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Dr. Jacob Helmer is in Philadelphia. Dr. C. S. Means and E. W. Hull, Jr., of Towanda, were at the Jermy yesterday. Rev. J. D. Tillinghast, of Towanda, will be at the Universalist church tonight and will remain over Sunday.

Miss Adeline Cone, of East Orange, N. J., returned with Mrs. W. F. Hallstead from New York on Monday.

Collector of Internal Revenue Penman returned yesterday from Philadelphia. The case of Frank Manley, at which he was to testify, was postponed until the next term of United States court in May.

The current number of New York Home Life contains the first installment of a story written by Emerson D. Owen, of New York, formerly a member of The Tribune city staff. The title of the story is "Zola, or the Guardian Angel."

Miss Allison May, of the May Irwin "Sister Mary" company, now playing in New York city, has been doing the leading part next to Miss Irwin's, for the past three weeks with great success. Miss May is a Canadian girl, but has many friends in this city.

Reduction in Telephone Tolls. A new toll line tariff schedule on a "three-minute basis" has been adopted by the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company for business, both terminals of which are within its telephone territory. Both day and night rates are provided; the night rates applying between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. Great reductions in cost of telephoning between its distant stations will be found. Apply to local manager or chief operator for details. The new schedule takes effect March 1, 1900.

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SCRANTON COMPANY GOT THE CONTRACT

OPPOSITION HAD NOT SECURED A CHARTER. The Contract Is for Ten Years and the Price Is Twenty Cents Per Night—Bid of the Electric City Company Was for Eighteen Cents a Night—Considerable Debate Over the Awarding of the Contract—Mayor Moir Again Reported for Not Paying Police Fines.

Select council last night awarded to the Scranton Electric Light and Heat company the contract for lighting the city streets for a period of ten years at twenty cents per light. The Electric City Light, Heat and Power company's bid of eighteen cents a light was ignored because the company is not chartered. It threatens to ask for an injunction to prevent the contract from being executed.

When Mr. Melvin, chairman of the light and water committee, presented a resolution awarding the contract to the Scranton Electric Light and Heat company, Mr. Kearney moved its adoption, but before the motion could be put Mr. James, with Mr. Chittenden as second, moved as an amendment that the resolution be laid on the table. The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Finn, Ross, James, Chittenden, Lansing—5. Nays—Messrs. Kearney, Thomas, Roche, Melvin, Wagner, Schneider, Shea, McCann, Fellows, Schroeder, O'Boyle, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew, Williams—16.

Mr. Sanderson then moved to refer the matter to the city solicitor to see if it is legal to award a contract of this kind by resolution. In his opinion an ordinance is necessary. BY RESOLUTION ALWAYS. Mr. Wagner thought it strange that this point should be raised, in view of the fact that the council has always awarded contracts by resolution. Mr. Sanderson contended that this was only done when the work was provided for by ordinance and provision made in the ordinance for awarding the contract by resolution. To this Mr. Wagner replied that the matter of securing electric lights for the city by contract was provided for by ordinance fifteen years ago, and the resolution awarding the contract is predicated on that ordinance, all of which, he claimed, met Mr. Sanderson's objection. Mr. Sanderson denied that he gave it as his opinion that the contract if awarded by resolution wouldn't be worth a snap.

Mr. Lansing thought there could be no harm in getting an opinion on the matter and, as there was no occasion for hurrying, he favored referring it to the solicitor, that council should know just where it stood. Mr. Melvin volunteered the information that the resolution had been submitted to ex-Judge Willard and he pronounced it effective. "Well," broke in Mr. Chittenden, "that may all be, but I would like to ask the chairman of that committee why it did not recommend awarding the contract to the lower bidder?" "Because," answered Mr. Melvin, "the lower bidder was not chartered and we cannot award the contract to an unchartered organization."

MR. CHITTENDEN'S POINTS. Mr. Chittenden called attention to the fact that at present the city is getting a 2,000 candle-power light for twenty cents and that the new contract which the committee favors provides for a 1,000 candle-power light for the same figure, and then asked Mr. Melvin to explain how his committee could recommend a contract that is dearer than the present one by four cents per light per night, when quality and price are considered together.

Mr. Melvin's reply was a query to Mr. Chittenden: "Do you think you are getting a 2,000 candle-power light now?" Mr. Chittenden said he knew nothing about it except that the city is now paying twenty cents a light for 2,000 candle-power. If the city is not getting 2,000 candle-power light now, he would like to know what assurance there was that under the new contract it would receive a 1,000 candle-power light. To his way of thinking the resolution simply allowed the high bidder to make a new contract at the old price for a poorer quality of light, which would be equivalent to giving it permission to reduce its expenses twenty-five per cent.

Mr. Roche and Mr. Wagner explained that the new contract is more exacting than the old, requiring the successful bidder to furnish apparatus that will test the lights and prove at any and all times that the full power is being delivered, and also providing that when a lamp is extinguished for any part of a night it is to be considered out of service for that whole night and so on. MOTION WAS LOST. The motion to refer to the city solicitor was lost by a vote of 5 ayes to 13 nays, as follows: Ayes—Messrs. Finn, Ross, James, Chittenden, Lansing, Schneider, Sanderson, McCann—8. Nays—Messrs. Kearney, Thomas, Roche, Melvin, Wagner, Shea, McCann, Fellows, Schroeder, O'Boyle, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew, Williams—12.

appropriation to \$500, but was defeated. This was the only attempt made to amend the ordinance. An adjourned meeting will be held next Thursday night to pass it on third reading. LISK REMOVED. Mayor Moir communicated the dismissal of Policeman John Lisk, of the Phinney Engine company, and the appointment of Joseph H. Seward as his successor. Both actions were approved. Mr. McCann wanted to have a vote on Lisk's removal, but Messrs. Sanderson and Chittenden contended that council had no authority over dismissals in the fire department and the contention was sustained by the chair, Messrs. Finn and Roche opposed immediate consideration of the Seward appointment, but voted with the others to comply.

Chief Robling sent in a letter telling that he had used a little over \$200 of the \$500 in police fines which he had on hand last month. The money was used to bring Robert and Morel from Canada. He asked to have his action approved. He had no money in the detective fund to meet the emergency and took it upon himself to use this portion of the fines, with the understanding that the county will reimburse the city in due time. Counsel gave the desired approval.

Following this came a letter from City Controller Howell reporting that up to the close of business February 25, no police fines had been turned over by Mayor Moir for January or February. The letter also contained extracts from the laws showing how it is the duty of the mayor to turn over these fines monthly, and of the controller to report him if he failed to do so. A note was added stating that all other heads of departments had fully complied with the law.

MR. CHITTENDEN SOUGHT TO EXCUSE. Mr. Chittenden sought to excuse the mayor by referring to Chief Robling's communication. Mr. Roche called attention to the fact that the chief had used only a part of the fines and that there was no reason why the balance should not have been turned over to the city. City Solicitor Vosburg sent in a letter stating that he could settle the damage claims of Mrs. Margaret Caffrey and Mrs. Mary Durkin, of Phelps street, for \$300 each and he was authorized to do so.

Among the new measures introduced was a resolution by Mr. Roche calling upon the city controller to state an account of how much the city might have saved had the mayor obeyed the law requiring him to conduct all police hearings, instead of farming them out to aldermen in the outlying precincts. Mr. Chittenden thought this was "nagging" at the mayor and succeeded in having it killed. Mr. Roche called attention to the fact that the city had increased the mayor's salary and gone to the expense of procuring a patrol wagon and team to effect this very saving. He also referred in casual terms to Mr. Chittenden's severity in everything pertaining to economy except in this one instance.

The tax levy ordinance was introduced by Mr. Roche and referred for printing. It provides for a levy of twelve and seven-tenths per cent, a decrease of one-one-hundredth of a mill as compared with last year. 30 TAX RECEIPTS. Mr. Fellows introduced an ordinance to tax the Scranton Railway company's gross receipts. Three per cent. is to be levied the first year; four per cent. the next year and five per cent. every year thereafter. Mr. Schroeder introduced an ordinance calling for bids for city printing. Mr. Finn offered an amendment that none but open offices need apply. All were referred for printing. Mr. Coyne introduced a resolution directing the city engineer to make a map and estimate of the cost of the eighteenth district sewer. It was adopted.

E. H. Jordan's request to be released from the bond of Tax Collector J. F. O'Connor was granted on motion of Mr. Coyne. The Meade avenue sewer ordinance and the ordinance for sidewalks and curbs on Pine street, between Washington and Wyoming avenues, passed first and second readings. Ordinances for severing the extension of Wyoming avenue; grading of Taylor avenue, between Vine and Olive streets, and for sewerage Schulte court and the territory adjoining, passed third reading. The Eleventh ward sewer ordinance was referred to Mr. Schroeder to secure relations on the private property which it will occupy.

A motion by Mr. Ross to take from the hands of the special committee the matter of the Delaware and Hudson's company's alleged encroachment on Centre street was defeated. Mr. Melvin promised to have a report ready for next meeting.

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AROUSING INTEREST IN HOME MISSIONS

LECTURE BY REV. JOHN DIXON, OF PHILADELPHIA. Spoke in First Presbyterian Church Last Evening—Told of the Great Prosperity Soon to Ensur on the Pacific Coast as the Result of Expansion and Pointed Out the Necessity of Sending Missionaries There—The Great and Crying Needs of Puerto Rico and Cuba.

Rev. John Dixon, of Philadelphia, assistant secretary of the board of home missions of the Presbyterian church of the United States, delivered an interesting and timely lecture last evening in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church on "Home Missions," telling in a forceful manner of the necessity for a reawakening of the old-time home missionary feeling now that this country has entered upon a new era, and giving reasons why this awakening should come.

The doctor said in beginning his remarks that the question which he was now about to face with was whether it would stand still or make an advance, and, if an advance, in what direction, how fast and how far? There will be no money left over at the beginning of the fiscal year on April 1 and, as the board has made its solemn promise to the general assembly to steer clear of "the deep waters of debt," the proposition it is facing is a serious one.

AFTER THE CIVIL WAR. The doctor told of the great wave of home missionary enthusiasm that swept over the country shortly after the Civil war and how this was due to the fact that the eastern people began to take a greater interest in the welfare of the western neighbors when the great trans-continental railroads were constructed. "The time is now ripe," said the doctor, "for just such another wave of spiritual enthusiasm."

"This country has now come to another period in its history; to some it appears a crisis. It may appear to some a far cry from the Spanish war to home missions, but I think it can be readily seen that it has brought to the church a great responsibility, which, if it is wise, it will do its utmost to meet. This war has practically revolutionized the country three ways, commercially, politically and religiously."

Dr. Dixon then described in detail the great commercial advantages accruing to this country by the taking of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, and in so describing revealed a marvelously comprehensive and wide grasp of affairs. "Whether it was wise or foolish for the United States to take possession of the Philippines is not the question now," said the doctor, "that is an act now beyond recall."

MUST MEET RESPONSIBILITY. "It is for us as a church to meet the responsibility and to take our part in the christianizing of the world. God established His church that it might be witnessed of all men and let us each man of us strive to further the coming of that time when Jesus will again return to the world for which he died."

The doctor explained the great and stupendous boom that this opening up of the Chinese and eastern trade will produce in the west and said that it was his earnest effort to further that when the new towns are established the minister with the gospel is the first inhabitant. "Fifty years ago we made a great blunder," said he, "by allowing the miner to go to the great west without his God. Today the most barren field in this land for the missionary of God is Northern California. Pray God that we shall not do this again. Shall we allow this great influx of people that will soon be rushing to the Pacific coast to go alone? Shall we allow the children of the living God to sit idly by?"

CONDITIONS IN PUERTO RICO. Dr. Dixon then told briefly of the needs of Puerto Rico where there are only three Presbyterian churches working among 1,000,000 inhabitants, whom he classed as "ignorant, immoral and irreligious." The Presbyterian church, he stated, had not yet sent a dollar to Cuba. "God is calling all the churches throughout this land," said he, in conclusion, "to make up a work up an interest in the home missionary work."

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LAND AT LAKE WINOLA. Has Been Purchased by Well-Known West Scranton Men. Dr. P. F. Struppeler, Dr. W. A. Paine and the Morse Brothers, of West Scranton, recently purchased a strip of land at Lake Winola.

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