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CITY NOTES

FUNERAL TODAY.—The funeral of Carl Stuart, the lay-off boy of Mr. and Mrs. H. St. John, of 221 Taylor avenue, will take place today at 3 p. m. CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.—Frank Carlschewitz was yesterday committed to the county jail, by Alderman George F. Kelley, of the Fourth ward, on a warrant issued at the instance of John P. Kibbey, charging him with assault and battery. PRIMARIES SATURDAY.—Saturday afternoon, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, the Republicans of the Third ward will hold a primary election. They will nominate a candidate for select council and also vote on the adoption of the Crawford county rules. KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.—The eight free kindergarten teachers recently appointed by the board of control upon the recommendation of the Free Kindergarten association took an examination yesterday afternoon in city hall under the supervision of Superintendent of Schools Howell.

and Von Steinhilber shafts and the North Scranton repair shops. ANNIVERSARY BANQUET. Attended by the Members of Prof. Buck's Sunday School Class. The tenth anniversary and banquet of Prof. Buck's Sunday school class was held in the parlors of the Elm Park church last evening. The annual reports were very gratifying. The yearly attendance was 400 in excess of last year, and about \$300 was raised for various purposes during the last year. The following officers were elected for the year: Teacher, H. D. Buck; president, L. B. Carter; first vice president, Mrs. Charles H. Genter; second vice president, Mae Jones; third vice president, George R. Ackerly; fourth vice president, Miss Minnie Champion; secretary, H. A. Bushnell; treasurer, Mrs. William Zachman. The following toasts were responded to: "Our Last Year," Dr. Zachman, "Ten Years Teacher of the Class," Prof. Buck; "The Bachelors," E. W. Lemnitzer; "The Ladies," E. W. Lemnitzer; "The Assistant Teacher," H. C. Hoak; "The New Year," L. B. Carter; "Marvin & Mair furnished the floor, and decoration and the music was furnished by the Orpheus club. Caterer Boyer served a very elaborate menu. The tables were arranged in the form of a large cross.

The following were in attendance: Prof. and Mrs. Buck, Dr. and Mrs. Zachman, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Genter, Mr. and Mrs. James Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swingle, of Peckville; Miss Sharpstein, Miss Decker, Miss Helen Decker, H. C. Hoak, Miss LaBar, Miss Palmer, Mrs. Harriet Palmer, Mrs. DeWitt, L. B. Carter, John Shepland, J. W. Karcher, Miss Warner, Miss Alice Warner, Miss Perry, Miss Hall, Miss Burritt, Miss Schimpff, Les Frantz, Miss Godfrey, Miss Fisher, Mark Reese, Dr. Frederick, Miss Moyle, A. E. Sherman, C. H. Gibbs, P. D. Yoder, W. E. Schomover, Joseph Briggs, H. A. Bushnell, Miss Green, Miss DeWitt, Miss Jones, Miss Wells, Miss Woolbaugh, Harry Thomas, Miss Champion, George R. Ackerly, Ed. Alexander, Miss Black, Ben Evans, Miss Hoch, Miss Martin, E. W. Lemnitzer and lady, Charles Wanick and lady, Miss Turn, Miss Margaret, Miss Bohle, Miss Bowen, John Zearfas, Lou Roberts, Miss Terwilliger, Miss Moran, C. K. Benson, C. F. Rhoads, Miss Shaffer, Miss Burdick, Miss Steiner, Miss Kellow, Miss Winsans, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horabaker, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cramer, Miss Smith, Miss McFarland, Miss Lewis, Miss Storm, Mr. Pickus, Miss Myers, V. T. Long, Ethel Craven, Roy Bush, Hugh and lady, Miss Jacob, L. L. Logan and lady, Miss Winchell, Miss Miller, Miss Owens and George Zearfas.

PHOENIX COMPANY OFFICERS. Were Chosen at a Meeting Held Last Night. Phoenix Chemical Engine company met last night in its headquarters on Lackawanna avenue and elected officers, after which the members adjourned to Blatt's hotel and there enjoyed a banquet. The officers elected are: President, E. N. Shirer; vice-president, A. E. Spencer; secretary and treasurer, C. M. Zieffman; foreman, C. H. Schardt; assistant foreman, R. E. Gould; trustees, Harry Baehert, P. E. Hughes and T. D. Campbell. J. W. George was recommended for engineer, Thomas D. Campbell for driver and L. S. Tillman for pipeman. The yearly report was read, which showed that the company had responded to sixty-six bell alarms and thirty-four still alarms. The chemical engine had put out sixteen of the fires when bell alarms were sent in, unaided and alone. One general alarm, five false ones and four second alarms were responded to.

THEY ARE ALARMED. Family of Eugene Schimpff Startled by Actions of a Strange Man. The family of Eugene Schimpff, residing in an apartment house in the 600 block of North Washington avenue, have been greatly alarmed and are greatly annoyed by the actions of a man who is supposed to be insane. One evening this week, just after the family had retired to bed, a man, who is described as being tall and heavily built, with a dark moustache, was observed endeavoring to force an entrance by the rear door. He then came to the front door and began an effort to break it in, and had nearly succeeded when he was startled by a noise from within. On two previous occasions he had entered the house in the day time, but, upon being seen, had run away. His actions clearly indicate that he is insane and not a burglar. The police have been notified and will make an effort to capture the mysterious visitor.

CLAIMS ORDERED PAID. Alcatraz Company Has Discovered that City Owes It Money. The publication yesterday of the fact that the Alcatraz Paving company had not yet made any effort to collect their account from the city, evidently aroused the company's representative in this city to action. Yesterday the controller received an order from him directing the payment of five of the claims filed against the company since early last summer.

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CURBING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE

What Health Officer Allen Says About It. Schools Nos. 16 and 33 to Be Kept Open.

If Parents Would Do Their Share in Assisting the Board of Health, Even Handicapped as It Is, the Spread of Contagious Diseases Would Be Greatly Limited—Regulations of Board Are Ample if Properly Observed—Difficulties That the Board Encounter. As a matter of fact I believe the prevalence of these diseases is due as it was during the last epidemic of measles to the thoughtlessness and almost criminal negligence of parents. If one child who is ill is kept in bed, over six more who are not allowed to attend school, roam the streets, visit their friends, have a fine time and scatter the disease broadcast and their parents wonder why the board of health does not take more active measures to control this terrible epidemic. Except from monthly report of Health Officer W. E. Allen, printed in yesterday's Tribune.

"I am firmly convinced," said Dr. Allen to a Tribune man yesterday, "that the spread of contagious diseases which is now causing such alarm among the people of the city is due almost entirely to the carelessness of parents. People who are continually asking what the board of health is doing in such emergencies as the present are the ones, too often, who flagrantly violate the rules of the board of health and so counter to common sense when they or their children do anything to touch at some point, a matter that affects the general health of the community. "With a case of scarlet fever in their family they allow their children to roam the street, visit friends and do everything else the youngsters may take it into their heads to do and thus the disease is spread broadcast. People do not generally realize the danger of this disease. The germs never die; they have to be killed. There are cases on record where had children which were laid away for ten years at the end of that time communicated the disease.

REGULATIONS ADEQUATE. "The regulations of the board of health are entirely adequate for any such emergency as the present if we only had the means at our disposal of enforcing them. We have one sanitary officer for the whole city of Scranton who, during the last few weeks, has had an assistant. By means of this assistant we have been able to do a good deal toward curbing the spread of disease, but my idea is that we ought to have a sanitary officer for each of the health districts of the city. With a force of that size we would be able to keep things well in hand. "The rules of the board prescribe that when a case of contagious disease is reported to the board, the superintendent of schools in the district in which it is reported should notify the principal of the school the children of the family attend. These children are thereupon excluded from school until they bring a certificate from the attending physician showing that the disease has run its course and the child is no longer a danger to the community. This regulation if observed by physicians and parents would be sufficient to prevent the spread of any contagious disease through the medium of the schools. "With the management of the family at such a point as to notify the board of health of the illness of a child, and there after all in which the great danger comes in. We deny the pupils admission to the schools and their parents promptly turn them out of doors and allow them to spread the disease broadcast. The only remedy for this is a more enlightened public opinion and a greater display of common sense on the part of parents. More frequent urgings by physicians of the danger of allowing people from infected houses to go abroad would undoubtedly do some good.

CANNOT BE AVOIDED. "While people insist on passing freely in and out of infected houses, visiting houses that death has visited and attending the funerals of those who die from contagious diseases, we will not see such a condition of affairs as we are confronted with at present. "Since Thomas V. Lewis was hired to assist Sanitary Policeman Burke we have almost stamped out that outrage against public health, the public funeral in connection with deaths from contagious diseases. As soon as such a death is reported Mr. Lewis notifies the relatives that a public funeral will not be permitted and he sees to it that people are not allowed to visit the house, and that it is properly fumigated. If we had a sufficient force of men to allow this system to include, to an extent, the cases where people are ill from contagious diseases, we would take a long step in the direction of putting a stop to the spread of the diseases that are now causing such trouble. We have not the money or power necessary to do this. Our hands in fact are practically tied in the way of doing more than we are at present.

"Pennsylvania needs to display more liberality in legislating for its boards of health and councils used to display more liberality in providing funds for the boards to carry on the important work that is entrusted to them. The power vested in the boards of health ought to be sufficient to enable them to meet the grave questions that are constantly arising in one form or another when the health of communities is menaced. They should be able to act quickly and have the power necessary to enforce the policy the authorities believe to be necessary to preserve the public health. "In the present emergency I would suggest most urgently that the physicians of the city and the people of the city cooperate with the health authorities in preventing the further spread of diphtheria and scarlet fever. If this is done there will be a very noticeable decrease in the number of new cases and in the city's death rate."

Oriental Rugs and Carpets. We have a few very fine bargains in rugs. It pays you to see them at 124 Washington avenue. COMMITTED TO JAIL. Alderman Howe Had No Sympathy with the Conways. Frank and Kate Conway, of the South Washington avenue flats, arrested Wednesday night, at the instance of their four children, who accused them of habitual drunkenness, were yesterday morning given a hearing before Alderman John T. Howe and committed to the county jail. At the hearing it was brought out that Conway and his wife deserted their family of young children about nine years ago. "Since then the latter have become settled, the two girls working out for a living, the older boy living on the South Side, and the youngest, a bright little fellow of eleven years, being adopted by an old lady, who took a liking to him. "Recently he gained employment in a mine, as a breaker boy, and Wednesday was his pay day. Seven or eight dollars were due him and his father, who had heard of his being at work, appeared at the office and drew his pay, with which he and the mother then went on a drunk. "He has often done this same act with the older brother's wages, but this last proved too much, and a warrant was accordingly sworn out for the arrest of both father and mother. "At the hearing yesterday morning the mother begged off in the most piteous manner, but the alderman sternly refused to listen and committed both her and the amiable paterfamilias to the county jail, to there await trial on the charges of habitual drunkenness and non-support of family.

It Has Been Decided to Fumigate Them at Night—Superintendent of Schools Howell Is Displeased Over the Fact That the Board of Health Did Not Meet Wednesday Night. Number of New Cases Reported Yesterday—Some of the Regulations of the Board. Schools Nos. 23 and 16 were not closed yesterday, as it had been expected they would be, the school controllers in the wards in which they are located having changed their minds at the last moment. This was due to the fact that it was finally decided to fumigate and disinfect the buildings at night instead of during school hours. Superintendent of Schools Howell was very much wrought up yesterday over the fact that the board of health had not considered the situation now confronting the city as being sufficiently serious to warrant their attendance at a regular monthly meeting. He stated that he was getting tired of waiting for the board to meet and that a week ago last Saturday evening a special meeting had been called at his request and he had waited in the city hall till 8 o'clock, without a single member showing up. He exhibited the following blank, which must be filled out by the attending physician before a child who has suffered from a contagious disease, or in whose family such a disease has existed, can return to school: PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE. To the Principals of the following schools: I hereby certify that all liability on the part of the pupils of your school to contract ... by contact ... as the case may be. "Small pox, varioloid, scarlet fever, etc., as the case may be. "What I desire the board of health to do," said Mr. Howell, "is to add a clause on the end of that blank stating that ten or fourteen days have elapsed since the convalescence of the child, or since the funeral of any member of the family who died from a contagious disease, if that clause were added by the authority of the board I would direct the teachers in every school throughout the city to see that no pupil be allowed to return to school without the amended certificate regularly signed. "This would, I believe, check to a large extent the dangers of contagion. Under the present arrangement a certificate is sometimes given a child who has only recovered one or two days. This is because there is a variety of opinion among medical men as to what time after a patient's recovery the danger of contagion ceases. Some say two days and some say thirty. By adding this clause all physicians would be held to obey a fixed regulation and not their own opinion on the matter. Fumigating and disinfecting a school building is a safe precaution, but the real root of the difficulty is not reached by that means."

THE NEW CASES. There were seventeen new cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever reported to the secretary of the board of health yesterday. Health Officer Allen is of the opinion that many cases reported as diphtheria and scarlet fever are not such, for the number of deaths reported from these diseases is much smaller than the proportion that even the most conservative medical authorities set down. Either Scranton physicians are endeavoring to keep the number of reported cases of these diseases that upsets all the calculations of medical authorities or else many cases are imperfectly diagnosed. The following regulations of the board of health will be read with interest at this time: No person shall let or hire any house, or room in a house, in which a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, has recently existed, until the room or house and premises therewith attached have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the board of health; and for the purpose of this section, the keeper of a hotel, inn or other house for the reception of lodgers, shall be deemed to let or hire part of the house to any person admitted as a guest into such hotel, inn or house. Members of a household in which smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles exists, shall abstain from attending places of public amusement, worship or education, and from visiting friends, unless otherwise directed by the board of health. No animal affected with a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall be bought or kept within the limits of the city, except by permission of the board of health; and the bodies of animals dead of such disease or killed on account thereof, shall not be buried within five hundred feet of any residence, nor disposed of otherwise than as the board, or its health officer shall direct. The health officer shall have power to order animals to be killed that may be affected with any communicable or dangerous disease. No parent, guardian, or master, in whose house or family there shall have been a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall permit any child residing in said house or family to attend any public place, or school, or school after the cessation of said disease, within a period of ten days after the house shall have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned. And it shall be the duty of the board to have this section printed on cards mentioning the names of diseases declared communicable and dangerous to the public health in this city; and it shall be the duty of each teacher to read the section to the pupils of the school, and to have this section printed on cards and furnished to every private school, academy, seminary, kindergarten, and Sunday school in this city, and to request the person or persons in charge of such private institutions to post such cards in conspicuous places, and read this section to the school at least once a month, and whenever any epidemic shall prevail.

NINTH WARD PRIMARIES. Charles E. Chittenden Was Nominated for Select Council by Republicans of That Ward. A highly interesting primary election was held last night by the Republicans of the Ninth ward, at which Charles E. Chittenden was nominated as his own successor for the office of select council, which he has held for a number of years. The vote polled was very large. For select council there were three candidates, C. E. Chittenden, W. S. Huslander, a prominent member of the Lackawanna county bar, and Peter Haan, of Jefferson avenue. The last named, although probably the least known man of the three, put up a strong fight and came in second, Chittenden winning out with 188 votes, Haan being next with 108 and Huslander having 91. The votes were polled as follows by districts:

Table with 4 columns: Name, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Total. Chittenden 103 37 68 188. Haan 28 62 18 108. Huslander 28 24 29 91.

Chittenden proved very strong in his own district, the First, where the largest vote, 142, was polled. In the First district Jacob Bauman, for register of voters; W. S. Bartlett, for judge of election, and O. A. Beemer, for inspector of election, were unopposed. In the Second district R. D. Richards was nominated for register of voters, being opposed by E. C. Brown, R. H. Jadin was unopposed for judge of election, and E. C. Morris defeated F. H. Stiles for inspector of election. In the Third district G. W. Parrott was nominated for register of voters, over George Brock, the other candidate. O. B. Wright was the only candidate for judge of election, and W. M. Dickson, opposed by S. C. Hutchinson, was chosen for inspector of election.

NO MORE APPOINTMENTS MADE. County Commissioners Are Resting on Their Oars for a While. No further appointments were announced yesterday by the county commissioners and no formal meeting has been agreed upon to complete this work. John Von Bergen, Jr., George Helmer and F. M. Francis, three of the new clerks entered upon their duties yesterday. The first named was assigned to the regular office force to succeed

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