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CITY NOTES

ALUMNI MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the alumni of the University of Pennsylvania at the office of Dr. Lewis Frey this evening at 8 o'clock.

SPECIAL MEETING.—The meeting at the Roseau mission tonight will consist of instrumental and vocal music, duets and solos. Everyone welcome.

MARRIED BY THE ALDERMAN.—Alderman Kason yesterday joined in wedlock two Italian residents of the South Side. Mary Siliari and Iluminato Colibonasi.

CAKE AND CANDY SALE.—The Young Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church will hold a cake and candy sale in the lecture room of the church Saturday afternoon, December 16, from 3 to 5.

SHE IS VERY LOW.—Nellie McGinnis, who was so terribly burned in the Hotel Jermyn kitchen Tuesday morning is in a very critical condition. She is rapidly growing weaker and her recovery is despaired of at the hospital.

PALMISTRY DEPARTMENT will be resumed tomorrow and continued until all questions that arrive before noon have been considered. It will be impossible to answer through The Tribune questions after that time, as Professor Martin will remain in the city only a few days more.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—Jerry Kellher was arrested Tuesday night by Patrolman Thomas M. Conroy on Lackawanna avenue on charges of drunkenness and being a suspicious character. He was following an old man who told Conroy that he had lost his overcoat and he believed Kellher had something

to do with the loss. Kellher had his hearing yesterday morning before Mayor Moir and was sentenced to ten days in the county jail.

DRILL HELD.—The Scranton police officers, who are employed on night duty, were yesterday drilled in the armory by Chief Robling. About forty sergeants, patrolmen, etc., took part and were subjected to a thorough inspection, beginning at 2:30 o'clock and continuing for about an hour.

FALSE ALARM.Some joker sent in a false alarm of fire from box 82, corner of West Market street and Bloom avenue at 1 o'clock this morning. He roused a key-holder and had them throw the key out of the window to him. After pulling the box he ran away. The police are looking him up.

OPENS THIS EVENING.—The fair given by the Ladies' Aid society of All Saints Universalist church will open this evening at 7 o'clock and will continue tomorrow afternoon and evening. Many useful and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas presents, will be for sale. Sandwiches and coffee, cake and cream will be served. All are welcome.

CLOSING SALE.—A closing sale of the articles remaining from the recent sale for the benefit of the South Side kindergarten will be held this afternoon at St. Luke's parish house from 3 to 4 o'clock. Fancy and useful articles and dressed dolls at reduced prices. It will be in the Young Women's guild rooms on the second floor. Tea will be served to all comers.

BEFORE ALDERMAN HOWE.—Geo. W. Clark, of Edella, yesterday swore out a warrant before Alderman John T. Howe for the arrest of Charles E. Miller and his wife, Sarah, also of Edella. On Dec. 11 Mrs. Miller administered a thrashing to Clark's son, Herman, and Aug. 15 young Clark threw a brick at the son of Mr. Miller. The parent Clark objects to these proceedings and hence the warrant.

Given Away.
A pair of kid gloves makes a nice present, but a pair of gloves in a pretty enameled box makes a much nicer present. Buy the gloves of us and we will give you the box gratis.
Mears & Hagen.

FIVE PLACES RAIDED.
Police Swoop Down on a Number of Dens and Arrest the Inmates. The Houses Visited.

JOURNALISM IN FAR-OFF ALASKA
THE NOME NEWS AND SOME OF ITS NEWS.

A Well-Printed Little Weekly That Sells for Fifty Cents a Copy, or \$24 a Year—A Paper Two Weeks Old Has Some Things to Say of a City Council Two Months Old—Some Interesting Clippings Showing What the Nome Reporter Finds to Write About.

Colonel E. H. Ripple yesterday received several copies, including the first number, of the Nome News, published at Nome, Alaska. The place is spoken of in one of the issues as "the newest Sandwich Islands" and is located on the northwestern coast of Alaska, in the center of a region which, it is prophesied, will in a short time come to be celebrated for its gold fields as the now famous Klondike country.

The paper is issued weekly, and sells for the modest sum of fifty cents a copy or \$24 a year, delivered by carrier. It is about 12x18 inches in size and consists of four pages of neatly printed matter, with a fair proportion of advertisements. Out of a total of fourteen of the latter in one of the issues, eleven were for saloons, or "resorts," as they are called.

A rather amusing illustration of the high price of even the necessities of human life in the frozen north is shown in the advertisement of a hotel, which represents itself as the finest and cleanest lodging house in Nome, with meals from \$1.50 upwards.

The news published in the issue is interesting. In one copy there is an account of a city council meeting, with accompanying rumors of a franchise deal. The place appears to be a paradise for policemen, as the pay-roll for the month of the police force, which was passed at the meeting, amounted to \$200 for each officer for the month, or a yearly salary of \$3,600.

STRIKES THERE, TOO.
In the same issue is an account of a successful strike instituted by the longshoremen in the city of Nome, an hour. The strike lasted but one day.

In another copy is an editorial which is a scathing arraignment of the authorities at Washington for refusing to transport mail from St. Michaels during the winter months. This is said to be simply the continuation of the policy of misgovernment that has obtained in Alaska since it became a possession of the United States. Continuing the editorial writer says:

"Situated as we are, thousands of miles from the seat of government and without voice or vote in the congress, we are at the mercy of red tape and bureaucracy and we will be until we become sufficiently strong to make our influence felt or we are enabled to enlist the aid of men of affairs who will take some degree of interest in one of the richest yet neglected sections of the great republic."

Here are some clippings from the different issues at hand:

A GO WITH THE MITS.
"Carly Carr and Ed. Kelly, well-known middle-weights, are booked for a 20-round glove contest, to a decision, tomorrow night, at Wyoate Barr's saloon. It promises to be a warm contest. Carr recently defeated Billy Cooper, champion middle-weight of the Yukon, at Dawson, in twelve rounds. Kelly is well-known locally."

The following is printed without quotation marks, indicating that some member of the News staff is prepared to accept the responsibility:

Oh! look at the queer Esquimaux, His nose is too pudgy to blink; His perfume is awful; To describe it is awful.

The thought of it fills me with wail.

"Mr. Beals, Dawson's official dog-keeper, has become a resident of Nome and a front street property owner. Mr. Beals brought down about a half hundred canines."

ROBBED, OR NOT ROBBED?
That is the question a farmer is debating with himself.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Lieutenant John Davis and Patrolman Thompson were accosted on Wyoming avenue by an aged farmer, who declared that he had been robbed of a purse containing several dollars, and accused a man who had been in a Wyoming avenue saloon with him during the afternoon, of the theft.

The latter was accordingly arrested and at the time was in a drunken condition.

He indignantly denied the theft of the pocketbook, and suggested that the farmer himself be searched. This was done, and lo and behold! the missing purse was found in one of his pockets.

It is thought that the accused man had taken the pocketbook, but adroitly put it back just before he was arrested.

He was, however, held on the charge of drunkenness, and was taken to the Centre street police station. He will have a hearing this morning.

INSTITUTE FOR FARMERS.
It was held at Springville, Susquehanna County.

At Springville, Susquehanna county, Monday, the first of a series of farmers' institutes was held. The first session opened at 10:30 a. m. and Prof. Harry Hayward delivered an address on "Points to Observe in Choosing a Dairy Site." Prof. S. B. Helges, of York, gave a highly interesting discourse on "Poultry for Profit."

After the afternoon session opened at 1:30, Hon. H. F. Schwartz was introduced and delivered an interesting and profitable address. Other speakers at this session were Prof. S. S. Thomas, of Lynn, and "Birds," Prof. Hayward, "Work of the Pennsylvania Dairy School," H. P. Loomis, of Lemon, "Is There Any Profit in Making Pork in Connection with Dairy or Without?" C. W. Broadhead, of Montrose, and W. A. Lane, of Rush, also spoke.

PRINCIPALS' ROUND TABLE.
Meeting Held Last Tuesday Afternoon in the High School.

The regular monthly meeting of the newly-organized Principals' Round Table was held Tuesday afternoon in the high school building. A very in-

teresting programme had been arranged and was given.

Principal D. A. Stone read a carefully prepared paper on "Daily Programme of Exercises" and a very animated discussion followed, which was led by Miss Josie Lees.

Prof. Hawker followed and made a brief address, in which he urged that a certain period be set aside each day for patriotic exercises, as well as for religious exercises. His remarks were also discussed, after which the meeting adjourned to meet again the second Monday in January.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT.
Common Council to Take Its Turn at Bond Ordinance Tonight.

The amended bond ordinance will come back to common council this evening at the regular meeting of that branch, for reconsideration. The ordinance as introduced in common council provided for only \$25,000 worth of bonds. Select council passed it, but only after amending it until the total footed up to \$275,200.50.

Common council did not to be outdone by select, will add on a few amendments of its own. Councilman Norton, of the Twenty-first, placed yesterday in Clerk Jermyn's hands an amendment providing for the issuance of a sewer system in the Twenty-first ward.

This will bring the total up to a little less than \$300,000, and it will probably exceed that, as Mr. Norton is not the only one who will offer an amendment.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS.
Nearly One Hundred Already Received at the Post Office.

The usual yearly influx of Santa Claus letters has already begun and there are now being held at the post office nearly one hundred of these mislabeled, penned by little children in childish confidence only to find their way to that clearing house of all mis-addressed mail matter, the dead letter office.

Perhaps the most uniquely addressed letter is one which reads "Mr. Santa Claus, esq., Region of the North Pole, Box 100, Villaville." Another is addressed to "Santa Claus, Lackawanna Avenue" and was evidently written by some youngster who saw a figure of the jolly old man in one of the show windows on that thoroughfare. Another letter bears the following on the envelope: "Santa Claus, Mount Pocono."

LACKAWANNA CHAPTER.
Officers Chosen at a Meeting Held in Masonic Temple.

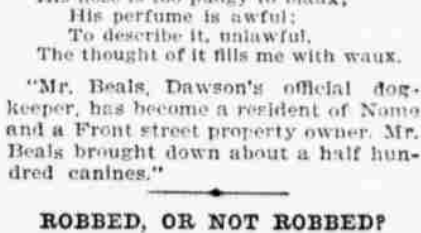
At a meeting of Lackawanna chapter, No. 135, Masonic Order, Tuesday night in Masonic temple, the following officers were elected for the coming term:

High priest, William Brutzman; king, J. James Taylor; scribe, Alfred H. Shepard; treasurer, Fred J. Adams; secretary, C. L. Van Baskirk; representative to grand chapter, Edwards Evans; trustees, William L. Connel; Edward L. Duck and Ezra Ripple.

A Card.
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 25-cent bottle of Greener's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory if money refunded.

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Pocket Books, Card Cases, Shopping Bags, Boston Bags in Seal Alligator, Morocco, Russia Leather, Etc., Etc.

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JERMYN MAN MAKES STRIKE IN KLONDIKE
IS NOW WORTH THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION.

Frank Belcher, Who Left for the West a Poor Man, Returns After Six Years in Alaska with All Kinds of Wealth—He Was on the American Side When the Klondike Finds Were First Reported—Secured a Claim Cheap That Proved Very Rich.

If Frank Belcher, of Jermyn, wasn't as reticent as he is reputed rich, those who like to read of rich strikes would be treated to a story that would undoubtedly find a permanent abiding place in the listings of their hats.

Mr. Belcher left for the Klondike six years ago, a poor man. Today he is home with three-quarters of a million as good money as ever was coined, and next February he proposes to go away again to get three-quarters of a million more.

Yes, it's a Klondike story, but a true one, if common report, substantiated with details, is to be accepted.

Mr. Belcher went west to seek his fortune and drifted to Oregon and then to Alaska. In 1894 he was on the "American side," prospecting for gold and doing fairly well, when reports of the big finds in the Klondike region commenced to come in. Selling out his claim, he worked his way to the new El Dorado, thinking to be early on the ground and in the way of staking a rich claim.

Early as he was, he found everything in the then opened country under claim, and he was forced to buy a place. Three men who had a fairly good claim, sixteen miles from Dawson City, sold out to him for \$20,000. He paid \$1,000 cash and was to pay the balance with every alternate \$1,000 worth of stuff that the place panned out. He owned the claim outright in three weeks, and refused a \$100,000 cash offer for it before the first month was up.

Five feet below where his predecessors had been working he found a lead of the best paying dirt in the region. Tempting cash offers for shares were one after the other refused, and mining companies that wanted to put big capital into it to develop it rapidly were staved off.

Mr. Belcher kept it to himself, developed gradually, cared for it zealously, gave it his personal supervision at all times, and today has one of the best properties in that whole region.

Mr. Belcher proposes to return to the Klondike for a couple of years to finish working out his claim, after which he will come back to the states to enjoy his fortune.

He left a good place at the mine when he first quit Jermyn, but it was with the understanding that if he did not make it a "go" in the west he could have a chamber when he came back. He hasn't been to see the boss yet.

Fountain pens. Reynolds Bros.

For Presents.
We are selling solid silver match boxes, 8 different styles, good heavy weight and worth \$1.75 each. This week only for

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Pierce's Market
Receiving daily—Turkeys, Poultry, Springers, Ducks and Squabs; also Rockaway, Maurice River and Blue Point Oysters; Everything the market affords in fruits and vegetables.

Your orders will be filled promptly with best goods at reasonable prices.

PIERCE'S MARKET
110-112-114 PENN AVENUE.

THIS WEEK'S PRICES IN

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY

The following prices, which we are selling goods for this week, are the lowest that we have ever offered. The goods are the finest grade and cannot help but please everyone. Call and see them.

Fine Diamond Rings at \$5.00, worth \$10.00.
Solid Gold Band Rings at \$1.25, worth \$2.50.
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Gold Filled Cuff Buttons, 50c., worth \$1.25.
Cuff Buttons, previous prices \$1.00, now 50c.

Gent's Solid Silver Watch, Elgin movement, \$12.50.
Ladies' Sterling Silver Watches, worth \$5.00, now \$2.75.
Gent's Nickel Watches, S. W., price \$1.00, now \$1.25.
Rogers Bros' Spoons, warranted, 50c.
Rogers Bros' Butter Knives, Sugar Spoons, Pickle Forks, 75c., previous price \$1.00.

Ladies' Solid Gold Watch, Elgin movement, \$14.50.
Ladies' Gold Filled Watches at \$3.50, worth \$15.00.

We also have about three hundred Ladies' Solid Silver Rings, worth 50c. and 75c., will close them at 15c. each. Special sale now going on at Davidson Bros. Attend as we are offering goods at one-fourth their original value. Extra Heavy Solid Silver Thimbles at 15c.

Should use the W. & B. RUBBER PAD HORSE SHOE.

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Ask your blacksmith to shoe your horse with the W. & B. Shoe.

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A COMFORTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Cold weather is sure to come and with it the need of Furs. What better gift than a nice piece of fur for the neck a new Muff, or perhaps an Electric Seal or Persian Lamb Coat? We quote a few of the prices:

Brown Marten Scarfs, natural color. \$6.00 to \$15.00
Brown Marten Scarfs, dyed..... 3.50 to 5.00
Electric Seal Scarfs..... 2.00 to 5.00
Mink Boas, some as handsome as Sable 4.00 to 18.00
Sable Fox Scarfs, beauties..... 10.00 to 15.00
Handsome Collarettes, all prices..... 3.00 to 60.00
Real Russian Sable Boas..... 30.00 to 40.00
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Alaskan Seal Coats..... 150.00 to 250.00
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