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CHAS. McMULLEN & CO. Have opened a General Insurance Office in The Traders' National Bank Bldg.

BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Don't forget the old folks and the little ones at the Home for the Friendless this Christmas.

She was a sort of a Bowers girl, if Scranton can be said to have such, and she was standing in the crowd in the middle of the street car.

The gentleness and courtesy with which most of them bounce on and off the sidewalk to help women with bundles and babies—the way they carry heads, submit to snub, are long suffering and tender in mercy to the weary woman who only meant to stay in the street a minute and remained two hours over the time.

A West Side funeral director has introduced the latest thing in the funeral line. Yesterday afternoon the persons who accompanied the remains of a West Side woman to the Washburn-street cemetery were greatly surprised to find themselves sheltered from the inclement weather beneath a canopy tent.

Great sale of Ladies' Best Mink Scarfs for \$1.25, worth \$3.25. F. L. Crane.

Our \$1.00 Watch is a good seller. It is also a first-class time keeper. We guarantee them for one year. Davidow Bros.

1/4 OFF Regular prices on all Holiday Goods. Waters, the Hatter, 205 Lacka. Ave.

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 Councils Has a Big Job in Prospect in Making the Estimated Expenditures Fit the Revenue—Large Increases Wanted by the Street, Police 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 was necessary for the joint appropriations committee of councils to whittle about \$100,000 off the estimated expenses in order to get within the city controller's estimated revenue of \$285,000 for general purposes and \$58,000 for sinking fund and interest.

If indications prove correct, the committee will have to cut and slash as never before in making up the 1898 appropriation ordinance. There is nothing to show that the estimated revenue will be much if any larger than for 1897, while nearly every department will at least make demands the same as before they were reduced last year and several departments will put in bids several thousand dollars in excess of their 1897 estimates.

Particularly noticeable the water, fire and street departments, these will be unusually high estimates, and not without reason, as city officials of each political faith realize there would be an ultimate high cost of attempted economy in these departments.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT. The mayor's department is usually the first appropriation item. It amounted to \$2,800 this year but the mayor will ask in addition an increase of \$300 to his clerk's salary of \$500 and enough to renovate the curbs and furnishings of the city offices.

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH will want a few hundred dollars extra for file cases, and the Scranton Public Library will ask for \$12,000 more for new books, clerk hire and incidentals. What the estimates of the park commissioners will be cannot be determined until later, 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 prepare their estimates and deliver them to him. He will, in turn, submit them to 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 Reuse and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, of Kingston, believe that love is always young and although over 70 years of age and have been married over the power of Cupid and the merits of matrimony again.

o'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 giving three grand-children 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 entertained 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 Storch will give tonight at the Bicycle club.

SMITH WAS SMOOTH.

But His Lip Was Not and it Led to His Arrest For Theft and Bunc.

Andrew Smith, a glib young man, had a hopeful career cut short yesterday by the Stroudsburg police on information furnished by the local department. He stole a silver watch and \$20 from an employe of the W. S. Shopwell, of Gloversville, N. Y.; Miss Palmer, of America, N. Y.; Miss Pennsylvania, Messrs. Walter Zebler, of Philadelphia; Frank Fuller, Everett Hunt and Joseph M. Boies.

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS. Lackawanna Chapter's New Officers Were Installed Last Night.

The recently elected officers of Lackawanna chapter, No. 785, Royal Arch Masons, were installed last night.



C. W. GUNSTER, High Priest of Lackawanna Chapter, No. 785, Royal Arch Masons.

Masons, were installed at Masonic hall last night. The ceremony was followed by a banquet at the Windsor. District Deputy Grand High Priest Frederick L. Brown, of this city, conducted the installation. He was assisted by the retiring high priest, E. C. Zimmerman, and Past High Priests C. S. Seamans, P. F. Penman and E. L. Buck.

Pittston Masonic Installation. The officers elect of Valley Lodge, No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons, of Pittston, were installed in Masonic hall, that city, last night. Following the installation there was a supper at the Eagle hotel, the affair having been arranged by this committee: Past Masters T. Wilbur Kye, William B. Brenton and Charles H. Memory.

Is Under Roof. The new hotel that is being erected at Main and River streets, Wilkes-Barre, is under roof and will be ready for occupancy by May 1, 1898.

Waterman Fountain Pens, for a gift. Reynolds Bros., stationers.

Money to Loan on diamonds and all kinds of jewelry. Davidow Bros., 227 Lacka. ave.

Inkstands, gold-plated frames, at Reynolds Bros., stationers.

Crystal Laundry will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25, 1897.

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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 of 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 Cactus street bridge. Walters, while wading toward the middle of the stream, stepped into a hole and lost his footing. The current at that point is swift and whirled him toward midstream.

Healey, who was standing in the 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 struck itself out into a long life line, John Kosterneck, that it flew through the air and fell over Walters' shoulder. He grasped the strong steel tape and was quickly hauled ashore.

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