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Note These Prices:

Balance of our Men's Fine Shoes, former price $3 to $5,

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Ladies' $3.00 Handsewed, Welt Shoes; these are the best grade of welt shoes; with patent tip or stock tips,

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CITY NOTES.

The ladies of Penn Avenue church serve a chicken supper this evening.

The Scranton Glee club will hold its first rehearsal tonight in L. B. Powell's warerooms.

The regular meeting of the Fraternal Mystic circle will be held at Raub's hall tonight at 8 o'clock sharp.

Michael Ludgate, of Taylor, and Lizzie McVarish, of Scranton, were granted marriage licenses yesterday.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western collieries hereabouts are working three eight-hour days this week.

Miss Lizzie Jackson had her husband, Thomas Jackson, arrested yesterday for assault and battery. The case was settled before Alderman Howe.

Tomorrow is the last day for filing certificates of nomination from boroughs and townships. Next Monday, Jan. 31, is the last day for filing nomination papers for borough or township offices.

Final rehearsal for old folks' concert tonight. All who are to take part in the concert next Monday evening are requested to meet at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association this evening at 8.30 o'clock.

R. J. Beamish appeared before Alderman John T. Howe yesterday and entered bail in the sum of $1,000 on the charge of criminal libel preferred by Edward A. and his wife, Elizabeth Leete. Attorney Frank E. Boyle qualified as bondsman.

The ladies of the Second Presbyterian church will serve a turkey supper Friday evening commencing at 6 o'clock. Extra tables will be placed in the dining room to accommodate the large crowd which always attend these supper at an earlier hour than usual.

The regular monthly meeting of the Keystone Campaign club will be held in their hall, Howard place, Thursday evening, to which all colored voters are requested to be present, as business pertaining to the February election will be transacted. By order of the president, Lewis E. Morton, secretary.

The funeral of James Glynn, who was killed in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad Monday night, will take place Friday morning from the home of his parents, 1017 Bennett street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated in Holy Rosary church and interment will be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

Mayor Bailey yesterday signed the following councilmanic resolutions: Directing the street commissioner to have signs placed on all streets and courts in the Eighteenth ward; providing for fire hydrants on Charles street near the property of Richard Jones, and on Wilbur street near the Linney property; directing the building inspector and chief of the fire department to examine the Neptune engine house, estimate the cost of repairing it and report to councils.

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2 BARGAINS.

Succotash, can.....5c

Succotash, dozen.....50c

Apricots, 1lb.....5½c

THE SCRANTON CASH STORE.

PLUMBERS WANT AN INSPECTOR APPOINTED

They Object to the Shoddy Work of Unscrupulous Competitors.

ORDINANCE NOW BEFORE COUNCIL

It Will Make It Extremely Difficult to Do Plumbing Contrary to the Rules of the Board of Health and Is Championed by the Most Prominent Plumbing Firms--Inspector to Devote His Whole Time to the Business.

The several and emphatic protests of the city's most prominent plumbing firms against the non-enforcement of the board of health's plumbing rules has resulted in the drafting of an ordinance creating the office of plumbing inspector. The ordinance was introduced at last week's meeting of select council. It was referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, which will return a favorable report, and has been printed.

The ordinance is advocated by well-known plumbers who believe that an inspector will prevent the cheap and unlawful plumbing work now being performed by contractors who are able to underbid the best plumbing firms. The underbidding is now possible only because the smaller contractors are able to ignore the board of health rules without fear of detection. Following is the ordinance:

Section 1. Be it ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Scranton, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same. That there be and is hereby created the office of plumbing inspector. Such inspector shall be a practical plumber, who has been engaged in the active duties of his said occupation for at least ten years, and shall have been a resident of the city at least one year, immediately preceding his appointment.

He shall be appointed, as provided by law for the appointment of all city officers created by ordinance for a term of three years from the date of his appointment; he shall not succeed himself in said office.

MUST PASS EXAMINATION.

The said plumbing inspector shall be required, before his appointment, to pass an examination before a board composed of five persons, consisting of one architect, two master and two journeymen plumbers, which board shall be chosen by the mayor, and to produce to the select council on the occasion of his confirmation, a certificate of competency from at least a majority of said board, and no member of said board shall be eligible to the office of plumbing inspector while acting in capacity of examiner.

It shall be the duty of the said mayor to designate a time and place and give public notice thereof by publication at least three times in two daily papers of the city when said board will convene for said examination. Such examination shall be open to any plumber with a practical experience as specified above. All candidates shall be examined by said board in both the theory and practice of plumbing and his clerical ability to conduct the said office. After such examination, said board shall report in writing to the mayor the names of those persons to whom certificates have been issued, and from such persons the mayor shall appoint said inspector. If such inspector proves at any time incompetent, dishonest, or in any way unsuited to the office, he may be removed for cause by said mayor, who shall immediately after such removal, proceed to the appointment of an inspector, to be qualified as above for the unexpired term. Any candidate holding a certificate of qualification, received from the examining board within three years, may be appointed without a new examination.

Members of said board of examiners shall each be paid fifteen dollars for their services during such examination.

HAS TO GIVE A BOND.

The said plumbing inspector shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the mayor to faithfully and impartially execute the duties of his office and shall file same in the office of the city clerk and shall give a bond in the sum of three thousand ($3,000) dollars, with two or more sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. Such bond shall be subject to the approval of the city councils. Such bondsmen shall not be engaged in any manner in the industry of plumbing.

The said inspector shall be provided with an office in the municipal building or such place as may be provided by the city councils, where it shall be his duty to keep a record, showing description of work performed during his term of office and shall also keep plans and specifications of all work inspected by him, properly filed and indexed.

It is also made the duty of said inspector upon being served with a notice requiring him to visit and inspect any building upon or in which any work is being done under the provisions of this ordinance, to do so. If said inspector shall fail or neglect to attend within forty-eight hours after notice is served for that purpose, it shall be deemed sufficient cause for removal from office.

It shall be the duty of the plumbing inspector to see that all plumbing work shall be done in accordance with the rules approved by the board of health or city ordinance.

CAN ENTER BUILDINGS.

The said inspector shall so far as the same is necessary for the performance of his duties, have the right to enter any building or premises in the city between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m., to examine and inspect the plumbing in process of construction and to direct the suspension of any work which does not conform to the regulations prescribed by city ordinance or board of health, and no person shall continue work after said plumbing inspector has directed in writing the suspension thereof for such reason.

The plumbing inspector shall be paid a fixed annual salary of fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars per annum.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, unless herein otherwise specified, be subject to a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $100, and may be imprisoned until such fine and costs are paid, not exceeding thirty (30) days. Any builder or contractor who shall construct, or any architect having charge of the same, who shall permit to be constructed plumbing in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be liable to the penalties and punishment provided for and imposed by this ordinance.

Any ordinance or part of ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed so far as they conflict.

UNDER THE COMPULSORY LAW.

Father Sued Because His Children Do Not Attend School.

The first case in this city growing out of the compulsory education law has come before Alderman Donohue. The defendant was J. H. Clark, whose children, William and James, aged 10 and 12 years, have attended school only a few days during the term, according to the information sworn out by Truant Officer Connors. At the hearing attorney James L. Lenahan appeared for the school board and Messrs. Mullaney and Murray, teachers in the Centennial and Hill street buildings, appeared as witnesses, as did also Truant Officer Connors.

According to the new law children between the ages of 8 and 16 years are compelled to attend school at least 70 per cent. of the term, unless ample cause is shown to prove that they cannot attend; provided, however, that pupils between the ages of 13 and 16, who are employed at some useful work, shall be exempt from this law; and provided, also, that they shall be exempt if they do not live within two miles of a school.

Mr. Clark's defense was that his boys are incorrigible and play truant. One of the boys has attended only thirteen days and the other only seventeen days this term, as shown by the record kept by the teachers.

Clark was fined the costs, $5.10 and ordered to send his boys to the House of Refuge if they still refuse to attend school.

There are a number of other cases which will be pushed by the board of school government.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

A PRINCELY GIFT.

Ex-Sheriff Robinson Presents a Check for $1,000 to the Local Lodge of Elks at Its Social Session.

The Elks met in social session last evening at their rooms on Franklin avenue, it being the initial affair of 1898. There were nearly two hundred guests present beside the members. Major W. S. Millar, Fred C. Hand and William Gould were the committee of arrangements. Hon. C. Ben Johnson was the master of ceremonies and Bauer's orchestra of twenty-five pieces furnished the music.

A big surprise was given to the Elks by ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson who presented the lodge with a check for $1,000.

The assemblage gathered in the handsome rooms at an early hour and there seemed a premonition in the very air, which hinted of much to come. Supreme Ruler W. J. Weichel made the opening remarks and selected Hon. C. Ben Johnson as the focus of the sociability, which was to follow. The orchestra gave their selections interspersed by vocal and instrumental numbers, speeches, etc. Professor Reeve Jones rendered an original piano solo. Brother Hess, of Lodge No. 1, New York city, told a story. Brother Prendergast, of Binghamton, really sang. Thomas J. Jordon, the inimitable, gave a combination of pathos, comedy and tragedy which caught every one. Speeches of every sore were made by Supreme Ruler W. J. Weichel, Hon. J. E. Barrett, J. Elliot Ross, Dr. P. F. Gunster, Major W. S. Millar, Fred C. Hand and others.

Ever and anon the master of ceremonies would fine some member some amount as a sort of balance. This evening of excessive and unequalled pleasure was ended by the joining of hands and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," with accompaniment of the orchestra.

FATE OF THE TILLIE.

Cubans Are Reticent About Discussing the Matter.

New York, Jan. 26.—Considerable reticence was exhibited at the Cuban junta today regarding the sinking of the Tillie. Senor Palma absolutely declined to say anything about the matter and officially it is given out that the junta had no connection with the ill-fated vessel.

Captain Berry, who commanded the Tillie and who was among those rescued, arrived in this city today. He stated that the cause of the sinking of the steamer was due to her pumps failing to work. He said that the old steamer was leaking when she left her, but that she would never have gone to the bottom had the pumps worked properly. Captain Petri, who in his official capacity as United States inspector of steam vessels, examined the Tillie not long ago, said today that he found her thoroughly seaworthy.

LADY SYKES GOES ABROAD.

An Evening Newspaper Intimates That She Has Gone for Good.

London, Jan. 26.—The announcement in the morning newspapers that Lady Tatton Sykes has gone abroad for the benefit of her health has caused much talk and an evening newspaper intimates that she has gone to a country from which there is no extradition.

Sir Tatton and Lady Sykes were defendants this month, in a suit brought by Daniel Jay, a money lender, to recover £15,780 advanced to Lady Sykes upon a promissory note purporting to be signed by Sir Tatton. The latter testified that the signature was forged and upon that evidence the court decided against Jay. The judge ordered the document in the case to be impounded, thus pointing to the likelihood of criminal proceedings to elucidate the authorship of Sir Tatton Sykes' signature.

DEATH OF ANDREW M. MOORE.

The Millionaire Proprietor of the Girard House Passes Away.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Andrew M. Moore, senior member of the firm of Moore & Sinnott, wholesale whiskey dealers, and owner of the Girard house, died today from a complication of diseases resulting from a severe fall two months ago.

Mr. Moore was in his eighty-fourth year, and leaves three sons. He was at one time reputed to be worth $10,000,000, but the fortune he leaves is estimated at $5,000,000. Mr. Moore was born at Moorestown, N. J., and came to this city when a young man. He immediately engaged in the whiskey business, starting as a cooper with John Gibson, the distiller. He worked his way into the firm and finally bought Mr. Gibson out. Mr. Moore was a director in the First National bank.

In Honor of Americus Vespucius.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Florence, Italy, is to celebrate on April 28 next a centennary in honor of Amerigo Vespucci, the great navigator and inventor of the quardant. The United States counsel has been selected to act as president of the consular commission.

Russian Fleet for China.

London, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Daily Graphic from Sebastopol says it is rumored there that a portion of the Russian Black sea fleet will be dispatched to China.

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BOARD OF TRADE DOING BUSINESS

Facts Develope in Relation to Several New Enterprises.

CARPET FACTORY MAY BE SECURED

Firm Has Been Found to Replace the One Which Failed to Locate Its Plant on the Tripp Addition--Kindling Wood Company Getting Ready to Do Business -- Handle Bar Agency Wants to Consolidate with the Hubbell Electric Lamp Co.

Despite the failure to establish the carpet manufacturing plant on the Tripp Land company's plot, it is possible that an effort now being made through another carpet concern will result in a successful issue. H. A. Porter, of Stroudsburg, who was instrumental in opening negotiations with McElroy and Sholes, the firm which failed to conclude the deal, when it was well under way, has begun to negotiate with a Philadelphia carpet manufacturing concern of considerable prominence. It is hoped by the promoters of the idea that the new firm will decide to locate here.

The board of trade is supporting Mr. Porter in his plan. He has been to Philadelphia, has the deal well in hand and will be in Scranton soon to confer with board of trade officers and negotiate for a site. It has been ascertained that the firm can furnish ample security for its building operations and will give a bond to begin manufacturing.

KINDLING WOOD FACTORY.

The establishing of a kindling wood factory in this city, as mentioned in The Tribune recently, is an assured fact. The machinery necessary for the business is now being put in position in the old Scranton Lathe shop on Dickson avenue. It is the intention of the promoters of the new enterprise to sell their wood to consumers by the barrel, delivered at their door. Order books will be placed at convenient points in different localities where orders may be left. Seasoned hard wood will be used in the manufacture. The business was made possible by the board of trade whose officials believe the enterprise will be a successful one.

It is intended at the opening of the season to add a carpet cleaning department to the venture. The firm is to be known as the Keystone Kindling Wood and Carpet Cleaning company.

Secretary Atherton, of the board of trade, has received a letter from John A. Morgan, of B. F. Allen & Co., of New York city, sales agents of the Yankee handle bars for bicycles saying that the writer would be in Scranton soon. The object of his visit will be to arrange for a possible consolidation of the advertising and sale of the handle bars with the Hubbell electric lamp. Before Captain Hubbell, president of the lamp company, left for England, Mr. Morgan was in this city several days and made a thorough inspection of the lamp and its temporary place of manufacture on Capouse avenue. The consolidation plan was discussed at that time but with no definite conclusion. Before President Hubbell and E. P. Bucklow, a director of the lamp company, sailed for London, Mr. Morgan conferred with them in New York city. He is now coming to Scranton to continue his negotiations with W. D. Boyer, attorney and secretary of the lamp company.

PROPOSED MATCH FACTORY.

The Lebanon gentlemen who are considering the establishment of a match factory in this city have interested in the venture several Scranton men of financial means. They visited the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon and conferred in reference to a site and an issue of bonds.

President Luther Keller and Secretary Atherton, of the board of trade, have accepted invitations from the Taylor board of trade to attend the latter's banquet next Wednesday evening.

FATHER AND SON BEGGARS.

Arrest of Two Mendicants by the Police Yesterday.

Two men, one gray-headed, the other a young man of perhaps 20 years, visited several stores on Washington avenue yesterday afternoon. Both exhibited bare forearms covered with sores and asked for money.

Patrolman John Hawks arrested the men in Forest court, near Linden street. They claim to be father and son.

Officers of Thouron Company.

At a meeting of the Thouron Coal Land company stockholders yesterday, the following directors were elected: Alfred Hand, J. T. Williams, W. R. Williams, W. J. Hand, Daniel Williams, W. T. Davis and T. H. Dale. In the organization of the board of directors, Alfred Hand was elected president; J. T. Williams, vice president; W. T. Davis, treasurer; T. H. Dale, secretary, and W. J. Hand, attorney.

FIRE IN A MAIL CAR.

The Contents of a Lehigh Valley Coach Destroyed.

Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 26.—A fire which broke out in the mail section of the combination smoker, express and mail car on the westbound Lehigh Valley train, which left New York at 9 o'clock last night, destroyed nearly all the mail matter in the car. The fire was discovered just after the train pulled into the Lehigh Valley station in this city early this morning. The flames spread quickly through the whole car and set fire to the baggage car ahead. The local fire department responded to an alarm, and meanwhile the combination car and the baggage car were separated. The flames were soon extinguished.

The fire is believed to have been due to the spontaneous combustion of a box of signal fuses. The mail car held the local mail for all points between this city and Sayre and considerable western mail. Some of the contents of the baggage car were also destroyed.

LUETGERT'S TRIAL.

Otto Klatt, a Bookbinder, the Most Important Witness.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Otto Klatt, a bookbinder, was the most important witness in the Luetgert murder trial today. Klatt testified that about 11 o'clock on the night of May 1 last, while driving past the Luetgert residence in Hermitage avenue, a woman came out of one of the houses, which he believed was Luetgert's and crossed the street in front of his rig. Klatt says he heard a gate slam, and before he saw her the woman was almost under the horses' feet. "She reached her hand up to stop my horse," said Klatt, "and I called out to her to look out or I'll run over her. She made no reply but went on across the street."

The witness said that the woman had a package under her arm and was about his size. Klatt said he could not see the woman clearly enough to identify her, either personally or by photograph.

Annual Watch Sale

Opens this morning. This lively and progressive store has made watch prices that will be talked about. Those who think January a dull month ought to drop in. Closing out crockery sale is on the jump—instant success from the start. History will repeat itself in the sale of watches:

15-year Gold Filled Watches, American works; $11 is their value. Sale price	$6.90
10-year cases fitted with Elgin jewelled works; $13 was, now	9.00
Solid Silver Watches, American works; $10 their value. Less than cost now	5.00
Hand - Engraved Watches, American works $6 is their value, Now	2.98
14K. Solid Gold, 17-jeweled adjusted Watches. Reduced from $67 to	42.00
20-year Case Watches, Elgin movements. $32 at Xmas time. Now selling at	19.50

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ANOTHER DIVORCE APPLICATION.

Margaret Bowen Says She Has a Cruel Husband.

Margaret Bowen yesterday, through Attorneys Taylor & Lewis, made application to court for divorce from her husband, David D. Bowen, who, she says, has treated her so cruelly that she has been compelled to withdraw from his companionship.

They were married March 24, 1892, and lived together until May 5, 1894.

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Brooms
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Toilet Set
10 pieces, filled in decoration, Harvard Shape, worth $5.00, Today, $3.44

Toilet Set
Print decoration, good shape, worth $2.00, Today, $1.39

Clothes' Baskets
Best Willow, three sizes, Today, 39c, 49c, 64c

Galvanized Buckets
Good size, best iron, Today, 10c

Dusting Brushes
That will sweep up the dust, Today, 10c

Floor Brushes
Full bristle, wire-drawn hair, Today, 49c

Whisk Broom
Large size, strong and full whisk, worth 15c, Today, 10c

Coffee Mills
That are easy to adjust and strong, Today, 24c

Knife Box
Divided in center, solid handle, Today, 10c

Deitz Tubular Lantern
Complete, spring globe lift, Today, 39c

Glass Oil Can
Fibre covered, holds more than a gallon, Today, 15c

Painted Slop Pail
With cover, Today, 19c

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