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CITY NOTES

MANAGERS MEET.—The managers of the Home for the Friendless will hold a regular meeting this morning at 10 a. m. at 430.

MEETING OMITTED.—The Sunday school teachers' meeting usually held on Friday evening at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, will be omitted this evening.

CONTRACT CERTIFIED.—The contract between the city and Meers & Flynn for paving East Market street, was certified yesterday and the work will be started next week.

TO INSPECT PLANS.—The building committee of the board of control will meet tonight to pass upon the plans for new No. 28. Several other committees of the board will also meet.

TRIP TO EUROPE.—The members of the High School Harmony club will present a "Trip to Europe" in the High school auditorium Thursday evening, May 11. The public is invited.

PUBLIC RECEPTION.—Miss Froeman and Mr. Southworth will give a public reception in their new studios in the Connell building next Monday afternoon and evening. The afternoon reception hours will be from 3 to 6 and the evening from 8 to 10.

PAY-DAY.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay at the Storrs colliery and the employees of the machine shops today. The Delaware and Hudson company paid the employees at the Olyphant and Forty Creek collieries at Olyphant yesterday.

CHRISTIAN ENDOWOR SOCIAL.—Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Y. Pierce will entertain the Christian Endowor society of the Penn Avenue Baptist church at the parsonage, 242 Millin avenue, this evening. Invitations have been sent to all the members of the society and their friends, and an enjoyable evening of social intercourse is anticipated.

MORE RECRUITS.—Five men were sworn in yesterday and sent from the recruiting office on Fort street. Three of them went to the Presidio, San Francisco, Cal., for Philippine service. They are Peter Harley, of Alderson, former member of Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Henry Leyh, Scranton, and Joseph Donnelly, Tunkhannock, all for the infantry. The other two went to Fort Columbus, New York harbor, for cavalry service and are: John P. Maxwell, Plymouth, and Jacob F. Hein, Scranton. The latter was a member of Company B, Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

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DIED.

COSNER.—In Newton, May 4, 1899. David Cosner, at his residence. Funeral Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in the Newton cemetery.

MARTIN.—In Scranton, May 3, 1899. Mrs. Michael Martin, at her residence, 415 Mineral street. Funeral this morning from the residence. Interment at the Cathedral cemetery.

WILSON.—In Scranton, May 3, 1899. Miss Cora Wilson, 15 years of age, at the residence, 422 Franklin avenue. Funeral this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment at Stevens Point, Pa.

NEW BOND ISSUE IS NOW PROPOSED

TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE TIED-UP IMPROVEMENTS.

City's Share of the Cost of Opening Wyoming Avenue and Constructing the Various Projected Sewers Is to Be Taken Care of in a Big Bond Issue—Ordinance Introduced Appropriating \$17,520 to Asphalt Street Repairs—Special Committee Reports on City Engineer's Recommendations.

As an outcome of Controller Howell's communication calling attention to the large number of sewers that are being held up because of the failure of the city to provide for its two-thirds share of the expense, select council last night passed a resolution looking to the framing of an ordinance submitting to the vote of the people a proposition to bond the city for \$162,240.56. The improvements to which this money is to apply are:

- Opening Wyoming avenue \$80,000 00
Section B, Fifth sewer district 4,572 50
Section C, Fifth sewer district 17,250 00
Philo street sewer 17,250 00
Seventeenth ward sewer 93 77
Nineteenth district sewer 47,666 25
Eleventh ward sewer 483 13
Sixteenth district sewer 573 18
Seventeenth district sewer 22,965 25

The resolution was introduced by Mr. Chittenden. It refers to the controller's communication to the sewers and drains committee with instructions to draw up an ordinance submitting to the vote of the people the question of bonding the city to the extent named.

Mr. Fellows had another proposition which looked to the levying of a special tax to provide the funds in question. But there was a question raised by Mr. Sanderson, as to the court having power to order such a levy exceeding as it would the city's constitutional limit of indebtedness. It was referred to City Solicitor McGinley for an opinion.

CONTROLLER CRITICIZED.

Mr. Roche criticized the controller for sending the communication to the council after he had certified some of the contracts. "I understand," said Mr. Roche, "that he certified one of those contracts for a North End sewer in which the city's share of expense was \$38,900, and refused to certify one in which the city was called upon to pay only \$200, saying that there was a question as to whether he wouldn't be personally liable for certifying a contract for which the money had not been actually appropriated."

Chairman Williams said something about including the West Side viaduct among the improvements to be provided for. Mr. Roche called his attention to the fact that only such measures were to be included as had been directed by ordinance. Mr. Sanderson added that the people would not vote for an omnibus measure. If we confine ourselves to the improvements projected, he said, the people will favor the issue. He also thought it more advisable to raise the money by a bond issue which would distribute the burden over a number of years, than to raise it by a special levy which would inflict the tax upon the people all in one year.

Action on the resolution appointing a special committee to deal with Dunn Bros' withdrawal from the South Side sewer contract was deferred until next meeting on the strength of an announcement by Mr. Roche, that negotiations are under way for the carrying out of the contract.

Mr. Sanderson introduced an ordinance appropriating for asphalt repairs the \$17,520 item which Mayor Bailey scratched from the appropriation ordinance. It was referred to committee with instructions to report it printed if it was reported favorably. The preamble of the resolution has a clause reading: "And whereas, a doubt exists as to the validity of the mayor's veto" and then goes on to say that to make assurance doubly sure, it is best to re-appropriate the item.

Mr. Melvin, chairman of the special committee appointed to consider the recommendations contained in City Engineer Phillips' annual message, submitted a lengthy report, dealing mainly with the asphalt repairs and the "viewer" robbery. The report considers the Barber contract "an admirable proposition and characterizes Mayor Bailey's action in vetoing the asphalt repair contract as a "misjudged zeal." Approval is given the engineer's idea of paved gutters being preferable to curb as an accompaniment to the sidewalks on unpaved streets, and applauds him for securing the laying of better street car tracks.

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN COST.

The statement of the engineer that the cost of making views on sewers and like improvements has grown in 82 cents to \$14.20 per lot is cited, and his suggestion that viewers be appointed from the engineer's corps as hearty approved; as was also his idea of permanent inspectors.

Later resolution was passed for the appointment of a special committee to join with the city engineer and city solicitor in ascertaining from court whether or not it could be arranged to have all viewers selected hereafter from the city engineer's corps, the understanding being that they are to do the work without compensation other than their regular salary. They can do the work, it is estimated, in about one-tenth of the time required by laymen.

Mr. Ross said he favored this idea. A sewer in his end of the city which cost \$2,000, he said, was viewed at a cost of \$1,800.

The communication from Controller Howell suggesting a transfer of \$1,550 from the surplus in the electric light appropriation to be applied in connection with the asphalt was "received and filed."

The resolution awarding to the Glard Construction company the contract for paving North Main avenue and Providence road was concurred in. The Meers & Flynn contract for paving Sanderson avenue was referred back to committee, because of the absence of damage releases.

The common council resolution fixing ten years as the minimum limit on pave guarantees hereafter, was referred to committee.

Other common council measures referred were: Providing for a fire hydrant, corner of Garfield and Sweetland; purchasing \$2,000 worth of hose; repairing steamers; expediting soldiers from occupation tax; locating five new electric lights.

Common council measures concurred in provided for designating poles with name of owner; making plans for sidewalks on Harrison avenue; removing fire hydrant on Miner street; naming a special committee to draft a new building ordinance.

WALKS ON HARRISON AVENUE; REMOVING FIRE HYDRANT ON MINER STREET; NAMING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A NEW BUILDING ORDINANCE.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTOR.

Mr. Melvin introduced an ordinance creating the office of electric light inspector at a salary of \$1,900 per year.

Other measures were introduced providing for fire hydrants on East Locust and East Elm streets; accepting Parkway Park streets; laying out Bridge alley and Mechanics street; forbidding the use of Millin avenue as a market place; leasing the Century House; making plans for sidewalks in the Fourteenth ward; directing that a watchman be kept at the Bridge street crossing on Sundays; transferring \$400 to Eighteenth ward street appropriations; making plans for paving Market street, from the bridge to Main avenue; making plans for a sewer on Court street; requesting the city controller to certify the contract for section E, Fifth sewer district.

The tax levy ordinance was passed on third reading. Mr. Roche called attention to the fact that the ordinance, this year, directs the sinking fund commissioner to place the city moneys at interest on the fifth day of each month.

The Chittenden ordinance appropriating park receipts to park purposes was read and was favorably reported on committee.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. LUKE'S

Mrs. Helen T. Clarke and Others Participated.

A very large audience filled St. Luke's parish house auditorium last night on the occasion of the readings given by Mrs. Helen T. Clarke, of New York, for the benefit of the Guild of St. Margaret. A delightful musical programme was rendered by local talent. Owing to a delay in the arrival of Mrs. Clarke, the entertainment did not open until nearly 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Clarke gave proof of great versatility in the repertoire presented. The selections ranged from the intensely dramatic to the light and dainty in conception. She has been a pupil in the Nelson Wheatcroft school and her careful, intelligent work has credit to that famous teacher. Her voice is velvety-like and sympathetic and contains a flexible sweetness that holds unusual attraction. Her enunciation is perfect, and there is an absence of elocutionary effort, leaving the expression of nature, which is the highest art.

Her recital of the monologue of Hagar was among her best. She gave the Shylock and Tubal scene from the "Merchant of Venice," and a number of serious readings entirely unacknowledged in character. A touch of humor was afforded in Mr. Devoey's production of the situation "If Mr. Hennessy Got Rich."

Mrs. Paul Gardner made her debut in Scranton last evening, but her charming voice is well known in her home at Honesdale, where for some time she has occupied a church position. She has a high, clear soprano, bird-like and true in tone and surpassingly sweet. Her selections were Miller's "Waiting" and "The Last Good-Bye," which she sang with great taste and feeling. As an encore she gave "Old Love Letters." Mr. Southworth was the accompanist.

Mr. Will Watkins earned hearty recalls with his fine solos. He sang Pines' "The Raft" with power and breadth of tone, exceptionally pleasing. For an encore he sang "Only in Dreams," by DeKoven.

Professor Southworth played an exquisite piano solo, and Mr. Tom Gippel sang the Cavatina, from Faust, with excellent effect. The concert of Messrs. Watkins and Gippel was one of the successes of the evening.

THEATRICAL CLUB'S SOCIAL.

Was Held Last Night in the Excelsior Club House.

Their "first production" as the members of the Scranton Theatrical club styled the informal dance given by them at the Excelsior club house, last night, was a complete success. About seventy-five couples were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the programme of twenty dances for which Lawrence's orchestra furnished the music.

As an agreeable surprise, the members of the Daniel Sully company gave a series of specialties at the club house becoming the guests of the club, at the conclusion of the company's performance at the Academy of Music. The committees in charge of last night's affair were: Floor, G. Nelson Teets, chairman; Harry Brown, Robert Alexander, Jacob R. Ferber; reception, George Lowder, Edward Kohnstamm and Charles Hamilton; general, Fred Softly; Raphael Kohnstamm and Edward Schaffer.

WILLIAMS' CASE TO COME UP.

It is to Be Tried at Pittsburg Next Week.

The case of the Traders' National bank against the Fidelity and Casualty company, growing out of the bond given by A. E. Williams as cashier, is set down for trial at Pittsburg Monday next.

Last night some of the witnesses started for Pittsburg and a large number will leave today. Judge Jessup, Patterson & Wilcox, Hon. W. W. Watrous and Everett Warren, of this city, are some of the counsel in the case.

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TWELVE SELECTMEN OPPOSE THE MAYOR

REFUSED TO CONSIDER FORTHWITH HIS APPOINTMENTS.

Nominations of John H. Walker to Succeed P. J. Hickey as Fire Chief, and Fred Widmayer to Succeed T. N. Cullen as Food and Milk Inspector, Are Sent to Committee. Cause Assigned for Hickey's Removal—Nervy Attempt on the Part of the Democrats to Commit Council to Hickey.

Select council received from Mayor Moir last night the following nominations:

John H. Walker to succeed P. J. Hickey as chief of the fire department, term expires—
P. J. Widmayer to succeed T. N. Cullen as food and milk inspector, term expires.

John McColligan and Thomas Collins, now acting as extra patrolmen, draft the two new positions on the police force provided for by the estimates ordinance.

Frank Henderson, as inspector of Honesdale street and Von Storch avenue.

James Johnson as inspector of Honesdale street and Von Storch avenue.

The police appointments were confirmed forthwith unanimously, but the others were referred to committee.

A motion to suspend the rules to confirm forthwith the nomination of Mr. Walker received only eight of the required two-thirds vote, or fourteen. The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ross, Williams, James, Chittenden, Wagner, Sanderson, Fellows, Lansing—8.
Nays—Messrs. Finn, Kearney, Thomas, Mr. Walker received only eight of the required two-thirds vote, or fourteen. The vote was as follows:

Absent—Mr. McCann. On the motion to forthwith consider the nomination of Mr. Widmayer, the division was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ross, Williams, James, Chittenden, Wagner, Sanderson, Sanderson, Fellows, Schroeder, Lansing—10.
Nays—Messrs. Finn, Kearney, Thomas, Roche, Melvin, Schaefer, O'Boyle, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew—12.

The Chief Hickey matter precipitated a controversy that occupied nearly an hour of the two hours and ten minutes that the council was in session. It was precipitated by the following communication from the mayor:

MAYOR ATTRIBUTES CAUSE.

Mayor's Office, Scranton, May 4, 1899. To the Honorable, the Select Council, Gentlemen: At your last meeting, April 29, I sent in a communication, announcing that the term of P. J. Hickey, as chief of the fire department, had expired, and likewise naming a successor. For some reason, probably pressure of business, this communication was not considered by you. I therefore deemed it my duty to take action at once, for two reasons: First, Mr. Hickey's term had expired, and second, I have official information from the controller that Mr. Hickey, as chief of the fire department, had largely overdrawn his appropriations of last year and created thereby an appalling deficiency in that department.

While I am cognizant of the fact that councils were aware to a great extent that the appropriation was being overdrawn, I believe it was culpable in allowing his appropriations to be overdrawn, and further he knowingly incurred claims against the city on his own responsibility and without the consent or knowledge of councils.

Such action on the part of the head of any department is not only reprehensible against the law. On page 50, city digest of laws, we find the following: "Any head of any department who shall incur any liability beyond the amount appropriated shall be liable to removal from his office." Being aware of this I believed it to be my duty to ask Chief Hickey to retire as his term of office had expired, and I placed the department in charge of the veteran fireman, Strydom, who is now acting chief pending your action in confirming a successor to Chief Hickey. Respectfully yours, James Moir, Mayor.

The communication, on motion of Mr. Finn, was received and filed, and the matter slumbered until new business was reached, when it was caused to erupt by a resolution offered by Mr. Frable, directing that the horse and wagon of the chief engineer of the fire department be placed in the custody of P. J. Hickey until such time as his successor was duly qualified.

RULED IT OUT OF ORDER.

Chairman Williams ruled the resolution out of order. Mr. Chittenden, in this connection, criticized the action of the joint fire department committee in usurping the power of the mayor by designating a certain man to act as chief of the fire department.

Later Mr. Frable introduced another resolution directing that the horse and wagon be placed in the custody of P. J. Hickey for the use of the fire department. Mr. Williams ruled it out of order on the ground that it was the same as the preceding one.

After a lengthy debate the matter was brought to an end by Mr. Frable's appeal from the decision of the chair. Mr. Schroeder did not take kindly to this extreme measure and moved to adjourn. Rather than cause an adjournment Mr. Frable, at Mr. Roche's solicitation, withdrew his appeal.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied by publication by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.]

Mr. Ballentine's Resignation.

Editor of The Tribune. Sir: As many others who have tried it very well know, it is almost impossible to get a true statement of a case correctly reported unless it is given in one's own carefully considered and well chosen words.

For instance: On Monday last the statement went out that the trouble at the Church of the Good Shepherd had been amicably and satisfactorily settled to all parties concerned. This statement was correct. If it had stopped there it would have been admirable in every respect. But it did not stop there. It went further. It intimated that the pastor had sent in his resignation before the standing committee had got through considering the case. It allowed one to infer that the standing committee consisted of members who had given their counsel and advice to the bishop. They had left the bishop to act in the matter. The pastor was waiting such action. But it did not come. On the contrary he was approached by a mutual friend who informed him the bishop did not care to act before another attempt had been made to compromise the matter. After an hour or two's conversation on the subject, and in the same spirit of comradery in which he had again been approached by the bishop, he expressed his entire willingness to terminate his relations with the parish on the sole condition that his main position be accorded to by the bishop and the vestry, that is, that he be allowed to begin work as a minister of the Episcopal church near the Country club, and support himself by his own individual efforts. He felt he must do this, in the first place, because it was in line with his own natural and normal development. In the second place, because it was the only course he could take and remain independent of powerful influences that must otherwise stultify his own mental and moral and spiritual growth.

P. S. Ballentine. Scranton, Pa., May 5, 1899.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those friends who so kindly assisted and sincerely sympathized with us in our sad affliction by the sudden loss of our beloved son and brother, Albert.

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Tea Kettles
Wagner Hollow Ware No. 7 or 8, were \$1.34. During Fire Sale 74 cents
Dinner Pail
No 1 size, they're badly smoked, were 19c. Fire Sale 5 cents
Enamel Lip Sauce Pan
No. 16 size, were 16 cents. During the Fire Sale 9 cents
Slop Pail
Enameled 10-qt. size, were 50 cents. Nothing the matter with these. 25 cents
Enameled Milk Pan
Four and five-quart sizes, were 14c and 16c. During sale 8 cents
Glass Tea Set
With pressed gold decoration, at depot during fire, worth \$1.24. During sale 89 cents
Cups and Saucers
White Ware, coffee size, were 7 cents. During sale 4 cents
Handkerchiefs
Depot stock, all kinds and styles, worth 10 cts. Sale price 4 cents
Tin Sauce Pan
Best retinned, No. 22 size, were 14 cents. Sale price 7 cents

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