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CITY NOTES

ANNUAL FEW LETTING.—The annual letting of pews in the Elm Park church will take place tonight.
LIBERAL DONATION.—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has received a \$25 donation from Mrs. E. B. Sturges.
OPEN AS USUAL.—Business will be transacted as usual today not being a legal holiday, and the banks being open, the postmaster decided not to observe the day as a holiday.
INSPECTION TONIGHT.—Company K, Eleventh regiment, provisional guard, will be inspected at the armory tonight by Major W. S. Miller, of the Third brigade.
WRIT OF MANDAMUS GRANTED.—Justice Edwards Saturday, on petition of Attorney James H. Torrey, granted a writ of alternative mandamus to compel the council to accept A. A. Vespurg's bond as city solicitor.
IN CARPENTERS' HALL.—Crandall and Randall, sketch artists, and their company will give a performance Thursday evening in Carpenters' hall.
CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.—H. B. Cole, a railroad man employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, was received at the county jail Saturday.
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—It was decided by the Democratic standing committee at a meeting held Saturday night, to hold a convention Tuesday, May 3, in the arbitration room of the court house for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention.
LAST WEEK'S EXCHANGES.—The exchanges for the week ending April 29 as noted by the Scranton Clearing House association are as follows: Monday, April 25, \$19,569.09; Tuesday, April 26, \$17,043.56; Wednesday, April 27, \$25,356.71; Thursday, April 28, \$27,255.78; Friday, April 29, \$19,967.18; Saturday, April 30, \$14,231.65; grand total, \$1,150,242.97.
GAS EXPLODED.—Robert Walker and Willie Evans, both employed as driver boys in the Pine Brook mines, were burned about the hands and face by a small explosion of gas while at work Saturday.
GEORGE DIVORCE CASE.—Testimony was taken Saturday at the law offices of Attorneys Vostburg & Dawson, by Miss Mattie Thomas, commissioner in the divorce case of Mrs. Grace H. Geer vs. Raymond P. Geer.

NEW CHARTER FOR SCRANTON Must Soon Leave the Company of Third Class Cities.

IT MAY DO SO AT ONCE

Wholesale Change in the Plan of City Government That Would Come with the Adoption of Second Class City Charter—All City Officials Excepting Mayor Elected by Councils—A Director of Public Safety Relieves the Mayor of the Power of Appointing Policemen and Firemen—Director of Public Safety Names the Street Commissioner; City Engineer; Building Inspector, and the Like—Poor Board and Board of Health Done Away with. Liquor Licenses Doubled.

AN ACT

Dividing the cities of this state into three classes with respect to their population, and designating the mode of selecting and changing the classification thereof in accordance therewith.
Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., that for the purposes of legislation, regulating their municipal affairs, the exercise of certain corporate powers and having respect to the number, character, powers and duties of certain officers thereof, the cities now in existence and those to be hereafter created in this commonwealth, shall be divided into three classes.
Those containing a population of six hundred thousand or over shall constitute the first class.
Those containing a population of one hundred thousand and under six hundred thousand, shall constitute the second class.
Those containing a population of under one hundred thousand shall constitute the third class.

Section 2. The classification of said cities, respectively, shall be ascertained by reference to their population, according to the last preceding United States census, or any municipal census taken later, and whenever it shall appear, by any such census, that any city of the second or third class has attained a population entitling it to an advance in classification as herein prescribed it shall be the duty of the governor under the great seal of the commonwealth to certify the fact accordingly, which certificate shall be entered at large upon the minutes of the council of such city and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds of the proper county period.
At the municipal election, occurring not less than one month after the date of such certificate, the proper officers shall be elected to which said city will become entitled under the change in classification, and upon the first Monday of April next succeeding thereto, the terms of all officers of said city, then in office, whose offices are suspended by reason of death, shall cease and determine, and the city government shall be duly organized and shall thereafter be conducted and managed by the officers of this commonwealth, applicable to the same under the respective classifications hereby fixed and appointed.

CHANGE IS CERTAIN.

That Scranton will put aside its third-class city charter and become, with Pittsburg and Allegheny, a city of the second class is certain. That it can at the present time become a second class city if it so desires is also a certainty.

Scranton has 24,987 registered voters, the county commissioners' books show 24,118 taxables; the directory computation gives us a population of 115,000, and the board of trade is positive that we have all of that number. It is safe to say that a census taken at this time would show a population of over 100,000.

Should public sentiment favor the change, councils could order a census and upon it being certified to the governor that we have 100,000 inhabitants a second-class charter would issue.

The change, at all events, will come in the course of the next year, for beyond all doubt, the 1900 census will show Scranton to have a population far in excess of the figure which makes it incumbent upon a city to accept a second-class charter.

When the change does come, the city will undergo the most complete transformation in the matter of government. Scarcely an office that now exists under the third-class charter will escape being disturbed, in one way or the other, and besides, several new and some of them very important offices will be added to the list.

Incidentally, liquor licenses will cost \$1,100 instead of \$550, as at present, and the school board which is operating under an act applying to school districts in cities of the third class will be dissolved. It will also affect the poor board, it would appear, in like manner. At least there would be a conflict between the special law under which the board at present works and the second-class charter.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS. The principal officers of a second-class city are mayor, comptroller, treasurer, director of department of public works, director of department of public safety, director of department of charities, city solicitor, city auditor and delinquent tax collector. Select council consists of one member from each ward; common council in this city would have about forty members, the representation being based on the size of the ward.

Among the more important of the minor officers made necessary by the operations of a second-class city charter are five police magistrates, two city clerks, messenger of council, chief assessor and two assistant assessors, assistant city solicitor, superintendent of bureau of fire and assistant, superintendent of bureau of police and assistant, superintendent of bureau of health, food inspector, superintendent of bureau of electricity, superintendent of bureau of engineering and surveys, superintendent of bureau of highways and sewers, superintendent of bureau of water, superintendent of bureau of public lighting, superintendent of

bureau of parks, director of department of charities. Provision is also made for a superintendent of bureau of wharves and landings, but it is possible that this city will neglect to fill that office.
There is, of course, provision also for such clerks and assistants as the city may find it necessary to have, and it is likely that unless the city should come to own its own water and light works the superintendents of the bureaus of water and public lighting would not be chosen.
The mayor is elected for three years by the people. His sole duties are to review legislation, preserve the peace, enforce city ordinances and supervise and pay the city officers. He has nothing whatever to do with appointments of policemen, firemen, inspectors or heads of bureaus or departments. His salary is fixed by council.

THE POLICE POWER.

The police power of taking information, making arrests and conducting hearings, rests in the mayor and five police magistrates (not necessarily aldermen) to be appointed by the mayor with the consent of council, all of them not to be of the same political party, and their respective districts to be fixed by council.

All the other officers, including comptroller (which corresponds to our present controller), city treasurer, city assessors and the like are chosen by council for two-year terms.
The board of assessors consists of five members, a chief and four assistants. Real estate is assessed in three classes. Farm land is assessed one-third of the highest rate of tax required to be assessed; rural or suburban property pays two-thirds of the highest rate, and city or built-up property pays all of the highest rate. The highest rate of tax necessary to be assessed is fixed each year by council after the assessors make their return of property classification. The actual cash value of property is the basis of taxation.

The city auditor looks after the accounts of all city officers, making monthly report of his work to council. The director of public safety is appointed by council for four years. He has supervision of the police, fire department, health, fire department, city telegraphs, fire escapes, police stations, patrol houses, fire houses and fire apparatus. He appoints the superintendent of police, superintendent of the bureau of fire and all policemen and firemen, the building inspector, superintendent of the bureau of health and the like.

The board of health under a second-class city charter will be supplanted by a bureau of health, which shall consist of a superintendent and such employees as may be deemed necessary.
PUBLIC WORKS. The director of the department of public works has charge of the department now governed here by the city engineer, street commissioner and park commissioner and has charge of all realty owned by the city. He appoints the heads of the various bureaus in his department, such as superintendent of engineering and surveys, superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers, superintendent of the bureau of water, superintendent of the bureau of public parks, superintendent of the bureau of public libraries.

Under the act of June 16, 1891, which was enacted at the time Allegheny passed from a third to a second class city, the office of director of the poor in cities of the second class was abolished, and the power of directing the work of charity was vested in a department of public charities. Scranton upon becoming a second class city would have to accept this law and in some way or other divorce itself or Dunmore from the Scranton poor district.

The department of charities is under the charge of a director, who consists of simply the director and the usual employees of a poor district. In this, as in every other department, the appropriate committee of council has a supervisory power.

The law governing the apportionment of common councilmen in cities of the second class reads as follows:
It shall be the duty of the assessors of each ward to return under the great seal and exact return of resident taxables to the president of the common council on or before the first day of July in each fourth year when an apportionment is to be made, and at the first meeting of the council thereafter, a joint committee of five, two from the select and three from the common council, shall be appointed, who shall examine the said returns and divide the whole number of taxables by forty and the quotient shall be the basis of representation for the members of common council. Provided, That should any ward have an excess of three-fifths more than the rate of one to forty, it shall be entitled to an additional member; and provided further, that each ward shall have at least one member of council.

NUMBER OF TAXABLES. The total number of taxable inhabitants in the twenty-one wards of Scranton is 24,118. Allowing 148 for the number of non-resident taxables, and to make round numbers, the ratio of representation in common council would be 600. On this basis the different wards would be represented as follows:
First ward, 2; Second ward, 2; Third ward, 1; Fourth ward, 3; Fifth ward, 3; Sixth ward, 2; Seventh ward, 1; Eighth ward, 1; Ninth ward, 2; Tenth ward, 1; Eleventh ward, 2; Twelfth ward, 1; Thirteenth ward, 2; Fourteenth ward, 1; Fifteenth ward, 2; Sixteenth ward, 1; Seventeenth ward, 2; Eighteenth ward, 2; Nineteenth ward, 2; Twentieth ward, 2; Twenty-first ward, 1. Total, 38.

By the time the law would go into effect certain of the wards would undoubtedly have passed the mark entitling them to an extra representative. This is particularly true in the case of the Eighth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth wards, which lack but a few taxables to make them each entitled to two common councilmen. It is safe to say that Scranton as a second class city would have forty councilmen.

Judging from the present political complexion of council, the councils under the new charter would stand: Republicans, 37; Democrats, 22.

SOME OF THE RULES OF COUNCIL. Appended is mention of some of the rules of council in Allegheny, after which Scranton will doubtless fashion when it becomes a second class city. The manner in which they differ from the present rules here is also given:
Regular meetings once a month instead of weekly.
Calls for special meetings may be given by one-third of the members. Five is sufficient here.

Copies of each bill reported from committee by mail or otherwise at least two days in advance of its consideration by council and no bill shall be considered unless this provision is complied with. This is not required here.
Mayor given five days to sign or veto a measure, and a three-fifths vote necessary to override his veto. The rules here allow fifteen days for the mayor to pass upon a measure, and a two-thirds vote is required to pass it over his head.

Whooping Cough. I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by all druggists. Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

Waverly High School Graduates. The graduating exercises of the class of '99 of the Waverly High school will be held in the Baptist church Thursday evening, May 4. The closing exercises of the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary departments will be held in the High school building on Friday afternoon, May 5.

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Muslins—About five thousand yards of yard wide 1/2 unbleached muslin, 5c grade. 3 1/2c
Piques—Several thousand yards of corded piques, real value 15c the yard, to close them out. 10c
\$1.00 cotton dress patterns at 39c—Ten yards in each pattern, regular 10c a yard double fold checked dress goods, very suitable for children's school dresses, strong, serviceable material. Special Monday price per pattern. 39c
\$1.00 trimmed and pleated shirt waists at 45c
Just received, one hundred dozen percale and lawn shirt waists, with pleated front and back, and trimmed with embroidery, real value one dollar. Special on Monday. 45c
Really interesting underwear news
This concerns another lot of women's muslin underwear, intended to reinforce our stock after the onslaught of the last two weeks. The better grades are predominant in this particular shipment. Many styles that you really should see. In the low priced goods we quote again for today:
Gowns—Of good muslin, in Mother Hubbard style, with tucked yoke, trimmed with cambric ruffle, real value 50c. 29c
Gowns—Of good muslin, in Mother Hubbard style, yoke trimmed with embroidery insertion and cluster of tucks, value 69c. 49c
79c Gowns at only 59c
89c Gowns at only 69c
98c Gowns at only 75c
Corset Covers—Of fine cambric, trimmed with lace and insertion and cluster of tucks. 39c
Muslin drawers—In the greatest variety ever seen in this store. Every quotation here is an absolute bargain:
Muslin Drawers, trimmed with tucks and embroidery. 25c
Muslin Drawers, trimmed with cambric ruffle and embroidery. 39c
Muslin Drawers, trimmed with embroidery and lace. 49c
Also some very special bargains in knit goods
Women's 8c vests at 4c—Jersey ribbed trimmed around neck and sleeves. Special price. 4c
Women's 12 1/2c vests at 3 for 25c—Jersey ribbed, in white only, very good quality, trimmed around neck and arms. 3 for 25c
Women's 19c vests at 2 for 25c—Trimmed very nicely around neck and arms, in white ecru, extra quality, jersey ribbed vests. Special. 2 for 25c
Women's 25c lisle vests at 17c—Lisle thread, jersey ribbed vests, in white only, handsomely trimmed around neck and arms. Special value at. 17c
Women's 39c lisle vests at 25c—These have yoke of lace and are handsomely trimmed around neck and sleeves; colors, blue, black and white, real value 39c. 25c
Full assortments of fine quality lisle thread and silk vests. 49c to 2.50
Laces, embroideries and ribbons—decided bargains
This department has been the scene of many a sacrifice sale—so many, in fact, that our announcements of occurrences here are looked for CONTINUALLY. We search the market for extraordinary values, and when we find them they are YOURS on the same basis. Look for these today.
Torchon laces—2 to 5 inches wide—At the greatest bargain price ever known for SUCH widths. The real value is just double—not a yard in the lot that is not worth as much as 8c. Special on Monday. 4c
Fine embroideries—In edging and insertion from 1 to 4 inches wide, extra quality and of the 12 1/2c kind. 8c
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Unusually good values in dress goods and silks
Black crepons—Of these we have a great variety—medium and high class goods—something to suit every purse and taste. Of special value, however, we offer one lot that is equal if not better than you are likely to get elsewhere at \$1.25 the yard. Our price. 98c
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Also two bargains in linings—We offer at a special cut price today the regular 10c quality of double fold silisia in brown, drab and cream; and also one lot of 10c black rustle lining. All to go at half price. 5c
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