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CITY NOTES

MEETING TONIGHT.—There will be a regular meeting of the board of health at their rooms in the city hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.—Services preparatory to the administration of the Lord's supper will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church this evening.

OPENING SOCIAL.—On Thursday evening the Enterprise Dancing class, which is in charge of Professor Harry Taylor, will open its season with a social in lecture hall on Wyoming avenue.

ON THURSDAY NIGHT.—A supper and entertainment will be given Thursday evening, Oct. 25, by Corps No. 59, Auxiliary to Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin post, in the Grand Army of the Republic room at Lackawanna and Wyoming avenues, Thursday evening.

UNIFORMS DISTRIBUTED.—Company E of the Thirtieth regiment held a meeting last night at the armory. Captain Foote distributed the uniforms and ammunition to his command. The company will assemble Friday night at 8 o'clock for drill practice.

EXHIBITION OF WATER COLORS.—Miss Dunn, formerly state secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, had on exhibition a number of water colors at the Jersey last night, where a number of guests were invited. The pictures were made by Miss Dunn in a recent trip abroad and are exquisite specimens of art.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid their employees at the Marvin and Leggett's Creek mines yesterday. The employees of the Continental and Hyde Park mines of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company were paid on Monday, and yesterday the Hallstead and Diamond employees received their pay. Today the pay car will visit the Bellevue, Dodge and Oxford mines.

MONTHLY SOCIALS.—The young people of the Scranton Liederkreis will have a social each month during the winter. Next Wednesday night the first one will be held. The hall will be handsomely decorated for the occasion. In charge of the arrangements for the socials is the following committee: G. Nelson Teets, Edward Slobodkin, Edward Elsie, George Koch, J. D. Forber, William Emrich, Charles Bechtold, Victor Wenzel, Theodore Kiesel, Frank Hummer, Isadore Rods and Frank Leubner.

HOSE COMPANY BALL.—The Ira Trip Hose company of the Twenty-first ward conducted a ball at Music hall last night. It was attended by an immense gathering of the friends of the company, and the visiting firemen in the city. The committee in charge of the ball was composed of Thomas McNamara, John Murphy, Frank Goodrich, Patrick Reap, P. J. McAndrew, John Kuller, H. L. Jones, Lester Jones, William Reap, James Murphy and John Jordan.

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FIREMEN ARE POURING IN

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I regret that I can not address you as a fireman. I never joined a fire company. There is nothing in or about a fire company that I would be capable of doing. It was once suggested to me that I might join a company and become its president. I thought well of this until I looked at the by-laws and read that it should be his duty to preside. I quit. The task was more than I would care to undertake.

The mayor then formally extended a hearty welcome to the visitors on behalf of the city and hoped their stay would be fraught with pleasure and profit.

Hon. John E. Roche, vice-president of the executive committee, was next introduced by President Cohn to speak for the firemen. Mr. Roche was remembered by the delegates for his elegant speech at the nominating convention at the Lebanon convention and he was given a hearty greeting. Mr. Roche said:

"The people of Scranton are very proud of their reputation for hospitality, and we think, justly so. We are not entirely responsible for this feeling. It has, to some extent, been thrust upon us. For many years this city has entertained conventions like yours, many of them national in extent, and all who come to us here, in the heart of the highlands of Pennsylvania have been good enough to say very kind things about us, so that it is not an original feeling. The feeling I mentioned, much of it is due to these complimentary statements. A welcome them, from the people of Scranton since we have been extended to you by his honor, the mayor, in the welcome of a proud people, who would seem to give expression to sentiments contained in them. His honor's welcome was ample enough to include the fire department, as well as the other good people of the city, but in one respect, at least, firemen are like women, they always like to speak for themselves.

"We fully appreciate the friendly feeling and the pleasant surprise, and certain for us, for no other feeling than that of friendship could withstand the alluring invitation of Scarlet of Danville or the eloquence of Emory of Newcastle, to which you listened at Lebanon. To say that we have a kindred feeling for you is but a feeble expression of the extent of our regard, and to tell you how proud we are that you, the representatives of the brave firemen of this great state, are our guests, requires a more extended vocabulary than I am master of. If 'deeds speak louder than words,' then you will know before you adjourn the value of our attachment. Please remember that you hold not only the key to the city, but to our hearts also, that you are as welcome here as to your own homes. You have therefore every reason to feel at home, and if we fail to impress our hospitality upon you, it will not be due to want of effort.

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Reports of Officers.

The annual reports of officers were prepared in pamphlet form, and were read by Secretary Wunder. President Cohn's report was as follows:

Fellow firemen of the State of Pennsylvania: It is a pleasure in submitting, in connection with the reports of your various officers and committees, a brief review of the occurrences in the firemen's association during my term together with such suggestions as will, in my judgment, tend to continue the growth and efficiency of our association. First, however, I desire to again thank you for electing me your president, and for the many kindnesses shown me during my term of office.

The principal work completed during the year was the maintenance of the relief fund legislation, enacted in 1895, under which municipalities receive a benefit of one per cent. on the tax paid by the state by foreign fire insurance companies, and which is diverted from municipal treasuries to the treasury of the Firemen's Relief association, from there to the support of indigent firemen and those dependent upon them.

It may appear strange to you, it certainly does to me, that legislation enacted as far back as 1895, and in such a deserving cause, should require attention in 1899. But it is nevertheless true that measures detrimental to this fund are proposed at each session of our state legislature, and were it not for the active and energetic work of our law committees I doubt whether the different local relief associations throughout the state would be enjoying the benefits of this fund today.

The danger to the measure during the last session lay in a general and several distinct revenue bills, which proposed increasing the tax upon foreign insurance companies from two to four per cent., and in which no provision was made for the diversion of a portion of the revenue derived to the firemen. Your committee, however, were equal to the occasion, and by systematic and emphatic work, a detailed account of which is herewith published, successfully protected our interests. In connection with this I take pleasure in saying that every state official, from the governor on down, appeared anxious to aid the firemen, which circumstance is certainly a very distinctive credit to our association.

Following the aggressive fight in the protection of our interests came the gloom caused by the death of two of our most distinguished and useful members, 'Pop' Thomas, the genial soul, that none knew but to love, and Uncle John Slinguff, whose dignity and genial character made him a noted and respected figure among us. Both of these gentlemen had met with your committee in Harrisburg and Philadelphia in your interests, and a short time before their death, and the members of the committee of this term will never forget with what wisdom and force they heard our cause, would very much like to say more about the usefulness and character of our deceased associates, but courtesy to those privileged by appointment to prepare their eulogies forbids. I will, therefore, simply say that through the neglect of the relatives of 'Pop' Thomas and Uncle John, a funeral was held for our association were present. These few were accorded the honor of serving as his pallbearers.

At the funeral of Uncle John Slinguff our association was largely represented and furnished an appropriate floral tribute. Suitable resolutions of sympathy for the family and relatives,

as well as for the community where he had been a valued official were also adopted. Long and useful were their lives to our organization. May they rest in peace, and may we ever try to emulate their characters.

The vacancy caused in the treasurer's office by the death of Brother Slinguff was filled by the executive committee, as provided by the laws of our association, at a meeting held in the city of Scranton, June 2, 1899. A. L. Reichenbach, city treasurer of the city of Allentown, Pa., being chosen to serve the unexpired term of our association's treasurer. Mr. Reichenbach immediately entered upon his duties, having, however, first furnished a bond, as prescribed by the committee, in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Shortly after the election of the treasurer the association's finance committee audited the accounts of the deceased treasurer and of Secretary Wunder, the result of which is set forth in the financial statement herewith printed. In connection with this I wish to give public expression to my appreciation of the action of the executors of Brother Slinguff's estate, for their honorable and liberal course in the settlement between us. This is a brief review of the occurrences of the year.

The suggestions I deem expedient are that the matter of keeping the accounts before the members of the association be changed so as to show more distinctly the amounts received and from whom, and to recommend the remedy, but leave that to the executive, law and finance committees. I will say, however, emphatically, that if a better system be inaugurated the benefits to the association will be incalculable, financially and otherwise. The custom of allowing bills against the association to remain unpaid from one convention to the other, is not only unnecessary, as there are ample funds on hand, but it reflects discredit on the organization, and is a source of embarrassment, and I think even salaries should be paid quarterly.

The law of the association relative to disbursements should be more strictly enforced, and no money should be paid out unless upon proper warrant, duly executed.

I would also recommend that audits of the accounts of the officers be made at least twice a year; just before and immediately after each convention, and careful attention to be given to my estimation annual statements of all members in arrears, showing name of individual and of company where such, locally or otherwise, are in arrears, should be made to each convention, that steps could be taken for the collection of the amounts due and the purging of the rolls.

I would also call your attention to the neglect of honorary vice-presidents to perform their duty, namely, the getting of the names of the members of their respective districts to become members of this association, and suggest that hereafter only such as can be relied upon, requires a more extended vocabulary than I am master of. If 'deeds speak louder than words,' then you will know before you adjourn the value of our attachment. Please remember that you hold not only the key to the city, but to our hearts also, that you are as welcome here as to your own homes. You have therefore every reason to feel at home, and if we fail to impress our hospitality upon you, it will not be due to want of effort.

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Eulogies Pronounced.

AT THIS juncture President Cohn called for the report of the special committee appointed during the recess to prepare eulogies on two of the association's most prominent members who died during the year, Treasurer John Slinguff of Scranton, and Selim Thomas, of Norristown. Chief Greenberg, of Huntington,

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read the report of the committee on Mr. Thomas. It was as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Association: Since our last meeting there has passed from among us a man whose death was a heavy loss to us, whose kindly and affectionate disposition endeared him to the hearts of all. Selim S. Thomas, familiarly known to us as 'Pop' Thomas, died at his home at Millintown, whether he had gone in search of piscatorial enjoyment. As a prelude to the subjoined resolution, which I would respectfully offer a brief sketch of Mr. Thomas' life cannot but prove interesting.

Selim S. Thomas was born in Brandywine, Chester county, Pa., Jan. 7, 1828. His parents were among the earliest settlers. In April, 1845, he moved with his parents to Philadelphia, where he learned the trade of ornamental decorating and chair painting, and subsequently became a designer of patterns for his firm. He was a born fireman, and at an early age joined the then volunteer fire department of Philadelphia as an active member of Philadelphia Engine company, No. 13, and it is related of him, that he seldom or never missed an alarm, either day or night.

He was always alert, and filled many of the important positions of his company. In subsequent years he was elected chief of the fire department of Millintown and Lewistown, in this state, and in Hills, Michigan, in 1872, and after that for travel had been fully satisfied he returned to his native state and located at Lebanon, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

During his sojourn in the west his signal ability and worth were recognized by Abraham Lincoln, who made him his assistant secretary during Mr. Lincoln's canvass for the United States senatorship. At the outbreak of the war he was elected chief of the fire department in Harrisburg in Company E, One Hundred and Seventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, then recruiting at Camp Meade, in March, 1862, he went to the front. While in the discharge of his soldierly duties he sustained a serious injury, which eventually culminated in his death, he received an honorable discharge from the service.

After locating in Lebanon he was repeatedly elected to the office of justice of the peace, and was also elected chief of the Lebanon fire department for several years, always looking to the advancement of the department, in reorganizing the same, and in forming the Lehigh Valley Liberty company, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

When the fire department of Reading was organized, in 1877, he was the first to respond and he became one of the organizers of the same. He was elected president of the State Firemen's association. He was frequently called upon to act as an impartial arbitrator, where his wise counsel and discriminating judgment made him a valuable and conspicuous member.

For many years of his life in connection with the State Firemen's association he was present at every annual meeting, with but one exception, so that he was a constant presence in the interest in all matters pertaining to firemen. He filled with conspicuous efficiency important positions on all committees of the organization, sought by members of this association, and by the members of fire organizations in other states. He was a born organizer, and his energy and untiring efforts in executing the plans which through his wise foresight had been formulated.

Personally, Mr. Thomas was a congenial and a gentleman. Wherever he went he made only friends. He was jovial, kind and courteous, ever mindful of the feelings of his fellows, and he became a well-loved and respected member of the association. His tenderness of heart was most noticeable, perhaps, in his affectionate regard for children, and in his interest in the welfare of the poor—tender, loving and true. He despised wrong in any form, and allied himself on the side of right, justice and truth, and it was his duty to stand up for the principles of this association will be difficult to fill.

Mr. President, as a fitting expression of our respect for the memory of the following resolution, to be placed on the minutes of this meeting: Resolved, That in the death of Selim S. Thomas, a valued and respected member of this association has lost one of its most active, conspicuous and valuable members, a man fearless in the discharge of his duty, and always zealous and energetic in his sacrificial labors in the advancement of the interests of firemen. Gentle, tender, great-hearted and a true friend, his death is a loss to the association. His having lived has made the world the brighter, while the beautiful reflection of his exemplary life and character will be a lasting inspiration and example to all. Dear old, faithful 'Pop' Thomas; hail and farewell!

The report of the committee on ex-officio, John Slinguff, was read by Secretary Thomas, Jr., of Norristown, and was as follows:

To the President, Officers and Members of the State Firemen's association of the State of Pennsylvania: We, your committee appointed to draw up an eulogy on the death of John Slinguff, late treasurer of this association, beg leave to submit to you the following:

IN MEMORIAM. As it is written, 'In the midst of life we are in death.' Suddenly and without warning, on the evening of May 12 of this year, a honored and a respected member of this association was forever removed from our midst. No more will we have the pleasure of grasping his hand, and listening to that advice which was at all times beneficial in furthering the interests of his brother firemen.

The name of John Slinguff has for many years stood for everything that was good. His death has removed from amongst us a wise councillor and honest friend. Those of us who were associated with him in life will long cherish his memory as a sacred and loving heritage.

John Slinguff was of simple and lovable character, he rose to the very zenith of his profession, and having attained the highest rung of the ladder he extended all the time he was in the service of his fellow firemen. He was a man of words and deeds of encouragement and cheer from out of all wrangle and strife of our modern competitive life. No memory remains of the gentle, loving man but that which is sweet and precious to those of us who remain.

John Slinguff was born in Norristown, Pa., Aug. 3, 1839. He became identified with the Montgomery Hose and Steam Fire Engine company, No. 1, of Norristown, being elected to active membership March 7, 1854, and for more than forty-five years retained his active interest in the affairs of the company. On Sept. 7, 1862, he became an honorary member. On June 6, 1877, he was elected vice-president, which office he held for eleven years, being elected president in 1882, serving until 1888.

For a long time a member of the International Association of Fire Engineers, being elected chief of the Norristown fire department in the spring of

1897, which office he held at the time of his death. When the State Firemen's association was organized in Reading, Pa., in 1880, representing his own company, he assisted in its organization and much of its success is due to the wise counsel given by him; for the past eleven years he had been its treasurer. He had attended to every duty incumbent upon him—giving much time and contributing liberally to its support.

To such men as John Slinguff is due recognition recently received at the hands of the state authorities. His death was not only a great loss to our association, but to the firemen of the entire state. He was a man of excellent business ability and possessed many laudable characteristics; had shown himself capable in the management of large and intricate business, and through his integrity, uniform courtesy and eminent fairness had won for himself the respect and confidence of a large circle of acquaintances.

In his death this association has lost one of its most valuable and influential members. We can truthfully say, 'Peace to his ashes, his life work is done. Yea, and well done.' Whom, it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst John Slinguff, a member of this association and its treasurer, therefore be it

Resolved, That by it the Firemen's association of the state of Pennsylvania has lost an honest, faithful and efficient officer and member, who shirked no duty and who was always at his post, and who though kind and courteous in all his transactions was firm in the right. Resolved, That in his death, the firemen throughout the state suffer the loss of a kind brother fireman and the community a good citizen, and that the family be tendered our heartfelt sympathy in this the hour of their bereavement and affliction.

Resolved, That we bow in reverent submission to the divine will and command of him who doth all things for the best, but we deplore the loss of so good and efficient an officer and member. Both reports were adopted by a ringing vote.

Nomination of Officers

AT FOUR O'CLOCK, as pre-arranged, the nomination of officers was taken up. Leysion Thomas, Jr., of Norristown, in an eloquent speech named his fellow-townsmen, Samuel S. Smith, for the presidency, a prince of good fellows and every inch a fireman, in the manner in which Mr. Thomas characterized him. The nomination was seconded by Chief Greenberg, of Huntington, and Corresponding Secretary Greene, of Carlisle. The nominations closed with Mr. Smith as the only nominee.

Nominations for vice-president, four of whom are to be elected, were made as follows: Thomas E. Campbell, of the Mitchell Hose company, of Carbondale, by T. J. Jennings, of Scranton. Edward Dwyer, of Titusville, by Frank Bosch, of Philadelphia. Charles H. Crawford, of Clifton Heights, by William F. Daly, of Clifton Heights. John Keller, of Wyoming, by E. G. La France, of Wyoming.

Amer. Dwyer, of Reading, by James H. Patterson, of Stroudsburg. Frank M. Koons, of Pottstown, by James Bradley, of Clearfield. W. W. Wunder was nominated by Mr. Keller, of Stroudsburg, for recording secretary, and Mr. Martin, of Allentown, nominated A. L. Reichenbach for treasurer. No one was nominated against either of them.

Newcastle was nominated as the place for holding the next convention by Corresponding Secretary Greene and there being no other city looking for it, the nominations were closed. The only committee of the session resulted from Assistant Chief Nallinger's attempt to have candidate Bosch declared ineligible. He alleged that Mr. Bosch was a duly accredited member.

Another long discussion occurred when the chair announced that there would be no nominations received for corresponding secretary because of that office having been abolished. Colonel James A. Greene, of Carlisle, the president corresponding secretary, appealed from the ruling of the chair, but the president was sustained by an overwhelming vote. Mr. Greene's contention was that it required a two-thirds vote to abolish the office and that to abolish it by simply adopting a committee's recommendation to that effect was not sufficient. The chair based his ruling on the fact that the report was unanimously adopted.

No morning session was held, as was intended. The time was taken up with the enrollment of delegates and the distribution of badges and souvenirs.

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Some New Arrivals.

OUR LARGE delegations and any number of smaller ones arrived yesterday. As on the previous day they were met by Chairman Jennings and his committee of citizens and firemen and escorted to their quarters to the music of the Lawrence band.

The Friendship Fire company, of Danville, with thirty men came in on the Lackawanna at 12:35. They are stopping at the Eagle hotel. The Friendship Hook and Ladder company, of Boyertown, with thirty-five men and a drum corps, arrived over the Jersey Central at 8 o'clock. They brought their truck along with them.

The Lebanon Hook and Ladder company, forty strong and accompanied by a band, arrived via the Delaware and Hudson at 9:05 p. m. The firemen of the latter company were met by the Lawrence band.

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