnished by them.

Several pages were devoted to a comment upon what Officer Joyce thought was a defective registration, but officer Joyce had ascertained the number of absentees through a system of checking by the teachers and through information furnished by them. He had found many children between the ages of 8 and 13 on the streets and had taken them to the nearest school house. In many cases it appeared that these truant had been enrolled at the beginning of the term.

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CELESTIAL OF PUPILS.

There were 7,640 pupils in regular attendance in the public schools and 2,257 in parochial schools, business colleges and other schools in the city, a total of 9,896. This included all pupils between the ages of 8 and 13. The county commissioners' registration contained 9,900 names.

In St. Thomas college he found only 5 pupils 13 years of age or under. In the College of Commerce 2, St. Cecilia's academy 229, School of the Lackawanna 24, Miss Merrill's school 42, St. Patrick's 229, St. Patrick's academy 85, St. John's (German) 12, St. John's (German) 69, St. John's (Frig street) 271, Polish Catholic 126, Holy Rosary 397, St. Paul's 190, Miss Gerecke's 19. In all these schools the course of study conformed to the regulations of the act.

City Treasurer Boland's statement of the school funds for November contained the following: Nov. 1 balance \$21,429.42 RECEIPTS: From delinquent collectors \$1,150.00 197 school taxes collected in November \$1,228.00 Received from E. D. Fellows \$1,228.00 197 registered taxes collected in November \$1,228.00 \$4,634.42

DISBURSEMENTS: Commissions paid collectors of delinquent taxes \$2,200.00 General school warrants \$2,200.00 School building warrants \$1,910.00 \$6,310.00 Balance December 1, 1897 \$4,218.42 Above figures distributed as follows: General school account \$2,258.84 Interest on sinking fund \$1,959.58 \$4,218.42

Loss bills, account overdraws, \$2,394.25 Total debit balance \$2,424.39 SECRETARY'S STATEMENT. Secretary Fellows' monthly statement showing expenditures and the state appropriations for November was as follows: Expended previously, \$113,127.67; expended in November, \$7,092.72; total expended to date, \$120,220.39; appropriation, \$24,838.96; surplus, 144,276.68. There was a deficit of \$5,566.90 in the new furniture, text books and incidental items.

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The report was adopted but with it an amendment offered by Mr. Welsh that all Grammar A pupils, who attained an average of 65 per cent, but not an average high enough to be passed, be privileged to take a second examination.

NO MORNING RECESS. It was recommended by the teachers' committee that Miss Mary A. Davis, of No. 27, be granted a leave of absence for one year in order that she may pursue a course of study at Bucknell university; also that there be no recess at No. 25 school in the morning during the winter months. This action was taken because of the danger from the trolley cars on the double tracks on two sides of the building.

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MISS CARPENTER APPOINTED. Miss Mary Carpenter was appointed a teacher at No. 32 school, vice, Miss Kate Lewis, resigned.

The new Nos. 6 and 15 school buildings were finally accepted from the contractors. The purchase of iron fencing for these two schools and No. 16 was authorized, the price not to exceed \$1.05 per foot, and the bill not to be paid until a time next year to be agreed between the building committee and the contractor, the Scranton Iron Fence company.

To the building and teachers' committees and Mr. Barker, of the Seventeenth ward, was referred the necessity of another annex for No. 25 school. It now has a room in the Baptist mission on Prescott avenue. Another room is available at another \$25 per month, or it may be decided to finish a room on the top floor of the main No. 25 building. Frank Thacker was appointed controller of the ward, with instructions to report, also on the feasibility of one new building for the two wards.

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RESPONDENTS' ANSWER.

Pryor, Copeland, Jones and Kelly Make Answer to Petitions of Contestants—Want Separate Contests.

Formal answer to the county election contests was made by all four respondents yesterday. Warren & Knapp represented the Republican respondents, Pryor, Copeland and Jones, Mr. Kelly, the Democratic treasurer-elect, was represented by Hon. M. E. McDonald, L. H. Burns and E. C. Newcomb.

Meers, Pryor, Copeland and Jones, in their answers, which are similar in substance, allege that the petition of the contestants are vague, indefinite and insufficient, and then go on to make a general denial of the allegations contained therein.

After avowing that upwards of ten illegal votes were cast for Schadt, Norton and Horn in each election district and that many votes were cast for the Republicans, for which they were not accredited, the respondents specially allege that in the Second district of Phil township, the Third district of the First ward of Scranton, the Second district of the Third ward of Scranton and the First district of the Eleventh ward of Scranton, the election was illegal for the reason that it was not held at the polling place fixed by law; that in the Second district of the Phil township, the Third district of the First ward of Scranton, the Second district of the Third ward of Scranton and the First district of the Eleventh ward of Scranton, the election was illegal because it was not conducted by officers duly authorized, the proper officers having been ousted from the booth and other unauthorized persons substituted for them; and that in the South district of Lackawanna township the election was illegal because the board was not regularly constituted.

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THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE CLUB.

An Interesting Meeting Held Recently by That Organization.

The Lackawanna County Equal Suffrage club met at 696 North Washington avenue, Dec. 8. Nine new members were received. Greetings were received from the state officers, also a communication from the state press committee. Ida Porter Hoyer, asking for a chairman of press committee to correspond with or visit personally the editors of the county to secure the publication of articles pertaining to Equal Suffrage.

A chairman was accordingly appointed. The next meeting will be held at 696 North Washington avenue, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p. m.

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REMAINS BROUGHT TO THIS CITY.

Funeral of Mrs. Kate Slattery Will Take Place Today.

The remains of Mrs. Kate Slattery, of Brooklyn, N. Y., announcement of whose death was printed in yesterday's Tribune, arrived in this city at noon yesterday and were taken to the residence of her brother, Robert McManama, of 1220 Mulberry street.

The funeral will take place this morning at 9 o'clock. A high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's cathedral and interment will be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

TO SING THE MESSIAH TONIGHT.

Oratorio by a Picked Chorus at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

Hand's great oratorio "The Messiah," will be given this evening at the Penn Avenue Baptist church. The chorus will consist of seventy-five picked voices. A large house is expected.

WANTS \$2,000 DAMAGES.

Because Her Neighbor Averred That She Wasn't Nice.

Attorney J. R. Burnett yesterday filed a \$2,000 damage suit for Mrs. Mary Mora, of Old Forge, against John Harogonitz, a neighbor.

Mrs. Mora declares that on Dec. 9 last, in the presence of her husband and divers other persons, Harogonitz called her something that wasn't nice, and which she avers she was never suspected of being.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The charter of the Habesmann hospital was yesterday approved by court.

Russell Timmek was yesterday appointed committee of the estate of Susan E. Back.

The committee in the estate of Mervin Nisley was yesterday empowered by court to sell certain real estate.

In the matter of the assignment of the Olyphant Trust company, the second partial account of the assignee was confirmed conditionally by court yesterday.

Judge McPherson yesterday imposed a sentence of 11 fine and thirty days' imprisonment on Anthony Haskins, convicted last week of assault and battery, and Ellen Kline, found guilty of a like offense was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

The will of the late Jonas Lauer was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to his son, Simon Lauer. His estate, which includes among other property, two buildings on Lackawanna avenue, is divided equally among his five children, Simon, Lauer, Katie Rose, Clara Lauer, Hattie Marks and Tillie Lauer.

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Heartburn, Gas, Stomach Discomfort, Indigestion, all cured by Dr. J. C. Ayer's Peppermint Cure.

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