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**PERSONAL**

George Sanderson spent yesterday in New York.

Dr. G. E. Hill returned home last night from the Zinc mines, Joplin, Mo. The distance from Scranton is 1,486 miles.

Wills Sweet, son of Rev. J. R. Sweet, of West Scranton, has accepted a position with the Temple Iron and Coal company at their Sterick Creek colliery.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lord, of Jefferson avenue, returned yesterday from Chicago, where Mr. Lord has been spending some time upon business connected with the International Schools of Correspondence.

Rev. and Mrs. David Spencer, of Dover, N. J., arrived here Friday evening, and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garney, of Green Ridge. Yesterday morning and evening Dr. Spencer preached in the Baptist church at Blakely.

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BRIEF MENTION OF  
MEN OF THE HOUR

A. B. EYNON NOMINATED FOR SCHOOL CONTROLLER.

He Will Represent the Fourth Ward on That Important Body—Hon. John E. Roche Nominated to Succeed Himself in the Seventh—Similar Compliment Paid to William V. Griffiths—Joseph Oliver's Victory in the Fifteenth Ward Over Horatio T. Fellows.

A. B. Eynon, who was nominated for school controller by the Fourth ward Republicans, Saturday, is one of the best known men in West Scranton. He has figured in politics on several occasions, having been an active party worker and a staunch Republican. Mr. Eynon has been cashier of the West Side bank for many years and enjoys the esteem and respect of all classes, irrespective of party affiliations. He is also prominently identified with the Plymouth Congregational church as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent.

He has been a life-long resident of the Fourth ward and resides at 125 North Hyde Park avenue with his family. Mr. Eynon is a son-in-law of Benjamin Hughes, late superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mines, and son of the venerable Thomas Eynon, of South Main avenue.

He is a keen, level-headed business man and, as his election is assured, the school board can congratulate itself on the acquisition of a member who will be in every sense a credit to it and the city. He is the kind of man to lead dignity and standing in any public body, but the kind of man, unfortunately, who all too frequently takes a sufficient active interest in public affairs to aspire to such offices as Mr. Eynon has been called upon to fill.

Hon. John E. Roche, who was nominated Saturday evening by the Democrats of the Seventh ward for the office of select councilman, is now serving the last months of his eighth year of service as select councilman from that ward. As the Seventh ward is strongly Democratic Mr. Roche can read his title to a third term with reasonable certainty, although it is reported that there will be an independent Democratic candidate in the field.

The independent movement is endorsed by Mayor James Moir, who is anxious to see Mr. Roche retire from select council. They have not been of the same mind with reference to some matters of public policy and legislation that have been before council since Mr. Moir became mayor, and he would be as well pleased if a new face should appear in the seat the present member from the Seventh has made conspicuous.

From the time he entered council Mr. Roche has been the leading spirit on the Democratic side of the house, and whenever a big fight was on when the select council divided itself on political lines the leadership of his party by common consent went to Mr. Roche. He is the most ready debater on the floor of the council and is adroit or aggressive as the exigencies of the case seem to require. There has been no memorable tie in select council during the last eight years in which Mr. Roche has not been a prominent figure.

Ex-Common Councilman Joseph Oliver, of the Fifteenth ward, who was nominated by the Republicans at the caucus Saturday afternoon to succeed the present select councilman, Horatio T. Fellows, is a self-made man, and by his untiring energy has become an important factor in city politics. As a member of the lower branch, through his indomitable perseverance, he gained the sobriquet of "fighting Joe," and it was mainly through his efforts the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct proposition was brought before the people three years ago. He is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the people and a stalwart Republican.

Mr. Oliver is secretary of the West Side board of trade and prominently identified with the Loyal Knights of America, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and other secret organizations. He is an active member and ex-president of the Scranton Typographical union and also treasurer of the Columbia Hose company. He resides at 1317 Hampton street. He is a bundle of energy, as was demonstrated by the canvass he made for the nomination for select council against such a wily and seasoned foe as H. T. Fellows. Mr. Oliver made a personal visit to every Republican voter in the ward and urged his claims to the nomination.

William V. Griffiths, the present common councilman from the Fourth ward, who was renominated at the primaries Saturday afternoon, has been in the lower branch one term, and during his short career as a city father has made an excellent representative. He has the record of having missed but one meeting since he became a member of the select council and during that time many important measures have been introduced pertaining to the Fourth ward. Mr. Griffiths is talked of for chairman of that body at the spring reorganization and has several times acted in that capacity.

Mr. Griffiths has been a consistent advocate of wise public improvements for the city at large, but has had an especially watchful eye for measures that would be of particular interest to the part of the city he comes from. He is big and broad-minded enough, however, to be above opposing measures that would advantage other sections of the city. Mr. Griffiths has been a member of Bauer's band for many years and is a capable musician. His return to his seat in the common is now assured. He will have no opposition in the Democratic party, it having been decided not to nominate any one against him.

Prof. J. W. Redway, F. R. G. S., who is perhaps the best authority on geography in the country, is at the Jersey. Towards which mecca he always journeys whenever his business calls him to this region. Prof. Redway is the author of some of the most valuable text books in colleges and schools in America. He is also the author of a well known publication of Appleton's "The World's Best Books," and of a physical geography acknowledged to be the greatest yet written on the subject.

He is an authority on political economies and has a large repertoire of lectures which engage his time for a year or more in advance. He probably at the present time has the heaviest itinerary in the country, his tours ranging from California to

Maine, north into Canada and south to Tennessee. He is now at work on new publications for school work, which are receiving flattering advance notices.

Prof. Redway is a man of attractive personality and is a great favorite on the lecture platform, and is considered one of the few men who are able to instruct and also to entertain with equal facility.

UNION RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Conducted at First and second German at First and second German M. E. Churches.

The congregation of the First German Methodist Episcopal church, at the corner of Adams avenue and Vine street, yesterday joined with the members of the Second German church of the South Side in a union service.

In the morning the joint services were held at the First church and were conducted by Rev. G. Ruback, of the Second church; Rev. Philip Haendiges, of the First, and Rev. Mr. Fiedler, of Lansing, Mich.

Rev. Mr. Ruback gave the sermon, his theme being "The Atonement" and spoke in a lucid and forcible manner. In the evening a union love feast and praise service was held at the Second German church, on the South Side, with Rev. Haendiges and Ruback in the pulpits.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was conducted and the sermon was preached by Rev. Haendiges, who spoke in an eloquent manner on "Brotherly Love." At the conclusion of the religious services a reception of members was held, a large number being admitted to the fold.

THIEVES AT PECKVILLE.

Two Houses In That Town Robbed Early Friday Morning.

Thieves have been operating in Peckville and the whole place is in a turmoil over the burglary of the homes of John Lillibridge and Dwight Kingsley, of South Main street. The robberies were committed early Friday morning and are the first which have happened in the vicinity in over a year. Both places have windows on the same way, a window on the ground floor being forced open and a means of entry thus effected.

The thieves came off highly successful. They first visited Mr. Lillibridge's residence and there secured his gold watch and about fifteen dollars in cash. At Mr. Kingsley's place, after entering by the window, they stole into his sleeping apartment and removed a gold watch valued at \$250 and about twenty dollars besides.

The thieves, whoever they were, did their work in a very clever manner and left no clue whatsoever to their identity.

ST. THOMAS' DEBATERS.

Elected Officers and Debated Woman's Suffrage Saturday.

The debating society of St. Thomas' college elected the following new officers at its regular meeting, Wednesday morning: President, James G. Cullen; vice-president, John Lynott; secretary, John Higgins; and treasurer, James Kearney.

A debate on the question, "Resolved, That women should be allowed the right of suffrage" followed. The debaters were cleverly taken, but the judges brought in a decision in favor of the affirmative.

At next Friday's meeting a literary programme of special excellence will be rendered and the following essays will be read: "The Literature of the Elizabethan Epoch," Joseph Foote; "Characteristics of the Chaldean, Assyrian and Babylonian Peoples," Stephen Gavin; "The Formation of the English Language," Charles Walker; "The Venetian Republic," George Lynch. Reviews of the Boer-Fritsch war will be read by John Murphy and Aloysius Colligan.

WHELAN WANTED TO KNOW.

His Request Not a Polite One and He Was Arrested.

At noon yesterday, on South Washington avenue, Michael Whelan was arrested by Patrolmen Feeney and M. J. Walsh. The man came out of a saloon and, walking up to the officers, he addressed them as follows:

"Say, you blankety blank blank blinks, what in blankety blank are you doing here? The patrolmen took him in charge and marched him to the Centre street police station. On the way he made the air blue with his profanity. Mayor Moir will this morning explain to him what the officers were doing there, to the accompaniment of a fine.

Three Through Trains to Chicago.

Under the Lackawanna's new time schedule, effective Dec. 17, three through trains are run daily to Chicago. Passengers may catch these trains at all large stations. Ask your agent for further information.

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PRIMARIES IN A  
NUMBER OF WARDS

SOME OF THE BATTLES WERE VERY EXCITING.

In the First, Fourth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Wards the Candidates Made a Strong Effort to Secure Nominations—Who the Successful Ones Were—Democrats of the Eighth Ward Endorsed the Nomination of Alderman W. S. Miller—Hon. John E. Roche Renominated.

Caucuses at which ward and district officers were elected were conducted Saturday evening in the First, Fourth, Seventh, Eighth, Fifteenth and sixteenth wards.

The Republican caucus in the First ward on Saturday afternoon called out a larger number of voters than that party had been anticipated, the total roll on alderman reaching \$28, and on select councilmen, \$65. The fight for these offices was between Edward Fidler, the present alderman, and John K. Jones, for the former, and Finley Ross, the present member of select council and John McDonnell for the latter.

Messrs. Fidler and Ross won out, the former having practically a walk over, while Mr. Ross was obliged to marshal all his forces to win out against the young man pitted against him. The contest was friendly throughout and the ticket nominated will have the full support of the party in the ward.

DETAILED VOTE.

The detailed vote for alderman was as follows:

Fidler.	Jones.
First district .....	215
Second district .....	118
Third district .....	118
Fourth district .....	121
Fifth district .....	129
Totals .....	719
For select councilman the vote was:	
First district .....	107
Second district .....	104
Third district .....	94
Fourth district .....	111
Fifth district .....	165
Totals .....	679

The vote for district election officers was: First district—Thomas W. Jones, judge; Thomas George inspector, and Luke Evans, register, without opposition. Second district—Judge, D. E. Ward, register, J. J. Evans, 42; Ed. Ward, 12; Robert Fildian, 31; register, Samuel Robbins, 10; S. W. Hufford, 24. Third district—Judge, David Smith, 110; inspector, Hart Stevens, 107; register, Thomas Fildian, 89; John W. Simpson, 16. Fourth district—Judge, Ebenezer Sanders, 60; David A. Davis, 66; Edward Sanders, 10; inspector, Isaac Williams, 47. Register, John J. Hughes, 30; William H. Howells, 8.

The count was completed shortly after 8 o'clock, and at 8:30 the return judges made their report to Alderman Fidler's office.

FOURTH WARD.

The largest Republican vote ever polled in the Fourth ward was cast at the primary election on Saturday, when William V. Griffiths was renominated for common council and A. B. Eynon for school controller. Great interest was manifested in the contests, particularly for the latter nomination, owing to the number of opponents. The ballots cast in the four districts for common councilmen were as follows:

Griffiths .....	1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. Total.
Evans .....	93 125 128 128 474
Price .....	28 23 71 58 180
Jenkins .....	1 3 10 18 32

The contest for school controller resulted as follows:

Eynon .....	1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. Total.
Evans .....	93 125 128 128 474
Price .....	28 23 71 58 180
Jenkins .....	1 3 10 18 32

The various ward officers nominated were as follows:

First district—Judge of election, M. E. Worden; inspector, M. G. Dimmick; register of voters, David R. Jones.

Second district—Judge of election, Otis Jenkins; inspector, George Wethering; register of voters, John Roberts.

Third district—Judge of election, Hugh Wilson; inspector, George Threlford; register of voters, George Schall.

Fourth district—Judge of election, John Richards; inspector, Theophilus Bowen; register of voters, George Ragan.

IN THE SEVENTH.

The Democrats held a caucus in the seventh ward on Saturday, with a very tamarrade. Hon. John E. Roche was nominated as his own successor in the select council.

M. P. Gilroy, an ex-common councilman of the ward, was a candidate for the nomination, but on Saturday decided not to go into the fight. He said that he will be an independent candidate.

In the Eighth ward the Democrats realized that it would not be possible to elect Alderman W. S. Miller, the Republican candidate, and so endorsed him. Ex-Common Councilman John J. Flanagan sought the nomination, but was defeated by the following vote:

First district .....	Miller, Flanagan.
Second district .....	52
Total .....	111

For school controller, Dr. John J. O'Malley was nominated, defeating C. F. Zeldler, the present representative. The vote was as follows:

First district .....	O'Malley, Zeldler.
Second district .....	33
Total .....	114

Thomas Roche was nominated for common councilman. He had no opposition.

FIFTEENTH WARD.

One of the bitterest fights ever waged in a ward caucus resulted in the nomination of Joseph Oliver for select council at the Fifteenth ward primaries Saturday afternoon, when the ex-

common councilman defeated the present incumbent, Horatio T. Fellows, by the small margin of eight votes. The Crawford county system of voting at primaries was adopted by a vote of 120 to 63. Each candidate carried his respective district by the following:

Oliver .....	First Second district.	Total.	
Fellows .....	150	94	252
	112	133	245

The vote on the adoption of the Crawford county system at the primaries was as follows:

For .....	First Second district.	Total.	
Against .....	112	8	120
	49	14	63

Alderman Daniel Moses was renominated without opposition and the district officers nominated were: Judge of election, First district, David E. Evans; Second district, G. A. Williams; Inspector, First district, John P. Williams; Second district, John H. Williams; Register, First district, Joe Harris; Second district, Samuel Williams.

In the sixteenth ward Otto H. Schriever, the present school controller for that ward, and Simon Lauer were the candidates for the Republican nomination for school controller. Schriever was nominated by the following vote:

First district .....	Lauer, Schriever.
Second district .....	75
Total .....	120

Theodore Fuller and Joseph Danner were candidates for the nomination for common council. The vote was:

First district .....	Danner, Fuller.
Second district .....	29
Total .....	115

WILLIAM MATTHEWS KILLED.

Run Over by a Trip of Cars in the Pine Brook Mine.

While at work in the Pine Brook shaft of the Scranton Coal Company Saturday afternoon, William Matthews, of Johnson's patch, aged 17 years, and employed as a driver, was killed. He tripped and fell on the tracks in front of a trip of cars. Before they could be stopped they had passed over him. He was almost instantly killed. His remains were removed to his parents' home.

FACTS ABOUT NIAGARA FALLS.

The Niagara River is fed by 84,000 square miles of water surface.

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Niagara Falls already leads the world in locating factories for the use of electricity to subdue the products of the earth, and take therefrom valuable productions, and they are but just entering upon the threshold of far greater achievements in that direction.

New Time Cards on the Lackawanna.

The new time cards on the Lackawanna Railroad effective Dec. 17, add greatly to the convenience of persons living on the line. A new train leaving New York at 11:40 at night makes it possible for people to attend the theatres and still reach their homes in time for business the next day. Sleeping cars for Chicago, Buffalo, Oswego and Scranton and intermediate points are carried on this train. Other important changes improve the former good service.

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Fourth Prize—Handsome Doll Carriage, Rubber Tires.  
Fifth Prize—Elegant Doll Go Cart.  
Sixth Prize—Large Toy Piano.

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First—Large Patent Swing Hobby Horse.  
Second—Large Silver Drum.  
Third—Handsome New Patent Sled.  
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Fifth—Complete Set of Tools in Chest.  
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