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CITY NOTES.

There will be a meeting of directors of Florence mission this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The high and training school committee of the board of control will meet this evening. The Woman's Keeley league will meet this evening. All members are requested to be present. An inspection of the books in the public schools will be made tomorrow by the text book committee of the board of control. Delton Dennison, of South Scranton, was held under \$500 bail by Alderman Howe yesterday for assault and battery on his wife. The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at two of its largest collieries, the Coal Brook and Wilson Creek, at Carbondale. There will be business of importance at the meeting this afternoon of the Central Woman's Christian Temperance union at 3 o'clock. This is the last day for filing certificates of election from this city and Carbondale. Jan. 22 will be the last day for filing nomination papers. City Solicitor McKinley was yesterday furnished with the names of the members of the Delaware and Hudson company for which a charter will be secured. In the court house yesterday Jerome B. Kelly, of Avoy, Wayne county, was married to Mrs. Frances E. Decker, of this city. She is 69 years of age and he is 55. Both have been married before. The new kindergarten building, erected by the Delaware and Hudson company at Oliphant, will be opened with appropriate exercises this afternoon at 2 o'clock. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Green Ridge will hold its meeting at the home of Mrs. Stone, the secretary, 230 New York street. The directors of the Third National bank met yesterday and elected the following officers: President, William Connelley; vice president, Henry E. Peck, cashier and secretary, William H. Peck. Invitations have been issued for the sixth annual masquerade social of the Enterprise Dancing class at Excelsior hall, Wyoming avenue, Thursday evening, Jan. 27, 1898. The affairs of past years have been very enjoyable events, and instructor Harry Taylor is arranging for a similar affair for this year. The last evening of this month occurs the concert in the Young Men's Christian association hall, on Wyoming avenue, under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association. Those who sang at the New Year reception and those who took part in the Old Folks' concert at this board join a success two years ago, will unite in giving a grand concert of choruses, duets and solos in costumes. Admission only 25 cents. Get your dinner today at White's New Cafe, 247 Wyoming avenue. For ill effects of over eating—BEECHAM'S PILLS.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRADE

Officers Were Elected and Some Unimportant Business Transacted.

LUTHER KELLER THE NEW PRESIDENT

John T. Porter Elected Vice-President, A. W. Dickson and D. B. Atherton Re-elected Treasurer and Secretary, Respectively, and J. A. Lansing Elected Trustee—Committee Reported on Commercial Water Rates and a Proposed Increase in the Tax on Poles.

Last night's annual meeting of the board of trade developed, in addition to the election of officers, action in reference to agitating for an increase in the present tax on poles and a continuation of the manufacturers' committee investigation of the water rate question. Secretary Atherton's annual report, which is published in full on another page, was read and referred to the publication committee for publication.

The following officers were elected: President, Luther Keller; vice president, John T. Porter; treasurer, A. W. Dickson; secretary, D. B. Atherton; trustee, J. A. Lansing. Mr. Keller has for a long time been vice president of the board.



LUTHER KELLER, The Newly Elected President of the Scranton Board of Trade.

dent and chairman of the most active manufacturers' committee the board has ever had. He succeeds Captain W. A. May. In accepting the presidency Mr. Keller thanked the board for its compliment in electing him. The past year, as shown in the secretary's report, had been, he said, the most gratifying in the board's history. No little credit was due the retiring president and it would be the speaker's aim to do as well as Mr. May had done. He would at the February meeting appoint the standing committees and have something further to say. Mr. Dickson, who succeeds himself as treasurer, enters his twenty-first successive term in that office. All the elections were without contest. The nominations were made at the December meeting of the board.

MANUFACTURERS' REPORT.

The report of the manufacturers' committee on water rates was as follows: Scranton, Pa., Jan. 17, 1898. To the President and Members, Scranton Board of Trade. Gentlemen: Your Manufacturers' committee respectfully submit the following statement of water rates to manufacturers in seventeen of the principal cities of the country. These rates are per one thousand (1,000) gallons for the daily average consumption indicated by the figures at top of each column, to wit:

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Rate per 1000 Gallons. Includes cities like Scranton, Pa., Bethlehem, Pa., etc.

In view of having received the above information, and for which we are indebted to the secretaries of the several Boards of Trade in these cities, we recommend that this board join with the different manufacturers and consumers of Scranton in petitioning the Scranton Gas and Water company to reduce their present rates to manufacturing rates; and we further recommend that the president and secretary be instructed to sign the petition for this board.

Respectfully submitted, Luther Keller, Chairman.

Mr. Lansing believed the committee should have recommended a uniform rate of about 5 cents to all commercial customers. In response to Mr. Lansing's question, Mr. Keller, chairman of the committee, said the committee had considered the matter and were of the opinion that a uniform rate of 6 cents per thousand gallons, instead of the present scale of from 20 cents downwards would be fair. Scranton consumers, he said, were paying greatly in excess of the Buffalo and Philadelphia rates of 2 1/2 and 4 cents. The committee, he concluded, deemed it best to leave the stipulated rate to the wisdom of the board.

A motion offered by Mr. Lansing prevailed, that the matter be referred to the committee for further investigation and a report on a uniform rate for this city.

THE POLE TAX.

The legislation and taxes committee, through its chairman, H. E. Paine, presented the following in reference to the pole tax: Going back a few years in the history

of this board, it will be remembered that this committee made quite a full report upon the advisability of levying a tax upon all poles in this city carrying electric wires. The conclusions of that report were that all poles should be taxed \$2 annually. This report of the committee was approved by unanimous action on the part of this board. Subsequently councils took up the subject and passed an ordinance taxing all poles fifty cents annually, which said ordinance is in force at the present time, and yields an annual revenue of about \$500.

This action on the part of councils was in the right direction, but fell far short of the rate of taxation recommended by the committee. Councils evidently wishing to go no farther than to impose a nominal tax. The conditions of the cities business have changed very materially since that time, and it now seems advisable for councils to take up the subject and levy the full amount of tax recommended by the committee. There is no disposition on the part of this board to urge anything improper upon councils, but our city is in urgent need of money to take care of the absolute necessities of the city government. This being so it seems only right that the Electric companies of this city should bear at least very small proportion of the burdens of taxation.

In conclusion we invite any proper committee of councils to meet with our committee that we may have a personal conference on the subject, as we believe that we will be able to show that Scranton should impose the same amount of tax upon all poles that is levied by other cities of the same class.

We therefore urge that the president of this board and the matter is properly presented to councils.

Mr. Paine remarked that the supreme court had upheld the pole tax in the case of the city of Easton whose councils established a \$2 tax. Bethlehem, he said, operates a tax of \$1 per pole and \$1 for each mile of wire. The report was adopted.

Peter Stipp was elected a member. The application of John A. Mears was by rule, and over until the next meeting. The resolution of R. M. Scranton was, on motion laid over until the next meeting.

A letter from a committee of the National board of trade asked the Scranton body to petition the Congressman from this district and Pennsylvania's two United States senators to support the Frye bill which provides for the creation of a department of commerce and industry. A resolution presented by W. A. May and adopted directed the secretary to comply with the National board's request.

A half hour's debate followed the reading of a communication from Civil Service Reform League. It urged the board to send a memorial to congress asking adverse action on the proposed modification of the civil service system. Mr. Paine's motion to table was lost as was Mr. Fuller's motion to defer action until the February meeting. Mr. Lansing's motion to grant the league's request was adopted.

Immediately before adjournment unpaid dues amounting to \$700 were referred to the finance committee.

DINNER GIVEN BY JUDGE WILLARD.

It Was in Honor of His Late Associates on Superior Bench.

The most august and influential body of men who have gathered together in a city for many a day were guests of Judge E. N. Willard at the Scranton club in the board of trade building last night. The occasion was a dinner given by Judge Willard to his recent associates of the superior court, the three judges of the county court and several of his intimate business and personal friends.

The dinner was served in the private dining room on the upper floor occupied by the club. Covers were laid for twenty-three persons as follows:

- C. D. Simpson. John Jermy. Hon. F. W. Gunster. T. H. Watkins. Hon. H. M. Edwards. Hon. H. A. Knapp. Hon. L. A. Watres. Everett Warren. Hon. W. W. Porter.

- Hon. Charles E. Rice. Hon. E. N. Willard. W. F. Halliday. Hon. George E. Orady. Henry Belin, Jr. A. D. Holland. W. T. Smith. Hon. R. W. Archibald. Hon. John J. Wickham. E. L. Fuller. Hon. P. P. Smith.

General James A. Beaver, of the superior court, had been an expected guest but was unable to be present and sent his regrets yesterday afternoon.

In the arrangement of the table, service and menu, the club's steward, George O'Neill, had been given an order almost carte blanche and the result was a dinner which has not been surpassed in appointments in the club's history. The table was lavishly decorated with a large quantity of roses and smilax and the adjoining reception room with tropical plants.

The menu was as follows: Blue Points. Green Turtle Soup. Olives. Radish. Salted Almonds. Celery. Hollandaise Sauce. Parsnips Potatoes. Entree. Terrapin a la Maryland. Roast. Fillet Beef. Larded Fresh Mushrooms. Potato Croquette. French Peas. Sorbet Kirsh. Game. Canvass Back Duck. Lettuce Tomato. Mayonnaise. Commenber Toasted Chestnuts. Fancy Ice Cream. Cake. Coffee.

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SECOND WEEK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Counties from Which Appeals Will Be Heard.

CASES CONSIDERED YESTERDAY

Appeal from the Judgment of the Carbon County Courts in the Case of the Commonwealth Against Michael Lewis, Appellant, Was Argued—Very Complicated Case from Bradford County Occupied a Considerable Amount of Time in Court.

The superior court re-convened at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to hear appeals from Monroe, Carbon, Wyoming, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike counties. There was one case from Carbon, two from Bradford, two from Susquehanna and two from Wayne. All but the last two were reached yesterday. It is expected that the hearing of appeals will be concluded today. Judge Reeder still continues to ill to attend the sessions.

The first case argued was that of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against Michael Lewis, appellant, an appeal from the judgment of the court of quarter sessions of Carbon county. Frederick Bertelette and H. Y. Kaufman appeared for the appellant and the Commonwealth was represented by District Attorney E. O. Nottstein and Horace Heydt.

Michael Lewis was a partner of Lewis Frank in the clothing business at Lansford. Moses Miller, a creditor of Lewis Frank, issued an execution against the stock in the store on Jan. 27, 1887. During the night Lewis removed nearly all the goods from the store and secreted them in the house of a relative in Berks county. He was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and spend three months in the county jail. He tried for a new trial on specifications of error by the trial judge but was refused and thereupon appealed.

BRADFORD APPEALS.

Two Bradford county appeals were next called. The first was Hubert Rockwell appellant, against S. B. Tupper and others, an appeal from the judgment of common pleas. D. A. Overton and J. C. Ingam argued for the appellant and I. McPherson for the appellees. Rockwell was the president of the Stevensville Creamery association, limited, of Pike township, a joint stock association, organized under the Act of June 2, 1874. Tupper had a claim against the association and brought suit before a justice of the peace. The association did not wish to appeal the claim and made no appearance. Judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff and some time later he caused an execution to issue against the household goods and other personal property of Rockwell. Believing that the record showed no personal judgment against him, he applied for a bill of injunction. Judge E. M. Dunham, specially presiding, refused the injunction and an appeal from this judgment was taken.

The other appeal from Bradford was a complicated case about a judgment note. It was entitled John Sullivan, jr., to the use of J. P. Kirby, appellant, against Emily Coolbaugh, A. D. Coolbaugh, Edward Walker, administrator of F. H. Coolbaugh, appeal from the judgment of the court of common pleas. I. McPherson appeared for the

appellant and W. J. Young for the appellee. The note in question was for \$1,100 and was loaned to the Coolbaugh estate and applied in the settlement of its debts.

VARIOUS CLAIMS.

When everything had been paid and an accounting made it was found that only \$45.21 remained in the administrator's hands. Kirby, the holder of the Sullivan note, claimed it by virtue of another judgment of \$400, which he held against F. H. Coolbaugh. Emily Coolbaugh also claimed it on her right of subrogation in the Sullivan judgment as a surety of the other defendants therein. The question at issue is whether or not this second lien of Kirby's takes precedence over the subrogation of the sureties on the first lien.

The next two appeals were those of Le Grand Wells from the decree of the orphans' court of Susquehanna county in the estate of Erastus Potter, deceased. His first appeal was from the decree of distribution and his second, from the widow's inventory and appraisal. It appears that the decedent owed Wells \$300 on some judgment notes. The widow who was bequeathed the whole estate arranged for an extension of time on the notes, but after a delay of three years laid claim for exemption from the real estate. An auditor sustained exceptions made by Wells to this claim but court overruled the exceptions. Hence the appeal. T. J. Davis appeared for the appellant and A. B. Smith, jr., for the appellee. No opinions were handed down yesterday.

"A Winter in Florence."

Colonel Ezra H. Ripple has consented to deliver his exceedingly interesting and valuable lecture describing his imprisonment during the Civil war in Florence prison, on Tuesday evening, January 18, for members of the Railroad department, Young Men's Christian association, and their families. The lecture will be illustrated with forty stereoscopic views made especially for Colonel Ripple. Lecture begins at 8 o'clock.

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Table No. 2. Imported Decorated China Plates that were 22c. Oyster Dishes, decorated in three colors. Celery Trays that sold for 25c. Individual Great Plates—spray decorations, 18c value. Large Platters reduced from 20c. China Plates, open work edge, decorations of daisies—were 25c.

Table No. 3. About one hundred Tea Plates, variety of decorations—were 12c. Imported China Plates—were 15c. Oyster Dishes that were 15c. Sauce Dishes that were 15c.

Table No. 4. Fine Dresden Plates, gold trim, that were 35c. After Dinner Cups and Saucers, 15c. Dishes, were 30c to 50c. 4-rod stippled Plates—were 30c. Butter Dishes, with blue, that were 35c. Sugar Bowl Pitchers, Vegetable Dishes, Vases etc., value 25c to 60c, all on this table.

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