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PERSONAL
 Ex-Sheriff Black, of Binghamton, was in the city yesterday.
 Judge P. P. Smith, of the superior court left yesterday for Philadelphia.
 Lewis Bingham, of Binghamton, spent yesterday among friends in Scranton.
 Mrs. Philan Sibley and Mrs. Gardner, of Moscow, were among the Christmas shoppers in the city yesterday.
 Father Walsh, of Forest City, formerly of Moscow, passed through the city yesterday on his way to New York.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hotes, Henry Bells and Rev. C. M. Griffin were among the Scrantonians who went to New York yesterday.
 Among the Scrantonians registered at Hotel Albert are Miss M. A. Emory, Captain W. W. Inglis, F. W. Beavers, E. D. Caryl and J. J. McCormick.
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 All D. L. & W. R. R. employees can get their checks cashed, without discount, at E. J. Fish's, 217 Penn avenue.
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 Try a "Hotel Jermy" cigar, 10c.

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 Is not needed now-a-days to charm away a pest of rats and mice, the
French Wire Rat Trap
 Answers the purpose.
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WHY THE CONTAGION IS NOT CHECKED
PRINCIPAL REASONS SET FORTH IN FACTS AND FIGURES.
 Board of Health's Lack of Means, Careless Parents, Public Funerals and Negligent Physicians Among the Causes—One Sanitary Officer in 1893 Attended to 83 Cases of Diphtheria, and the Same Officer Was Expected to Attend to Nearly 1,000 Cases This Year.

Two of the most contagious diseases known to medical science are, and have been, for over a year, epidemic in this city. The first, typhoid fever, quite as communicable and highly fatal, is prevalent to an alarming degree. These conditions not only continue unabated, but the figures in the office of the secretary of the board of health show they are growing worse day by day. Nothing unusual is being done in a remedial way, except that the board of health is exerting its limited powers to the utmost, in an endeavor to check the spread of the disease.

Health Officer W. F. Allen presents the whole case pointed out in the following statement, furnished The Tribune yesterday, by request:

All physicians are expected to report to the board of health every case of any contagious disease, which they may find in their practice, as soon as possible after the nature of the disease is determined. On receipt of this notice, the secretary of the board of health reports the case to the superintendent of public instruction, and he is expected to inform the principal of the school attended by that patient, and all children of that family are prohibited from attending school until they can present a certificate from the physician in attendance, stating that the disease no longer exists, and that the house has been properly disinfected.

PUBLIC FUNERALS FORBIDDEN.
 In the meantime, a placard, with the name of the disease, is placed upon the infected house, and the people are informed that all persons not employed in caring for the sick must be kept out. Public funerals are forbidden and prevented as much as possible.

Owing to the large number of cases, the sanitary officer has been unable to get the placards on all of the houses and has not had time to attend to any other duties. At the regular meeting of the board of health in November it was decided to employ one man to assist the sanitary officer, more particularly to attend and prevent public funerals at all houses, especially where there has been a death and funeral. This man was to be paid from the emergency fund, which is intended for such purposes. He is not an officer, but was employed in the same way as men are at the crematory, when the regular force are unable to do the work.

I have not been able to find any particularly unsanitary place that could be responsible for so much of this disease, and as scarlatina and diphtheria are particularly contagious diseases, and can invariably be traced to that cause, I am sure of the opinion that the carelessness of the family, where the disease exists, and of the neighbors as well, is the real cause of the development of so many cases.

There is no denying the fact that some people delight in going into places where there is serious illness, or anything shocking; and the placard on the house seems to invite upon as an invitation to come in, and they go in and make a protracted visit, and then go home to their own families saturated with the germs, or possibly they take a ride in a crowded street car first.

THEY KISS THE DEAD.
 Little children are allowed to take a last look at the dead child, and very frequently are permitted to kiss the corpse. Very many people persist in having public funerals.

It should be in the power of the board of health to put a stop to all of this, but in a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants, covering a vast area, such a thing, with only one sanitary officer, is impossible. There should be at least one regularly appointed sanitary policeman for each of the four districts of the city, clothed with the necessary authority. There is no reason why these diseases should not be checked, if the rules of the board of health could be enforced. It is gratifying to know that the mortality has been remarkably light—about six per cent.

This last comment of Dr. Allen is a meaningful thing, when it is read with a mind fixed on the fact that a sore throat, with the slightest trace of pseudo membrane, is sometimes liable to be exaggerated into diphtheria by a physician who might want to make a record. Dr. Allen, however, declined to discuss this matter.

A few figures are sufficient to show how futile it is for the board of health to attempt to cope with the epidemics, with the limited means at its command.

In 1893 there were 83 cases of diphtheria reported during the whole twelve months, an average of seven a month. Since October 1, 1898, to and including yesterday, not quite fifteen months, the number of cases reported was 1,006, or an average of 70 a month. One sanitary officer was expected to placard the houses in which these diseases prevailed, he was to prevent the public from attending the 102 funerals which resulted, and disinfect the houses after the disease had been wiped out by death or cure.

CASES OF FEVER.
 This has reference to diphtheria alone. So far this year there have been 24 cases of scarlet fever with 25 deaths and 45 cases of typhoid fever with 21 deaths, to say nothing of the other communicable diseases which have likewise to be attended to, such as measles, membranous croup, diphtheritic croup, and the like. In addition to all this the one sanitary officer must needs look after and abate the nuisances daily complained of and keep an eye on the scavenger.

For those who may wish to go into a statistical study of the matter the following figures and comparisons are presented. They show the record of the diseases mentioned, cases reported and deaths resulting for the past eight years, the present year and two immediately preceding years being given by months:

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1892	40	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
1893	37	6	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	56
1894	32	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
1895	22	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
1896	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
1897	14	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
1898	9	4	1	0	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33
1899	15	1	1	0	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	45
1899	32	7	7	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	59
1899	39	9	10	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67
1899	101	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	125
1899	61	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
1899	443	67	96	1	28	12							653

So far this month there have been 45 cases of diphtheria and 28 cases of scarlet fever reported. Last week the report shows 37 new cases of diphtheria, with three deaths; 21 cases of scarlet fever with six deaths.

BRANDS STORY AS FALSE.
 When Mayor Moir was asked if he had any views to advance as to how the board of health could be helped in its work, he stated that he had not given the matter sufficient thought, and yet, to offer any suggestions. He denied that he complained of the board of health being inactive, and branded as a fabrication the printed story to the effect that he favored doing away with the board and turning the work over to a sanitary committee of councilors.

Superintendent of Schools George Howell said the school authorities are doing everything in their power to protect the children from infection.

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THEY ATTEND SCHOOL.
 "Despite these precautions, there are some instances where children from an infected house attend school, but as teachers are exercising the utmost care to prevent this, and the instances fortunately are rare. Not infrequently, neighbors of a family, in which a contagious disease develops, report the case to the principal of the school long before the physician reports to the board of health, or at least long before the placard is put up. In such cases the principal transmits the report to this office and if an investigation shows that the report is correct, the children of the affected family are sent home, without further delay.

It would appear from talks with various parties who do not want to be quoted, that there are physicians who err on the side opposite to that which Dr. Allen likely had in mind when he said that the death rate from diphtheria is remarkably low. There are physicians who look contemptuously on the board of health and refuse to recognize it except when the danger of prosecution enforces recognition. Others there are, it is claimed, who ignore the rules of the board and shut their eyes to the welfare of the community at large, rather than do contrary to the wishes of their patrons, who do not wish to have their houses made conspicuous by placards. But the danger to the community from carelessness has become such that public opinion is demanding that radical powers and means be placed in the board's hands for speedy remedy.

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic voters of the Eighth ward, city of Scranton, Pa., will hold a primary election at the different polling places in said ward on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1899, from 6 to 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for alderman, common councilor, school controller, register of voters, a judge and inspector of election in each of the several different districts in said ward.

First district—J. J. O'Boyle, John Shaughnessy, Joseph O'Hara; Second district, Frank Gudwood, Stephen O'Hara, John J. Keegan, vigilance.

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RESOLUTIONS OF BAR ASSOCIATION
PASSED AT A MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.
 After Reviewing the Active Career of the Late Ex-Judge Ward the Resolutions Closed with a Fitting Tribute to the Personality of the Man Who Was for Years the Foremost Member of the Local Bar. Those Who Pronounced Eulogies on Their Late Associate.

A special meeting of the Lackawanna Bar Association was held yesterday morning in the court house and action taken on the death of Judge W. G. Ward.

Ex-Judge Jessup was chosen chairman and C. L. Hawley, secretary. The following committee on resolutions was then appointed and reported: Hon. E. N. Willard, Hon R. W. Archibald, Hon. R. M. Edwards, Frank J. Fitzsimmons and Cornelius Comegys.

A letter was read by Secretary C. L. Hawley which had been received by Chairman Hawley from George S. Horn, the judge's legal partner for the most recent years of his life at Scranton. He paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of his departed friend, telling of his legal ability, his great thoroughness and above all his study, honest character and life.

C. E. Gardiner, one of those who studied law under the deceased, then made a brief address in which he cited his many noble qualities and stated that "we will always have his memory but we will never have another Judge Ward."

The report of the committee on resolutions was then received and read by Mr. Comegys. It was as follows:

THE RESOLUTIONS.
 At a meeting of the members of the bar of Lackawanna county, held on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1899, and at Dover, in Dutchess county, of the state of New York, Walsingham Griffin Ward a lawyer of good repute, died at his residence, in the city of Scranton, on Saturday, the 9th day of December, 1899. A former boy, after studying law with diligence for several years, under the direction of the late Judge Dana, he was finally, in 1881, admitted to the bar of Luzerne county, at Wilkes-Barre, and immediately thereafter located at Scranton. He began that laborious and eminently successful career, at the close of which there is now the peaceful rest of an eternal and dreamless sleep.

From the very threshold of his professional life, the conduct of this man gave promise of a brilliant future. It was of a nature to compel success. He loved the books; their slave and their master, at all times he was a patient, painstaking and persevering student. Understanding human nature, he knew men; he early inspired them with confidence in his integrity, respect for his judgment and admiration for his abilities. Rarely visited by the disappointments of his cases, he soon acquired an extensive and remunerative practice, and attained a position of prominence among his fellows which he maintained with steadfastness until the day of his death.

Raised by a well-earned popularity to the bench in 1870, for a period of five years thereafter, he served faithfully and with distinction as the first and only elected member of the Mayor's court, a position of the city of Scranton. Plain and without affectation in manner or method, as a judge he was righteous in judgment, always administering a justice tempered with mercy, including Gibson whom he admired, and following Congingham whom he loved.

HIS WISDOM AS A JUDGE.
 Returning to the arduous labors of a professional life, he pursued them with unremitting zeal and fidelity. The imperishable records of a court may attest and perpetuate the wisdom of the judge; and the traditions of future generations the fame of the skillful and sagacious lawyer will rest secure. Sound, cautious and conservative as a legal advisor, his broad and liberal mind was thoroughly imbued with those fundamental principles of law and human action, upon the knowledge of which the safety and security of the client must invariably depend, and every lawyer's constant aim. An advocate, endowed with rare qualities of mind and heart, he found in the crowded court room the proper place for the display of those precious gifts of soul and speech which so eminently distinguished him.

Constantly engaged in many causes of great importance, both civil and criminal, he was always ready and prepared to meet every exigency of his case. Vigilant and acute, and, on the most trying occasions, imperturbable self-possession, he was at the same time wise and crafty in the development and argument of a cause. Versatile and vivacious, before a jury, especially in homicide cases, he was eloquent and impressive; while in his arguments to the court, there was always manifested a candor and straightforwardness, which must have insensibly won for him the confidence of the judges. He was a lawyer of distinguished merit.

He assumed the various responsibilities and faithfully discharged the many duties of his life. To his family, he was indulgent and kind; to his neighbors, considerate and hospitable. In his professional relations he was ever faithful—faithful to the court, faithful to the client and faithful to the claims of truth and honor. An excellent and worthy citizen, he was a model friend. To ask his aid was to immediately receive it. Liberal and charitable to a fault, he was kindly affectionate and a stranger to enduring resentments. He knew how to forgive an injury, he also knew how to forget a fault. His every action was but the outward expression of a gentle and sympathetic nature—a nature which he had with him until the end.

JUDGE WILLARD'S TRIBUTE.
 Judge Willard in moving the adoption of the resolutions made a brief but eloquent address in which he referred to the judge as having been one of the best jury lawyers in the state. He spoke of his great confidence in the jury and the court and as an illustration of this stated that he believed he never filed over six writs of error during his whole career.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted after which short addresses were made by District Attorney John R. Jones, Colonel F. L. Hitchcock, Edward Merrifield, T. F. Wells, John B. Collins and John F. Scragg.

Judge Archibald then spoke. He referred to the fact that it was by Judge Ward's order that he was first admitted to the bar. The judge was followed by Frank J. Fitzsimmons, who spoke briefly.

It was decided that the bar meet in the court house this afternoon at 2

CAUCUS IN SEVENTH WARD.
 Democrats Will Nominate Candidates on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Democratic vigilance committee of the three districts of the Seventh ward and the city committeeman, M. J. Kelly, have joined in issuing the following call for a caucus:

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic voters of the Seventh ward, city of Scranton, Pa., will hold a primary election at the different polling places in said ward on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1899, from 4 to 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for select council and for register of voters and a judge and inspector of elections in each of the several districts of the said ward.

A DAZZLING ELECTRIC DISPLAY.
 The firm's second anniversary marks a new epoch in Scranton merchandising. When the big store was first opened, its immense size, its many departments, its progressive methods and startling innovations opened up a new avenue of trade. That the response has been cumulative is attested by the firm's steady and healthy growth in every department, numerous new ones having been added, until the firm is seriously considering the addition of much-needed room.

The big store is so unlike a store as to reflect much of the spirit of a place of amusement and entertainment, at the same time catering to the wants of the thousands who pass within its doors daily and seldom go away empty-handed.

Among the matters listed for argument this week are appeals in the Little Label case and Old Forge borough incorporation. O'Brien & Kelly, E. C. Newcomb and Cornelius Smith appear in the first named case, and O'Brien & Kelly, John H. Bonner and Major Everett Warren are the attorneys in the other.

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Call for a Primary Election.
 The Republican voters of the Sixteenth ward of the city of Scranton will please take notice that, by order of the vigilance committee of the first and second districts of said ward, there will be a primary election held in the said districts of said ward, on Saturday, December 16, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination Republican candidates for the following offices: One candidate for the office of common councilor; one candidate for the office of school controller; and one assessor of voters in each of the said districts.

Joseph Danner, Walter E. Davis, Return Judges of First and Second Districts Respectively.

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