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CITY NOTES

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LOUR AND SOAP—At the Home for the Friendless there is a pressing need of donations of flour and soap.

NO MEETING.—Owing to the failure of a quorum to materialize no meeting of the joint fire department committee was held last night.

ANNUAL VISIT.—The teachers' committee of the board of control will make its annual visit to the schools next week, beginning Tuesday on the West Side.

OPENS MAY 2.—Elmwood hall, formerly Hotel Elmwood, has been rented and furnished and will be opened May 21 under new management as a first class hotel and sanitarium.

PATIENTS DISCHARGED.—Queen McGovern, the last injured at the South Mills in January last, his father being killed at the same time; Stanley, a Pole, and Peter Scriver, burned at the blast furnace in April and March respectively; and John Lloyd, injured by a fall of coal in the Cayuga mines last week, all patients of the West Side hospital, were discharged from that institution yesterday.

DAMAGE CLAIM.—The sewers and drains committee of common council will meet Tuesday afternoon to pass upon the claim of D. A. O'Connor, of Robinson street, for damages which he alleges were caused by gutter water overflowing into the cellar of his hotel.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED.—The conference between the voters and the officials of the Delaware and Hudson company regarding the opening of Wyoming avenue which was scheduled for yesterday afternoon, was postponed till this afternoon owing to the absence of Mr. Weston, the company's land agent.

TAKEN TO JAIL.—Anthony Lally, who was shot while trying to enter the barn of Henry Wetzel, South Scranton, Tuesday night, April 11, and held in \$1,000 bail at a hearing held two weeks later, was removed from the Lackawanna hospital yesterday to the county jail to await a hearing before the next grand jury on a charge of attempt at burglary.

THREATENED TO KILL.—Anthony Joy, of Park Place, was defended before Alderman Kason Thursday night, charged with making threats to kill Antonio Esposito, a neighbor, who feared that Joy would carry out his threat. The defendant was held in \$500 bail for his appearance at court.

LAUNDRY ABLAZE.—Yesterday afternoon's alarm of fire from box 24, was occasioned by a slight blaze in the basement laundry of E. M. Chapman's residence in the Martin Maloney block at 422 Adams avenue. Some clothing was destroyed and the room was badly scorched. The flames originated in a stove which had become extinguished by the Phoenix Chemical company.

ARSON CHARGED.—Harry Jurkovic, of Throby, was arraigned before Alderman Howe last night charged with arson. County Detective Leysch was prosecutor. The information cited that Jurkovic was in possession of a building owned by John A. Labotsky and occupied by Harry Jurkovic and William Engle, for hotel purposes, was burned down and that Jurkovic was responsible therefor. Alderman Howe held the defendant for a further hearing, several important witnesses being unable to be present.

FROM THE FIRING LINE.

Boys from the Eleventh Infantry Are Welcomed Home from Porto Rico by Admir-ing Neighbors.

The residents of Bellevue and Park Hill joined last night in a public reception to the soldier boys of that neighborhood, recently returned from Porto Rico, where they did service in the Eleventh infantry, United States army.

The affair occurred in Golden's hall, Speeching and banquets and dancing made up the programme of exercises. Common Councilman P. F. Galpin, of the Sixth ward, acted as chairman of the evening.

The soldier-guests were: William O'Rourke, Ignatius Nealon, Patrick McLean, Edward Gearty, David Donohue, Joseph Noon, William O'Hara, John Cassidy, William Tuane, William Moran, James Duffy, James Lavelle, John Mulligan, Edward Vanston.

These boys went out last spring from the Scranton recruiting station, which was in charge of Lieutenant Dentler, now Captain Dentler. Their campaigning has been told from time to time in special letters published in The Tribune. The principal engagement in which they participated was the battle of La Quesada, where the American soldiers made a brilliant attack across a flooded rice field, fighting for hours waist deep in water. They received their discharges the first part of this month under the act limiting the enlistment of volunteers to the actual period of hostilities, and have been returning home in ones and twos during the past two weeks.

Over 400 boys from Scranton and Wilkes-Barre and the towns tributary to those cities were in the Eleventh regiment. Several companies were composed entirely of boys from this region, but every company in the regiment had its share of them.

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DISCOURAGING THE ELECTION CONTESTS

LAWS PASSED BY THE LAST LEGISLATURE.

One of Them Limits the Time for Taking Testimony in an Election Contest to Ninety Days—All of the Time Consumed Over and Above That Is at the Expense of the Litigants—Amendment to Permit of the Curing of Defective Affidavits. Some Other Innovations.

The election contest evil has grown to such proportions in this state that the last legislature took some radical steps to discourage the practice. A number of bills with this end in view were introduced and passed and have received the signature of Governor Stone. One of the bills, which was introduced by Senator J. C. Vaughan, is somewhat drastic in its provisions. It is as follows:

AN ACT

To amend the ninth section of an act entitled "An act designating the several classes of contested elections in this commonwealth and providing for the trial thereof," approved the nineteenth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, providing that the costs in certain cases shall be placed on the petitioners. Section 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the senate and house, That section nine of an act entitled "An act designating the several classes of contested elections in this commonwealth and providing for the trial thereof," approved May nineteenth, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, which reads as follows, "Witnesses and officers shall be sworn by the proper court or judge, and after shall be fixed by law for similar services in the county in which the trial shall be held. If the court or judge shall decide that the complaint is not probable cause the petitioners and every one of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all the costs and the same may be collected as debts of like amount are by law collectible or payment thereof may be enforced by attachment."

In contested elections of electors of residential and vice-president and state officers whose jurisdiction extends over the state in which the court or judge shall not decide that the complaint is without probable cause the costs and the same shall be paid by the state treasurer out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated on bills certified to the proper court or judge upon examination and approval of the auditor general. In contested elections of president or additional law judges senators and members of the house of representatives and of county, borough, township or municipal officers in which the court or judge shall not decide that the complaint is without probable cause the proper district, county, township, borough, ward, school district or municipality shall be liable to pay all costs and the same shall be promptly paid by the proper court or judge. If the court or judge shall decide that the complaint is without probable cause the petitioners and every one of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all the costs and the same may be collected as debts of like amount are by law collectible or payment thereof may be enforced by attachment.

Section 3. Witnesses and officers shall be sworn by the proper court or judge and after shall be fixed by law for similar services in the county in which the trial shall be held, but witnesses and officers shall be liable for all the costs and the same shall be promptly paid by the proper court or judge. If the court or judge shall decide that the complaint is without probable cause the petitioners and every one of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all the costs and the same may be collected as debts of like amount are by law collectible or payment thereof may be enforced by attachment.

DISPOSITION OF COSTS. In case the contestant or contestants establish his or their right to the office in either of the above named cases the costs shall be paid by the proper district, county, borough, township, municipality or school district. Whenever a petition to contest an election in any of said cases shall be presented to the court it shall be accompanied by a bond signed by at least five of the said petitioners in such sum as the said court or judge may determine during vacation shall designate the costs to be approved by the said court or judge conditioned for the payment of all costs which may accrue in said contested election proceedings. If the court or judge shall decide in favor of the petitioner and if the said bond shall not be filed as herein provided the said petition to contest the election shall be dismissed. In contested elections of electors of president and vice-president and state officers whose jurisdiction extends over the state and senators and members of the house of representatives if the court or judge shall decide that the complaint is without probable cause the petitioners and every one of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all the costs and the same may be collected as debts of like amount are by law collectible or payment thereof may be enforced by attachment. In contested elections of county, borough, township or municipal officers whose jurisdiction extends over the state and senators and members of the house of representatives if the court or judge shall decide that the complaint is without probable cause the petitioners and every one of them shall be jointly and severally liable for all the costs and the same may be collected as debts of like amount are by law collectible or payment thereof may be enforced by attachment.

SENSIBLE AMENDMENT. An amendment suggested by Judge Archbald's sensible suggestion remedies the difficulty. The amendment is to the tenth section of an act entitled "A further supplement to the act regulating elections in this commonwealth. The amendment is as follows:

"Provided, that in case any person is allowed to vote at an election who is not registered, but makes affidavit which by reason of the failure to fully observe the requirements of this section is insufficient, in any contest growing out of said election it shall be lawful to correct any mistakes or supply any deficiencies in such affidavit, so as to show a qualified voter, and this shall not apply to non-registered voters who make no affidavit, or one which makes no attempt to comply with the law."

Another act which was suggested by the experience of Lackawanna county, with election contests limits the time of contests to ninety days. It is as follows: LIMITING ACT. That hereafter in all contested elections except of governor, lieutenant governor, electors of president and vice-president of the United States and all other officers of this commonwealth who now are or hereafter shall be required to be elected by the qualified voters of the state at large, the time to be consumed in taking testimony in court before an examiner or examiners appointed for that purpose shall not exceed ninety days in any one case, no matter whether such testimony be taken in court or before an examiner or examiners, or partly in court and partly before an examiner or examiners, and said testimony shall be taken in the following order, to wit: A period of time not exceeding forty days shall be allowed the contestant for the purpose of examining and cross-examining the witnesses, and the time taken by the contestant in rebuttal during the ten days, immediately succeeding the time allowed the persons returned as elected for taking testimony and for any testimony taken after the limit of time herein fixed shall be paid by the proper district, county, township, borough, ward, school district, or municipality, nor shall they be under any liability for the payment of the same, but the said court may order the contestant, petitioner, or person returned as elected, to pay the costs, as in its discretion it is deemed just and proper. Provided, that no costs shall be paid out of the treasury of any district, county, township, borough, ward, school district or municipality in any such contest until the same has been finally determined, and no costs accrued in any such contest shall be paid by the proper district, county, township, borough, ward, school district, or municipality, nor shall they be under any liability for the payment of the same.

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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PRESENT CONTESTS. There is nothing in this act to indicate that it does not apply to pending contests.

It will be for the court to say as to whether or not this amendment will apply to matters now at issue here.

APPLICANTS FOR RELIEF. Poor Board Directors Devote an Afternoon to Relieving Those in Distress—Requests Had a Pitiable Feature.

The poor board met in regular session yesterday afternoon, with Messrs. Langstaff and Fuller the absentees. The business of the meeting consisted almost solely of hearing and disposing of applications for relief. Mrs. John Southard, of Dunmore, was the first called and Director Murphy expressed his sympathy in her behalf. He stated that the woman and her husband, who are both aged, reside near the Dunmore cemetery and are unable to work. A son, 26 years of age, strong and robust, and who refuses to work, subsists from whatever she can get for their relief.

Another son of Mrs. Southard's, living in California, learning of his parents' circumstances, sent \$50 and \$10 on two different occasions, and the son at home took the money. The board instructed Mr. Murphy to use his discretion as to the matter to be reported to the board.

Mrs. Alex. Leroy of Philadelphia, who said she had just arrived from Forest City, and wanted transportation to her home, where her son lives, was sent back to Forest City. Mrs. Morris Dilman, of Alder street, who said her ill-kept boy, 14 years old, is unmanageable and will not work, wanted an increase in her allowance. The case was referred to Mr. Dickert with power to act.

Mrs. Patrick Lotius, of Stone avenue, informed the board that her husband who is young and strong, will not work and abuses her financially. Mr. Dickert was instructed to aid her and to consult with Attorney Scragg as to the husband's conduct. John Kline, of Elm street, an old soldier with a large family, and who has been unable to get a pension, was granted a pension of \$10 monthly. Director Shotten, ascertaining that Kline was a chair carrier, gave him some work at that line.

Mrs. David Chappell, of Evans' court, whose husband left her four months ago, and is now in Wales, was made happy. She and her four children, the oldest six years and the youngest three months, will be sent back to her home in Wales. The case was fully investigated, and found to be a worthy case as the woman is a stranger here, unable to assist herself, and the whole family would become a charge upon the district.

The matter of indenturing the four little children of Mrs. Mary Kelly, of Maple street, was left to Director Dickert's judgment. Meanwhile the family will be cared for.

Dr. Paine, who, at the last meeting of the board was directed to have the children of Mrs. Reese Llewellyn, of West Scranton, taken to a charitable institution, informed the members that the Associated Board of Charities was the proper body to proceed in the matter. Mrs. Duggan was notified to that effect.

ARE COUNCILMEN NOW IN CONTEMPT

A. A. VOSBURG BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE.

Presented a Petition to Court Yesterday Reciting the Action Taken at Thursday Night's Meeting of the Select and Asking for a Rule to Compel the Councilmen to Show Cause Why They Should Not Have Attachments Issued for Them for Contempt of Court.

The select councilmen who on Thursday night refused to obey the order of the court and confirm the bond of City Solicitor-elect A. A. Vosburg will have to answer before the court Monday. Yesterday the following petition was presented to the court by Mr. Vosburg:

To the honorable, the judges of the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county. The petition of A. A. Vosburg respectfully represents that he is the petitioner in the above stated mandamus proceedings and that upon a petition presented by him, this court did, on the 15th day of May, 1899, award a peremptory writ of mandamus upon the defendants, as the members of the select council of the city of Scranton; that in pursuance of said order of court, a writ of peremptory mandamus was issued to the defendants, commanding them to approve said official bond, which was served by the sheriff, as the petitioner is informed and believes, upon all of the said defendants except Edward James, W. M. Finn, J. A. Lansing and P. F. McCann, on the 17th and 18th days of May, 1899; that on the evening of the 18th day of May, 1899, the said select council met in regular session, the following members being present: R. W. Williams, Finley Ross, John C. Melvin, Simon Thomas, J. E. Roche, T. C. Melvin, C. E. Chittenden, C. F. Wagner, J. J. Schneider, J. J. Shea, George Sanderson, H. F. Fellows, Thomas O'Boyle, Edwin Frable, J. Coyne and J. J. McAndrews; a quorum being present; that in total disregard of the mandate of the court, and the writ of mandamus, the said council refused to comply with the order of the court, and neglected to approve said official bond of the petitioner, but on the contrary a motion was made by J. E. Roche, that the said bond remain in the custody of the clerk, pending an appeal from the said decision of the court, which motion was carried by the following affirmative vote, viz.: J. J. Kearney, John E. Roche, J. C. Melvin, John J. Shea, Adam Schroeder, Thomas O'Boyle, Edwin Frable, Thomas J. Coyne and J. J. McAndrews, or nine votes in all, the remaining number present, viz., eight in all, voting in the negative.

Your petitioner avers that he is advised that such action was a contempt of court, and he prays that an attachment for contempt of court should be issued against them. At the hour in question the councilmen will have to make answer to the court concerning their conduct. Yesterday morning, in compliance with the decision of council on Thursday night, an appeal from the decision of the court of this county was taken to the superior court. The attorneys who represent the council in this appeal, are J. C. Kelly, William Warren & Knapp and City Solicitor M. A. McGinley. The appeal is to come up for a hearing at the term of the superior court in this city next January.

Mr. Vosburg said yesterday that, as he views the office of councilmen clearly in contempt of court. The fact that they decided to take an appeal was in no sense an appeal and, even if the appeal had been taken in regular form, it would not act as a supersedeas unless the court to which appeal was taken so ordered. Accompanying the appeal taken yesterday was a bond of \$500 signed by John J. Fahey, C. W. McKinney and T. C. Melvin.

"This whole proceeding is simply an effort to gain time and keep the present incumbent in office a little longer," said Mr. Vosburg yesterday. "I have no fear as to the ultimate outcome and I will then begin suit against the men whose names appear on the bond for the salary of the office for the length of time I was kept out of it after being elected."

Meeting at Blakely. The temperance movement is growing in interest in Blakely. Sunday afternoon Mr. McConnell will speak on "Good Grit." Sunday evening at the usual hour for services he will speak on "Drinking Among the Upper Ten."

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SOME NEW BUILDINGS. They Are Soon to Be Erected in the Central City if Labor Troubles Do Not Interfere.

New and handsome buildings are to replace those recently destroyed by fire in the central city. If labor troubles do not interfere the work of construction will be done this summer. The new Four Cent store is to be proceeded with at once, strike or no strike. Laborers were engaged yesterday in tearing down the portions of the wall still left standing and removing the debris of the fire. As stated before in The Tribune, it is to be a four story and basement structure covering the entire lot and to have as handsome a front as there is in the city. Proprietor John H. Ludwig said to a Tribune reporter at the time, that the remaining building was to be a building it would be proud of.

A. H. Shepland, owner of the adjoining double building, which was occupied by J. D. Williams & Brother, stated yesterday that he will tear down the remaining building at once, and put up a first class, double four-story iron and stone building that will be modern in every particular. He did not propose, either, that any of his neighbors should outdo him in the matter of contributing to the architectural beauty of the avenue, he further said.

Inquiries as to what would be done regarding the replacing of the Paul building on Spruce street developed the fact that the agents of the estate contemplate erecting an up-to-date store and office building that will compare favorably with those of the immediate neighborhood, which are Scranton's largest and best buildings. Negotiations for the sale of the land are on and may be consummated at any time. Their consummation would mean the same thing, as far as rebuilding is concerned, for the parties who are after the property can be relied upon to put up quite as good, if not a better building, that would be erected by the estate itself.

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