surfacing of asphalt pavements, opening of streets, building bridges, viaducts, en-

gine houses, etc. (many of those improve-ments are very much needed at once, such as the Providence, South Side, Belle-

vue and Patagonia sewers), without an increase of the public debt. Should you

Another route suggested is from the in-

tersection of Monsey avenue and Wal-

Flats, then along any one of the many

much in extent, peither is it as valuable

as that on the projected Ash street route, Inquiries are made almost daily by city

officials, councilmen and citizens, whether a certain street or road is city property, or directly in city care, and I am unable

to answer. Hence it is time that steps

were taken to act on a suggestion made in a previous report and which I will re-

and properly mark on the city map all streets actually in possession of the city

olther by deed, usage or otherwise," This

would be an effectual method of prevent-ing the city from blindly placing electric

lights, water plugs or making repairs on streets not legally in its possession, and virually accepting the same by reason

FORM OF RAILS.

In the fore part of the year the question

of changing the style, or form, of rail to

e used on paved streets was before the ouncils, but no definite action was taken.

nasmuch as there are good prospects for

North Main avenue, Capouse avenue

and settle it in time. The Traction com-

ier material as required and prevent de-

lays. On May the 6th, 1897, I sent a re-

lews and opinion as to the use of flat op girder or "T" rails. I am still of the

ame opinion that with proper foundation and track construction the "T" rall is the sest of the two, but the groove rail would

In conclusion, I desire to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of both branches of councils, his honor, the mayor, and the various city officials for the courtesles extended me

during the year, and I hope that the same friendly relations will continue dur-ing the year just commenced. My thanks are also extended to the different mem-bers of the department for the aid given

me by them in carrying out the wishes of

Will Be Given in the High School

Auditorium on April 25.

Young Women's Christian association

will hold its annual exhibition Friday,

April 29, in the High school auditorium.

Among other features the programme

will embrace exercises and drills with

Indian clubs, wands, dumo bells, hoops

One interesting number will be "A

Day's Order of Swedish Free Work."

MRS. OAKFORD INJURED.

Mis-step on the Stairs Attended with

Serious Results.

Mrs. Frances Oakford met with a

most deplorable accident on Tuesday evening. By an unfortunate misstep

on the stairs she seriously fractured

As Mrs. Oakford is in advanced

years, the injury is the more serious. She is however as comfortable as can

be expected under the circumstances.

JERMYN.

Mrs. Arthur Day and family were

Miss Lizzie Winters has returned ome after having taught a success-

ful term of school in Broadheadsville P. J. Lee called in Scranton yester-

Mrs. Emerson Wint and son are visiting at Mrs. Frank Baker's on Cemehir. Richard Hockins, an esteemed resident of this place, who has been

employed by Mr. George Walters, has gone to Philadelphia, where he expects to be employed in Cramp's famous ship yard. His wife will follow next fall.

Lettle Miss An ette Maxwell, while ming home from the woods with Miss Emma Moon, stopped by a heap of brush which had been burned and was smouldering. Her clothes caught fire and but fer the assistance of Mr. Penny might have been seriously in-

He Was Vaccinated.

"Yes, suh!" he said with emphasis, "I

From the Atlanta Constitution

End car yesterday.

a leg just above the ankle.

Scranton yesterday.

The gymnasium connected with the

City Engineer.

councils. Very respectfully submitted, Joseph P. Phillips.

e paving of part of Providence road,

of such improvements.

ret be preferable.

and bar bells.

decide on submitting this question to s

### CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR 1897

Bulky and Detailed Document Submitted to Select Council.

Its Work Revents Much of Interest to

The fifth annual report of City Engineer Joseph P. Phillips was submitte ! to select council last night and ordered received and filed. It is a voluminous



JOSEPH P. PHILLIPS Scranton's City Eng' ser,

document and clearly reveals the nature nd extent of the department during the fiscal year of 1897.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Scranton, Pa. Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit you herewith my fifth annual report for

of pavement), there has been consider-able work done in this department in pacted, and of the same thickness as the making plans, specifications and esti-mates for pavements, sewers, retaining new foundation of concrete shall be mates for pavenients, sewers, retaining new foundation of concrete shall be walls, grading, sidewalks, curb, gutters, placed of the same quality and thickness

in addition to the above there was considerable grade and line given for side-walks, curb, gutters and grading, which

work was done by private parties.

About 6.32.2 lineal feet of condults were constructed by the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company under the supervision of this department, as per terdinance, and which required a great amount of time and labor on account of the location are data in regard to the location pan, or some other means, to prevent the onstructed by the Central Pennsylvania faced lack of data in regard to the location pan, or some other means, to prevent the and depth of gas, water and other con- oil from dropping on the pavement, thus

GRADING.

There has been but little work done under this head during the year, for reasons outlined in a previous report.

16,980 mites

Showing an increase of 1.558 miles during the year.

of this work considerable noise, fault-finding and even attempts to cause wards. The above sewers cover a vast trouble were made by the parties in territory and required a great amount of men employment, or contracts to furnish material, supplies, etc. With all their slanders and ignorant criticism (some of which appeared in the public press) I continued to discharge my luty as a public official to the best of my

inspection, a few days ago, of this work the results so far were favorable.

Asphalt as a paving material is rapidly growing into disfavor in this city (this is plainly shown by an examination of the paving petitions out at present, by the large majority of property owners favoring brick). This should cause no surprise when the deplorable condition of some of our asphalted streets is taken into consideration. The connecties should appear before the controller and swear to the refrectness of their time, or better, way of appointing inspectors than the present one should be adopted, whereby men that possess some practical knowledge regarding the work they are to oversee would be selected or appointed. Many of the imprectors with whom

nothy skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and failing bair, and baby blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purify-

the question of repairs assumes great proportions. It has been demonstrated in other cities (and should be in this city) to be true economy to carefully watch our paved streets, especially the asphalt-ed streets, and when signs of faulty construction or unusual wear appears, to repair them immediately, but with the as-phalt paving repairs considerable trouble to Select Council.

has been experienced in securing prompt attention to the work. Very often the companies did not comply for several weeks, or months, and the conditions of the streets grew correspondingly worse.

CAREFUL REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT

decide of the people, provisions should be made for sewers in the Twentieth and the north portion of the Fourth wards; also for a safer and more pleasant road or approach to the central city, for the bene-

They suited their own convenience and | fit of the people of the North End and the the city had to wait and the public suffer inconvenience. To evercome, or meet, surrounding territory, than the present unpleasant muddy road through the Dia-Citizens Generally Who Do Not Ortins unsatisfactory state of affairs it
would be well worth considering the idea
(suggested by Mr. Chittenden some time mond Flats with its three railroad cross-ings, one of which is very dangerous, as well as the narrow and contracted Car-Municipal Affairs.-Some Pertinent
Facts in Reference to Pavements,
Sewers and Proposed Improvements.-Comments and Suggestions

(suggested by Mr. Chittenden some time ago) whereby the city should secure an asphalt plant. Asphalt can be bought in open market at fair prices without trouble, and good new pavement can, and should, be laid in this city for about \$2.90 per square yard, and resurfacing for bon street west of Penn avenue.

This street, or road, from Penn ave nue to Court street, is undoubtedly a disgrace to this city. The opening, or ex-tension, of Ash street from Capouse aveper square yard, and resurfacing for about 90 cents to \$1.00 per square yard, paying 5 to 7 per cent. cn an invested and Diamond avenue, has been suggested. The approximate estimate of three capital in plant and tools of \$20,000 to \$22. capital in plant and tools of \$20,000 to \$23. bridges, one over the Delaware and Hud-100. The city would certainly then be able to promptly make all necessary re-lackawanna and Western railroad (Green Ridge branch) and the Lackawanna river and one over the Ontario and Western pairs without unnecessary and vexatious

A general specification requiring a pave-ment to be left, at the end of the guarantee period, in a condition satisfactory to any one official is liable to cause dis-satisfaction, and, as a matter of justice to all parties concerned, the requirements to be fulfilled should be made as definite and as precise as possible. Hence the following sections defining the condition in which an asphalt payement shall be at the end of the guarantee period will be inserted in the specifications hereafter.; Section 1-The pavement shall not be reduced more than one-fourth (4) inci-from the original thickness at the end of the first five years, nor more than onehalf (19) inch from the original thickness at the end of the first ten years. Sec. 2-Pinces which show a disintegra-

tion of the material shall be removed to the binder or concrete foundation, as found necessary, and replaced with new material having the same thickness and onforming to the adjacent payement. Sec. 3-All elevations or depressions three-eights (%) of an inch or more, above or below the general surface of the street, shall be brought to the same elevation as the general surface, these elevations and depressions to be determined by measur-ing from a straight edge four (4) feet in ength, placed on the surface of the pave ment parallel to the line of curbing. In making such repairs the process known as "skiming" may be employed.

EXPENSIVE WORK Sec. 4-Where elevations or depressions the fiscal years 1897.

According to instructions from your honorable bodies, by some seventy or more concurrent resolutions served on more concurrent resolutions served on length and width to include the entire defect. If the failure is due to buckling of the concrete, the new foundation shall

cic., as shown in tables.

The actual amount of work performed during the year, under the supervision of this department, and for which bills have been approved, is as follows:

Pavements

Sewers

Sewers

22.63 06

Grading

187 38

Culverts

71 50

Retaining walls, etc

See 5. Cracks which show any indications of disintegration, or which are three-eights (%) of an inch or more in width, shall be cut out of the binder or concrete foundation as found necessary, a length and width sufficient to include the entire results. same quality and thickness, as shown in

the pavement adjacent thereto,
Sec. 6-Should it be found necessary to replace forty (40%) per cent, or more of any section of the street with new material, the entire section shall be resur-

ruining the surface.

I would also recommend that councils take same action in regard to the width of tires to be used on all vehicles. The great majority of tires are too narrow and the width of the surface covered by The number of miles of paved streets in the city is as follows, figured at an average width of 34 feet except the cobble stone or boulder; 

During the year plans and specifications have been prepared for sowers cov-ering the whole of Section "B," Section "C." Section "B," part of Section "E." all in the Fifth Sewer district, the Six-Mulberry street was the only street teenth Sewer district and the Nineteenth paved during the year. During the progmet street in the Sixth and Eighteenth wards. The above sewers cover a vast

charge for the contractors and those re-cruited on their side by giving influential All phus and estimates prepared this year provide for the construction of the house connections to the curb line on streets and avenues to the fence line on courts and places.

INSPECTORS OF PUBLIC WORK. as a public official to the best of my ability, my sole object being in this, as well as all other city work under my charge, to insist that the contractors should live up to and perform nearly (not should live up to and perform nearly (not contractors). should live up to and perform nearly (not more than) what the specifications called for and what they had contracted to do. After considerable vexatious delays and inconvenience to the public, due to subcontractors failing to furnish materials as required, the work was finally completed to the ratisfaction of all concerned. Time only will prove the true merits and quality of this, as well as other pavements in this city. Upon an inspection, a few days ago, of this work the results so far were favorable.

Asphalt as a paving material is rapidly to total cost paid for inspection of the different improvements constructed during the year. The percentage for inspection, shown in the table is entirely too high for the total cost of work, two to three percent, I thirk, should be the limit. While the expense does not come out of the general tax, still it comes out of the property of the property owners along the line of improvement. The reason for some of this high percentage is the fact that contracts are given the lowest bidder regardless of his knowledge or ability to perform the work he is bidding for. This

condition.

The guarantee period on pavements should be extended to at least ten years, and then councils should insist on the work being satisfactory before final acceptance.

As our pavements grow older and the paved surface becomes more extensive. above practice in selecting men to look

after his interests.

Table showing total cost of work, cost

done gone up now, fer sho'! You see dis arm in de sling, don't you?"
"Yes,"
"Well, suh," the old man continued by way of explanation, "I'l be 59 years old f inspection and percentage of total cost Cost of cent. for Inspection, inspection. \$122.50 15.58 87.50 7.19 Bloom avenue culvert ..... 15.58 7.19 1.216 92 2,452 00 8,134 78 Prescott avenue sewer South Washington avenue sewer ..... 2,814 60 174 00 11.02

Lonergan place, Chestnut avenue and and Price street sewer 3,183 94 851.00 Penn avenue and New York street sewer. Wyoming avenue, Larch street and Washington avenue sewer Sanderson avenue and Cherry place 2,296 99 115 50 5.97 1,915 57 141 00 7.36 Sanderson avenue, New York street, Mon-sey avenue and Fordham court sewer... Mulberry street pavement..... 25,452 88 GENERAL REMARKS.

next harvest; I done see lots er trouble Under the present laws, as interpreted by the Surreme court of this state, and the present financial condition of this city, it seems to me to be impossible for the city to proceed with improvements. God, de waxinators ketched en cut me!

#### LAST SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY

Considerable Amount of Important Business Trausacted.

JOSEPH VITALE WAS ORDAINED

for the Last Six Years He Has Been Connected with the Italian Missions in and About Pittston -- Next Session of Presbytery Will He at Athens, May 16, for the Purpose of Ordaining Mr. Sawtelle.

The business of the Lackawanna Presbytery was concluded yesterday afternoon and it adjourned to meet at Athens, Bradford county, May 16. The the morning session devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Sawtelle, of Athens. The comrailroad, with the necessary masonary and filling required on this route would cost about \$57,000 without the right of mittee on exhibit at the general as-sembly was augmented by the appointment of Rev. F. B. Hodge, D. D., Rev. James McLeod, D. D. S. C. Logan, D. D., and Elders Hon W. H. nut street by a bridge over the Delaware and Hudson rallroad, across the Man-ville mines culm dump to the present sur-Jessup, Hon. Theodore Strong and R. M. Stocker, These additions were made at the request of Rev. N. G. face at the intersection of Nay Aug and Von Storch avenues on the Green Ridge

Parke, D. D. There were submitted and adopted avenues to Green Ridge street and on Green Ridge street to North Main ave-nue. On this route there would be but one grade crossing, that over the Dela-ware, Lackawanna and Western railroad the reports of committees on supplies for vacant churches and of the permanent committee on Freedmen, the latter finding being read by Rev. J. P

Moffatt. (Green Ridge branch), on which but one or two trains pass daily. The approximate estimate for this improvement is \$22,909 without the right of way. The land required for this route is not one-fourth as When the report of the committee of bills and overtures was presented and a motion for its adoption was made a brief discussion resulted. The committee's recommendation was that an overture to made to the coming general assembly that the sessions of this body be held tri-annually instead of annually, as is the prevailing custom. Though there were diversions as to the wisdom of the course recommended, the motion for the adoption of the recompeat here "That the city solicitor, in conjunction with the city engineer, be authorized and instructed to ascertain mendation was carried.

Joseph Vitale, a candidate for the n.inistry, was then examined. He came to Scranton nearly six years ago, and since then has labored among the Italian missions in and about Pittston that are fostered and guided by the Presbyterian church along the line of missionary work conducted by that denomination among the foreign speaking population of this valley.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE. During these years he has made prearations for the ministry but the sual period of preparation has not yet matured. It was pointed out however, that the necessities of the presence in-Green Ridge street and Sanderson avenue this summer, it would be advisable for councils to take up this question again that the proper disposition would the

ordination of Mr. Vitale. Although Mr. Vitale was not fully acquainted with the intricacies of the English language, he passed a most creditable examination and Rev. Dr. Logan urged upon the Presbytery the justice and necessity of accepting him. When the vote of the Presbytery was taken there was only one dissenting

The candidate was presented to the Presbytery and delivered a sermon, part of which was in English and the remainder in Italian, His ordination immediately followed. Rev. C. E. Robinson, D. D., delivered the charge to the new congregation,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the report of the mission committee was presented by Rev Dr. Brooks, of Wilkes-Barre, It was of an encouraging nature and lealt at some length with the work of supplying clergymen for vacant churches. Reports were then heard from various ministers concerning the candidates for the ministry who are receiving instructions under their

charge, The last business transacted by the Presbytery was to adjourn to meet May 16, at Athens, Bradford county, for the special purpose of ordaining the son of Rev. Dr. Sawtelle, pastor of the Athens church.

A Small Eternity.

Amarda (alighting from her wheel at the roadside, where Mortimors awaits her)-"Have I kept you waiting long. Mortimore-"Long" Many cycles have passed since the hour appointed for our meeting."-Judge.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature of Chat H. Fletcher.

# If You Would Read the Truth About Friday Bargains

Go Over This List Carefully.

We aim to truthfully carry out every statement we make in advertising. It is a part of the record of our past success that we do so. Oftentimes, representations may seem big and flattering---but never unless the goods mentioned are worthy it. The silks we have advertised for three days are UNUSUAL bargains---the public has found them such. Our statements concerning them were strong---had a right to be. But we didn't exaggerate. Thus you will find the several items here as we represent them to be. If not, your money back---every time. That's a fair battle---for us, and for you.

### The Sale of Silks.

Examine any of the Silks advertised here, and you'll pronounce them bargains as quickly as we did. We bought them this Spring in unusual quantities. We've sold thousands of yards at their regular prices—and even they were lower than elsewhere. Now, we've put them on our counters under that much abused word "Bargains." But that is what they are, and why deny it?

	word bargains. But that is what they are, and why deny itr		
)	Habutai Wash Silks, in fancy stripes, for summer waists, per yard,		
	Taffeta Finished All Silk Habutai, worth 50c yard, at		*
	Black Japanese Habutai, Lyon's dye, worth 60c a yard, at		
ŀ	Black Brocaded Gros Grain, 15 styles, worth 75c a yard, at		
2	Taffeta Silks, in fancy changeable and brocades, worth 90c a yard, at	٠	
١	French Foulards, in all styles and colors, worth \$1 a yard, at		
	Black Brocaded Gros Grain, 25 inches wide, very handsome, worth \$1 a yard, at		
	Bengalines, Armures and Faille, fine qualities, worth 90c yard, at		363
	Brocaded Silks and Satins, rich, heavy quality, worth \$1.25, at	*	
	Taffetas, plain and changeable, worth 85c a yard, at		
	Figured Grenadines, 45 inches wide, large assortment, worth \$1 a yard, at .		
	Colored Satin Duchess, beautiful shades, worth \$1 a yard, at		
١	Novelty Silks, large variety of styles, worth \$1 25 a yard, at		
	Black Satin Duchess, rich and glossy quality, worth \$1,25 a yard, at		
	Bayadere Stripes, elegant qualities, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00 a yard, at		~
	Black Satin Duchess, 24 inches wide, heavy quality, worth \$1.75 a yard, at .		
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3,000

This (Friday) morning, April 22, we will place on sale Three Thousand Paper Covered Novels, regular 12 mo. size, printed on heavy paper, every volume positively worth TEN CENTS EACH, all at the uniform price of THREE CENTS. There are just ONE HUNDRED TITLES to choose from, among them being—

SPORT ROYAL, by Anthony Hope.
A WINDOW IN THRUMS, by J. M. Barrie.
THE MAN IN BLACK by Stanley J. Weyman.
SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT, by Beatrice Harraden.
THREE MEN IN A BOAT, by Jerome K. Jerome,
A MAN OF MARK, by Anthony Hope.
And others by "Quida," Crockett, Hall Caine, Marie Corelli, "Rita," Laura Jean Lib ey, Rudyard Kipling, "The Duchess,"

Charles Reade, Mrs. Alexander, Walter Besant, Edna Lyall, Rosa N. Carey and others.

BOOK DEPARTMENT-NEAR MAIN STAIRCASE. ~~~~~~

Linen Collars

This (Friday) morning, we will place on sale One Thousand Women's Linen Collars, in a variety of NEW STYLES at FIVE CENTS each. They're a bargain, of course, about which we need to say but little. They came to us from one of the biggest and best collar manufacturers in the country, whose name is a guarantee of reliability. They're in all sizes and they're FIVE CENTS. That's the story. We expect to sell them all in two days.

Jonas Long's Sons

## MYER DAVIDOW, 307 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

Great Money-Saving Bargains in SHOES AND SLIPPERS

Type cannot confer an adequate conception of the magnitude of the bargains to be had today and tomorrow. We must be selling regardless of what the loss will be. If you have any money here is a great investment.

An old Georgia darky, with his arm in a sling, was talking to another on a West Men's Shoes.

> Men's Fine Russet Vici cloth tip, very stylish and comfortable shoe, all sizes, at \$1.98, worth \$3.00.

Men's Vici Patent Tip coin toe Shoes, strictly up-to-date, only \$1.98.

Men's Shoes at 98c, \$1.29 and \$1.49, are worth seeing.

Call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere. Remember there is no trouble to show goods and you will surely save money by it.

Ladies' Shoes

We have a full stock of Ladies' Fine Hand-turned Shoes in Gray Bros.', John Kelly's and other well-known make, at prices \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.98 and \$3.50.

Misses' and Children's Shoes

We have just received a full and complete stock of Misses' and Children's Shoes, in Russet and Black, also Cloth Tops at prices from 30c to \$1.50. Boy's and Youth's Shoes at prices to suit everybody.

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