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CITY NOTES

NOT THE SAME.—The Jerry Kellher committed to the county jail Wednesday by Mayor Mohr is not Jerry Kellher, of Phelps street.

RECKLESS DRIVING.—Will Kraus of Dunmore, whom Patrolman Watkins arrested Wednesday night for fast driving, was yesterday fined \$5.

WILL HOLD BANQUET.—Union lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, will conduct installation of the annual officers tonight. They will follow it with a banquet.

OPENS TODAY.—The sale of seats for entertainment of the Brockway course to be given at the Lyceum Monday evening will open this morning at the Lyceum box office.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.—The Lady Gaiety Women's Veterans Relief union will meet this afternoon at Guernsey hall, at 2:30 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted.

CLASS MEETING.—Members of the class of '95, Scranton High school, are requested to meet in the board of control room today at 4 p. m., to take action on the death of the late Rose Shields.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.—Nellie McGinnis, who was so terribly burned in the Hotel Jermyn kitchen, Monday evening, made a slight improvement yesterday. She is frightfully burned, however, and it is doubtful if she will live.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—Century council, No. 109, Catholic Women's Benevolent league, elected the following officers on Wednesday evening: President, Miss Lizzie Snow; vice president, Miss Mary Coleman; orator, Miss Lizzie McMan-

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JOHN CHRIS INJURED—John Chris, of Peckville, a miner in the Riverside Coal company mines, was taken to the Lackawanna hospital yesterday, with his right leg badly fractured, as the result of a fall of coal.

RECKLESS DRIVING.—Patrolman Hart, last night, arrested on Penn avenue, a girl, who was driving in a buggy, in a very reckless manner. She was in an intoxicated condition and was taken to the city hall police station. The horse and buggy were taken to Cusick's livery stable.

NINTH WARD PRIMARIES.—The Republican candidates for office in the Ninth ward held a meeting last night in the office of Attorney O. B. Partridge, and decided to hold the primary election on that ward on Jan. 4 between the hours of 5 and 8 p. m. A candidate for select council and district officers are to be nominated.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western trainmen were paid yesterday, which completes the Lackawanna pay in this section for November. The Delaware and Hudson company paid its employees on the Honesdale branch Wednesday, and yesterday the men at Lackawanna shops and trainmen north of Scranton were paid.

WATER TO BE DISCUSSED.—Secretary Carbonate, arrested on Penn avenue, prophesies that next Monday evening's meeting of that body will be as thoroughly representative a gathering as the now celebrated meeting of last month, and that the water question will be the leading topic discussed. It is believed that several sets of figures showing existing water rates in other cities throughout the country, will be introduced, which will come as a surprise to those who believe the present manufacturers' rates in this city to be reasonable.

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TWO LIVES CRUSHED OUT.

Miner and Laborer Instantly Killed by a Fall of Roof at Old Forge.

Joseph Iork, a miner, and Joseph Cor, his laborer, both Italians, were instantly killed by a fall of roof at the Jermyn No. 1 colliery, in Old Forge, yesterday morning. The fall occurred shortly after they commenced work.

Iork was 35 years of age and a married man with one child. Cor was 46 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

Inspector H. O. Prytherch will go to Old Forge this morning to make an investigation.

ANOTHER STEP IN CRUSADE.

Houses of Daisy Miller and Nellie Bly Raided by Police.

The second step in the crusade against the disreputable houses of the city was taken last night. About 12 o'clock two squads of police, headed by Chief Robling and Lieutenant John Davis, entered Raymond court and invaded the houses of Daisy Miller, No. 115, and Nellie Bly, No. 128. At the first named place four women and one man were taken into custody and held in the latter the women and four men.

The warrants were issued Dec. 13 at the office of Alderman Myron Kasson, of the Ninth ward. The reason for the raid was the fact that the women in the houses had been flaunting their vice too conspicuously. They were taken to police headquarters in the city hall.

BARN AND CONTENTS BURNED.

It Was the Property of Herman Hagen, the Huckster.

Fire broke out about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a small barn situated in the rear of 857 Capouse avenue and owned by Herman Hagen, a huckster. An alarm was turned in from box 62 and the Central City companies, together with the General Phinney's responded.

The blaze had a good headway, however, and the building, which was stocked with vegetables and produce, was almost completely destroyed before it could be extinguished. Mr. Hagen places his loss at about \$1,000 with only \$400 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

LAST LECTURE GIVEN.

Rev. Walter Quincy Scott, D. D., Speaks in the High School.

The closing address on "Ancient Rome" was given at the High School auditorium last evening by Rev. Walter L. Scott, chaplain of Ezra Griffin post. The attendance was the largest which has been present at any of the lectures in a body and evidenced its appreciation of the speaker's efforts by vociferous applause. Many beautiful scenes in Italy were shown last night and elaborately described.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Money on Deposit.

The banks' deposits at Niagara Falls are greater today than they ever were. The December statement of the banks is interesting reading. A close examination of them shows that Niagara Falls is on firm financial feet and that the situation grows better every day.

More money is coming into Niagara Falls. That is shown by the record of money on deposit. It has grown steadily during the summer. It is growing now.

The bank statements are always worth reading. They show much. The ones just issued give good cause for rejoicing. Prosperity is abroad, but it is at home too. Niagara Falls has cause for congratulation.—Niagara Falls Gazette.

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VIADUCT MEASURE BEFORE COUNCILS

INTRODUCED LAST NIGHT BY MR. CALPIN, OF THE SIXTH.

It Provides for the Issue of \$107,320 in Bonds, Subject to the Vote of the Electors—Special Committee Appointed to Confer with the Trolley Company and the Lackawanna to Ascertain What They Will Do Towards Constructing the Viaduct. New License Tax.

An ordinance providing for the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$107,320, subject to a vote of the electors, for constructing the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct, was introduced in common council last night by Mr. Calpin, of the Sixth ward. It was referred to committee, to be printed if favorably reported.

A resolution, also introduced by Mr. Calpin, was approved, directing that a special committee of three from each branch of the council be appointed to act with the mayor in ascertaining what the Scranton Railway company and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company are willing to do towards bridging the viaduct. Chairman Keller appointed Messrs. Calpin, Griffiths and Tewkesbury to this committee. Mr. Wenzel, of the Fourteenth ward, was the only member to vote in the negative.

Mr. Wenzel introduced a resolution directing street car company to take its tracks off the crossing and extend them along Eighth street and thence across the Swetland street bridge and up Swetland street. It was ruled out of order and later when Mr. Wenzel changed the resolution to an ordinance to meet the objection which led to its being ruled out of order, it was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Grier by a vote of 10 to 8.

ASHES IN THE RIVER.

When council adjourned it was to meet next Thursday night, so that the viaduct ordinance may be hastened through in time to have the bond question voted on at the spring election.

Mr. Phillips, chairman of the vice and immorality committee, introduced a resolution directing the mayor and chief of police to raid all gambling places in the city. Mr. Grier raised the point that the resolution was out of order, because what it ordered done was at all times the duty of the mayor and chief to do. Chairman Keller ruled the point well taken.

Mayor Mohr sent in a communication disapproving the bill of T. V. Lewis for \$48 for services as assistant sanitary officer, on the ground that the office was not created by council. The need of such an officer was urgent, the mayor said, and he would approve the bill if council would order Mr. Lewis' appointment. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

Other new measures were introduced and approved as follows:

M. V. Morris—Inviting the American Federation of Labor to hold its 1900 convention in this city.

Mr. Grier—Providing for a fire alarm box at the corner of Cayuga street and Bloom avenue, and for an additional permanent man for the "Cumberlands."

Mr. Goshall—Providing two permanent firemen to enable the present men to have a 24-hour lay-off as often as the need of the city requires.

Mr. Coleman—Providing for sidewalk and curbing on Pine street, between Washington and Wyoming avenues.

Mr. Smith—Providing another permanent man for the "Cumberlands."

Mr. Cusick—Providing another fire alarm box for the Twentieth ward.

TAX ON VEHICLES.

A resolution introduced by T. F. Morris, directing the city solicitor to proceed against the Gas and Water company and Illuminating, Heat and Power company to compel them to stop dumping ashes in the river, was referred to committee.

The sewer bond ordinance was concurred in as amended in select council. The resolution to recover police fines from the last mayor was referred to the judiciary committee and city controller.

Proposed for a supply wagon for the fire department were received from Gleason & Bailey and W. E. Gilhoel. Their figures were \$550 and \$575 respectively.

An ordinance for a fire alarm box on the corner of Washington and Electric avenues, and an ordinance fixing the common council clerk's salary at \$900 passed third reading.

The license tax ordinance, which Mayor Mohr has been using ever since he came into the executive chair, was introduced by Mr. Morris, of the Eighteenth ward.

The ordinance contemplates a tax of \$100 a year on street cars, but it was intimated that this was liable to revision. The promoters of the measure will insist, however, that the other items are all reasonable.

A tax of \$100 a year is placed on telegraph, telephone, express, electric light, steam heat, gas, water, sewer pipes, private bankers, brokers, pawn brokers, sample merchants, circuses and menageries. Contractors and real estate brokers are taxed according to their business in sums ranging from \$5 to \$100, and auctioneers from \$25 to \$100. The most performances are taxed \$10 a night unless given for charitable purposes or in a licensed amusement place, on which a tax of from \$50 to \$100 a year is imposed, according to seating capacity.

TO HURRY IT ALONG.

Vehicles kept for hire are taxed \$1 and \$2, according to size. Hucksters are to pay \$10 a year, resident insurance agents \$5; non-resident, \$10; real estate agents, \$10; lumber dealers, \$10; book agents, \$25; small circuses, \$50; dog and animal shows, \$10; bill posters, \$10; curb stone hawkers, \$10 a day; fresh meat peddlers, \$10; bowling alleys, \$10; billiard tables, \$5.

Merchants of all kinds contemplated by clause 4, section 5, art. of 1899, not specifically classified herein, shall pay 40 per cent. of the amount paid for state license.

Merchants not taxed under the laws of the state relating to mercantile tax, are made a distinct class and shall pay annually \$1.

Provision is made for a collector, who is to receive 5 per cent. commission on delinquent taxes that may be gathered by him. Taxes will be delinquent if not paid within thirty days after the first Monday in April of each year. A penalty for non-payment ranging from \$10 to \$100 fine and not exceeding thirty days' imprisonment, is imposed and the police are charged with the duty of seeing that the ordinance is enforced.

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TROUBLE OVER A MACHINE.

Constable Ira Mitchell Given a Hearing Before Alderman Millar.

Alderman W. S. Millar last night heard the case of John Murphy, of Brook avenue, Providence, against Ira Mitchell, constable of Alderman Kasson's court. It seems that several years ago Murphy bought a \$65 sewing machine from the Singer Sewing Machine company and was to pay for it by installments. Up to date he had paid \$50, but has not made payment for so long that last week H. H. Devar, the company's local agent, went before Alderman Kasson and had a writ of attachment issued.

Armed with this Saturday afternoon he and Constable Mitchell journeyed to the Murphy domicile, and Mitchell was there confronted by Mrs. Murphy, who informed him that no machine was in the place. Mitchell at last got in the house, found the machine, removed the top part of it and started for the door.

Mitchell says that Mrs. Murphy produced a large butcher knife and flourished it in a dangerous way. Mrs. Murphy says that Mitchell struck both her and some of her children, who were around the place. Hence the suit for the trouble.

After hearing the case Alderman Millar decided to hold it under advisement. Mr. Murphy has hired as counsel, Attorney John Kelly, while Attorney Frank Boyle represents Mitchell.

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Figures That Show How Much Is Paid in This City and in the County at Large.

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