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PERSONAL

Colonel and Mrs. George M. Hallstead are in New York city. William Morris, of Morris Brothers, returned yesterday from Baltimore. Charles Robinson, David Pritchard and Emil Schimpf left for Montreal yesterday. Sheriff C. E. Poyer and County Commissioner John Penran went to Philadelphia yesterday. Constable W. N. Cole, of Alderman Howe's court, is back at his duties after two weeks' illness. V. J. Bradley, superintendent of railway mail service, with headquarters in New York city, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Constable M. Peterstein, who has been confined to his home by illness, is back at his duties again in Alderman Knapp's court. L. N. Roberts, T. R. McDonald, P. J. McCafferty, Miss J. E. Leonard, H. T. Dunham, R. J. William, W. D. Kennedy and wife, H. A. Benson, Samuel Edgar and son were registered at the Hotel Albert, in New York city, last week. Secretary D. B. Atherton and Colonel F. L. Hitchcock left the city yesterday for Washington, D. C., where they will represent the Scranton board of trade at the yearly meeting of the National board of trade, the sessions of which commence today.

KEYSTONE ACADEMY ALUMNI

Will Banquet in Penn Avenue Baptist Church, February 6. Preparations are being made by friends and the alumni of Keystone academy for the holding of a banquet in Penn Avenue Baptist church, this city, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6.

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CONTROLLER ENGAGED BY SCHOOL BOARD

FINAL ADJUSTMENT OF LONG-PENDING DIFFICULTY.

He is to Receive \$1,200 a Year, Compensation to Date from This Month, and in Return is to Audit All School District Accounts—Opposition to His Appointment Made by Controllers Langan and Gibbons—Copsious Flow of Oratory.

The difficulty regarding the counter-sinking of school board warrants which has existed between City Controller Howell and the board of control since last summer and which has been produced by lengthy debates, numerous appeals to court and other proceedings, was finally and completely settled last evening by the board itself, which decided, not unanimously as it said, to employ the controller as a special auditor of school district accounts.

The finance committee will leave to present the following report: At the last meeting of the board, held Monday evening, January 8, a communication from Mr. A. J. Brady, the auditor of the board, was read, stating that the court of Lackawanna county had recently handed down an opinion deciding that the portion of the act of 1901 which requires the city controller to supervise the expenditures and audit the accounts of the school districts is unconstitutional. The auditor further requested the board to take any contemplated action at said meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE. We have had several conferences with the city controller, his deputy, Mr. Hartley, and his attorney, Mr. Vosburg, and have held lengthy sessions of the committee for a full exchange of views and to determine the different opinions of the members of the committee as to the proper compensation to be allowed, and we have decided to make the following recommendations: That the city controller shall be requested to act as auditing officer of the school district in the same manner as heretofore.

That, until otherwise directed, the treasurer shall be requested to cash only such school warrants as shall bear the signature of the city controller in addition to the signatures of the officers of the board, provided the controller shall accept the terms offered by the board.

CONTROLLER ACCEPTS TERMS. Chairman Evans, of the finance committee, then read a communication from the controller in which the latter accepted these terms and waived for the present his former demands that compensation date from last April.

Mr. Gibbons then aired his views on the subject, but thought that the board had no right to employ a special auditor and he amended that the matter be referred to the attorney of the board for an opinion.

Mr. Jennings then made a lengthy speech in which he pointed out that the controller, who was elected by the people, was the man to supervise school accounts and not any one else who would be simply a creature of the board subject to the beck and call of those members who voted for him.

Bankrupt Sale at Auction. The Kingsbury Rubber company's stock, druggists' sundries, miners' supplies, great bargains. Come early, 313 Spruce street, Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 10 a. m.

Organ concert this evening at 8 o'clock. Admission, silver offering. See programme elsewhere.

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MONEY WAS TRANSFERRED.

Park Commissioners Have \$10,000 at Their Command.

The sinking fund commissioners held a meeting yesterday afternoon in City Treasurer Robinson's office and ordered the transfer of \$10,000 from the sinking fund account to the public parks account, the same being for the purchase of the first issue of Nay-Aug park improvement bonds.

Of this amount \$1,196.35 was taken from the general interest and sinking fund account and the remaining \$8,803.65 from interest which had accrued on an issue of improvement bonds redeemed in 1896.

CHARMING READINGS. Given by Mrs. Ruth McNery Stuart at the Bicycle Club House last Evening.

One of the finest audiences ever assembled in this city was in the Bicycle club last night to hear Mrs. Ruth McNery Stuart, in readings from her own works. Every seat was filled, and the members of the Young Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church were delighted accordingly.

Rev. Dr. James McLeod introduced the entertainer of the evening in a few happy phrases, in which he paid a graceful tribute to the artist. Mrs. Stuart, a Spanish-like vision, in her black velvet gown, flashing with sequins, the rich, red carnations in her hair, repeated in hue in the bunch of color on her bodice, made a pleasing impression. She is handsome, of a pure Southern type, and, in addition, she reads with a charming manner.

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Then she read about "Sonny," that most exquisite biography of the little child who came late into the lives of two elderly people and whose career from birth has been watched with such interest by readers of The Century.

No one can recall that birthright story, as told by the old-fashioned father, without a mist in the eyes, but last night she read of "Sonny's" Christening," which contains, perhaps, more real, quaint, pure humor than almost any sketch in American literature, in the baptism which the little lad sustained on the eve of his death.

In closing, Mrs. Stuart recited, with the perfection of taste, two little plantation songs, full of rhythm and music, "A Yellow Tiger Lily" and "Jes' Her Way." The programme was all too brief, and it would have been well to wait for hours to hear about "The Widow Johnson" or "Sonny's Schooling," or "Deacon Hatfield," who was a good bachelor and "a good bachelor is an object to sigh for as long as there is an unmarried maid around.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mrs. Stuart was the centre of an admiring group in the parlors, where an informal reception was held, and the charming author was seen at close range.

Mrs. Stuart has left the South and for some years has made her home in the North. Her winters are spent in New York city, where she has a beautiful summer residence in the Catskills. She belongs to an illustrious line, being a descendant of the Sterling family, of whom the Earl of Sterling, who received such vast grants of land in this country, was a member.

AN ERROR CORRECTED. A Statement Which is Made in Fairness to Mr. W. J. Gramp.

In last Thursday's Tribune an article appeared giving the impression that Mr. W. J. Gramp, as proprietor of the Scranton Tailoring company, had left town, leaving behind him unpaid bills.

To Taxpayers. Prompt payment of 1899 poor tax before delinquent lists are made out will avoid penalty. City treasurer's office.

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BLOODSHED IN JESSUP

Peter Chepreamo Shot and Instantly Killed August Esconia.

TWO OTHERS WOUNDED

Shooting Occurred at a Christening Which Was in Progress at the House of Giovanni Gillardi—American Mariangello Probably Fatally Injured—Murderer Fired Five Shots from a 44-Calibre Revolver. He Was Overpowered and After a Brief Hearing Committed to the County Jail.

Another murder was yesterday afternoon added to the already long list which mark the history of Lackawanna county when Peter Chepreamo, now safe in the county jail, shot and instantly killed August Esconia, and inflicted injuries on Amerio Mariangello, which will in all probability prove fatal.

The affray took place at Jessup at the home of Giovanni Gillardi, where during Sunday and yesterday a christening was in progress. All the parties connected with the affair were Italian, with the exception of Mrs. Gillardi, who accompanied her husband to the two already mentioned, August Boniani was shot through the leg and Charlie Gabriello had a narrow escape from being shot through the head, the bullet passing through his hat and cutting off a lock of his hair.

After he had fired five shots, the murderer tried to escape from the place, but was immediately surrounded by the crowd of infuriated Italians, about twenty-five in number, and blows were freely inflicted upon him, while one, Dan Chokola, threw a stone at him.

The missile struck him in the face and for a moment stunned him. He was then seized and buffeted and struck until his face and head were covered with blood.

In all probability the crowd would have battered his life out had it not been for the arrival of Officer Frank Gudden, who took him in charge to the police station. Handcuffs were placed on his wrists, but naturally a strong man, and made still stronger by fear and passion, he actually snapped the bracelets off, and struggled hard for liberty.

Here Officers Lally and Lawler and Constable James Kelly appeared on the scene and took him before Alderman A. F. McGuinness, where, after a brief hearing, he was immediately committed to the county jail, and taken there by the officers.

BODY REMOVED. The body of Esconia, who was a young man about twenty years of age and unmarried, was taken to his home nearby, together with Mariangello.

He was in a very critical condition last night and his recovery was considered doubtful. He will be removed to the Lackawanna hospital today. Chepreamo was received at the county jail, together with Charley Gabriello, Frank Pasquoline, Frank Rekolio, Frank Gronelio and Dan Chokola, the latter five being held as witnesses.

When seen by a Tribune man last night the latter gave as their version of the affair the story that the christening had been going on all day, plenty of beer had been consumed and a general good time was being had.

About 4 o'clock, as Esconia, Mariangello and Nazarano Scanya were talking together, Chepreamo came up to them and said to Esconia: "I am looking for you. You've been talking bad about me, and there's going to be trouble."

Several of them then tried to get Chepreamo to go away. He started for the door and, suddenly turning, drew a 44-calibre bull-dog revolver from his pocket, took quick aim and fired. Esconia threw his arms above his head and, without uttering a sound, dropped to the ground dead, with a bullet through his heart. The next shot fired took effect on Mariangello, and the following two on Boniani and Gabriello.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER. Chepreamo was then seized and treated as told above. The authorities at the jail assert that the affair was more than a drunken brawl, as the five men brought out were all of them in a sober condition, with no traces of liquor on them.

Chepreamo bears a bad reputation. He is known as a brawler and of a quarrelsome disposition. Several weeks ago he had trouble with a man named Dominick Stephano and stabbed him. He had help arrived. It is probable that he would have put an end to Stephano.

When received at the jail last night, Chepreamo presented a frightful appearance. He is about thirty-two years of age, and rather tall, with a wiry frame and broad shoulders, and presents the general appearance of a tough character. He is a single man, and lives at the Ridge, near Archbald. His features are essentially Italian, and his small, bead-like eyes have a cruel, crafty look about them, which with a small, black mustache gives him a general sinister appearance, which was considerably enhanced by his condition when brought to the jail.

Don't Buy Package Coffee. When you can come to our store and buy better coffee for bulk. Our coffees are all freshly roasted and will put one pound of our 15-cent coffee here who might think that the association is to be used for their personal benefit, as the object of this association is to aid our injured brothers and assist the families of the deceased members, and be it further—Resolved, that the recording secretary be and he is hereby ordered to have above preamble and resolution published in the daily papers of our city. Matthew Carey, Recording Secretary D. L. & W. Mutual Aid Association.

DISORDERLY HOUSE RAIDED.

Inmates of Mrs. Penna's House Arrested Last Night. Chief Robling and squad raided the house kept by Mrs. Penna, at 256 Lackawanna avenue, last night on a warrant issued by Alderman Millar at the instance of O. Beers, of 314 Penn avenue, who preferred the charges.

ST. CLAIR COAL COMPANY. Elected Officers at a Meeting Held Here Yesterday.

The directors of the St. Clair Coal company held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the company's offices in the Library building and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, W. H. Taylor; vice-president, C. G. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, N. G. Taylor; directors, W. S. Boyd, Jr., Thomas M. Voyle, W. H. Taylor, C. G. Taylor and N. J. Taylor.

AN INHUMAN MOTHER. Mary Connors, the Modern Fagin, Committed to the County Jail for Neglecting Her Children.

A case full of pathetic and astounding features was heard by Alderman W. S. Millar last evening. Mrs. Mary Connors, of Aswell court, was the defendant in the case and she was charged by Mrs. Duggan, agent for the associated charities, with maintaining a house in which a large number of small children of the neighborhood were taught pernicious and wicked habits.

Witnesses to the fact were Mrs. John Griffiths, Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Mad. Griffiths, all of whom live in the vicinity and claim that their children have been in the place and there banded together in a sort of a thieves' club, stealing various household articles in the neighborhood and taking them to Mrs. Connors.

The case reminds one forcibly of Dickens' "Oliver Twist" with Fagin and his band of young pickpockets, but this case is also no fiction, but too true.

The most important witness, however, was Tommie, the 14-year-old son of the defendant. It was a touching spectacle to see the little fellow forced to testify against his mother, and every word elicited came forth slowly and with hesitation.

The child presented a pitiable appearance. Although 14 years of age he was only as large as the average 8 or 9 year old child, but had a weaned, pinched look upon his face which spoke of a wide acquaintance with misery and pain.

He told a wonderful story of depravity and vice. In the basement of his mother's house a crowd of little fellows come together in a sort of club. For this privilege they each pay 15 cents rent and in addition pilfer and pilfered various articles for their landlords.

After hearing this testimony the alderman held Mrs. Connors in \$600 bail and, in default, committed her to the county jail.

When this sentence was imposed she almost went into hysterics, shouting that she would not be separated from her children and would not go to jail. The children, however, both Tommie and Johnnie, another wretched-looking little mite, strunk away from her and she was then taken to the county jail by Constable Bryant.

The children, who are five in number, including besides the two already mentioned, three little girls, Nellie, Mamma and Anastasia, aged 6, 2 and 3 years, will be given into the care of Mrs. Duggan.

Scranton, Jan. 22, 1900. Whereas, there is published in this city a paper that styles itself the Railway Employees Journal and the said Journal advertises and calls the attention of the public to an awful and debasing truth when it says it is the official organ of the D. L. & W. Mutual Aid association, as it is in no way connected with the D. L. & W. Mutual Aid association, therefore be it—Resolved by the D. L. & W. Mutual Aid association that we, the D. L. & W. Mutual Aid association, are not to hold responsible for the untruthful articles that are being published in above mentioned journal, and be it further—Resolved, that we do not uphold or countenance the action of any members who might think that the association is to be used for their personal benefit, as the object of this association is to aid our injured brothers and assist the families of the deceased members, and be it further—Resolved, that the recording secretary be and he is hereby ordered to have above preamble and resolution published in the daily papers of our city. Matthew Carey, Recording Secretary D. L. & W. Mutual Aid Association.

THE NECESSITY FOR MORE NEW SCHOOLS

QUESTION WAS THOROUGHLY AIRED BY SCHOOL BOARD.

It Was Brought About by Mr. Casey Who Wrought a New Building in the Sixth Ward—Mr. Leonard and Mr. Shires Also Wanted New Buildings and There Were Undoubtedly Others but President Jayne Diplomatically Switched Off the Discussion.

The question of new public schools was thoroughly aired last evening at the regular meeting of the school board and it is very probable that were Chairman Jayne possessed of the traditional patience of Job he might still be listening to arguments in favor of new buildings from each and every one of the eighteen controllers present.

Mr. Casey started the ball rolling merrily along by moving "that a new eighth room school be erected in the Sixth ward and directing the building committee to recommend an architect at the next meeting." This took the members by surprise and there was immediate objection to the wording of the motion, it being contended that the board was not prepared to decide on such short notice whether a school was to be erected or not.

After much animated and, at times, heated discussion, the motion was amended to read "that the building committee be instructed to report on the necessity for a new building in the Twenty-first ward. Before he had time to produce arguments in its favor his motion was adopted.

Mr. Shires then rose to his feet and said that he would like to present a report of the building committee which he had been holding off, but which he now thought should be presented. The report of the building committee was to the effect that a new eight room school building be erected in the First ward, in pursuance of the request of a large portion of the tax payers of said ward.

Mr. Barker moved that this recommendation of the building committee be laid on the table. The motion was recorded and passed. Mr. Shires then told of two certain controllers who had told him of the necessity of a new school building in the First ward and had promised to vote for one and how these two certain controllers had voted to table his motion.

These two certain controllers proved to be Messrs. Gibbons and Evans, who were both on their feet in a moment explaining that though they promised to vote for one, they did not intend to vote this year, or, in fact, any year whatever.

At this stage of the meeting Chairman Jayne, realizing that there was other business to be transacted, called a halt on any further remarks along this line by requesting the secretary to "just read the communication from Prof. Grant." The communication was a request for a number of new books for the high school and the board ordered them purchased.

CONTRACT AWARDED. On motion of Mr. Gibbons the board reconsidered its action in awarding the contract for a certain part of necessary work around No. 28 school and gave the contract for the whole job to Conrad Schroeder. This was not done, however, without extremely vigorous opposition, led by Mr. Schwass and Mr. O'Malley.

The resignation of H. L. Burdick as principal of No. 24 Clara school was read and accepted and M. H. Jordan was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A communication was read from Miss Underwood, the kindergarten superintendent, stating that the following teachers had passed the required examinations as assistant in the Training school, as outlined in The Tribune some time ago, and the appointment was confirmed.

Just before the board adjourned, Superintendent Howell explained the reasons for the appointment of Miss Edna Kern as assistant in the Training school, as outlined in The Tribune some time ago, and the appointment was confirmed.

Liederkrantz Masquerade Ball. Tickets for the Liederkrantz Masquerade Ball can be purchased of L. Driesen, 228 Lackawanna avenue. Card of Thanks. Mr. Charles Lewert and family wish to express their thanks to all those who sympathized with and assisted them in their late sad bereavement. Beecham's Pills for stomach and liver ills.



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