FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1898.

MAYOR BAILEY'S

present municipal problems.

the City of Scranton:

first consideration will therefore ba

plemented by Another.



Gillespic, the man who stole an at from a "dummy" on Lackawan-nue, was sent to the county jall in of \$300 bail.

lage licenses were granted yester-Stephen Martin and Annie Warne, ranton; John J. Irving and Mary ck, of Scranto

Delaware, Lackawanna and Westcompany will pay at the machine is and the Storrs mines today. The ware and Hudson company paid yes-lay at the Olyphant, Eddy Creek and asy Island mines, at Olyphant.

e most beautiful calendar distributed puts this season has been issued by table Life Assurance society of led States. It is being given out

L. Rice, of the Coal Exchange, general agent for the company.

The Tribune has received from E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., of Wilmingy complied statistics. ton, Del., through that company's local representative, Henry Belin, jr., a hand-some calendar advertising the smokeless Chief of Police Frank Robling, jr., the Scranton police force has during 1897. proved itself a terror to wrong/loers and an invaluable protection to the lives, safety and property of the citizens of powder produced by that firm. The desig shows two handsome hunting dogs tupying at the leash, while bordering it are a number of wild ducks.

The Young Women's Christian association gymnasium classes reopened Jan. 2. The fee has been reduced to \$3 for this term of four months, January, February, March and April. This includes two les-sons a week. A schedule of the classes can be obtained at the rooms. It is noted this kind, it is false economy to delay that many will take advantage of these rates and receive the great benefit of the gymnasium this year.

Professor H. D. Buck's class of the Elm Park Sunday school will hold their an-nual meeting for the election of officers Scranton is also to be congratulated upon the remarkably good record made by it for the ensuing year at the Scranton Business college tonight, after the busi-ness meeting the newly elected officers

the authorities of other cities as a mat-ter worthy of note and of experiment. While neither the light nor the water syswhile neither the light hot the water sys-tem of Scranton is under municipal own-ership, each is still rendering excellent service and is apparently satisfactory to the eltizens of Scranton at this time. The question of municipal ownership of light and water plants is one which is receiv-ing general attention one done which you ANNUAL MESSAGE Submitted Last Night, and Is to Be Suping general attention and one which you will, undoubtedly, be called upon to consider.

THE CITY'S FINANCES. IS RECEIVED BY SELECT COUNCIL I understand and appreciate the fac that the resources of the city do not admit of the appropriation of the sums of money necessary to carry out the im-provements suggested above and others It Is Not an Exhaustive Document, but Covers Many of the Problems which will readily suggest themselves to those who have made a study of muni-cipal affairs. The question how to pro-Now Confronting the City--Some Pertinent Facts About the Police vide for these necessities must be solved and Street Departments--Urges a A bond issue has been suggested as the Halt on the Bond Issue Until the proper proceeding. If it is, in your judg-ment, the best remedy, it should be ap-plied at once. If, on the other hand, it Result of New Assessment Is Known s your opinion that the increased reve Mayor Bailey's annual message was

nue arising from the newly made trienntal assessment shall prove sufficient to take submitted to select council last night. It was a document of eight typewritcare of the city's needs, you should let icn pages of legal cap, but was not as these improvements remain in abeyance exhaustive as will be another message for a year. The total bonded indebtedness of the to be submitted in April, although it city of Scranton at this time is but \$2,-000. This is remarkably small for a city covers in a general way many of the of this class. We must take into consid The message was read by City Clerk eration, however that other cities whose debt is compared with that of Scranton Lavelle immediately after the opening of the session and was ordered "reown their own water works and light ceived and filed." It is not likely that

plants. Comparison, therefore, with these cities is scarcely fair. It is difficult at this time to estimate its sub-divisions will receive any paricular attention or action by commitcity's net indebtedness because of tees, councils or departments as it has he fact that the books of the city been the custom to await the spring urer have not yet been balanced for the message, excerpts from which are disyear just closed, and the city controller is likewise unable to furnish definite fig-ures which will bring the report of the tributed among the committees and departments for whatever consideraion or action may be deemed proper. elty's finances up to date. At a rough estimate, I would calculate the city's net indebtedness at \$50,000. On this Following is the message in full : To the Select and Common Councils of

showing, a bond leave of more than \$100,-600 is possible under the law. Before passing this subject of finance. In accordance with the requirements of the Act of 1889 relating to cities of the would advise the councils and particularly the board of revision and appeals to scrutinize carefully the new triennial third class, I present herewith for your third class, I present herewith for your consideration my annual message. The language of the statute in question is this: "He," the mayor, "shall communi-cate to councils at their first stated mest-ing in January of each year, and from time to time, as he may deem expedient, and the state of the could find the assessment and to ascertain and make public whatever of inequality or injustice they may find therein. The matter is one which concerns every citizen, and, if wrong has been done either intentionally or by neglect, the time for its remedy is a statement of the condition and affairs of the city in respect to its government. now.

finances and improvements, together with suggestions and recommendations of all such measures as he may deem conducive to the interests and welfare thereof." It THE CITY'S IMPROVEMENTS. Scranton's improvements during 1897 ave been neither many nor notable. It s my purpose in this message to follow losely the spirit of the statute and the was unreasonable to expect otherwise with a sum of money at your disposal, barely sufficient for the maintenance of THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY. the city's property, the payment of its

officials and employes and the construc-tion of absolutely necessary works. There is much to be done and the amount which Scranton cecupies a unique position among the cities of the United States in the matter of the number of police officers and the efficiency with which the few policemen do their work. In preportion to your estimates committee will have at its disposal will be entirely inadequate t supply the needs. its area and population Scranton has the smallest police force in the United States. When the number of its policemen and There is one thing, however, for which it should make provision. That is the cleaning of the walls of City Hall and the

its area and population are considered to-gether, it shows forth as the best gov-erned city and the freest from crime and tiling of the City Hall corridors. The existing condition of the building, which is supposed to be representative of the disorder in the nation. These are not idle surmises, but facts founded upon carefulcity's prosperity, good taste and thrift, is a disgrace to any municipality. The impression which a visitor receives on en-Under the command and guidance of tering this building must reflect discredit upon us who have the care and the re-bair of this property in our charge. A good rule for public officers is: Guard and care for the public money and the public property as you would if it were cours on None of your would allow your Scranton. It is neither fair, reasonable nor just, however, to expect that the mere handful of men now doing patrol your own. None of you would allow your home to assume the seedy aspect of the City Hall at the present time. duty shall continue to be held account-able for the peace and good order of so

Under the head of improvements must also come the consideration of the fitting up of the city's parks. It has been freuently said that Scranton is a young city, and that all these things will come in time. I am not a believer in this domaking provision for so apparent a muninothing-sit-down-and-wait policy. If these things are good for posterity, they are equally beneficial to us. There is no good reason why the child of the poor man of today should not enjoy the parks and the sources of health and pleasure which The fire department of the city of will contribute to the welfare of the child of a later generation. We who believe in Scranton's growth and in its permanent

THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE.



VAN HORN'S NECK MAY BE SAVED

At All Events, the County Will Be Put to the Trouble and Expense of Another Trial--If the Lower Court

Refuses to Grant It the Supreme Court Assuredly Will, Lawyers Claim, in the Face of the Facts. The Disputed Words.

There seems now little question bu

that George Van Horn, the convicted murderer of Mrs. Josephine Wescott, cils, as follows: will get a new trial. He may get it from the local court, but the chances are that he won't. He will almost as-

suredly get it from the Supreme court if the case is appealed, and the probabilities are that it will be, in the event of the lower court refusing to grant the petition Four words in the judge's charge i

what will cause the county to be put to the expense of another trial of this case, and possibly by some chance or accident permit a murderer to escape his just dues.

These four words are the disputed utterance of Judge Archbald in the opening part of his charge. According to the stenographic notes of the official court stenographer, Willis D. Coston, Judge Archbald said: "All unlawful killing is presumed to be murder of the

first degree," which is an incorrect presentation of the law as Judge Archbald himself says. The judge contends, and the note-book from which he read this part of the charge substantiate his contention, that he said: "All unlaw-

ful killing is presumed to be murder. That he said "of the first degree," Judge Archbald most emphatically denies, and further contends that it would have been impossible to have made such a misstatement without either the attorneys in the case or some of the lawyers sitting about the enclosure having noticed the mistake, which anybody who is at all familiar with the law knows would result in a complete upsetting of the whole proceedings, if not corrected.

WORDS SCRATCHED OUT.

Upon reading over the typewritten transcript of the charge Judge Archbaid noticed the alleged misquotation and scratched it out. With this amendment he gave it his official approval. Attorneys L. P. Wedeman and E. W. Thayer, counsel for Van Horn, had been furnished a copy of the charge, as is the custom, and they, too, noticed the error at once. Scarcely believing that such a thing could be true, they excitedly hurried to Stenographer Coston's office and, showing him the false statement of law, asked him if he was surp he had reported the judge correctly.

Coston had not before this Mr. noticed the very evident misstatement of law and was somewhat surprised that it had escaped his attention. He was not positive, speaking from memory, that he had not inadvertently added the fatal words "of the first degree," but upon questioning his notes he at once became positive that he had There in its place, following the not. words "All unlawful killing is presumed to be," was the word sign for "murder first degree" and above it in long hand was written the prepositon



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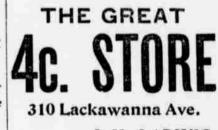


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MOTORMAN JAMES' WATCH.

Found at the Place Where He Hurriedly Left flis Car.

collision of a street car with P. J. Jordan's wagon Tuesday night oc-cui 'ed at 7.40 o'clock. At least that is le told by a watch which is supped a to have stopped going at the time of the accident.

To be exact the watch stopped running just a few seconds previous to the crash. It was the property of John James, motorman of the car. When he saw a smash-up was inevitable Motorman James took a flying leap into a snow bank on the side of the track. In the excitement following James forgot all about time. He was a way behind, he knew that, but he never thought of looking at his watch.

Wednesday evening Motorman James discovered that his watch was lost He didn't know where and he had a certain horror about visiting the scene of the smash-up.

The sequel follows: A car on the Taylor line was passing the spot yes-terday afternoon when Conductor Barney McGill suddenly caught the bell rope and gave it a twang. Before the car was off Conductor, McGill was of and digging his hands into a heap of snow. He brought up a sliver watch on a long gold chain. His eagle eye had detected the bar shining on the

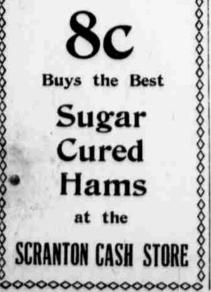
surface of the snow. The watch was down a foot deeper on the ground. The watch hands showed 7.40 o'clock. The time piece was returned to Motorman James, none the worse for its experience.

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DIED.

HOPKINS-In Scranton, Wednesday, Jan 5, 1898, Mrs. Patrick Hopkins, aged 81 years. Funeral on Saturday at 3 p. m. from her late residence, 1115 Clover street, interment in Hyde Park Catholic cometery.



during the past year. So prompt, so prave and so faithful has been its ser-vice that but few large fires have occurred and the example of fearless devotion to duty by Scranton's firemen have attracted the attention of the entire country. I would briefly refer to the action of the firemen of the Scranton fire de-partment at the Olchefski fire, when the men, at the risk of death, from frightful explosions, successfully fought what threatened to be a disastrous conflagration, and also to the heroism of the mer at the Von Storch mine fire. The fact that the department is still, for the greater part, a volunteer body adds to the

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

cipal need

credit which must be attached to the line record of 1897. The advisability and the fairness of making Scranton's fire department wholly paid has been urged by me in previous messages. I take this opportunity to again urge councils to take this action. I also approve of the idea of raising the wages of the permanent men. The wage

of \$20 per month is entirely too small for men who are on duty twenty-four hours in every day and three hundred and sixty-Hickey is due the greater part of the credit for the harmony which exists in the department and the efficiency of its events. service. BOARD OF HEALTH.

The board of health has done its work well during the year 1897. Sensible sani-tary regulations have been prescribed and their observance has been in no way burdenrome. The reports show that he health of the citizens, as a whole, has been remarkably good, and that the saws of sanitation have already borne good fruit. The city's crematory has performed an unobtrusive but none the less an important part in the bringing about of this desirable condition. I would recommend that its good work be supplemented by a Total system of scavenger carts which would daily or twice a week convey the city's refuse to the furnaces.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Street Commissioner A. B. Dunning has accomplished much work with little moncy since he assumed office. He has introduced several novel ideas into the work of his department, and, even with the experience of only a few months, they seem to have justified the experi-ments. In this connection I would call attention to the necessity which exists for an increased appropriation for this department. There is not a city in the United States which does not make better provision for the cleaning of its streets than Scranton. When the connection between clean streets and the health of the city is considered, it would certainly seem that we cannot afford to be parsimonious in making provision for this department I would suggest that the system of scav-enger carts, which I mentioned in con-nection with the hea're department, might be directed by the street commis-slover and, under his direction, might be

an important factor in the cleaning of city's streets. a relation to street repairs, I would

call to the attention of councils the condition of the attention of councils the con-dition of the streets in sections of the South Side and the North End. I need only to refer to the councilmen from these sections for anale corroboration for this statement. Another matter which deserves your attention is that of per-manent and prominent signs at street corners for the information of our own citizens and of strangers. The signs which were but up some years ago have, in most cases, disappeared and the few re-maining are in an almost obliterated condition. The care of the city's sewers also comes within the work of this depart-ment. I find that some of the older sew-ers are giving the street commissioner and the city engineer and their men much trouble. Faulty construction is the main cause of all this

main cause of all this DODGES THE LIGHT ISSUE.

bobbles THE LIGHT ISUL. While Scranton is behind other cities of its class in the matters I have enum-erated, it is just as pronouncedly in ad-vance of these same cities in the matter of the lighting of its streets. It has the deserved reputation of being the best lighted city in the country. This fact ac-counts, in great measure, for the ease with which it is governed, and I would call this circumstance to the attention of

and increasing prosperity should not bes tate to give to our fellow citizens all the necessities and refinements of civilization with which the most advanced cities are equipped. No good business man would allow his property to stand still if it possessed one-tenth the possibilities of Scranton. Yeu should let up-to-date or

business sense govern you in this matter. SOME REASONS. The improvements, which I have suggested would cost much money, it is true, but they would make of Scranton a city, they would attract outside capital, and best of all, they would greatly and stead-ily increase our population by the accession of families now residing in small cities and towns and in the agricuitural districts, where the fame of our progress

and our refinements would reach them. These are considerations which must appeal with great force to every man who loves his city, and who desires not only the exaltation of his city's name, but the safety, health and pleasure of himself and of those who are near and dear to him. Following is a statement of the differ-

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Wanna avenue.

ent improvements and the cost of the same, constructed under the supervision of the city engineer's department from

April 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1898: Grading 1,862 2 Culverts Inspection on culvert ... Inspection on sewers 1.230 00

\$56,620 12 It will be observed that the greater por-tion of these improvements, such as pavements and sewers, were made by the property holders residing along the line of said works.

ANOTHER MESSAGE.

The message and the reports and suggestions herein contained will be supple-mented by another message in April of this year. In the meantime I would ask ou to shrefully consider the things which will dvance the interests of the tax pay-e whom you represent, and to aid me in the carrying out of the ideas here advanced and such others as may from time to time occur to us. I appreciate the faithfulness and the disinterestedness of your services during the year just past, and on behalf of the taxpayers, thank and you for your efforts. James G. Bailey.

Mayor. SONS OF VETERANS DELEGATES.

They Will Hold a Meeting in This

City Today. Delegates from the several camps of the Sons of Veterans in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties will meet this afternoon in the rooms of Ezra Griffin Post in this city. These delegates form a committee the duty of which is to look after the interests of the Sons in this district. The meetings are held at the call of the secretary.

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branch will be in charge of Mr. Wilson Sometimes it is called "murder in the first degree," and again it is referred Bailey. to as "murder of the first degree. Judge Archbald is very particular in his language, and knowing this and realizing that he would be exceptionally particular in this charge, Mr. Coston, as if by some fateful direction,

resolved at the outset of the charge to mark in the preposition that Judge Archbald would use, instead of supplying it upon making the typewritten transcript, as is done with prepositions, articles and words that are easily implied.

In a number of places in the charge the word sign "murder first degree" occurs and wherever it appears the preposition is written in long hand above it.

THE PREPOSITIONS INDICATED. Sometimes the judge said "in" and at other times "of," but in each case stenographer made sure to indicate the stenographer made sure to indicate in long hand which was used. That these were not afterwards inserted by the stenographer is reasonably proven by the fact that Messrs. Wedeman.



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