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Don't forget the old folks and the little ones at the Home for the Friendiess this Christman. It is their last Christman in the old come and for some of the fared eyes, It is the last Christmas they will see on earth.

She was a sort of a Bowery girl, if Scranton can be said to have such, and she was standing in the crowd in the middle of the street car. By the way, if anybody on this earth deserves a robu and a palm in the better land it's the prefer the certainty of a nice thick over-

The gentleness and courtesy with which most of them bounce on and off the obse-form to help women with bundles and bables-the way they carry bags, submit to saub, are long suffering and tender in mercy to the weary woman who "only meant to stay in the store a minute and remained two hours over the timewould make one almost believe that the are to be given a testimonial by the gra-ful public as a Christmas remembrance But to return to the Bowery girl. She was chewing gum and talking to another

was chewing gum and taking to another girl similarly occupied and as the car giarted on, and the burch sent her ever into the lap of a handsomely dressed and scornful looking lady in the corner, she was remarking in answer to a question: "Naw, I ain't a goin' to give Maggie no present. Great Scot! Watcher think I'm made of? Why, here's seventeen in her bloomin' family." A smile took the place of scorn on the face of the fire department \$41.549 was took the place of scorn on the face of the fire department \$41.549 was teen in her bloomin' family.' A smile took the place of scorn on the face of the woman in the corner and she sighed as she thought of the bliss of being whe to draw the line somewhere. draw the line somewhere.

West Side funeral director has in-Side woman to the Washburn street cometery were agreeably surprised to find themselves sheltered from the inclement weather beneath a canopy tent. The tent when spread will cover a space 35 by 26 feet and will amply protect the num-ber of persons which the etiquette of a and the Scranton Public library will funeral service demands at the grave side. There were many silent expressions of gratitude apparent upon the counten-cestimates of the park commissioners ances of all who were present yesterday.

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CITY DEPARTMENTS AND 1898 EXPENSES

Estimated Expenses Will Be Away Ahead of the Revenue.

CITY WILL BE OVER \$125,000 SHORT

Joint Estimates Committee of Councits Has a Big Job in Prospect in Making the Estimated Expenditures I'it the Revenues-Large Increases Wanted by the Street, Potice and Fire Departments -- Will Be Referred to Councils in January.

This is the time of the year when the heads of the city departments are preparing their estimates of expenses for the next fiscal year which begins April 4. Last year it cas necessary for the Joint appropriations committee of ouncils to whittle about \$100,000 off he estimated expenses in order to get within the cary controllers estimated But His Lip Was Not and it Led to tevenue of \$285,000 for general purposes. and \$58,500 for shaking tund and inter

If indications prove correct, the committee will have to cut and stach ds several thousand dollars in excess

their 1897 estimates Particularly as regards the bolice ire and street departments, there will theur reason, as city officials of each political faith realize there would be an ultimate high cost of attempted cononly in those directions. The city treasurer's and mayor's departments will be in line with increased estimates not beyond reason; thousands of ad-aitional dollars could be expended m the city ball building and grounds, the city assessors have a ood claim for more money; the board f health's, the Public library's and he park commissioners' needs are east beyond their past allotionts, and it will take a neat sum for meral city expresses and deficiences but connot be avoided and for dam-

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

The muyor's department is usually be took the 1.40 o'clock train for New first appropriation item. amounted to \$2,800 this year but the ie will nick in addition an increase of \$300 to his clerk's salary of \$500 and neugh to renovate the curvets and furnishings of the two offices.

light and frequently the daily accounts of the office are made up so late that night. The city treasurer will ask for

A small item, \$50, for a telephone, will be asked by the city solicitor in addition to an increase in his appropriation for supreme court expenses. His total appropriation for this year was \$3,100. The city controller will ask for \$100 adlitional for stationery and incidentals. The 1897 appropriation was \$3,350.

Clerk Layelle will have his usual namual distinction of asking for only | lail, the amount, \$5,500, at present appropriated for his department, It required \$3.557 this year for the

grounds. Mayor Bailey will suggest that a sufficient increase be appropriated to tint the city hall walls and repair the corridors. As much as \$4,000 ould be expended in this direction, though the mayor will hardly recommend that more than \$2,000 be approprinted

To the 1897 appropriation of \$10,270 for the city engineer's department he will ask that \$250 be added to the item for clerk hire.

MR. DUNNING'S NEEDS. It is impossible to ascertain how much of an increase the street commissioner will ask. His 1897 appropriablessed conductors of the Scranton Rail-blessed conductors of the Scranton Rail-way company. These patience tiving days, probably if you'd ask them they'd partment is more sadly in need of tunds than any other in the city, and if Mr. Dunning asked for \$20,000 extra for sever, bridge, entvert and pavement epairs, cleaning asphalt, etc., it would at he beyond reason.

The city assessors had \$7,300 for their salaries, the salaries of twenty-one asistants and the expenses of the office this year. Extra money will be asked for new maps and the revision d old ones, which are now almost use-

Ten additional police patrelmen are

For the fire department \$41.549 was not aside this year, and there was a great deal of paring required to do it. Chief Hick y will try to reduce some of the current items if by so doing he will be allowed \$6,000 for ten additroduced the latest thing in the teneral line. Yesterday afternoon the persons who accompanied the remains of a West Side woman to the Washburga dread of a Century and Crystal companies are want d badly. All these changes . would mean an increase which cannot

be computed this early. The board of health will want a few hundred dollars extra for file cases, clerk hire and incidentals. What the estimates of the park commissioners will be cannot be determined until lator, and the same applies to the variety of items which will appear under the head of "General City and Deficiency Departments.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE. Altogether the estimates will be at least \$125,000 and possibly \$150,000 in

excess of the revenue. City Controller Robinson has written the various departments to proare their estimates and deliver them him. He will, in turn, submit them councils during January, along with his estimates of the 1898 revenue

BOTH OVER SEVENTY.

The Ripe Old Age of a Kingston Bride and Groom. Thomas Reese and Mrs. Elizabeth Syans, of Kingston, believe that love

s always young and although over 70 Reynolds Bros., stationers. years of age and have been married once before, they have resolved to test the power of Cupid and the merits of mutrimony once again.

They were quietly wedded at

clock Tuesday night at the First Methodist church, in Kingston, by Rev. W. R. Wagner. A reception followed at the home of the bride's married daughter, and the bride had also the privilege of having three grand-child dren seated at the wedding supper. The groom is 74 years old and the bride 71. Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer.

AT THE SCRANTON CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Von Storch Entertain a Small Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cramer von Storch ntertained at dinner last night at the Scranton club in honor of a number of guests who will be present at the large dance which Mr. and Mrs. von Sterch will give tonight at the Bicycle club. Those at the dinner last evening were Miss Waln, of Philadelphia; Shopwell, of Gloversville, N. Y.; Miss Palmer, of Amenia, N. Y.; Miss Pennypacker, Messrs, Walter Zebler of Philadelphia; Frank Fuller, Everett Hunt and Joseph M. Boies.

SMITH WAS SMOOTH.

His Arrest For Theft and Bunco.

Andrew Smith, a allb young man as never before in tasking up the 1898 Andrew Smith, a glib young man, appropriation ordinance. There is had a hopeful career cut short yestersothing to show that the estimated day by the Stroudsburg police on inevenue will be much it may larger than formation furnished by the local deor 1857, while nearly every department partment. He stole a silver watch and will at least make demands the same \$20 from an employe of the White is before they were reduced last year house, and a coat from the very back of and reveral departments will put in the bartender in the Scranton house. Then he left the city and was captured on the description sent along the

line, that Smith had a hair lip, Smith entered the Scranton house at se unusually high estimates, and not an early hour yesterday morning. He appeared excited and was in his shirt

"Where's your coat?" asked Bartender Leightner.

"Oh, I came out of the house in such a hurry, and forgot it. Want to carry this value to a friend of mine, going to meet me on the other side of the idge." He had a value in his hand. "Say." continued Smith, talking rapbridge: billy; just let me have your cont for a half hour. I'll bring it back, Here's a dollar for security," and he slapped silver effele on the bar. Bartender Leightner took the dellar and handed the coat, part of his \$60 suit, over the Smith grasp d it, passed some remark about its fit and scooted out. He did not go toward the bridge; instead

York city, and the bartender waited. Tiring of waiting, the bartender in formed the police, Captain Richard Edwards at once began an investigation, which showed that Smith had stolen the purse of money and the Twelve hundred dollars is now als watch from Henry Phelan, of the owed the city treasurer for clerk hire. White House, That explained his haste but he is obliged to pay about \$2,000. and the buncocing of the bartender in The office needs a fireproof safe. It is the Scranton house, Captain Edwards low necessary for the office to arrange acting with the greatest possible diswith banks to receive city funds after patch, sent word to Stroudsburg to conking hours and to store them over intercept the thief. "He has a cut lip.

was the way the message read. When the 1.49 train reached Strouds watchman has to be employed for the burg a couple of poticemen went through the cars. They came upon a 2.500 in excess of his allowance of muck booking man, apparently asleep, in a rear seat of the smoking car. He had a hair Up and was arrested.

Day went down yesterday morning and took him in charge. He was arraigned before Alderman

\$200 boil, was committed to the

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

maintenance of the city buildings and | Lackawanna Chapter's New Officers Were Installed Last Night. The recently elected officers of Lack-

awanna chapter, No. 785, Royal Arch



High Priest of Lackawanna Chapter, No. 785, Royal Arch Musons.

Masons, were installed at Masonic officered by a banquet at the Windsor. at Deputy Grand High Priest letick L. Brown, of this city, conducted the installation. He was assisted by the retiring high priest, R. A. Zimmerman, and Past High Priests S. Seamans, T. F. Penman and E.

L. Buck. The following officers were installed; High Priest, C. W. Gunster; king, Edward Evans; scribe, W. H. Brutzman; treasurer, F. J. Ameden; secretary, C. L. Van Buskirk.

Pittston Masonic Installation.

The officers elect of Valley lodge. No (20, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pittston, were installed in Manuale hall, that cliy, fact night. Following the instaffation there was a supper at the Fagle hotel, the affair having been arranged by this committee: Past Masters T. William Kyte, William B. Brenton and Charles H. Memory. The new officers of Valley lodge are: Charles A. Howitz, worshipful master; Charles E. Hunt, senior warden: Chas Allen, junior warden; Hallowell Oliver, treasurer; Addison K. Howe, secretary; William C. Brenton, Charles

Grand lodge. Is Under Roof.

The new hotel that is being erected at Main and River streets, Wilkes-Darre, is under roof and will be ready or occupancy by May 1, 1868.

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INSPECTOR BISHOP SAW THE MERCHANTS

Complaint Has Been Made That They Are Not Observing the Law,

HE PROPOSES TO ENFORCE IT.

They Must Not Ask Their Employes to Labor More Than Tweive Hours for Their Workwomen .- The Inspector Quotes the Law Bearing on These Matters and Points Out His

Earl W. Bishop, the deputy factory and mercantile inspector for this part of Pennsylvania, visited some of the merchants of the city yesterday. Mr. Fishop was not on a shopping tour. He called to see the merchants with reference to a complaint that had been lodged with Factory Inspector Camp-bell at Harrisburg. The complaint set forth that the employes in mercantile establishments are compelled to work more than twelve hours a day, and that seats are not provided for the saleswomen in many stores. Mr. Fishop was seen by a Tribune reporter vesterday after his visit to the merchants.

"Yes," he said, "it is true that complaints have been made that employes of mercantile establishments are obliged to work during the holl-lays more hours than is permitted by law. The first complaint came to me vesterday frem Mr. Campbell, our chief."

Does the law allow mercantile es-tablishments to keep their employes at works greater number of hours during the helicays than during the re-mainder of the year?" queried the re-

PLAIN AND EMPHATIC.

"No, sir," replied Mr. Bishop, "The boarding boss and his wife as plain-law is very plain and emphatic on this tiffs. Hon, W. H. Stanton filed the point and makes no allusion to holiday suit. trade Section I reads as follows: 'No minor, male or female, or adult woman shall be employed at labor or detained in any manufacturing establishment, mercancile industry, laundry, workshep, renovating works or printing of-fice for a longer period than twelve hours in any day, nor for a longer period than sixty hours in any week'."
"Must seats be provided in stores and

corkshops for women and girls?" Yes, according to an act of the legislature approved by Governor Hastings, April 29, 1807, section 4 of which reads as follows: Every person, firm, association, individual, partnership or corporation employing girls or noult venten in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile industry, laundry, workshop, renovating works or unint-ing office in this state, shall provide suitable scats for the use of the girls and women so employed, and shall permit the use of such by there when they are not necessarily engaged in the active duties for which they are em-

Do you intend to enforce section 1 "I most assuredly do," said Mr. Bishen in a very emphatic manner, and all the other sections, but especially sections I and I which return to female employ's Twelve hours is Smith was ledged over night in the long enough, in fact it's more than Strondsburn jail and Patrolman Lona they can endure and were it in my power I would make the hours clant. instead of twelve."

"If you were a merchant and your Millar yesterday, and, in default of store filled with customers at the hour of closing what would you do?"

HE WILL INSIST. "Well now that's a stunner, 10's very difficult indeed to say what one could to. Considering that our mechames and other workings can really only do shopping in the evenings. I guess the only way would be to amend the law requiring but eight hours for a day and then pur on a double shift. As I am not a merchant I cannot trouble myself as to what I would do, but as an inspector my duty is plain and I must insist usen a compliance with the law as it reads,

FIRE IN NORTH SCRANTON.

Engene Stanton Had a Narrow Escape From Incineration.

An exploding lentern set fire vesterday morning to a barn in the war of 2500 North Main avenue, used in common by Eugene Stanton, and the gree very firm of Hendrickson Bros. alarm was immediately sent in from stox 75, corner of North Main avenue and Putcara screets, and the Liberty and Niagara companies were quickly upon the scene. The flames were soon extinguished. The barn is usually lighted by electricity, but the Carpet Sweepers, current was off and Mr. Stanton having cause to go into the barn loft used on old lantern. It exploded just after he reached the loft, and set fire to the

He managed to exerce but was half but night. The ceremony was slightly hurt by falling. He had a narrow escape from incineration. "Dexa valuable horse, was gotten out gafely but most of the other contents including sleighs, grain, etc., were alther burned or badly damaged.

Hendrickson Bros ! loss is small but. Mr. Stanton's is quite heavy. He carriod insurance, but not enough to cover

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ENGINEER GETS A DUCKING.

One of the City Corps Has a Wet and Chilly Experience.

A ducking in the Lackawanna river experienced by Evan Walters, of the city engineer's surveying corps, and his rescue from an apparent watery grave by Dominick Healey, also of the corps was a topic on which the attaches o State the city engineer's office were occupied yesterday.

Levels were being made from the mouth of the Fourth district main sewer to a point farther down the river and above the Carbon street bridge Walters, while wading toward the a Day and They Must Provide Seats middle of the stream, stepped into hole and lost his footing. The current at that point is swift and whirled him toward midstream. Healey, who was standing in th

water near the shore, grasped the situation and with unerring aim threw to the struggling Walters a steel measuring tape. Healey had held the end of the tape, which strung itself out into a long life line as the box containing flew through the air and fell over Walters' shoulder. He grasped the strong steel tape and was quickly hauled ashore

Aside from having wet clothes, Walters was little the worse for his exerience. He is a good swimmer, but had no chance to display the accom-plishment on account of the current, his wet and heavy clothing and the chill that came over him when he stepped in the hole and the ice cold water enveloped his body. The incident gave him an unexpected half-

TALE BEARER IN TROUBLE.

A Tattling Boarder Gets a Law Suit For His Trouble. George Kmetz, of Dunmore, told his

oarding boss, John Kosternick that Mrs. Kesternick, the bearding missus, had a star boarder in the person of one George Hostruck. Yesterday Kmetz was made defend-ant in a \$1,000 slander suit, with the

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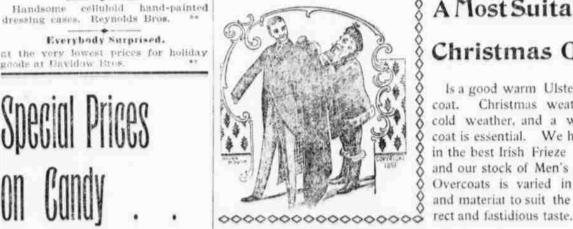
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