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PERSONAL.

Rev. Richard Aust, of Hamilton, was in this city yesterday. Miss Clifford, of Franklin avenue, is visiting Mrs. R. B. Keller, of Stroudsburg.

Dr. C. C. Hendricks, of Jersey City, formerly a resident of Jermy, is the guest of his former schoolmate, Attorney M. P. Cawley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Swoyer left yesterday for New York, which place they will visit for Savannah en route to Lake Helen, Fla., where they will remain until May 1.

THE SPAULDING BICYCLE.

\$50.00 Roadster. A word in regard to the new model Spaulding Roadster, which is now on the market at the exceptionally low price of \$50, may not be amiss, inasmuch as many bicycle dealers are stating that the Spaulding \$50 bicycle is a second-grade machine.

The facts in the case are simply this: A. G. Spaulding & Brother have never built a bicycle, bearing a Spaulding name plate, that was not a strictly high-grade machine in every way, as will be attested to by every one of the hundreds of Spaulding riders in this city and surrounding towns, and they surely will not jeopardize their reputation as the makers of the "best bicycle built," by putting their trade-mark on an inferior article. The Spaulding roadster, price \$50, is not excelled in quality or any essential whatever, by any bicycle in the market, regardless of price.

211 Washington avenue, WILKES-BARRE BOARD ACTS.

Will Not Accept the Provisions of 1874 School Law. At a meeting of the Wilkes-Barre school board Monday night a resolution was passed which set forth that even if the city council vote to accept the provisions of the Act of 1874 governing cities of the third class, in accordance with the wishes of the people as expressed at the February election, the school board will continue to operate under the Act of 1854 as heretofore.

Dr. W. G. Weaver, who introduced the resolution, said that it is well known that the people at the recent election voted in favor of a third-class

city, by accepting the Act of 1874, and that this law would in all probability be soon carried into effect. But a paragraph of the act states that the school board need not accept the provisions of the act, but by certifying to that effect may retain for its government the laws passed before the Act of 1874. Thus the school board would not come under the act just mentioned. The uncertainty that now exists about the 1874 school law was one of the reasons for the action taken by the Wilkes-Barre board.

FIRE STEAMER EXHIBITED.

Attracted a Crowd on West Linden Street Yesterday.

A large crowd witnessed the exhibition given with the Watrous steam fire engine at the corner of Eighth and West Linden streets yesterday afternoon. Mayor Bailey, Chief Hickey, of the fire department, the joint fire department committee of council, and many other city officials were present. The occasion was in no sense a test of the apparatus. It was simply an exhibition of the engine, the officials being present by invitation of the maker.

NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS.

Prospect That Scranton Will Get the 1899 Convention.

Scranton's organization of letter carriers has decided to make another attempt to secure for this city the national convention of letter carriers. Twice they have attempted it and failed, last year by a small margin and with prospects of success at this year's convention in Toledo, O.

FIREMEN NOT EXEMPT.

They Have Been Included in the 1897 Poor Tax Roll.

The firemen of the city are not exempt from the 1897 poor tax. Information to that effect was by letter yesterday from Wade M. Finn, collector of poor taxes, to Chief Hickey, of the fire department. The tax is charged against the firemen on the collectors' books and unless paid before April 1 a penalty will be added.

PATRIOTIC CAPT. HUBBELL.

His Services Offered to the United States Government.

Captain J. C. Hubbell, president of the Hubbell Electric Lamp company, of this city, and his bride returned yesterday from their bridal trip. They were married recently in the Penn Avenue Baptist church.

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS MEET.

Sessions of Their Respective Associations Last Night.

A monthly meeting of the Dentists' association of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties was held last night in the office of Dr. Charles C. Laubach, 115 Wyoming avenue. A full representation of the local members and six from Luzerne county were in attendance.

DEATH OF MRS. MANTELL.

Expired While Her Husband Was Playing in This City.

While Robert Mantell was playing the role of Louis de Beaumont in "The Secret Warrant," at the Lyceum, at 19 o'clock Monday night a telegram was received at the box office announcing the death of his wife at Port Huron, Mich., where she had been seriously ill for some time. Mr. Mantell was not apprised of the sad affliction until after the performance. He started yesterday for Port Huron and will bring the remains east to Mrs. Mantell's home for interment. Her stage name was Charlotte Behrens and before her illness she was a member of her husband's company.

TROUBLE AMICABLY ENDED.

Collins-Hale Company's Directorate Strife Settled.

The strife between the two factions of the Collins-Hale Manufacturing company's directorate was amicably settled yesterday before Judge Gunster. The two equity suits were withdrawn and the costs placed on the respondents.

MEASURES ON THIRD READING.

Kept an Adjourned Meeting of Select Council Busy.

LARGE NUMBER WERE PASSED.

Among the Ordinances Finally Considered Were Those Providing for the Construction of the 19th District Sewer and for the Paving of Providence Road and North Main Avenue—Ordinance for Cleaning Paved Streets by Contract.

A hurry-up meeting was held by select council last night. It was a special session, the occasion being suggested by the scarcity of time in which to clean up the 1897 business before the beginning of the new fiscal year of 1898 on the first Monday in April. Most of the business transacted was the consideration of ordinances on third reading.

In the absence of President Sanderson, Mr. Manley, of the Twelfth ward, was made chairman pro tem. The session began at 7:30 o'clock and lasted nearly two hours. All but a half hour was devoted to the period for third reading.

ANOTHER MAIN SEWER.

The select council ordinance providing for the construction of the Nineteenth district main sewer was another important measure that passed third reading. It involves one of the largest sewer districts ever created or contemplated in the city, its territory including all of the Fifteenth and Sixth wards and parts of the Fourth, Fifth and Eighteenth wards.

There was one objection to the common council ordinance providing for the transfer of state funds from the city treasurer to the Scranton Volunteer Firemen's Relief association. Mr. McCann thought the benefits for relief and sickness should be paid direct to the beneficiary on warrants from the city treasurer and that the state fund should not be paid annually through the city treasurer to the Relief association. He cast the only negative vote.

The common council ordinance providing for the collection of tax for repairs to Columbia Hose carriage did not pass. The ordinance providing for the transfer of \$117 from several accounts, among which is \$50 already transferred to Fifth ward street repairs, Mr. Finn called attention to this before the ordinance was voted upon and by the common consent action was postponed.

BOARD OF CHARITIES MEETING.

Agents' Report Shows a Big Two Week's Work.

A regular meeting of the Board of Associated charities was held last evening in the office of President Ripple, chairman of the board. Only routine matters presented themselves for consideration.

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Little Braves.

Old time a quarter a box "Purgers" are quitting the field in whole battalions. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 10 cents a trial are driving them out at all points. Because they act gently, more effectively, never pain, and are easy to take. Sick Headache succumbs to one dose. Sold by Matthews Bros. and W. T. Clark.—60.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

City Treasurer Boland's financial statements for January and February were received and filed. The February statement contained the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Balance on hand Feb. 1, Delinquent tax collection, Registered taxes, Taxes, Sewer warrants, From the street collector, From the city solicitor, From the board of health, From building permits, From city license, From sewer, grading and paving assessments.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Delinquent tax collectors, Interest, building loan, General city warrants, Sewer warrants, Grading warrants.

Total \$22,879 59 Balance \$12,952 48 Twining, optician 125 Penn avenue, in Harris' drug store, Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Nolan Bros., 515 Linden Street, Plumbing, Steam and Gas-fitting.

ROLL'S HORSE RAN AWAY.

Created Much Excitement Among the Small Boys of the Hill.

About 6 o'clock last evening a horse belonging to Philip Roll, the Webster avenue grocer, became frightened at the breaking of a trace and ran off down Mulberry street with considerable celerity. He was attached to a delivery wagon and was driven by Frank Roll, who accompanied by the usual small boy, frequently found riding on these vehicles. The driver was bounced out near Clay avenue, and the horse soon collided with a tree, and the horse went on. A distribution of a case of pretzels and other dainties occupied the attention of something less than a hundred other small boys at this period, who created much excitement on the Hill as they dragged the wagon to the stables. The horse was soon caught and was found to be but slightly injured. The driver was unhurt.

ALMOST TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND.

That Will Be the Total Cost of the Lattimer Difficulty.

Over \$140,000 have been drawn from the state treasury to pay the expenses incident to the calling out of the Third brigade to suppress the disturbance at Lattimer, and when all bills shall have been presented for payment on account of the outbreak the cost of it will not be very far from \$150,000. A part of this money will be used in the equipment of the military organizations of the Third brigade, whose uniforms suffered by reason of the rough service to which they were subjected in the vicinity of Hazleton.

It is estimated that the Lattimer trial will cost the county's taxpayers \$10,000 in witness fees, jury fees, and fees of court officials. The attorney fees with the county's expenses and the salaries and board bills of deputies and the trial will involve an expenditure of something like \$40,000.

GILMAN WAS EJECTED.

Had the Ejector Arranged Before Alderman Fuller.

Nicholas Connell, a Scranton street saloon keeper, was held in \$500 bail by Alderman Fuller yesterday to answer at court charges of selling on Sunday and selling to minors, preferred by P. F. Gilman.

Connell alleged that the prosecution was unfounded and prompted by spite. Gilman, he alleges, ordered some drinks and then refused to pay for them. He was also insulting and noisy. Connell says he had to be ejected. He admits that the drinking in question took place Sunday night, but maintains that it was after 12 o'clock p. m. As a charge of selling to minors he pleads that if he did transgress in this respect he did unwittingly. The alderman after some hesitation decided to let the grand jury wrestle with the case.

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The report of the agent, Mrs. Duggan, showed that during the past two weeks twenty-five applications for relief were investigated and attended to. Of this number nineteen were found worthy. Four were furnished with employment, two with transportation, one with lodging and meals, one was sent to Hillside Home, three to Patrick's orphanage, two to the Foundling home, one to Lackawanna hospital.

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Barrett and Kelly were committed to jail in default of \$500 bail each. A quantity of the goods stolen were found in their possession when arrested. At the hearing Barrett said he was a brakeman.

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SIMOVITCH CAUGHT IN KANSAS CITY.

Charged With Taking \$500 from the House of Powell Pertrist.

THAT WAS ON LAST SATURDAY.

Chief Robling Was Notified Monday and Given the Additional Information That Simovitch Had Started for New Mexico--A Telegram to the Authorities of Kansas City Handed the Fugitive Off and Caused His Arrest and Detention.

The quick use of the telegraph wires by Chief of Police Robling Monday night resulted in the arrest in Kansas City of Alex Simovitch, who had stolen \$500 in cash from Powell Pertrist, of 1625 Church avenue, this city, last Saturday evening. The details of the complaint to Scranton's chief and his alacrity in sizing up the situation and causing the arrest of Simovitch over a thousand miles from here, all in a few hours, show a good bit of detective work.

On Saturday Pertrist drew from the bank \$500 in cash with which to make a payment on some lots to Mr. Chapman, a real estate dealer in the North End. He locked the money in a trunk and went with his family to Pittston. When he returned that night he found that the house had been entered through a rear window, the door to the room containing the trunk forced open and the money missing.

Pertrist suspected Simovitch, who was a neighbor. His suspicions were confirmed Sunday morning by a young girl who lives on Church avenue. She had seen Simovitch in Pertrist's yard after dark. All Sunday Pertrist made a search for Simovitch and continued to look for him during Monday, but without result.

CHIEF ROBLING NOTIFIED.

At 7:30 o'clock Monday evening Pertrist laid the case before Chief Robling and ventured his opinion that Simovitch had gone to Gallup, New Mexico, with a party who had left here Saturday night. It was found, however, that Simovitch had gone alone. Within a half hour Chief Robling ascertained the train on which Simovitch left here. It was via the Delaware and Hudson road. The time tables showed that by 9:30 o'clock, Eastern time, the train supposed to be bearing Simovitch would reach Kansas City where he would be obliged to have his ticket countersigned.

A telegram was immediately sent to Chief of Police Hayer, of Kansas City, giving the nature of Simovitch's offense and his description and requesting his arrest and detention. A night message sent by the Kansas City Chief Monday night reached here yesterday morning saying that Simovitch had been arrested, thus finishing one of the fastest pieces of detective work in the city's history. Chief Hayer's message did not say whether the missing money was found in Simovitch's possession.

HE IS THE MAN.

In order to guard against any mistake, Chief Robling yesterday afternoon telegraphed to Kansas City a more minute description of Simovitch. It described a peculiar scar which should be found on the prisoner's head. An answer was received last night to the effect that the man in custody bore such a scar and was undoubtedly the person wanted.

A warrant charging Simovitch was issued by Alderman Howe yesterday. Detective John Moir will today take the answer to Harrisburg where he will procure requisition papers. He will go direct from Harrisburg to Kansas City and may return to Scranton with his prisoner Saturday night.

Collieries Will Suspend.

The Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company has decided to shut down the Lance colliery, No. 1, at Plymouth, and colliery No. 9, at Sugar Notch, for an indefinite period. One of the officials of the company says the suspension will continue until the coal trade warrants the resumption.

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