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PERSONAL

Miss Amanda Hancock, of Taylor avenue, is seriously ill. Assistant District Attorney W. Gaylord Thomas, of Academy street, is in Philadelphia. Alderman Myron Kason left for New York late last night, and will be home by this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hedenbergh, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Stratton on Jefferson avenue. R. Ernest Comeys has been made chairman of the Christmas entertainment committee of the Elm Park Sunday school. The approaching marriage of Mr. John F. King, of Elmira, N. Y., and Miss Katherine A. Conroy, of this city, has been announced. Larry Ketrick will leave today for Asheville, N. C., where he intends to sojourn for some time with a view to being restored to good health. Mr. and Mrs. M. Norton entertained at dinner Friday night in honor of Mrs. C. D. Jones, of New York. The guests were: Mrs. Jones, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mezard. Governor Stone has re-appointed Hon. F. W. Gunster and George B. Smith, directors of the Oral school, for a term of three years, and E. L. Fuller, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Samuel Hines. Mr. Fuller's term expires September, 1901. Professor Theodore Hemberger, of Scranton, who delighted several Wilkes-Barre audiences last winter in chamber concerts, is to favor us again this season. He will be assisted as before by the Rippard brothers of this city and Wildmayer, of Scranton. The dates have not yet been announced.—Wilkes-Barre Record. Today George P. Griffith, of the Barber Asphalt company, will go to Santiaago to complete arrangements for more work, which the provisional government is having done in that city. Last year contracts to the amount of more than \$30,000 were carried out under the direction of Mr. Griffith. These included not only street paving but water piping and sewers. Mr. Griffith will not return until January. Rev. O. R. Heardsley, of All Souls' Universalist church, is spending a few days in New York looking over the field and gathering statistics of Joseph Smith, the Mormon's early days. Mr. Heardsley's lectures on Early Mormonism are well received. He is familiar with the incidents of those times as his boyhood days were spent in the city where Smith began his career. Mr. Heardsley's subject for next Sunday evening at All Souls' church will be "Mormonism; Its Rise and Fall."

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BOARD OF TRADE ON THE WATER RATES

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INTERVIEW W. W. SCRANTON.

They Are to Point Out to the Gas and Water Company That the Present Rates to Large Consumers Will Throttle the City's Growth and That if Only for a Selfish End, the Company Should Make More Reasonable Rates and Thereby Encourage City's Development.

Whether it was the luncheon announced to be served at the conclusion of the business session or the knowledge that water rates were to be discussed that was responsible did not develop, but, be that as it may, last night's meeting of the board of trade was the most numerously attended of the present year, not even excepting the memorable having meeting of the night Captain Dibble with the aid of his new fangled student's grill, served a free duck supper.

It was a most representative gathering, too, and fully capable, as events proved, to ably discuss both of the leading features of the evening. The water rate question was presented by Secretary Atherton in a resolution commending the council in its proposed campaign for a cheapening of the water service to large consumers and pledging the co-operation of the board of trade in furthering the movement. The resolution read as follows:

THE BOARD'S RESOLUTION.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20, 1899. To the Officers and Members of the Scranton Board of Trade. Gentlemen: Some two years ago the board of trade, having the question of excessive water rates to the manufacturers in this city. At that time statistics were compiled showing the rates in many of the principal cities of the country. These statistics showed that rates in Scranton were far in excess of those of other cities.

As a committee of the board of trade was appointed to wait upon Mr. Scranton, of the Scranton Gas and Water company, to, if possible, have the rates to manufacturers adjusted, that the industrial growth of our city would not be retarded as was the case then, and is now.

Nothing, however, was accomplished, and we find ourselves today in practically a worse condition than we were at that time, from the fact that in many of the places where a yearly rate was given, they have since put on meters, which has increased the rate three-fold.

The time has now come when it seems necessary to take stringent measures in order to have the water rates reduced. The water rates in Scranton are almost prohibitive to its further development along industrial lines. Instead of the water rates encouraging the industrial growth of the city, and thereby increasing its revenue through domestic consumption, it has erected a barrier, that if continued, will completely stop the growth and development of the city.

What is desired is a low uniform rate such as manufacturers in Cleveland, Erie, Philadelphia and Buffalo enjoy. We do not object to the meter system, but do object to the exorbitant rate charged per thousand gallons. Understanding that the city council are about to take steps, which they hope will remedy the evil above referred to, it is believed that the Scranton board of trade, representing as it does, the industrial and commercial side of the question, should assist the council in every way to bring about the desired end; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Scranton board of trade recommends to the council the passage of such legislation, as in their judgment will be the means of the adjustment of the water rates to large consumers in the city of Scranton; and be it further Resolved, That the Scranton board of trade desires to assist the council by every honorable means at its command to bring about this most desired result.

THE DISCUSSION OPENS.

In opening the discussion on the resolution, Secretary Atherton made the startling statement that if it was not that the manufacturers committee had found sites containing independent water supplies, the city would have had to give up all prospects of having a tin plate plant, and, further, that a woolen mill which was to employ 1,500 hands wanted to locate here recently, and was all ready to come when the owners learned of the water rates charged here and forthwith ceased negotiations.

Secretary Atherton said he thought if the matter was presented to the gas and water company in a proper light, it could be secured. If it was shown to the company that by discouraging the growth of the city it is hurting its own interests it would grant a generous concession, if only from a selfish motive.

Has the matter ever been presented to Mr. Scranton in that light? inquired Colonel Boies. "Yes sir," answered the secretary. "A committee of the board waited upon him two years ago and argued with him along that line, as well as from various other viewpoints."

"And what did he do about it?" inquired the colonel. "Handed the committee a rate card." This abrupt description of the characteristic action of the gas and water company's president was received with loud laughter and some hand-clapping by the half hundred board of tradesmen, most of whom knew from personal experience that the aggressive Mr. Scranton says and does things without waste of words or effort and without effectivity.

THE COMPARATIVE RATES.

A request was made for the statistics with which the committee had armed itself before going to consult Mr. Scranton, and Secretary Atherton quoted from his minutes, among other things, the following comparison of water rates in large cities:

Table with 4 columns: City, Rate, and other details. Rows include Scranton, Detroit, Cleveland, Hartford, Birmingham, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Harrisburg, Reading, Rochester, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Harrisburg, Reading, Buffalo.

In an interesting speech Judge W. H. Jessup said that while courts have a certainly supervisory power over the water rates, he went on to say that relief can be expected from that quarter, for the law will not step in to

prevent a water company from making a fair rate of interest on its investment, and it is quite possible the company can show that it is not getting more than a reasonable return for the capital invested in its plant.

LIMITED POWER OF COURTS.

In further pointing out the limited power of the courts in this regard, he states that if complaints were made each would have to be treated separately. The courts could not reduce the water rates generally. If an individual feels aggrieved at his water rate he can go into court, and if he shows that the water company's charges are exorbitant—the company's divided profits being the criterion—the court may, in its judgment, revise his rate. To thus secure a general revision of rates all over the city it would be necessary for every ratepayer one after the other, to go into court and repeat this performance.

Whether or not the gas and water company's exclusive rights in Scranton had lapsed; what proportion of profits it divided on the capital invested, and other information necessary to an intelligent discussion of the question was not available, Judge Jessup said, because the books of the company were not offered for public inspection. "Possibly some of the stockholders here," sentimentally remarked the judge, might be able to enlighten us on the number and amount of dividends paid." This provoked another burst of laughter.

Concluding in a serious vein, Judge Jessup said he did not believe any court would reduce the water rates when the books of the company were investigated, having in mind the fact that for years the company has been placing nearly all its surplus in improvements.

Colonel Boies corroborated this with the statement that his wife held a few shares of gas and water company stock and it never paid over 4 per cent. "Do they ever pay stockholders dividends?" Judge Jessup inquired in surprised tones, at which there was more merriment.

COL BOIES' EXPERIENCE.

Colonel Boies told of an experience he had with the water company when he was establishing the wheel works. He had an annual rate at first and when the time of paying for a meter came from that time on the water at the wheel works cost more than the fuel. Every conceivable system of economy was practiced, but the meter showed up the same measurements.

The colonel kicked. He says that much himself, and he followed the kick was not revealed in detail by the colonel, but that the meeting between himself and the president of the water company was something in the nature of a collision was intimated by the colonel later in last night's meeting.

Declining to serve on a committee to wait upon Mr. Scranton, "He disappointed himself," Judge Jessup remarked. Colonel Boies, however, was fully impressed with the belief that if a committee waited upon Mr. Scranton and presented the case as the board of trade viewed it, that visit would not be a fruitless one. "I am inclined to say," that a committee of three from which I shall be religiously excluded—be appointed to confer with Mr. Scranton relative to the cheapening of water rates and to investigate and report upon the legal aspects of the water question."

Ex-Judge Hand arose to speak on the motion. The water rate on his Commonwealth building was \$150 a year. A meter was recently put in, and calculations based on the showing as far indicate that the meter will raise his water charge to \$1,000 an annum. He at once set out to economize. Some \$500 worth of improvements were projected about the building to enforce economy and as each one was completed the water rate, prospectively, diminished. But it was only prospectively, for the meter showed a decrease in the amount of water consumed, the judge found his building gradually but surely approaching the "small consumer" scale, and now he is wondering whether it is cheaper to pay twenty cents a thousand gallons for 10,000 gallons of water or ten cents a thousand gallons for 200,000 gallons. The judge figures it out that he has spent \$300 to save water for the company.

WILL BORE FOR WATER.

He also informed the board that Mr. Mears had sunk an artesian well under the Mears building and was securing a plentiful supply for all except drinking purposes. He, himself, contemplated boring. He had the water examined and discovered that it is only slightly tainted with sulphur and perfectly safe to use in the boiler. Judge Hand was not altogether satisfied that a committee could induce Mr. Scranton to feel that he is charging too much for the water, taking the company's investment as a basis of calculation. He was not prepared to say what the city could do in the premises, but knew full well that a proposition to buy the plant would not be favorably received by Mr. Scranton. "I want to him once with a proposition of that kind," said the judge, "and he turned on me with, 'Are you against me, too?'"

Nevertheless, Judge Hand favored the appointment of a committee, as suggested by Colonel Boies. Mr. Henshaw at this juncture told of three cotton mills that combined with the intention of establishing a big plant in Scranton, but upon learning of the water rates, gave up the idea. The mills, according to Mr. Henshaw, would have increased the city's population by 8,000.

MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB.

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all these things might be true it would be admitted that the domestic water rates are very reasonable, and that the quality of water furnished is exceedingly good. It is the best water for steaming purposes in the country, Mr. Dickson averred. The boilers in the Weston mill, he stated, have been in use since 1870, and there isn't the semblance of a scale on them. He believed the city ought to own the water plant.

WILL WAIT ON MR. SCRANTON.

James H. Torrey, T. H. Dale and J. A. Lansing were appointed as the committee to visit Mr. Scranton. The following report of the manufacturers committee was presented and enthusiastically received:

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20, 1899. President and Members, Scranton Board of Trade. Gentlemen: Relative to the proposition to establish a tin plate plant in this city, we believe that we have given the question careful and deliberate consideration. We have been conservative, and therefore slow in recommending to the board of trade the establishment of a tin plate plant. We are now, however, ready to give it our hearty endorsement, feeling that in the event of its being located here it will be successful.

We have felt it our duty to not only look into the future of the tin plate trade, but to provide for the proper management of the concern, at the possibility of being able to purchase material suitable for the manufacture of the product. We believe that in this we have been successful, as the correspondence in the hands of the secretary will show. We therefore beg leave to submit the following, which we hope will meet with the approval of this board, to wit:

The manufacturers committee of the Scranton board of trade, to whom was referred the proposition of Mr. L. K. Torbet, to establish a tin plate plant in this city, beg to report that after a careful investigation of the project as outlined by Mr. Torbet and Mr. Paton, who came at our invitation to confer with us, we believe that the establishment of a tin plate plant, such as they propose to erect, would prove a profitable investment to the stockholders, and a lasting benefit to the city at large.

We take pleasure, therefore, in recommending Mr. Torbet to the investors of the city, and bespeak for him a fair hearing in his canvassing among our people, and subscriptions to the stock of the company.

Relative to the removal of the Dunmore & White Manufacturing company from this city to a new location, in which we took some interest, we beg to report that the deal has been consummated. That the business of Messrs. Dunmore & White will henceforth be conducted at the name of the Theo. A. White Manufacturing company, in the Gould building on Linden street, this city. They will employ 150 hands, and will manufacture a large variety of tin ware, and an established trade and the future outlook for this concern is very promising. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

DELEGATES CHOSEN.

President Keller and Colonel Hitchcock were chosen delegates to the national board of trade convention. Secretary Atherton and Richard O'Brien were named as alternates. The Dun & Co. contract was renewed for a year, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Torrey, Hitchcock and Sprague was appointed to consider the advisability of the board of trade itself with the National Municipal League.

When the business of the meeting was concluded the members repaired to the rear of the assembly room, where tables were screened off with tall palms and there enjoyed one of Hanley's dainty spreads, to music by Lawrence's orchestra.

Impromptu speeches were made by James H. Torrey, Rev. Dr. George E. Guild, L. K. Torbet and C. G. Boland.

W. A. CONNELL DEAD.

After Severe Suffering He Succumbs to Pneumonia.

W. A. Connell, the second son of Hon. and Mrs. William Connell, died this morning at 3 o'clock at the Scranton hospital, after a long illness. Mr. Connell had been on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Stroudsburg, when he took a severe cold, which rapidly developed into what was considered a hopeless attack of the dread disease pneumonia.

He was brought to this city on Sunday and early last night became unconscious and sank rapidly until the end.

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THIRD LECTURE OF THE ART SERIES

PROF. VAN LAER SPOKE OF THE BARBIZON SCHOOL.

He Devoted Considerable Time to the Works of Millet and Stated That "The Angelus" Had Been Greatly Over-Estimated and Could in No Respect Be Considered the Artist's Best Picture—Reproductions of a Number of Famous Paintings Were Shown.

Those who missed the third lecture in the art series at St. Luke's parish hall last night, missed one of the finest entertainments, in any respect, of the value in an educational direction, ever given in this city. The stereopticon arrangements were so perfected as to leave no room for complaint, and the pictures shown were specially adapted to the screen, where the luminosity and atmosphere of certain works were most admirably counterfeited.

Professor Van Laer's subject was "The Barbizon School." He began by devoting much time to Jean Francois Millet, and concluded with Corot. In succession, Rousseau, Breton, Diaz and "Provo" were named and their masterpieces portrayed. The first pictures shown were excellent photographs of scenes about Barbizon, the street view being so charming as to really be mistaken for a reproduction of a Millet, whose early privations and struggles were graphically told. The marvelous contrast in the robes received by the great artist was noted in the fact that "The Sowers" was finally sold for \$50,000, "The Gleaners" for \$80,000 and "The Angelus" for the fabulous sum of \$110,000.

FAMOUS PAINTINGS.

Many reproductions were shown, among them "The Sowers," "The Angelus" and "The Man with the Hoe," when the lecturer carefully refrained from quoting Markham's poem, although he referred to the fact that Millet painted this at a time when he had really embraced socialistic ideas and was harshly accused of endeavoring to stir up revolutionary thought by means of the realism in the dull, sodden face of the leaning peasant.

The charcoal sketches, the drawings, the "Girl with Peas," the woman ironing, the spinning woman, illustrating Millet's method of silhouette, his masses, lines against the light, were among the beautiful pictures shown upon the screen.

The splendid "Sheep Shearing," he said, was practically duplicated in the copy owned by Colonel Chapman, of Brooklyn, N. Y. That so many excellent stir up revolutionary thought in this country, and particularly in Boston, is largely due to William Morris Hunt, who practically "discovered" the Barbizon artist.

In speaking of "The Angelus," Prof. van Laer stated that this picture had been greatly over-estimated and could in no respect be considered the artist's best picture. The sum paid for it, \$110,000, including duty, by the American syndicate, with Mr. Kerby at its head, was a fictitious value. It was painted in 1857.

Theodore Rousseau was represented by a number of exquisite landscapes, illustrating well that artist's transparency of sky and harmony of color.

THE MADONNAS SHOWN.

At the conclusion of the lecture Prof. van Laer took advantage of the excellent light provided by the operators to give the audience a repetition of many of the most famous madonnas of the previous week, including the madonna of the garden, the Chair, the Bodenhausen Madonna, the beautiful Annunciation by Rosetti, the Bourgeois, the Sistine and many others.

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ARRESTED AT LAST.

James Van Dusen Brought to City by Constable Rosencrans.

Alderman Howe, on Aug. 10, issued warrants for the arrest of James Van Dusen and a certain man Coyne, on the information of William Michaels. All the parties are of Newton township, and Michaels charged the defendants with stealing a calf, killing it and selling it to a Moose butcher. Coyne was arrested and lodged in the county jail, where, owing to his crazy actions, he was pronounced insane.

Van Dusen, however, escaped and has been in hiding ever since. He has the reputation of being idle and shiftless. Yesterday Amal Rosencrans, the constable of Newton township, assisted by Michael McNally and others, brought Van Dusen to the city, having succeeded in locating him in a house, where he had taken refuge. It was the home of a friend of his, by name Blanche Smith, and after much trouble the officer succeeded in arresting him.

The alderman committed him to the county jail, until such time as he can give him a hearing. When searched, Van Dusen had in his possession a loaded six-shooter and a murderous-looking knife. An information was therefore sworn out against him on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

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