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BEFORE BREAKFAST. 22

Members of the Scranton Whist club played a match against a Carbondale team last night at the Bicycle club, the result being a score of plus 16 for the Scranton men and a minus 16 for Carbondale, making a total of 32 points, which were lost by the visiting team. The personnel was as follows: SCRANTON.

Dale-Broadbent. Price-Deans. Wallace and Spruks. Allabach and Pelton.

CARBONDALE. Humphries-Patterson. Butler-J. H. Reese. Hoole-A. G. Phese.

Davis-Blakesle. The managers of the Hone for the Friendless will hold a regular meeting this a noon at 2 o'clock,

Deputy Postmaster D. W. Powell is probably one of the most even tempered men in the service of the government. Mr. Powell can smile under conditions that would make the average man execute a war dance. chief clerk in the office of the county commissioners a few years ago, Mr. Powell was very popular, especially among the boys of the press, whose interests he always looked after with more than usual care. But whether answering the tiresome inquiries of the visiting scribe; figuring up a long column in the county statement or paying bounty on a fox scalp to a Spring Brook hunter, Clerk Powell was always the ideal of a patient official.

PERSONAL.

Professor R. J. Bauer is in New York. Miss Rose Caravan is paying a business visit to New York.

William A. Witman, of Reading, was a Scranton visitor yesterday. Miss Helen Walsh and Miss Margaret Jarrett, milliners, are in New York studying the spring styles.

Mrs. Rev. F. P. Daty, of Hampton street, left yesterday to attend the fu-neral of her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret

Swartwood, of Barton, N. Y. James Doyle, who has been chief clerk at the Westminster for some time, has resigned to accept a simffar position at the Grand Central on Lackawanna avenue. Proprietor P. H. Durkin intends to leave in a few days for Europe for an extended vist and during hs absence Mr. Doyle will be a charge of the Gran1 Central.

COUNCILS TRANSACT **MUCH BUSINESS**

Meetings Featured by Expedition and Absence of Debate.

BOTH BRANCHES WERE IN SESSION

Commoners Receive a Favorable Report in Relation to Illuminated Signs for the Trolley Cars -- Resolution of Importance to the fi.emen. City Engineer Asked to Estimate the Cost of Resurfacing Luckawanna and Washington Avenues

Both branches of councils met last night in sessions distinguished for their friendliness, freedom from lengthy debate and expedicion of business.

In the lower branch a verbal report was made by Captain Moir for the special committee recently appointed to confer with Scranton railway officlals relative to the use of illuminated signs on street cars at night and the posting of time tables on prominent street corners in the central city. Captain Moir reported that the matt was favorably received by Gener Manager Silliman and that the company had begun an investigation of several kinds of signs. Some difficulty would be experienced because of the necessary use of signs displaying the names of more than one street, but the company was as anxious as councils to have some feasible plan adopted. Mr. Silliman informed the committee that steps had already been taken to have the time tables posted by contract with an advertising concern. Captain Moir reported that General Manager Silliman humorously suggested that councils arrange to have street signs erected throughout the city and that e committee unanimously and seriou y endorsed the suggestion. The committee agreed with Mr. Silliman that the absence of street signs especially from the prominent corners, handicapped strangers in Scranton and did not speak well for what is reputed to be a progressive city. Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Zeidler served with Captain Moir on the committee.

REPORTED FAVORABLY.

Among the measures reported favorably by committee were the select council ordinances providing for a main sewer on North Main avenue, Providence road and Philo street, and creating sewer district No. 19 in the Fifth. Sixth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth wards. The former measure passed two read-

Mr. Sweeney's common council measstreet approach, 66 feet wide, from the southerly end of the Spruce street bridge to Prospect avenue, was reported favorably by committee. It was later called up by its author and pass-

ed two readings. A resolution, important to firemen, was introduced by Mr. Sweeney and adopted, directing the chief of the fire department to engage active firemen to fill vacancies caused by the sickness and vacations of permanent men, the substitutes to be from the companies in which the vacancies occur.

The street commissioner was directed

by resolution to remove the walls from both sides of Washington avenue where it crosses the Fourth district sewer. the walls being no longer needed on account of recent filling that point. Estimates submitted by the city engineer showing \$3,800 as the cost for ppening Irving avenue, Vine street and fair. Farber court, and \$4,123 for a stone block pavement on Scranton street avenue, were referred to committee. The street opening estimate was sub-

mitted by the city engineer as follows: As per resolution received Jan, 3 in-structing me to estimate the cost of opening Irving avenue from Mulberry street to Vine street; Vine street from Irving avenue to Prescott avenue, and Farber court from Mulberry street to Olive street, will state that I have written the property owners and have received the following options on the land re-quired for opening the same:

| Adam Neuls | \$7,000 |
|-------------------|---------|
| Miss Hanah Murphy | 4,500 |
| Mary Ryan | 5,000 |
| Mrs. Mary McCarty | 6,500 |
| H. A. Reifenberg | 9,000 |
| John Gehrens | |
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CLEANING PAVED STREETS.

Mr. Reese's common council ordinance providing for the cleaning of paved streets by contract passed third reading but not without some debate, a non-partisan debate in which the point was raised that the ordinance we. possibly not clear enough in providing for either the flushing or sweeping systems. This introduced argument pro and con the point raised and also brought out the views of the members on the two systems of cleaning. It was the opinion of most of the embers that the method could be proided by future legislation and the orfinance passed third reading, Mr. Keller and Mr. Flanaghan voting nega-

tively, the former in the belief that the ordinance would be inoperative. IN SELECT COUNCIL.

In select council an echo of recent agitation by the board of trade appeared in a resolution offered by Mr. Roche and adopted directing the city engineer to report the cost of resur facing Lackawanna avenue and Washington avenue, from Lackawanna avenue to New York street, with asphalt As with a guarantee to keep the same in repair for ten years.

> reading, voted against the ordinance, giving a franchise to the Dunn Street Cleaning and Sprinkling company to stocks at once on account of the scarsprinkle the public streets and thoroughfares. The ordinance was passed, owever, and sent over to the lower branch.

Mr. Chittenden's was the only negative vote against the select council ordinance creating the office of plumbing inspector. It passed third reading. Mr. Chittenden's reason for voting negatively, he said, was not because of any objection to the provisions of the measure, but he did not think the salary it involved could be provided.

PECULIAR CLAIM.

A peculiar claim for damages was presented in a letter from Freeman Lord, who asks \$150 for injury done his horse in stepping on an upturned spike in the planking of the Carbon street bridge last October. The letter was referred to the city solicitor and the street commissioner.

Among the resolutions introduced was one by Mr. Durr directing the street commissioner to notify the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company to guard and repair the arch cul-

the dripping of water on pedestrians passing beneath it.

Among the ordinances passed on final reading were the following: Pro-viding for two additional electric lights in the Second ward, one on North Main avenue, in front of the Christian church, one at the corner of Farview avenue and Price street, and one in the Third ward; providing for flagstone sidewalks on both sides of West Linden street.

The select council ordinance provid-ing for the building of the Nineteenth district main sewer passed two read-

The select branch adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening for the transaction of general business

LEAVES A LARGE ESTATE.

Bequests of the Late Colonel Sturde-

vant of Wilkes-Barre. The will of the late Colonel Samuel H. Sturdevant, of Wilkes-Barre, was admitted to probate yesterday. He gives one-third of his library to his grandson, John Thomas Sturdevant, the books to be selected by himself; his diamond ring to his granddaughter, Ruth Sturdevant, and he directs that the sum of \$400 be set aside for his son, Robert, each year until he is

The balance of the estate is left in qual shares to the following children: J. Harry, George U., Samuel H., Ellen V. and Robert Sturdevant. Samuel H. Sturdevant and S. J. Strauss are appointed executors. The estate is valued at \$90,000. The will bears the date of Dec. 15, 1894 .- Wilkes-Barre

GOOD STORY SPOILED.

Trunk from Baltimore Supposed to Contain a Large Sum of Money Proves Very Disappointing.

A good police story was spoiled yesterday when a trunk at the Adams Express office was opened in the presence of Chief of Police Robling and was not found to contain \$1,000 in stolen money supposed to have been shipped from Baltimore, Instead of money or other valuable plunder the trunk contained a very uninteresting lot of female at-

On Wednesday night Chief Robling received from S. F. Hamilton, marshal of Baltimore, a telegram to hold a trunk shipped from Baltimore to John Polaski and "supposed to contain a large amount of money." In the ab-sence of more detailed information searches were simultaneously begun yesterday morning for Polaski and the trunk. The man was located on the South Side by Mounted Officer Dyer I explained this by giving the examure providing for the opening of a new and the trunk found in the Adams Ex-

> Meanwhile Chief Robling received a letter from the Baltimore chief of police and a newspaper clipping. The latter stated that one Meinarzki and one Butck, Pelish residents of East Baltimore, had been arraigned for the larceny of a trunk containing \$1,000 belonging to Frank Kodelski and John Scheminski. The two latter had saved the money and deposited it in the trunk with the intention of using it

in a business venture. At the hearing in Baltimore it developed that Scheminski's wife had hired the two defendants to carry the trunk shipped to Scranton. They were relieved of any criminal charge, but were the business of his own court, and his held pending the efforts of the Balti-first duty is to attend to the criminal more police to find the woman and the result of the Scranton end of the af-

The story ends as far as Scranton i concerned in the opening of the trunk from the gas house bridge to Sev. 1th in Folaski's presence. It was consigned to him and he permitted the police to open it. He admitted knowing all the parties concerned in the affair, but had received no word that the trunk or its fair owner were enroute to Scranton. Meanwhile the local police are watching for the advent of the money or the woman or both in this city.

PERJURY IS CHARGED.

Warrant Issued for the Arrest of A

Szimonika. Through William Craig a charge of perjury was made yesterday before Alderman Wright by the Pennsylvania Central Brewing company against A Szimonika. The latter recently confessed judgment in the sum of \$120, but later appealed from the alderman's de-

The company alleges perjury is con tained in Szimonika's appeal. A warrant for his arrest has been issued.

ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

St. John's Lodge of Pittston Celebrates an Important Event.

Arrangements are being made by St. John's lodge, Free and Accepted Masons ern and Western districts and the in-of Pittston, to celebrate the fiftieth crease in business that was shown duranniversary of the institution of the lodge. April 17 is the date decided upon for the celebration.

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SANGUINE OF THE MIDDLE DISTRICT

Lackawanna's Boomers Return from Their Trip to Washington.

AN UNEXPECTED REINFORCEMENT

Congressman Olmstead, of Harrisburg. Adds His Plea to Those of the Local Delegation .- Interesting Description of the Lobbyist's Doings Before the Congressional Committee -- Judge Archbald Makes au Encouraging Report of What Occurred Before the Congressional Commit-

Lackawanna's "middle district" lob-

byists returned yesterday from Wash-

ington filled fuller than ever with en-

thusiasm over the project and feeling quite sanguine of its ultimate success. To a Tribune reporter who met the party on its return, Judge Archbald gave a very interesting description of their session with the sub-committee of the house judiciary committee, which has the matter now in hand. 'We were received at 10,30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the committee's room at the capitol," Judge Archbald went on to say, "being introduced to the committee by Mr. Stratton, Congressman Connell's private secretary. The committee is composed of General D. B. Henderson, of Iowa; Jesse R. Overstreet, of Indiana; Richard Wayne Parker, of Newark, N. J.; William Elliott, of South Carolina. and David A. De Armond, of Missouri. All were present except the last

"I opened the arguments with a review of the general features of the case, what occasioned the demand for the new district, and how the movement has progressed since its inception to the present time. I also explained the boundaries of the district, rehearsed the matter contained in my brief and submitted a printed copy of ing the outlines of the proposed new

REASONS ADVANCED.

"The principal question with the ommittee was why, with two sessions provided for, we had only one session a year in Scranton. The committee ouldn't understand how the court business of the territory embraced in the lines of the new district was so badly congested and wanted to know if it wasn't due to the lawyers having their cases put over ple of the Dickinson case monopolizing about the whole of the two brief sessions, which have taken place here in the last three years, and how another of there cases that has been waiting for trial for over five years.

"In answer to the question as to why a more extended session was not held, it was pointed out that Judge Atcheson, the circuit judge, is the only judge on the whole circuit and has to hold court in seven different places, Pittsburg, Erie, Williamsport, Scranton, Philadelphia and Wilmington and a year or to hold even one extended business. It is impossible under the present arrangements, it was argued, to dispose of the business of the district. I reminded the committee, too, that the bankruptcy bill, of which General Henderson is the proud father, would greatly increase the business of the federal courts.

EXPENSE OF DISTRICT. "In the matter of expense, I gave it as my candid opinion that the salvage

in lessened mileage of jurors, witnesses and prisoners would about compensate for the additional expense of another judge and district attorney. The expense of a marshal and clerk, it was pointed out, would be practically taken care of by the fees incident to those offices. In the matter of buildings, we were pleased to show, we had all that is required, Scranton and Williamsport having federal buildings, and Harrisburg, in anticipation of the establishment of federal court there, having set aside a commodious room for this court, when its new building was being constructed.

"Mr. Watson followed me with an elaboration of some of the matters I had touched upon, particularly detailing the large bills of expense for carting prisoners, witnesses and jurors to such distances as the present arrangement requires and the saving that would result from a division of the district. He also gave the number of cases awaiting disposition in the Easting the past year. Mr. Torrey followed at length along similar lines. He was subjected to a number of questions by Mr. Overstreet. One of these was as to why a second session was not held at the various meeting places as the law requires. The principal reason for this, Mr. Torrey explained, was that the appropriation was exhausted by the spring session, leaving nothing for the marshal to draw upon for the September session.

MR. OLMSTEAD'S ARGUMENT. "The closing, and in a way the most effective argument in favor of the new district, was made extempore by Con-

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gressman Olmstead, who happened to drop in during the session. The difficulty we encountered was that we spoke almost solely from a Scranton standpoint. Mr. Olmstead's contribution, as may be imagined, was just what was needed. He confirmed all we had said about Harrisburg and endorsed every general argument we had advanced. He drew, at length, from his own experiences to show the need of the proposed district. Within a few days, he said, he had been consulted by counsel outside of the state, who had been drawn into Pennsylvania litigation. They wanted their cases tried in the Federal court to relieve them of any possible state prejudices, but after learning the condition of affairs in the federal courts of Pennsylvania, concluded they would take chances in common pleas rather than encounter th difficulties of the congested federal courts. Mr. Olmstead also stated that a number of years ago he had several insurance cases, some of them in the state courts and one of them in the federal court. The former had long since been disposed of: the one in the federal court is still pending. He further said that a number of foreign corporations, which are entitled to appeal from taxes imposed by the state could not do this because the federal court facilities were not open to them

and they consequently had to abide the decision of the state courts. "We all feel." Judge Archbald concluded, "that if the matter could come up and stand on its own merits, we would be successful. There are sixteer similar cases before the committee and this may prevent a favorable recommendation if any. However we are assured that if the committee reports even one or two of them ours will be on top. ARE ALL FOR IT.

"There is not a congressman in the state who opposes the bill. They all say they will do what they can for it. Hon. Thaddeus M. Mahon, of Chambersburg, Judge Butler, of West Chester, representing the Chester-Delaward district, both told us they would work for it. I understand that Congressman Arnold, of the Clearfield-Centre district, has asked that the lines be extended to take in both his counties. Congressman Packer, of Tioga, and Congressman Grow also assured us of the latter, together with a map show- active support. General Henderson took a note of the different congress sional districts affected by the bill, with a view of ascertaining their views on it. Mr. Powderly, I might add, was present at the meeting and by his presence at least gave the project his ad vocacy.

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APPEALS NEARLY FINISHED.

Tomorrow is the Last Day Set Aside for Wards. The last of the ward days for hear-

ing appeals from the last city tax assessment will be reached tomorrow. Appeals from the Ninth ward were heard yesterday. Today is set aside for the Eighth ward and tomorrow for the Twenty-first. Real estate dealers and the large es-

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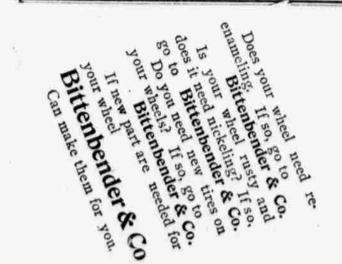
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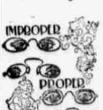
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