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CITY NOTES

CHAMBER CONCERT.—In the Guarney hall Friday night the second chamber concert of the year will be given.

PICNIC TONIGHT.—The Phoenix Hoos company will conduct a picnic at Walden's garden this afternoon and evening.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—The adjourned session of the auditing committee of councils will be held next Monday night.

CLOTHING NEEDED.—Clothing is needed at the Lackawanna hospital for children of both sexes from 2 to 12 years of age.

TICKET HOLDERS.—All persons holding tickets and money for the lecture of Henry Austin Adams should meet Rev. J. B. Feeley at the cathedral this morning.

IN SECOND CHURCH.—The Rev. Jas. Hughes delivered an interesting address last evening in the Second Presbyterian church on "Christian Missions in South Africa." There was a large congregation.

A SLIGHT FIRE.—A barrel of rubbish burning in the rear of the residence of N. G. Robertson, on Clay avenue yesterday

day caused an alarm of fire to be sounded. The aid of the firemen was not needed.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.—The teachers' committee of the board of control, accompanied by Superintendent Lewis and Secretary Fellows, visited the North End and Peterburg schools yesterday.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR.—Resolutions authorizing repairs on the Crystal steamer and permitting Bartley Fuller to connect his premises with the Stimp court sewer were signed by Mayor Blair yesterday.

AT LAKE ARIEL.—The Lake Ariel Improvement company entertained a number of newspapers workers at Lake Ariel yesterday. The improvements made preliminary to the opening of the season were inspected.

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.—P. P. Antoline, of Scott township when driving along Penn avenue at noon yesterday came in contact with an inbound Peckville car. His 4-year-old son was thrown from his seat, but escaped injury.

MEETING OF COMPANY D.—There will be a meeting of Company D, Tenth regiment, in the Hillside Coal and Iron company's office, room 202, board of trade building, Friday evening, 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

PAY-DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid the Baltimore slope and Delaware mines at Mill Creek yesterday. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay the Southern division, machine shops and station men today.

MORE TELEPHONE.—Common council will meet tonight in regular session and likely will have to deal with the Lackawanna telephone ordinance as a meeting of the streets and bridges committee is scheduled for 7 o'clock to prepare a report on it.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian association will be held Thursday, June 8, in the Second Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock. The members of the association are specially invited and urged to be present promptly. The public is invited.

INJURED BY JUMPING.—Mrs. M. J. Williams, of North Main avenue, West Scranton, was injured severely yesterday in an attempt to jump from a street car. The switchbox of the car burned out and three ladies became frightened and jumped, Mrs. Williams being the only one hurt.

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB.—The Scranton Good Government club meets this evening in Carpenters' hall, 227 Wyoming avenue, for the purpose of adopting a constitution. All citizens who favor the separation of municipal politics from state and national politics are invited to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Free Kindergarten association will be held tomorrow evening in the Albert Memorial library. It will be one of unusual interest and the public is invited to be present. Addresses will be made by Rev. Dr. Lauding and Superintendent Howell.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—A business meeting of this church, Young People's Christian union and the Literary society will be held Friday evening at the Universalist church. Children's Sunday will be observed at the usual Sunday school hour at the Universalist church. Children will be christened at that time. The "strike" will be the subject at the Universalist church Sunday evening.

MEETING MONDAY.—The Methodist Ministers' association of Scranton and vicinity will meet in Elm Park church Monday morning, June 12, at 10:30. Rev. Francis Goodall will read a paper on "Charles Wesley's Exegesis on Good Theology." Rev. Dr. Goodall is a deep thinker and handles his theme in an interesting way. The subject is one that will provoke a discussion and a lively time is anticipated. A full attendance is desired.

RESISTED ARREST.—A man, whose name could not be learned, was arrested yesterday at the Jersey Central station. He was loitering around the place and when requested by the officer in charge to move away he became abusive and refused. It required the combined strength of Patrolmen Neule, Karius and Special Officer Flahy to convey him to the station house. The officers had to put him down and forcibly apply the handcuffs.

BARTENDER ASSAULTED HIM.—Michael Connors, a bartender employed at the Grand Central hotel, was arraigned before Alderman Howe yesterday afternoon on a charge of assault preferred by Moses Epstein, of 31 Raymond court. The latter is a dealer in old bottles and according to his testimony some dispute arose over the possession of certain bottles yesterday in the course of which it is claimed that Connors struck him. The prisoner was held in \$300 bail by the alderman.

DIED.—ANDREWS.—In West Scranton, June 6, 1899, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. Andrews, of 75 Eynon street. Funeral this afternoon. Interment private.

KANE.—In West Scranton, June 6, 1899, Thomas Kane, of his home, 24 Fourth street. Funeral tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Services at the church of the Holy Cross. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

BAR COMMITTEE ON LOCAL LAWS

REVIEW OF REPORTS ON SUBJECT OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

At the Annual Meeting of the State Bar Association to be held in Wilkes-Barre, July 6-7, the Special Committee on Special Legislation of which J. H. Torrey is Chairman will submit an Amendment for the Repeal of the Prohibition Against Local Laws.

One of the main features of the annual session of the State Bar Association, to be held in Wilkes-Barre July 6-7, will be the consideration of the report of the special committee, composed of J. H. Torrey, of this city; George F. Baer, of Reading, and M. W. Jacobs, of Allentown, on the advisability of adopting an amendment to the state constitution repealing so much of Article 3, Section 7, as prohibits the passage of any local or special law regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs or school districts, together with such amendments to the constitution as shall safeguard the communities affected from hasty or ill-considered legislation. The committee will make a report strongly favoring such an amendment.

Prior to the constitutional convention of 1873 the charter of practically no limit to the power of the legislature, the report will say, to pass local or special laws, it being a matter of record that during the seven years prior to the 1873 convention was passed no less than 8,755 private acts.

WAS RUSHED THROUGH.—The intensity of feeling against this abuse led to what the committee considers a most sweeping, far-reaching and drastic measure. It was put through the convention, as one of the speakers in its favor advised, "at a two-forty pace, word for word and line for line." Although the proceedings of the convention fill eight large volumes, the entire discussion on the article relating to special legislation occupies less than forty pages.

That a provision so sweeping in character and adopted under the impulse of prejudice and resentment should not have proven in all respects satisfactory is not to be wondered at, the report says. On the contrary it is surprising that so little evil has resulted. Many of its provisions have been successfully evaded, as in the case of corporation charters, upon which subject the general legislation has gradually opened the doors so wide that, if it is not now true, it is likely very soon to be that persons can form corporations for that purpose and write their own charters without any necessity for invoking the aid of the legislature to endow them with such special privileges as they may desire to enjoy.

After generalizing at length on the galling and burdensome character of the restriction, as evidenced especially by the large number of acts that were overturned by the supreme court by reason of their conflict with the prohibitory amendment and pointing out the unreasonable nature of the proposition that general laws for cities large and small, though they may belong in the same class, can be satisfactory, the report goes on to specify a few particulars in which the amendment is unsatisfactory and injurious, as follows:

GROUND FOR COMPLAINT.—"First—While the purpose of the constitutional provisions was to prohibit local and special legislation absolutely in the majority of cases, and to require in exceptional cases the publication of notice of any legislation proposed to be adopted, the effect of classification has been to leave the legislature free to pass local and special legislation with reference to the city of Philadelphia, the only city of the first class, and for the twin cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny, the only ones of the second class, without any notice whatever.

"Second—the cities of the third class, now numbering about twenty-five, are compelled to adopt themselves to a rigid, uniform system, which is not altogether agreeable to any, and extremely cumbersome to some of the number.

"Third—This results, as to the cities of the third class, in a condition which may well be described as that of arrested development. The problems of government are among the most weighty and serious which now engage the attention of patriotic publicists. In order that the efforts, all more or less diverse and experimental, to improve municipal conditions should be successful, it is necessary that there should be some degree of freedom for independent action. As to the cities of the third class in the state, such freedom is absolutely precluded.

"Fourth—The principle of home rule for cities, which has come to be recognized as a valuable right and one most jealously guarded, receives no recognition whatever in the present system.

"Fifth—As at present interpreted, the administration of public schools in all of the cities, boroughs and townships, varying almost infinitely in their population, area and social conditions must be absolutely uniform.

THE COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE.—The constitutional amendment which the committee recommends is designed to afford relief from the evils and inconveniences of the rigid constitutional restrictions, without again throwing the door wide open to hasty, ill-considered and injudicious legislation. It provides that the municipalities shall be at liberty to imitate such changes in their charter provisions as their experience and necessities dictate. The principle of the "initiative and referendum," borrowed from Switzerland, where it has been in successful operation for centuries, is becoming more and more resorted to as the safest and fairest method of securing local independence without the sacrifice of central control. No case has yet occurred, in states where this principle has been adopted, where the charters framed by the people of the city and submitted to the legislature have ever been rejected. The committee's recommendation involves, first, the repeal of the constitutional prohibition of special or local legislation for municipalities, counties, wards and school districts, and, second, the adoption of a method in the nature of an initiative, providing that no local or special law of the kind permitted by the proposed amendment shall be passed until they have first been adopted at an election of the voters of the locality affected.

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stitution as framed by the committee reads as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT.—"The general assembly may pass any local or special law, regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, boroughs or school districts, changing the charters of cities or boroughs, and creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts. But in such local or special law shall be passed unless, at least thirty days prior to its introduction into the general assembly, it shall have been submitted in such manner as is, or may be provided by law, to the qualified electors of the county, city, township, borough or school district affected by such local or special law at a general or special election, and a majority of the votes cast at such election shall have been voted in its favor.

There shall be no presumption either of law or of fact that there has been a proper submission to and consent of the electors to any such local or special law when the question of the constitutionality of such law is at issue in any legal proceedings, and if the court be not satisfied that such submission and consent have been legally made and given, the law shall be declared unconstitutional and void.

For the benefit of those who do not follow municipal affairs with any degree of assiduity it might be well to state that at present Scranton can have no law that must not be accepted by Pittsburg with its 15,000 population, Erie with its wharves and Canadian trade; Allegheny, where policemen are allowed to drink on their beats, Williamsport, with its volumes of regulations for rafts, booms, floods and the like; nor can any of those cities.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

At the one hundred and fifty-third session of the Wyoming Ministerial association held at Luzerne, Tuesday and yesterday, the following officers for the year were elected: President, Rev. Dr. A. Griffin; vice-president, W. L. Thorpe; secretary and treasurer, F. D. Cornell. Alderson was selected as the place for the October meeting.

PUPILS OUT ON STRIKE.

Twenty pupils attending No. 19 school, who are in the classes taught by Miss Josephine D. Lees, the principal, and Miss Norma Nichols, refused to attend school yesterday afternoon, owing to the excessive heat.

They are in favor of one session during the month of June. The proposition will be submitted to the board of control next Monday evening for reconsideration. It was defeated at the last meeting.

MEETING OF THE GRAND ARMY MEN

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION HELD YESTERDAY.

Annual Parade Took Place in the Morning at 10 o'clock—Veterans were Received with Great Enthusiasm All Along the Line—Department Commander Patterson Presented with a Badge of the Order Set with Gems—Officers Who were Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The first business session of the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held yesterday morning at Wilkes-Barre. Mayor Nicholas welcomed the delegates and General Latta responded. The annual parade took place at 10 o'clock. The veterans turned out in full force and were enthusiastically received along the line.

The Womens' Relief corps was in session all this morning. Mrs. Maria W. Wheaton delivered the address of welcome which was responded to by Mrs. A. Devine, of Johnsonburg, the senior vice president.

The secretary's report showed that over \$2,000 had been expended during the past year for relief. Ada G. Mohr, past department president of New York, made a spirited address during the session.

Ex-Department Commander Thomas G. Semple, of Pittsburg, in behalf of the aides and other friends of the department commander, presented the latter with a badge of the order, chased with gold and set with gems. Commander Patterson accepted the gift and spoke feelingly of the good will existing among all comrades.

At the afternoon session the reports of the commander, senior vice commander, assistant adjutant general, assistant quartermaster general, judge advocate, chaplain and council of administration were read. The reports showed the order to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Department commander, James F. Morrison, Philadelphia; senior vice commander, Charles H. Hall, Luzerne county; junior vice commander, F. M. Yeager, Reading; chaplain, Rev. John W. Sayers, Reading; medical director, Lewis E. Atkinson, Millintown.

At the session of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Colonel Sam Town, of Philadelphia, on behalf of Mrs. Julia Shade, past president, and Mrs. Anna Nicholson, department treasurer, presented to the department a silk flag. Mrs. Allen Jones, of Allegheny, on behalf of Colonel Clark, of Pittsburg, presented a large silk flag. Mrs. Julia Shade then presented the Grand Army of the Republic department with a silk flag. From the treasurer's report it was shown that there is \$9,961 in the treasury, the gain in membership being 787.

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