

SELECT COUNCIL
ACTS ON FINANCES

Appropriation Ordinance Finally Passed and Sent to the Commoners.

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE IS DEFECTIVE

Provides for More Revenue Than is Estimated by the City Controller. Action Upon It Deferred Until Tomorrow Evening, When the City Solicitor Will Have Given an Opinion—Passed One Reading—Many Minor Ordinances Passed Finally.

At last night's adjourned meeting of select council a final but unsuccessful attempt was made by the Republicans to amend the 1898 appropriation ordinance.

A motion by Mr. Finn to go into committee of the whole for the purpose of amending the measure prevailed by the following vote of 11 to 10:

Ayes—Messrs. Ross, Finn, Thomas, Williams, Durr, Chittenden, Schroeder, Lansing, Burns, McAndrew, Sanderson—10 votes.

Nays—Messrs. Kearney, Clark, Roche, Wagner, Robinson, Manley, McCann, Feltus, Frable, Coyne—10 votes.

The vote indicated that the amendments to be proposed would be adopted but after Mr. Finn offered an amendment that \$1,000 appropriated for building the Cumberland Hose house be transferred to the asphalt repair item, it was defeated by a vote of 10 to 11. Mr. Burns changing his vote to the negative.

After the amendment was reported negatively the ordinance passed third reading, all but Messrs. Lansing, Schroeder, McAndrew and Sanderson voting affirmatively. Mr. Schroeder had voted with the majority on all previous considerations of the ordinance.

After the 1898 tax levy ordinance had passed first reading Mr. Sanderson offered an amendment covering an alleged error in drafting the measure. The amendment was to reduce the 10 mills provided for general expenses to 9.3 mills. He explained that the levy would at 10 mills provide \$30,000 more than the amount appropriated, which, he thought would be illegal.

Mr. Roche held that the law did not prohibit the surplus. Council could not appropriate beyond the controller's estimate, but he argued, the law does not prohibit the tax which would bring a revenue beyond the amount appropriated.

COULD NOT BE SPENT THIS YEAR. This was not denied by Mr. Sanderson, but he was not willing to agree that doubt existed. The \$30,000 in any event could not be used until 1899; consequently, an unnecessary tax in 1898 was uncalled for.

Mr. Lansing doubted the wisdom of taking any chances. There was no need of collecting money that could not be spent and a collection of the unneeded \$30,000 might jeopardize the legality of the whole tax.

It was proposed by Mr. Roche that pending consideration of the matter by the city solicitor the ordinance by common council be passed on second reading. This did not meet with unanimous favor and it was agreed between Mr. Roche and Mr. Sanderson to await the city solicitor's opinion and at the meeting Thursday night to pass the ordinance on second and final reading, with or without the reduction, as the city solicitor might meanwhile recommend.

The common council ordinance providing for the cleaning of paved streets by contract passed third and final reading and will now go to the mayor for his approval. Another important measure which passed third reading was the select council ordinance providing for gates at the Legett's Creek branch crossing of the Delaware and Hudson company on North Main avenue near the city line.

The following minor ordinances passed third reading: Common Council—Providing for one additional electric light in the Fourth ward on Decker's court between Lafayette and Sweetland streets.

Common Council—Exonerating Holy Trinity Lutheran church from its Mulberry street paving assessment.

Common Council—Amended in select council, awarding Terrence Rafferty \$600 for damages sustained in the settling of the Phelps street sewer.

Common Council—Amended in select council, awarding Daniel Moore \$250 for damages sustained in grading North Summer avenue.

Common Council—Providing for an additional electric light in the First ward at the junction of Oliphant road and the boulevard.

Common Council—Transferring an appropriation of \$82 to Eighteenth ward street repairs.

Common Council—Providing for two additional electric lights in the Sixth ward, one each at the corner of Landis street and Corbett avenue and Dodge street.

Select Council—Providing for an electric light at the corner of Broadway and Second street.

ordinance through the influence of Mr. Grier. The meeting adjourned to tomorrow night when common council also will be in adjourned session for consideration of the appropriation and other ordinances.

DOBBS WAS TOO FAST.

More Than Enough for Contes, of the Burlesque Company.

Bobby Dobbs, of this city, and Arthur Contes, a colored member of the Big Sensation Burlesque company, boxed three exhibition rounds near the conclusion of last night's performance.

Dobbs' superiority was so marked that the bout was not productive of much sport. Jim Judge, the local welterweight, was referee.

Dobbs has agreed to join the company two weeks hence in Montreal. He will meet all comers. It was announced from the stage last night that Dobbs would be present tonight to box four rounds for a decision and a purse of \$50 or \$100 with George Bias, of Boston. Bias is said to be in Scranton. The proposition that he meet Dobbs brought no response last night, although it was said from the stage that his backer was in the audience.

JURY COULD NOT AGREE.

Case of O'Neill Against Life Insurance Clearing Company Will Have to Be Tried Again—Session is Over.

In United States circuit court yesterday all the cases were disposed of and last night the court adjourned to meet here a year hence.

Yesterday morning Judge Buffington charged the jury in the case of Thomas Gaughan against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. Some time later it brought in a verdict awarding \$750 to the plaintiff. An appeal will be taken to the United States court of Appeals.

After the Gaughan case went to the jury, the suit of James O'Neill, of Pittston, against the Life Insurance Clearing company of St. Paul, Minn., was called. The plaintiff's father was insured by the defendant company, and a graded policy by the terms of which the heirs of the holder of the policy was to receive certain amounts if he lived until given periods after the policy was issued. In September, 1895, Patrick O'Neill, the insured, fell and sustained injuries from which he died.

The company is willing to pay \$1,200.20, the amount that it alleges the policy called for at the time of death. On the part of the plaintiff it was contended that there was an accident clause attached to the policy by the terms of which the company bound itself to pay \$5,000, the full face value of the policy, if death was due to an accident. The accident clause, the plaintiff testified, was attached to the policy, but was not produced. He said it was lost in some manner.

The defense absolutely denied that there was an accident clause attached to the policy and to refute the plaintiff's testimony put Miss Sara Spangler, of St. Paul, on the stand. Until March 1 she was in charge of the issuing of policies in the home office in St. Paul. Her testimony that there was no accident clause attached to the policy was supported by the books of the company, which she produced.

The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys John E. Lemaher, of Wilkes-Barre, and C. Frank Bohan, of Pittston. Attorney M. W. Lowry appeared for the company.

Judge Buffington instructed the jury that in any event it was to find for the plaintiff for \$1,200.20, with interest from Dec. 18, 1895, the date of suit, but if the jurors were satisfied that an accident clause had been attached to the policy then they should find for the full amount of the policy, \$5,000, with interest from Dec. 18, 1895. The jury was out until 10:30 last night when it returned that it could not agree and was discharged.

The suit of Bridget Murphy of Pittston, against the same company, was settled by the payment of \$1,750 to her. An order was made by Judge Buffington in the case of Ambrose Mulvey against J. E. Williams' directory, that



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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The usual number of innovations and shifts in choir and church music will mark the post-Easter season in the various congregations of our city. Among the more notable changes is the selection of Mr. C. F. Whittemore for choirmaster in the Providence Presbyterian church. Mr. Whittemore is a native Bostonian, in which city he received his early and careful musical training, and for the past twenty-three years has been prominently identified with others in shaping the character of church music in this city, during the larger part of which time he has served several of our largest churches as director of music.

For several years he was musical

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Sawtelle Company.
Notwithstanding the inclement weather large crowds attended the performances at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the Sawtelle company produced "The Streets of New York" and in the evening "The Captain's Mate." This afternoon "Rose Dale" will be seen and tonight "Mame and Georgia."

The Old Coat.
"The Old Coat," which is announced for an engagement at the Lyceum Thursday, March 31, is said to be an original comedy of character and complications, like those old favorites adapted by Daly and Boucicault from the German, but Lieutenant W. H. Alderdice's piece has an original and concerted plot and is thoroughly American in atmosphere. It will be interpreted by the Fifth and Rice Comedy company, including Frederic Bond, John F. Ward, John B. Maher, Clara Hathaway, Helen Reimer, May Vokes and many others of note.

What Dreams May Come.
When Mrs. Janauschek was abroad this last summer, she was the recipient of unusual attention. Ladies were sent her from Frankfurt and Vienna, while tempting offers were made her to appear in some of the great parts she played in Germany, before she forsook the European for the American stage. In Edmond Collier and Joseph Whiting, who are playing with her in Paul Kester's play of "What Dreams May Come," Mrs. Janauschek has two of her former Maecabets. The company will be seen at the Lyceum Friday night.

My Boys.
The financial success attending George Richards' and Eugene Canfield's tour this season has broken all previous records, which is a sufficient guarantee that they are as artistic in the portrayal of Silas and Sam Plumber as they were in Mink and Bingo Jones in Hoyt's "A Temperance Town" and as Deacon Fidd and Martin Tripp in the same author's "A Midnight Bell." At the Lyceum theater Saturday matinee and night.

The Knickerbockers.
Music hall should be crowded at each performance on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, when the famous Knickerbockers play a special return engagement in Scranton. This company is one of the best burlesque organizations that has visited here in many years, and is unexcelled in its charming, funny, beautiful music, gorgeous costumes, gaily comedians and magnificent stage settings. The company includes Emma Kravus, Nellie Seymour, Margaret Ross, Alene and La Rue, Estelle Willis, Burke Brothers, M. S. Whallon, John Willis and a bevy of pretty, shapely girls. There have been many new features introduced since their last visit to Scranton. There will be a contest at each performance between Mike Leonard and some local fighter of reputation, and good contests are promised.

RESOLUTIONS OF VETERANS.

Resolutions unanimously adopted by Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin post, No. 123, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, at a regular meeting held in Scranton, March 25, 1898.

Resolved, First, That we, the members of Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin post, No. 123, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, hereby extend to the president of the United States and his administrative counselors, the assurance of our appreciation of the wise and patriotic statesmanship displayed by the executive branch of our government in its critical relations with the government of Spain.

Second, That we congratulate the republic upon having a president whose record in war and in peace exhibits fearlessly fidelity to duty, devotion to the public welfare, and wisdom regarding the foreign relations of the United States.

Third, That we rejoice in the unanimity of congress and of the people of the entire country, in giving instant and unquestioning support to the administration in providing for the national defense, and in safeguarding the national honor.

Fourth, That we declare our conviction that the freedom of Cuba is the only righteous solution of the questions at issue with Spain, and we pledge ourselves as veterans of the civil war to sustain the government in maintaining the national honor, the rights of American citizens, and the obligations of the republic toward an American colony struggling for liberty with unsurpassed heroism; and we declare our further conviction that the government of the United States should promptly intervene to put an end to the inhuman warfare against the Cubans and to secure their absolute freedom from the barbarous tyranny of Spain.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions shall be forwarded to comrade William McKinley, president of the United States, and that a copy be furnished to the city press.

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argument for defendant file a brief of his counsel for a new trial within thirty days; otherwise a new trial will be refused. The case was tried here four years ago and a rule for new trial has since been pending. Mr. Mulvey sued Mr. Whims to recover damages for an infringement of patent and was awarded damages in the sum of \$106.

Arguments for a new trial were made in the case of William Ford against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. Ex-Judge Jessup made the arguments on the part of the company, and Attorney John P. Kelly spoke for the defendant.

Very Near the Truth.
Father—"Tommy, what is your mother doing?"
Tommy—"Whittling."
Father—"Whittling? What do you mean, sir?"
"She's trying to sharpen a lead pencil."
—Puck.

The Autocrat of 1897.
Judge (to bicycle-riding prisoner)—"You have smashed several of this man's ribs."
Wheeler (awkily)—"Serves him right! I broke the spokes of my wheel riding over him!"—Truth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey Torrey have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, and Willis Bishop Kirkpatrick, on Tuesday evening, April 12, at their home on Jefferson avenue.

Mrs. John T. Haddad, of Syria, will be at Hotel Jermyn, room 238, today from 9 to 6 o'clock, displaying a beautiful collection of needlework, linens, etc., of new designs. Mrs. Haddad and her husband, Judge Haddad, are the founders of the Syrian and American