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PERSONAL.

Reese G. Brooks left yesterday afternoon for New York city. Miss Genevieve Burke, of Penn avenue, has returned from Atlantic City. James H. Reilly, janitor of the federal building, is spending his vacation in Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eicke, Mrs. T. P. Wendorfer and Miss Eva Brown are home from Atlantic City. H. C. Dudley, of New York, of the firm of the Kramer, Wells & Co., is spending a few days in town. Miss Ida Koch, of New York, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Koch, on Madison avenue. Hugh J. Magrath, of Lancaster, who is in charge of the Colliery Engineer's advertising office, is at the Valley House. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hallstead, of Wyoming avenue, returned yesterday from their summer home at Allentown, N. J. Misses Lillie Koch and Ida Becker, of New York, returned home yesterday from a three week's visit with the Misses Koch, of Madison avenue. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown, of Penn avenue, accompanied by Miss Kitty O'Boyle, left yesterday on a trip to Ashbury park, Long Branch and Ocean Grove, N. J. Ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson returned from New York yesterday morning and spent yesterday at Maplewood with his niece, the Misses Uley, of New York. Mrs. T. W. Kay returned yesterday afternoon from Chicago, where she had been called to attend the deathbed of her brother, the Rev. Elmer E. Fuller. Walter B. Christmas and wife, G. G. Dickson and family, W. A. Calmus, F. E. Wade and W. G. Griffin were registered at the St. Denis, in New York, last week. William McArdler, again returned to this city and is stopping with his long time friend, J. W. George, engineer of the Chemical company after spending two weeks with his relatives at the old homestead in Hokendauqua. Lieutenant J. W. Oman, of this city, who is now at Manila on the cruiser Helena, has been assigned to the command of the gunboat Mariveles. The Mariveles is one of the thirteen small gunboats purchased by General Oza from Spain and are called "tin-clads" by light draft and each carries one or two three-inch rifles and several rapid-fire guns. Their size permits them to navigate small streams and inlets into the ocean and their principal mission is to aid the troops in their operations. Under the present system, just adopted, each of the "tin-clads" is attached to one of the big vessels and the parent vessel supplies a commanding officer, crew, supplies, fuel and medical attendance to her daughter. The Mariveles is said to be the best boat purchased from Spain and is expected to play a prominent part in the campaign to be opened at the end of the rainy season. By reason of her commander being a local man her movements will be followed here with considerable interest.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

Information Received From William Erbe of the Scranton House. Word was received in this city yesterday from William Erbe, clerk at the Scranton house, that while the minister was preaching the funeral sermon over Mr. Erbe's mother at Southington, Conn., on Wednesday, a nephew of the deceased died in a house across the street.

There is the third affliction in the family in three months. Another member of the family is critically ill.

INVESTIGATING OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS FROM NEW YORK.

William H. Johnson, General Inspector of the National Board of Fire Underwriters is here to make a Detailed Examination of Our Fire Fighting Facilities with a View of Furnishing Information Upon Which Rates of the City Are Based.

Three weeks ago two inspectors of the Continental Fire Insurance company which does an extensive business in this city, spent several days here making an investigation of our fire department, water supply and the character of our buildings.

Yesterday, William H. Johnson, general inspector of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, came here from New York city to spend a week in making a personal investigation into the accuracy of these reports.

Mr. Johnson has a national reputation as an expert in this line of work and it is upon his reports that the insurance rates of a city are mainly based. He has been at this kind of business for seventeen years and previous to that was chief of the Philadelphia fire department for ten years.

Mr. Johnson will not discuss the relation which his report has with the fixing the rates further than to say it figured extensively in the matter. He could not say whether or not a change in the rates would be made. He said that the reports of others would be unimportant. There will be no secrecy about his findings. A copy of my report will be furnished your mayor, the chief of the fire department and the council.

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THE MAYOR'S ESTIMATE. Mayor Moir stated to a Tribune man yesterday that he will make the improvement of the fire department his every effort until it is on a satisfactory basis.

STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT JOHN A. RIGGS. John A. Riggs, of Reading, president of the United Power and Transportation company, denies that his company has purchased the Scranton Railway company. Negotiations were in progress but Mr. Riggs says they have fallen through.

ONE HUNDRED NEW HOUSES. To Be Built at New Orange by Mr. Arthur, the Philadelphia Builder.

Mr. James Arthur, the Philadelphia builder, was in town last week making arrangements to build 100 of the new houses which he has contracted to construct at New Orange. He says he expects to rush matters from now on owing to the great demand for houses at New Orange, because of the rapid approach of a large clothing manufacturer from New York, who will employ 400 hands.

FLAG RAISING POSTPONED. The flag raising at the summer home of District Attorney John B. Jones, which was to have taken place today, has been postponed on account of a death in the cottage adjoining. It will be held one week from today.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING WITH PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and get Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE. "Echo" Meeting of Baptist Young People's Convention.

There will be a rally of the Young People's societies in the Baptist churches of this city at the Penn Avenue Baptist church this evening at 8 o'clock. The occasion will be reports from the delegates to the recent convention at Richmond, Va. Special addresses will be given by several of the clergymen who were in attendance at the convention. Rev. J. R. Ford will speak on "Convention Echoes and Personal Experiences." Rev. J. R. Ellis will speak on "The Dynamics of the Convention and Things That Abide." Rev. Thomas De Gruchy will speak on his impressions of the meetings of the colored people of the south, his topic, perhaps, will be "In the Heavens with the Negroes." Rev. Mr. Pierce will give a synopsis of the meetings of the convention and present souvenir badges of the International gathering. A social hour will follow the addresses and refreshments will be served. All young people associated with the Baptist churches of this city are cordially invited.

AUDITORIUM ON FIRE. Handsome and Big New Providence Building Badly Damaged—Loss Estimated at \$8,000—Origin of Flames Unknown.

At 12:35 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the basement of the new Auditorium building, on North Main avenue, North Scranton, and damaged the floors and walls in the rear of the building on the first and second floors. The flames started in the rear of the basement and burned through the floor of the store room, occupied by John U. Hopewell as a printing office. From there the fire burned into the wood work of the hallway connecting the Auditorium with the Armory building in the rear. The floors were badly damaged and the walls were also burned. The flames spread to the second story and burned through the floor in the hallway and damaged the partitions.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started in a pile of debris in the cellar which accumulated during the cleaning up of the building. The main structure was erected a short time ago by Major J. B. Fish, and was recently opened to the public. The damage to the building will amount to about \$7,000 or \$8,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

Major Fish carries \$20,000 insurance on the building, and Editor Hopewell's damage, which consist principally of the fixtures on a printing press, are also covered by insurance. The basement of the building, where the fire started, suffered the principal damage, having been flooded by water. The floor leading into the armory is ruined, having been cut into by the firemen.

The front offices in the building were not damaged, and the rooms where the flames broke into on the second floor were unoccupied. The third floor was not damaged. The first floor is occupied by the offices of the Providence Gas and Water company and the printing establishment of John U. Hopewell. On the second floor are the offices of Dr. Theodore Surratt, Dr. Willis, Dr. William A. Sprout, dentist; B. S. Robinson, real estate and the living apartments of the janitor, Del Rowley. Thomas Dunn, insurance, and John Excourresky, steamship agent, occupy the front of the third floor, while in the rear is the large lodge room, used by the P. O. S. of A. Heptasophs and other organizations.

When the ordinance was ready for the house President Keller offered the information that he and Mr. Chittenden had waited upon the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company officials with a view of having them make good their promise to join with the city in paying for the widening of Mattes street, but being unable to get any satisfaction, agreed to allow the \$1,500 to be used for the purchase of other needed hose.

AMERICAN OARSMAN WON. London, July 27.—B. H. Howell, the American oarsman, won the Wingfield sculls and the amateur championship of the Thames today, finishing the course between Putney and Mortlake four lengths ahead of Blackstaffe, who was second. Fox was third in the contest. Howell won the Diamond sculls in the Henley regatta July 7.

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MAJORITY WAS AN OVERWHELMING ONE POOR TAX COLLECTOR FARR WILL NOT BE EVICTED.

Common Council Agrees with the Select Branch That the Poor Tax Collector Has as Much Right in the First Office to the Left as You Enter the City Building as the City Treasurer—An Appropriation of \$11,500 for the Purchase of Hoses—New Measures Introduced.

Notwithstanding the ill-advised opposition of Treasurer Robinson, Poor Tax Collector Farr will have the use of the quarters set apart for the poor tax collector by the public buildings committee of council, now used by Poor Tax Collector Farr and which have been used by his predecessors ever since 1892.

The resolution directing the mayor to enforce the resolution requiring the city treasurer to share the office with the poor tax collector was favorably reported, and unanimously adopted by the public buildings committee at last night's common council meeting and the council by an overwhelming majority approved the committee's report and adopted the resolution. The opposition was in vain, and the council to avoid showing their strength, or their weakness, they refrained from asking for a roll call.

The resolution now goes to Mayor Moir and he stated in an interview with the Tribune reporter that he would not hesitate in enforcing its mandate. An ordinance transferring \$11,500 from the appropriation for widening Mattes street to the appropriation for the purchase of hose to the amount of the transfer was introduced by Mr. Zizelman of the fire department committee, and, after being modified to some extent, passed on first and second readings.

MR. ZIZELMAN'S REASON. In its original shape the ordinance directed the city clerk to invite sealed proposals from the New York Belting and Packing company, the Curtis Bercha and Rubber Manufacturing company, and the Revere Rubber company. Mr. Calpin wanted to know the reason for restricting the invitations to these three particular companies and to this Mr. Zizelman reported that the purpose of hastening the purchase of hose and to avoid receiving bids from dealers who have an inferior quality of hose, but a superior quality of agents. In a word, he wanted to restrict the committee from buying gold bricks.

Mr. Wenzel and Mr. Nagell joined Mr. Calpin in opposing the restriction and when it appeared that the two sides would possibly have a misunderstanding that might endanger the ordinance President Keller offered a suggestion, by way of compromise, that the number of invitations be increased to five and that no particular firms be mentioned. It was an unusual kind of proposition, he admitted, but he thought it would do, even if it was an unusual something, to avoid the scandal that is given by the troop of hose agents who come tramping around here any time there is a hose contract to be let.

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ORDINANCES FOR PAVING LINDEN STREET between Monroe and Webster avenue and for narrowing Sanderson avenue between Green Ridge and East Market streets, passed also third reading. The ordinance transferring \$226 from the appropriation for repairing the Franklin engine to the appropriation for repairing the Franklin engine house was also passed and President Keller on the ground that the money was more urgently needed for the engine than the house.

Mr. Zizelman explained that the committee had another scheme for repairing the engine and proceeded to unfold the proposition of the American Fire Engine company, given in another column of this issue. This, however, did not satisfy Mr. Keller. It was, at the best, a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and he wouldn't favor it. To overcome his ob-

CONTRACTORS NOW PROPOSE TO FIGHT IS BUILDING INSPECTOR ORDINANCE ILLEGAL?

Mr. Hurlbutt Granted Permission to Take an Appeal from the Summary Conviction in the Mayor's Court. Will Also Appeal in Case the City Sues on the Three-Day Notes Which Were Given in Payment of the Fines—What Building Inspector Jackson Has to Say.

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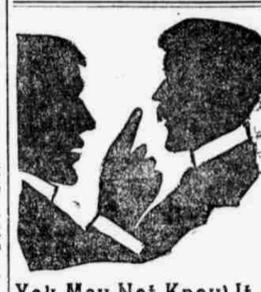


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