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**PERSONAL**

Dr. and Mrs. Welton C. Snover have returned from their bridal tour. Richard Barnum, of Hallstead, was in Scranton, Saturday, visiting friends here. Miss Flora Levy, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting at the home of her brother, Joseph Levy, of this street.

Mrs. Martha Davis, an aged lady, is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Geiss, in South Scranton.

Simon Rice, of Jefferson avenue, who has been seriously ill at his residence for the last two weeks, is now convalescent.

Bradford county is represented at the Superior court this week by several of her prominent attorneys, Isiah McPherson, William J. Young, William Maxwell and D. C. Whit, of Towanda, and E. B. Parsons, Albert Morgan and H. K. Mitchell, of Troy, are stopping at the Rudolph; R. A. Mercer, of Towanda, is at the Jernyn.

**CHAUTAQUA CIRCLE.**

Programme That Will Be Observed at This Evening's Meeting.

Elm Park Chautauqua circle will hold its regular meeting this evening at 7:45 sharp. In response to roll-call, members will give quotations from Nathaniel Hawthorne. The programme to be given will be as follows:

"The Chief Events in Washington's Administration." Miss Margaret Torrey.

"Review, 'The Expansion of the American People.'" Chas. J. Graves.

"Benjamin Franklin." Mrs. A. Smith.

"A Reading Journey Through France." Miss Olmstead.

**COLLIDED WITH A CAR.**

Another Party of Consters Have an Accident on Pine Street.

About 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon an accident occurred on Pine street, at the corner of Adams avenue, which was a repetition of the one Friday night, when a bob-sled coming down the street collided with a street car and was entirely smashed.

Yesterday a party of young lads were upon the hill with a "bob" and were coming down Pine street at a terrific rate when they collided with a Green Ridge bound street car at Adams avenue. The sled was entirely destroyed, but, fortunately, no one was hurt.

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is sold. We have a large stock and invite the trade to help us close business quickly.

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**TWO FIGHTERS BADLY OUT.**

Knives Effectively Used During a Free Fight in a Saloon.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning a stabbing affair occurred in the Flats, which at first seemed likely to have deadly effects. Remono Kowski, of South Washington avenue, and Joseph Catwaski were the victims. They were taken to the Lackawanna hospital.

Catwaski only suffered from a mere scratch, but Kowski received four wounds on the head and one of the face. The affair occurred in a saloon and seems to have been the result of a free fight.

Patrolman McMullen, who arrived on the scene of the fracas, took both men to the hospital, but did not succeed in capturing any of their assailants.

At 3:30 o'clock John Kowalski was arrested by Patrolmen Sartor and Conery and taken to the Centre street police station, and about 9 o'clock yesterday morning Mounted Officer Burke arrested Charles Musinsky.

These two men were accused of being implicated in the stabbing, but when Mayor Moir gave them their hearing and confronted them with one of their accusers, who was brought up from the Lackawanna hospital, it was found that there was no evidence that the men were the guilty parties and they were both discharged. During the day Catwaski was discharged from the hospital, but Kowski was retained there, and late last night was resting easy.

**DANIELS WAS CHOSEN.**

Catholic Total Abstinence Men Make Him District President—Proceedings of Quarterly Convention.

W. J. Daniels, a member of the St. Aloysius Temperance society, of South Scranton, was yesterday afternoon unanimously elected president of the first district of the Catholic Total Abstinence societies. He was elected at the twenty-second quarterly convention of the district, held in Pharmacy hall on Pittston avenue yesterday, after the resignation of Timothy Burke, the former president, had been read and accepted.

The convention was very largely attended, over 100 delegates from the city's Father Whittier's Cadeis, St. Irene's, St. Cecilia's, Father Whittey's, a Father Whittier's Cadeis, St. Patrick's, Father Matthew's, Father Matthew's Cadeis, St. Paul's, St. Paul's Cadeis, St. Peter's, St. John's, St. Joseph's, St. Aloysius', St. Aloysius' Cadeis, St. Leo's and St. Veronica's.

A number of the delegates reported for their respective societies as having voted the required amount towards the general campaign fund, but as a number of the societies have as yet not done so, the convention took no definite action as to how the money was to be disbursed.

Quite a little discussion was provoked by a motion made to conduct the two temperance rallies ordered for this district by the diocesan union, in the central part of the city. Some of the delegates objected to this proposition because they thought the various societies of the city they represent should be given the meetings and others because of the proverbial lack of interest in the central city in the temperance cause. The motion was finally adopted, but no definite time was fixed for the holding of the rallies.

The following list of questions which had been previously submitted to the various societies were answered and discussed by a number present: "What is the best method of extending the cause of temperance?" "How do you recruit fallen members?" "What spiritual aid do you give your pastor?" "What action have you taken on Father Lynett's paper on 'Sunday Closing,' read at the Hazelton convention?"

Many valuable suggestions on these topics were given by those who spoke and were heard with interest by those present.

Just before the convention adjourned Mrs. E. E. Lasher, of West Scranton, was elected ladies' district organizer and North Scranton was chosen as the place of meeting for the next convention, to be held in April next.

**BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.**

Annual Session Tonight Will Be Followed by Lunch.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will take place tonight. Officers will be elected, reports read, and the discussion of water rates to manufacturers will be continued.

At the close of the meeting lunch will be served.

**NOTICE.**

Patrons of the Scranton City Directory are warned to sign no contracts not signed by Taylor's Directory Co. J. James Taylor, Mgr.

**LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.**

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The editor assumes no responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

**Challenges Proof.**

Editor of The Tribune—

Sir: I am accused by Mrs. W. E. Jones and children of trying, through a process of law, to take possession of property belonging to her. I deny any one to prove that I am guilty of said offense, or that she has to pay any of my debts.

Respectfully,  
Evan P. Phillips,  
Taylor, Pa., Jan. 13, 1900.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.**

INTERESTING REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE OFFICERS.

Circulation Among Those Who Read for Recreative Purposes Has Fallen Off, Because of the Rush for a Few of the "Best Selling Books," Which Librarian Carr Characterizes as Being Over-Rated Far Beyond Their Real Merits or Permanent Value—Officers Re-elected.

The ninth annual meeting of the Scranton public library trustees took place Saturday afternoon in the Alsbright Memorial building. There were present thirteen of the sixteen trustees, as follows: President Alfred Hand, Vice President James Archibald, Treasurer Henry Bell, Jr., Colonel H. M. Boies, Thomas H. Dale, Rev. W. J. Ford, Rev. C. M. Giffin, D. D. H. M. Hannah, Rev. Rogers Israel, Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., Rev. D. J. MacGouldrick, Dr. George W. Phillips, S. B. Fricke. The absentees were Hon. William Connell, who is in Washington; Hon. F. W. Gunster, who is ill, and Hon. James Moir.

Reports of an unusually interesting character were read by President Hand, Librarian H. J. Carr and Treasurer Bell. They are printed below:

**NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.**

To the Honorable, the Select an Common Councils of the City of Scranton.

The several detailed reports of the secretary, librarian and treasurer, herewith presented, show the official actions of the board of trustees, and the work accomplished by the library, the building and the finances of the Scranton Public Library.

The imperative demand, which the spontaneous efforts of the children have made upon us to provide for the wants of this most hopeful class of our readers, coupled with the foresight of our Librarian (seconded by the board), in persisting and successful minor economies in the administration of the several funds coming to our hand, have enabled us to plan and undertake certain improvements in the building and library, and thus promote the convenience of all concerned. Your attention is called to the provision made for these improvements under the name of "The Young People's Library Fund." We have been able to accomplish this without calling for public special contributions, but by appropriations from the city treasury other than for books.

It is evident that we have been able to increase the efficiency and value of the library; and with a less relative appropriation of money, as compared with increased value of assessable property, than the amount required at its beginning. On this basis we are not diffident in asking the public and the city to trust us with more individual royal gifts and larger annual contributions to our institution which more worthily justifies our pride and reputation, among visitors to our city, than this Public Library and its history.

Our standing among librarians experts is not insignificant.

Our success is due to the widespread favor we receive from the people of our home social life, and the absence of ungenerous criticism. Cosmopolitan as it is in its nature and outlook, its friends are also cosmopolitan in their support. We may all flatter ourselves that it is a quiet bond of peace among our diversified population. Statistics and figures in our report, show it to be more or less tangible for good; but the silent influence of the books visiting our homes, and the children and adults visiting our library and meeting house, cannot be estimated.

Small as it is, we ask every resident, old or young, from every class, to cherish and support this institution as a public benefactor. A thousand-fold more beneficial than the computed aid it receives in gifts and money.

The appropriation which our success compels us to ask, for the coming year, is as follows:

For salaries and labor (\$500 per month).....	\$ 6,000 00
For incidentals (\$200 per month).....	2,400 00
For books (\$225 per month).....	2,700 00
For delivery stations and branch reading rooms (\$450 per month).....	1,800 00
Aggregate.....	\$12,900 00

We may remark that in asking for the appropriation for delivery stations, etc., it is not our purpose to limit their number or efficiency. We would had spontaneous action of the councils tending to increase these by a sufficient appropriation to suit your own enlarged views of necessity or benefit, promising on our part the most rigid economy in spending the money.

By order of the board of trustees,  
Alfred Hand, President.  
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 13, 1900.

**LIBRARIAN CARR'S REPORT.**

To the Board of Trustees.

There is presented herein the customary annual review of the work of the Scranton Public Library during 1899, the eighth year of its current public operation. The routine undertakings of the library have been carried on in the same willing spirit as in the past, with every desire for effective public service and benefit.

The development of certain delivery stations and branch reading room features has continued, and thereby made the use of the library more convenient for the localities where those are now placed. Further stations are desired yet in other parts of the city.

**REGISTRATION.**

The use of a borrower's card, under the rules of the library, is for ten years from its date; for its continuance a re-registration is then required. The library is thus enabled to verify each borrower's address at stated intervals. Such practice, too, results in obtaining a more nearly correct numbering of the actual users of the library, as recorded, than is otherwise possible.

Registrations of 1899 were as follows: New, 1,759; re-registered, 1,818; total, 3,577, of which 2,891 were city residents, 24 non-residents, and 72 out leathers of other special cards. Divided as to sex, 1,863 were males and 1,595 females; as to age, 2,962 were persons of 16 years and over, and 236 under that age.

There were 129 cards surrendered, and 136 expired by limitation, making a total of 4,396 canceled; and leaving 7,436 cards in force at the close of the year 1899. There are also 505 extra or students' cards now valid (added to regular cardholders, but not included in the figures above), upon which may be taken out for home reading additional books other than prose, fiction or juveniles.

**BOOK CIRCULATION.**

From the circulating department, open 304 days, 121,922 volumes were issued for home use, and 5,329 for consultation in the library; a total of 127,251 volumes.

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Daily average for the year was 416, which was exceeded by that of the first four months. That of March, 219, was the highest of any one month.

Largest issue of any one day was 509 on Saturday, Feb. 11; smallest current daily issue 296, on Sept. 29, except that owing to a blizzard Feb. 15, and a fire on the parade Oct. 2, but 335 and 112 volumes respectively were issued on those days. Smallest daily number of volumes in the hands of readers was 2,187 on Monday, Aug. 28. The average daily circulation number was 2,515 on Saturday, March 18.

As in the year 1888 the total issues from the circulating department still show a considerable decrease from those of preceding years. The reasons for this result are not difficult to find, and like effects will probably be felt for some time to come.

The increased reading of newspaper and magazine literature, spoken of last year, still serves the wants of many who read more for recreative purposes.

Again, the somewhat marked stress laid upon a few of the "best selling books" of the day, has caused a feverish rush and demand for certain volumes extremely in excess of other users, to the exclusion of the other users, to supply the hundreds of copies that would suffice for such exceptional demands. Lacking such supply, large numbers of the books in question, and thereby lessened by so much their borrowing from the public libraries.

If the foregoing conclusions are correct, the decreased percentage of issue, as well as the decreased number of books actually looked for in the line of light, or fiction, reading, that proves to be the case here, since the percentage of issue of other users, has fallen from 78.8 in our years of greatest circulation, to 71.5 in 1899. And, too, the total number of volumes of all other classes issued in 1899, 222,424, or more, than like issues of previous years when our total circulation was at "high water mark," and one-fourth larger in volume than in 1898.

It should be said, further, that the "era of prosperity" which has given employment to many who were out of work, has also decreased the number who found more time for reading than otherwise. At no season are libraries so well patronized, in this country, as when workmen are suffering from "hard times," and it is in one sense a matter of gratification to be able to report a contrary condition, even though the statistics of the library shrink in consequence of it.

**REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.**

It is not deemed essential to attempt to keep a detailed record of the use made by the public of the reference department on open shelves for free public access. To do so would tend to interfere with and restrict, rather than encourage to the fullest extent, the use of the books in the current periodicals in the reading room.

The constant attendance of persons in the reference department has not, however, evinced no falling off in the number of readers. It has often crowded the rooms and taxed all facilities in that respect, and it is not our purpose to justify them, owing to our limited sufficiency of skilled reference assistants. It is to be hoped that improvement in both those respects may be found possible during the coming year.

**CONTESTS OF THE LIBRARY.**

Report for 1898 showed a total of 33,739 volumes in the library at the close of that year. Accessions of 1899 included 2,413 volumes, of which 161 were by gift and exchange, 2,067 by purchase, 241 by periodicals bound, and 122 by United States documents deposited.

Deductions of the year numbered 520 volumes, of which 503 were discarded because of worn and dilapidated condition, and 17 on account of other damage or loss. A portion of those latter being paid for by the persons responsible. Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1899, numbers 25,832 volumes.

The net increase of the library (2,093 volumes), was one-third less than in the previous year, although the book purchases, as usual, included a considerable number of new and valuable titles, and included copies of standard works. New publications of the year were numerous, especially in its closing months; but those of a notable, very essential literary character did not predominate.

The decrease in circulation of light reading, already spoken of, served to lessen our available stock of books of variety and extent. On the other hand the prevailing spirit of greed and "commercialism" has led nearly all publishers into a peddling and profitable use of flimsy binding, and inferior paper. This is the case with both cheap and high-priced books.

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25% reduction on all grades of Winter Underwear.

50c Fancy Half Hose, in lisle and cashmere, 39c pair. 3 pair for \$1.00.

25c Half Hose in wool and cotton, 19c pair. 6 pairs for \$1.00.

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Book deliveries through the Hyde Park branch have naturally exceeded the other, because of more central location. The Green Ridge library has also continued to get as another delivery station, but at its own cost for service.

Total issues through the delivery stations were as follows: Hyde Park, 6,162 volumes; daily average, 29; and largest single day, 45. South side, 5,677 volumes; daily average, 12; and largest single day, 23. Green Ridge, 1,556 volumes; daily average, 6; and largest single day, 27.

There were no changes among the library staff during the year: it being composed of Misses Decker, Keefe, Hawley, Edwards, Miller, Hardenburg and Dale, all on full time. Misses Scott, Pettigrew and Salmon, have assisted at times as substitutes and for extra service, and Samuel Newman as janitor. The intelligent and faithful attention to duty, on their part, has continued unabated. They have, each and all, worked earnestly and in harmony to forward the interests of the institution and diligently serve its patrons, the public.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry J. Carr, Librarian.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The report of Treasurer Henry Bell, Jr., presented, gave the expenditures of the twelve months as \$12,244.45. The balances on the several funds on hand were given as follows: Mining section, \$50; city appropriation, \$611.25; improvement fund, \$1,955.31; young people's library fund, \$1,551.95; total, \$4,208.54.

The officers of last year were re-elected and their board held its regular monthly meeting for the transaction of routine business.

Librarian Carr announced that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, through Superintendent E. E. Loomis, of the coal department, had presented the complete files of the Republican from its first issue, all neatly and substantially bound. A vote of thanks to the company and Mr. Loomis was tendered by the trustees.

It was also announced by Librarian Carr that it had been found necessary to omit from the library purchases the books of a number of popular authors, owing to the unreasonable cheapening in material quality by the publishers' use of inferior paper, poor or worn out type and flimsy binding. These books are made up now only for cheap trade and it is impossible to secure a durable copy of them for a reasonable price. As a rule they have to be rebound after a few issues, and as this item of expense is growing to unwarranted dimensions, it was deemed expedient to cease purchasing any more of these publications until such time as the publishers put a better quality of material into them.

**MISCELLANEOUS MENTION.**

With a desire to co-operate in efforts for the preservation of material for local history and news records, the library has received from the coal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad a conditional deposit of 32 volumes of bound newspaper files (1872-1888). It would possibly be well if other concerns or individuals, having bound files of various sorts, would place them at the disposal of the library. Also, as like gifts from their respective publishers, current issues of the Diocesan Record, weekly, Mines and Minerals, and Science and Industry, monthly.

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