

ESTIMATES BILL PASSES FINALLY

ASPHALT REPAIR ITEM PROVOKES MORE ORATORY.

Messrs. Oliver, Zielesman and Jackson Attack It from Various Standpoints and Mr. Keller Is Heard in Its Favor—The Vote Was Fourteen in Favor and Six Against—Action on the Death of Thomas Norton, the Member from the Twenty-First Ward.

Common council, last night, passed appropriation ordinance on third and final reading by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Reese, M. V. Morris, Oliver, Griffiths, Quinn, Girty, Nagel, Wirth, Monaghan, Wenzel, Coleman, Keller, Sheridan, Cusick—14. Nays—Messrs. Walker, Zielesman, Jackson, Oliver, T. F. Morris, Meier—6.

Though there was no question that the ordinance would pass several of the members made lengthy speeches against it, their opposition being directed chiefly to the \$17,500 item for the annual repair of asphalt pavements.

Mr. Oliver made the lengthiest and one of the best speeches heard in the present session, attacking the spending of such a large amount of money for the repair and cleaning of the comparatively few miles of streets that are asphalted when so many improvements of a more general character and others in the suburban wards that are crying necessities had to be wholly ignored or only partially provided for.

He insisted on the cutting down of the clerk's salary and the appropriation for repairing Elm and Luzerne streets, the want of appropriations for additional patrolmen, fire hydrants, parks, library and hose and the total inability to get out a single cent to pay the city's share of the cost of constructing the seven new sewers at present under way.

THOUGHT IT NECESSARY. Mr. Wenzel agreed that it was an enormous sum, but believed the item was an absolute necessity and that the chairman was wrong when he stated at the last meeting that the work could be done by the city for half the amount.

Mr. Zielesman didn't believe in making a contract with the Barber Asphalt company under any consideration. An appropriation of \$10,000 for repairs of asphalt streets was expended by the Barber company last year, Mr. Zielesman went on to say, and the streets are wearing faster than they were a year ago. If the Barber company could put the streets in a bad condition with \$10,000 it could put them in a very bad condition with \$17,500, the burden of Mr. Zielesman's argument.

Mr. Jackson said it would be vicious legislation to approve the asphalt repair item. It was simply giving to a company that had lapsed the city year after year, a ten-year license to continue the laming.

He also claimed the ordinance to repair the streets by contract had been introduced through councils, and accused his father, Mr. Keller, of having been instrumental in pushing the measure through with unwarranted haste.

Mr. Keller made some good-natured allusions to the fact that Mr. Jackson and he did not view things in the same light at the recent Republican caucus in which Mr. Jackson was defeated for the clerkship, and then proceeded to present the asphalt repair question, short of its genuine twaddle.

MR. KELLER'S REMARKS. "The asphalt streets were to be repaired," Mr. Keller went on to say. "We talked and talked and the streets kept getting worse. The board of trade, representing the best sentiment of the community, indignantly demanded that we should do something effective or accept the alternative of going to jail for maintaining a nuisance. Several measures were introduced looking to an abatement of the nuisance, but they were killed. Then there was more talk. Finally we acted, I had some part in that action, and if I had to do the thing over again I would repeat the part I played.

"We passed an ordinance to have the work done by private contract, a large majority of both councils favoring the idea. Then we introduced for bids for doing the work. Various proposals were submitted and we accepted the lowest responsible bid. The matter was reviewed in the courts and our action approved. The Barber Asphalt company does not figure in this matter except as the lowest bidder for the work in open competition. But he that as it may I am ready to prove by figures I have already given that the bid is not an excessive one and that this is the cheapest way of doing the work."

A number of other members wanted to make speeches, but the crisis of "motion question" delayed their calls for recognition and finally they subsided and allowed the end of the roll to be proclaimed with.

The ordinance granting the Scranton Railway company privilege to extend a line to the corner of city house passed third and final reading.

CONTRACT AWARDED. The resolution awarding to Donahoe & O'Boyle the contract for the construction of Section D of the Fifth sewer district, at the price of \$184 per lineal foot, was reported favorably from committee and adopted. It has yet to go through select council.

A resolution revoking the permission granted J. W. Long, of Gibson street, to connect his premises with the Broad street sewer was introduced by Mr. Nagel and referred to the sewers and drains committee. Mr. Long, it appears, purchased the rear half of a lot fronting on Prescott avenue, agreeing with the original owner to pay one-half of the sewer assessment. This agreement was not carried out. Instead, Mr. Long secured permission from the city to connect his property with the sewer.

The council came to the conclusion that it was a matter to Mr. Long's action and resolved upon rescinding its previous action.

"Won't Long go ahead under the for-

A BRAVE COLONEL.

Recommends Pe-ru-na as a Family Medicine.

A Scientific Spring Medicine.

Colonel Arthur L. Hamilton, of the Scout Ohio Volunteers, 254 Goodale street, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "Besides having the merits of Pe-ru-na so fully



demonstrated in my family, I have a number of friends who have taken it for catarrh and stomach trouble, and all unite in praising it. As a remedy for catarrh I can fully recommend it." Mrs. Hamilton, wife of the gallant Colonel, is an ardent friend of Pe-ru-na also. In a letter on the subject she writes: "I have been taking Pe-ru-na for some time, and I am enjoying better health now than I have for years. I attribute the change in my health to Pe-ru-na, and recommend this excellent cathartic remedy to every woman, believing it to be especially beneficial to them."

The spring-time is the most favorable time of the year to treat catarrh. There is so much less liability to take fresh cold that the treatment is unimpeded. All old cases of chronic catarrh should begin immediately a course of Pe-ru-na as directed by Dr. Hartman's books, on this disease. There are so many different phases and stages of catarrh that one hardly knows when he has it. Mrs. Col. Hamilton has it. A great many people think they are suffering from something else and have tried many medicines in vain, when if they could realize that it is catarrh and take Pe-ru-na for it they would improve promptly and soon recover entirely. There are no substitutes. Let no one persuade you there are other cathartic remedies just as good.

"Winter Catarrh" is a book written by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio. Sent free to any address.

mer resolution and make the congressional while we are legislating on its behalf," asked one of the members. "He will, if he knows his business," remarked Chairman Moir.

At the opening of the meeting Chairman Moir made formal announcement of the death of Thomas Norton, the member from the Twenty-first, who passed away Sunday after an attack of typhoid fever.

"It is my melancholy duty," Chairman Moir said, "to announce to you the demise of our fellow member, Thomas Norton. We all deplore his untimely death. No more kind, conscientious, sympathetic member was known to our body. It is a matter of deep regret that one so young and with such a bright future before him should be called away. I was pained to hear of his death and I know it causes us all deep sadness."

Mr. Grier offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Whereas, An ill wife Providence has seen fit to remove by death from our midst our late member, Thomas Norton, Resolved, That we express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and follow upon the duties of his office as councillor with a grave sense of the responsibilities of his office, and at the same time to desire to serve the interest of the entire city. We feel that we have an official public office and good citizen, and one who endeavored to do his whole duty as a citizen and a man.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the family in their trial and hour of bereavement.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral to appoint a committee of two members to make the necessary arrangements for same.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy be published in the second daily paper of the city.

Mr. Keller moved the adoption of the resolution, and in doing so spoke feelingly of the departed member. "He was a man," he said, "who, when he had given his word, could be relied upon to do his whole duty as a citizen."

Chairman Moir appointed Messrs. Grier, Keller, Coleman, Oliver and Monaghan as the committee to arrange for attending the funeral. Nearly all the members signified their intention to attend the funeral. This afternoon arrangements will be in waiting at city hall at 2 o'clock.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Girty being Saturday, April 8, as the time for holding a special election in the Twenty-first ward to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Norton's death, but the chair ruled it out of order, on the ground that the present council cannot legislate beyond April 3. Mr. Girty assented that this rule was applicable to the present case, but did not take an appeal.

A motion to adjourn sine die was voted down and adjournment was made to 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

MANY FIRST WARD VOTERS.

Were Heard Before Election Contest Examiners Yesterday.

The following witnesses from the Fourth and Fifth districts of the First ward of this city were examined yesterday in the Lammstaff-Kelly election contest: Charles Lewis, John H. Harris, John H. Evans, Isaac H. Jones, George H. Davis, Thomas Lewis, Seth Smith, Jenkin Williams, B. M. Trauger, John Simons, Lewis John, William Evans, William H. Proce, Reese Alexander, James H. Jennings, Thomas J. Thomas, William Harris, Reese Owen, Henry Davis, William Davis, Methusa Jones, Sidney Lewis, Morgan J. Edwards, Benjamin Davis, John H. Owens, W. T. Thomas, William Batten, David A. Ey-

ens, Thomas John, John W. Owens, John E. Evans, Edward Griffiths, Lewis Saunders, Ebenezer Saunders, Thomas J. Jones, William White, Aaron Herbert, William Powell, Henry Kemmerling, Finley Ross.

Today the examiners will sit at Carbondale.

NUMBER WILL GO FROM HERE.

Arrangements for the Teachers' Convention in California.

A circular giving the first information of the arrangements for the annual meeting of the National Educational association, which is to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., July 11-15, was received yesterday by Superintendent George Howell from H. W. Fisher, the Pennsylvania manager of the association.

Delegates can secure board at centrally located family hotels for rates ranging from \$7 to \$10 a week, or rooms without board for \$1.50 to \$2 per week.

The railroad fare for the round trip will be one first-class limited fare, plus \$2 membership fee. This gives the privilege of diverse routes, going and returning, by any direct line, without extra charge, excepting a charge of \$12.50 to those wishing to return via Portland and the Pacific coast. The excursions are not limited to teachers, but all tickets must have the \$2 membership coupon attached. Tickets will be placed on sale June 25, and will be good until Sept. 2.

Stop-overs will be allowed at the principal points of interest and cheap side trips will be arranged for the excursionists.

Superintendent Howell will attend the convention and expects that at least thirty city teachers will accompany him. It is his purpose to engage a special car or if necessary two, to run through to California.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Balance Due from State Now in the City Treasury.

City Treasurer C. G. Boland yesterday received the balance due this district for the 1898 state appropriation for schools, amounting to \$20,728.85. Previous to that, \$15,000 was all that had been received. This is \$1,800 less than was received in 1897.

It is expected that this year's appropriation will be a very small one. Last year the school appropriations were \$2,000,000 and the allowance this year must suffer in consequence. Deputy Treasurer P. J. Ruane says he would not be surprised if this year's appropriation was only half as large as usual. Governor Stewart's determination to accept the overdrafts and keep within the appropriation confirms Mr. Ruane in his opinion.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Catcher Bill Clarke has signed with Baltimore.

Bill Joyce is still moping in his st. Louis home.

Outfielder Tom Gittinger has signed with Peterson.

Manager Billy Nash is now in Buffalo getting his team in the spring.

The Pittsburg club has released Pitcher Cronin to the Detroit club.

Charles Smith, three-inning pitcher, has signed with New Castle.

Phil King, the famous Princeton player, is coaching the Georgetown college team.

All of the Hoosiers are ready to sign. Catcher Bowman being the last to sign.

Harry Dolan, of the Springfield, will coach the Colby university base ball candidates.

McLiffe Kirby is going to manage the Northaven, Pa., semi-professional team this season.

Milwaukee has abandoned all attempts to sign Pitcher "Red" Clarke, his terms being excessive.

Tolson is trying out at Hot Springs a young outfielder from the Southern League named James H. Peschler.

Walter Brainerd, pitcher, has entirely recovered and he will be in first-class condition to play for Baltimore.

Buffalo continues to be interested in Pitcher Cronin, who is being courted by Elton Chamberlain, who thinks he can duplicate Mott's achievement.

The Pittsburg club has transferred third baseman Jimmie to the Detroit club.

The Philadelphia club will stop off in Richmond for one game on April 5, when they will be met by the Hoosiers.

Jack Crooks has recently concluded to stick to his situation as a cigar drummer, and has foregone the idea of keeping a team.

It is now pretty certain that the Philadelphia club will form Pierce Childs, and if they do, Manager Rinn will bid him for Reading.

Lo Chino, has not shown up with Baltimore and it is claimed that he may not be allowed on the team as Harris, a new man, has shown up.

Lou Chino, of Boston, says that the Brooklyn club will be the greatest aggregation of ball players ever seen on a diamond and he thinks they will draw some of the sporting money with Boston.

Medines, who is to pitch for the Brooklyn club, is to start at one South Carolina Medical college in Charleston, and is very busy with his examinations. He will not be able to join the Brooklyn club until April 1.

"Jack" Doyle's good behavior while with the New Yorks last season makes an interesting case in the eyes of the public. A year ago he was considered a bad fellow, but now he is a model citizen.

George Kintzsch, of Scranton, after securing the release of "Red Hill" Logan from the Canton club, has concluded to sell that player to the Detroit club. He was afraid that on account of Red's bad reputation it might alienate some of the supporters of the club in Scranton.

That Manager Jim Fiebig is not a strong team together no one who knows anything about base ball will doubt, and from indications Newark will be represented by the strongest team it has had since the days of '88. The players acquired on Saturday market will have a few days of gymnasium exercise before they take the field for the first exhibition which will likely be with the Cuban Giants. The team will include the following: First base, Captain Manager Jim Fiebig; pitchers, Frank McPartlin, Dick Connor, Charles Johnson and John Horndon; catchers, Mike Gowdy and Tommie and Joe Gunn; second base, Sam White; third base, Al Wodgett and Edly Daily; shortstop, Charley Moore; left field, Billy George or Scott Hardisty; center field, Pat Meaney; right field, Billy Schaffer.

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

STORY OF FARMER JOHNSON'S SINGULAR CAT.

Few Facts of Interest Gleaned in Old Susquehanna County—Farmers of Ararat Organize a Milk Company. Rumors Concerning Editor Samuel More—Railroad Racket—Home and Other Happenings.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, March 25.—Farmer Johnson, of Burnwood, is the owner of a singular cat, to put it mildly. From kittenhood almost, this cat, Bob, has shown a fondness for the society of chickens. His unusual love for his strange companion grew with his growth, until by the time he was half grown it was no unusual sight to see him at night on the roost with the chickens. He follows them all day. He betrays no attachment for any one person but associates impartially with the barn. The chicks have become accustomed to him, and he is evidently regarded as a sort of protection. Bob retains sufficient cat nature to lie up snug and warm. "Here's Bob," said Farmer Johnson, one morning as he and a friend were conversing about the barn. The visitor looked along a row of nests of setting hens. Bob was on one of them with a large seat of eggs under him, which he was doing his best apparently to keep warm while the old hen was out taking her morning walk. He frequently can be found side by side with a setting hen on one seat, wherein he is content to remain for hours at a time. Bob also "assists" in milking. Standing upright on his hind feet, just under the udder he opens his mouth to the utmost stretch and takes the squiggling direct, while the rest of the cats are licking their paws from the fence tops. Now and then an unruly cow objects, but the cat displays remarkable facilities for getting out of the way of danger. He is always willing to show off before strangers, as frequent opportunities are afforded.

CAUSE AND EFFECT. There is at least one town worse than Susquehanna. The Thanksgiving Republican prints the following: "Needs for Melchopany—Policeman, doctor, lawyer, shoemaker, sidewalk, street lamps, photographer, tailor and poor house."—Forest City News.

We seriously object to such uncalled-for slurs as that above. There is nothing "worse" about Susquehanna. It is a civilized, progressive, up-to-date town, peopled by decent American people—not a Hungarian settlement like Forest City, which narrowly escaped being in some other county than this.—Susquehanna Journal.

IN OLD SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

The grand jury met on Monday.

David Michaels, a crippled veteran of the civil war, is a Republican candidate for register and recorder.

Thus saith a Crystal Lake writer in the Forest City News: "What says millions of crows from Susquehanna and other parts congregate on Big mountain. Well, crows are not thoonly birds from Susquehanna and vicinity to migrate here to the land of plenty."

The Democratic county committee met in Montrose on Monday and transacted routine business.

Ararat has been yearning for a blacksmith.

Arthur E. Kinney, of Montrose, is a Republican candidate for sheriff. And already there are few others.

The farmers of Ararat and Gibson met in Ararat on Saturday to organize a branch of the Five States' Milk Producers' association, and to take action to secure a milk station.

Sheriff Ward Deane is recovering from his recent severe indisposition.

There is an alarming epidemic of ordinary colored poetry in some of the newspapers of the county.

The Montrose Republican recently expressed the opinion that there ought to be an election of a United States senator in this state on April 3. "It is not quiet, there are good, reputable, loyal Republicans."

It is reported that Editor Samuel P. More, of the Great Bend Plain Dealer, is a Republican candidate for representative.

The annual convention of the Susquehanna County Sunday School association will be held in Hartford, May 2 and 3.

Hall's, under the new L. L. & W. management, expects radical changes in matters that borough, "for poster or for worse."

WHOLLY UNPREMEDITATED.

The sense, silence, is semi-consciousness broken by a premature exclamation of "merit" hobbling up in the wilderness.

The stranded remnant of a barn-storming theatrical troupe passed east a few days since "by easy stages," finishing an eventful season by counting railroad time. Some of the artists will have given their king lion for a horse.

HOPE HAPPENINGS.

Superintendent W. L. Doer, of the Susquehanna Division of the Erie, is ill at the Stranahan House in this place.

About twenty late members of the Two Hundred and Third New York Volunteers, recently stationed at Camp Wheeler, Greenville, South Carolina, arrived at their homes in this place on Monday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Curran, a highly respected resident, occurred from the Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon.

Dr. Weaver, of Wilkes-Barre, will lecture in Hogan Opera house April 11, under the auspices of Grace Episcopal church, Oakland.

The Erie shop men today received their dues for services in February.

Little coal is now passing over the Crayley road. It is brought over the Jefferson division to this place.

The Oakland side residence of Thos. Lynch burned on Friday night, together with the contents.

Vicinity farmers report the presence of robins and blue birds in considerable numbers.

OTHER PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP.

Dee, Samuel Ashton, who at one time supplied the pulpit of the Universalist church, died in Philadelphia, March 6, aged 87 years.

Mrs. Patrick Maloney, of West Susquehanna, whose home was robbed on Saturday, March 12, has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

The Bellview company, geologist, now being tested on the Susquehanna division of the Erie, are thus far giving excellent satisfaction. They are evidently winners.

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It is said that two through coal trains will run daily over the Erie's Homestead branch after April 1. Homestead will continue to remain on the map.

BONDS OF SYMPATHY

Women tell Mrs. Pinkham the whole truth about themselves and that is the reason she is able to help them.



Nearly every woman suffers or has suffered from some trouble of the delicate organism that makes her a woman. The gratitude of those who have been relieved of back-ache, racking pains or serious displacement, is boundless.

From grateful women everywhere come to Mrs. Pinkham most earnest words of thankfulness for vanished pain and restored health.

Many women have wasted years in almost constant agony, spent money freely in treatment and travel, and finally learning of Mrs. Pinkham's great knowledge, have written to her and secured without cost advice that helped them back to health.

In this way there is formed a bond of sympathy with an ever-widening circle.

Wherever women meet, they talk about the great virtue of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. WEEDEN Says, "Mrs. Pinkham Saved My Life."

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I wrote to you two or three months ago about my poor health, I was completely discouraged. I had tried different kinds of medicine, and had been to a number of doctors, but could get no relief. A friend of mine advised me to write to you, and I did so. I had a great deal of trouble with my stomach, could not eat hardly any solid food, and even broths distressed me. I was growing poor and losing strength every day. I was so weak that I could hardly sit up, and was very nervous and down-hearted. Had backache and headache most of the time, also falling of the womb, trembling spells and dizziness. After receiving your letter, I began taking your Vegetable Compound, Blood Purifier and Liver Pills. I had taken them but a few days when I began to feel better, and have been gaining very fast ever since. I shall advise all my friends who are sick to write to you. I thank you for what you have done for me. You have certainly saved my life and may heaven bless you.—Mrs. OTTILIE D. WELDEN, Bridgewater Corners, Vt.

Perfect reliance on the sacredness of the confidential relations with Mrs. Pinkham, coupled with the feeling that they are telling their story to a woman, leads women to tell her the whole truth, thus enabling her to give most intelligent counsel. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. A woman best understands a woman's ills.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound A Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.

"Women suffer in silence." This may be the reason why they talk so much. No wise nation cares particularly for war. The sword or bayonet is the last thing anybody wants to get stuck on. A Crystal Lake writer states that a man over there was "induced in the No. 2 shaft." Evidently a vital part. He will hardly survive.

The only way to win an argument with a woman is to walk away after you have stated your side.—Ladies' Home Journal. That's all right; but will some one tell us how you are to state your case when you are arguing with a woman?

ANOTHER RAILROAD RUMOR.

It is rumored that the officers of the Susquehanna division of the Erie will soon be removed from Elmira to Susquehanna. Since his appointment, Superintendent Herz will object to a projected residence in a city of eternal Sabbath-like gloom.

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Easter Shoes and Easter Slippers

For Everybody. Prices Always the Cheapest.

We invite your inspection of our new line of Men's, Women's, Misses' and Children's Shoes and Slippers, in tan and black, that has been coming in daily from the manufacturers throughout the land. Remember, we are the cheapest shoe store and we save you money on every pair of shoes you buy from us.



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