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CITY NOTES

CHARITIES MEETING.—The Board of Associated Charities of Scranton will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, in the postmaster's room, post-office building.

OPENING SOCIAL.—The Elite Dancing club will give the opening social tomorrow night in the rooms of John Boyle O'Reilly council, Young Men's Institute, on Lackawanna avenue.

THREE MEN SIGNED.—Manager Burnham last night announced the signing of three new players for the Scranton team. They are second baseman J. J. Miller, catcher John Tolt and pitcher P. H. Miller.

O'MALLEY TO RESIGN.—It is understood that Plumbing Inspector Michael O'Malley will tender his resignation to the mayor to take effect May 1. Mr. O'Malley contemplates starting in business for himself.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.—The eighth anniversary service of Mr. William Pryor will be held in the Rescue mission tonight at 8 o'clock. All are invited. Refreshment will be served at the close of the service.

MEET TONIGHT.—St. Peter's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society of Bellevue will meet at their hall tonight to arrange matters pertaining to attending mass and receiving holy communion next Sunday.

PAY-DAYS.—The trainmen and drillmen on the Lackawanna road are being paid. The paymaster will complete the payments in this region today. The Delaware and Hudson trainmen south of Scranton were paid yesterday.

ABUSED THE HORSE.—Thomas Riley, of South Scranton, was arrested at the instance of Liverman William Bell, and arraigned before Alderman Myron Nasson on the charge of abusing one of Belle's horses, and was committed to the county jail.

CO. H INSPECTED.—Major W. S. Miller last night inspected Company H, of the Thirtieth regiment. This is a Providence company and is led by Captain H. F. First Lieutenant Mills and Second Lieutenant Finn. Company C will be inspected tonight.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS.—A meeting will be held at the Central Republican club rooms in the Price building tonight, to reorganize the Young Men's Republican club for the work of the coming campaign. All young Republicans are invited to attend.

IN SNOOPER'S HALL.—The X-Ray dancing class gave its first annual dance last night at Snover's hall. Professor Johnson furnished the dance music and a very large number of couples were present. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of the Messrs. Boland, Morahan and Kelly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The executive committee of the City Christian Endeavor union held a brief session last night in the Grace reformed church, but adjourned shortly after transacting only routine business on account of the

ATTEMPTED BURLIARY.—John Toland, William Burke and Robert Maguire, of Pine Brook, were arrested last night by Patrolman Thomas Jones and J. D. Thomas, on a warrant issued by Mayor Moir at the instance of John Brennan, of 122 Green place, charging them with attempting to burgle his house.

TOURISTS DANCE.—The Scranton Tourist club gave its first ball last night at the Economy hall on Wyoming avenue. Those in charge of the affair were: Master of ceremonies, Daniel Sullivan; assistant, Joseph Kerrigan; committee of arrangements, William McDonough, John Mayock, Michael Murphy.

PATRIOTIC GUARDS.—Music hall was gay last night with the members of Company A, of the Patriotic Guard, of South Scranton, in full regiments, at their Easter ball. Over one hundred couples took advantage of the music and were in line at the grand march. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of: Charles Wurth, Aug. Wilmeyer, Frank Thompson, Geo. Wurth, Jr.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—John Jermyn, the 2-year-old son of George Jermyn, of Jefferson avenue, yesterday afternoon had a narrow escape from serious injury. He was riding through the court in the rear of the Jermyn residence on his bicycle and colliding with a delivery wagon of the Lackawanna laundry was thrown from his wheel. He escaped with a slight cut on the head.

FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.—David M. Jones, a West Side citizen, announces, in another column, his candidacy for the nomination of recorder of deeds of this county, subject to the Republican primaries. Mr. Jones is well known throughout the county, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Patriotic Guard, Sons of America, Robert Morris lodge of Iovites and Electric City Wheelmen.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.—The Spanish-American War Veterans' association at a meeting held in the Grand Army of the Republic rooms on Lackawanna avenue last night elected the following officers: Captain A. E. Yorlitz, first lieutenant, James Sullivan; second lieutenant, W. G. Watkins; chaplain, Carl Gustaf. Twenty-two new members were mustered in last night. It was decided to call the organization General Golita company.

BRITON VS. BOER.—An illustrated stereoscopic lecture on "Briton vs. Boer," treating on the history and conditions of the Boer in Transvaal, the Orange Free State and other South African countries, with special emphasis on the causes leading up to the present war, will be given in the Grand Army hall on Friday night by J. S. Lane, mechanical engineer, a former resident of South Africa and father of H. H. Lane, of this city. Mr. Lane has delivered this lecture in many cities and it has been pronounced most instructive. A small admission fee will be charged to defray the expenses.

ANNIVERSARY.—This evening at 8 o'clock, the sixteenth anniversary exercises of the Railroad Department of the Young Men's Christian association will be held in their hall. The railroad department has had a prosperous year notwithstanding the trying times caused by the reorganization of the Lackawanna railroad. The department is in good financial condition and has a membership at present of 250. President Truesdale has encouraged the building committee to expedite action with reference to the new building early next spring. It is hoped that Traffic Manager Caldwell will come but the committee cannot definitely announce him at this time. The speakers already secured are C. J. Hicks, international railroad secretary, and E. B. Burdick, assistant city secretary. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Lawrence orchestra.

NEW JUDGE SEATED.

Tendered an Ovation When He Came Upon the Bench—Will Sit Next Thursday.

Judge Kelly's personal popularity, coupled with the fact that his appointment was by way of compliment to the wishes of the members of the bar, resulted in a possibly unprecedented event, a burst of loud and prolonged applause as he made his first ascent to the bench yesterday morning. Judge Archibald, who escorted him to his seat to introduce him to the assembled lawyers, remarked when the applicant had subsided: "This is rather well unusual, but it is in order." He then added: "Gentlemen of the bar, allow me to introduce Judge Kelly." The attorneys arose and remained standing till the judges were seated. The commission of the new judge, which was received by Recorder Warnke, early in the morning, was presented and read by Clerk Williams. Judges Swartz and Gordon came on the bench while this formality was being proceeded with. Judge Kelly's first official act was to attach the approval of the court to an application for a charter for the Tripp's Slope Accidental fund, petitioned for by Hon. M. E. McDonald. He will sit in criminal court Thursday, relieving Judge Gordon, who has a civil case scheduled for that day.

FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.

David M. Jones Presents Himself as a Candidate for the Nomination.

As has been prophesied in The Tribune before, there will be no reduction in the school tax levy for the coming fiscal year—it will remain at fourteen mills as for the past two years. That is, providing, of course, the school board at the special meeting to be held tomorrow printed below.

In this report it is shown in black and white that a fourteen mill levy will be necessary to meet the estimated expenses of the general school account alone without taking into consideration the building account. For the payment of the estimated expenses of this latter account, which are \$87,118.4, without providing for any new schools whatever, the committee recommends the issue of \$100,000 of 1 1/2 per cent bonds. The report of the committee is as follows:

To the President and Members of the School Board of Control, Gentlemen: The finance committee beg leave to submit the following report of the financial condition of the district, and the means they recommend to provide for the necessary expense of maintaining the schools of the city during the ensuing year.

In order to complete Nos. 2, 9 and 28, and to pay the small balance still due on No. 24, it will require, as per contracts which have been executed, the sum of \$60,482.33; \$17,031.81 will fall due between the present date and the end of the next fiscal year on sites for new school buildings, as shown by statement hereto attached. This makes a total of \$77,514.14 for building purposes, without allowing for the cost of the metal ceilings which were ordered to be substituted for plaster in the new buildings at the last meeting of the board, for the expense of finishing up the ground around Nos. 2 and 9 after the completion of these buildings, or for any other expenditures for building purposes which may be found necessary during the coming year.

Although there is some \$16,000 in the building account at the present time, there is a large deficit in the general school account which will probably amount to at least \$25,000 by the end of the present year.

Your committee, after careful consideration, have, therefore, decided to recommend to the board the issue of \$100,000 of 1 1/2 per cent coupon bonds to pay the above named obligations and for any other necessary and proper expenses of the district.

As we are paying 1 per cent interest on the real estate contracts, and would also have to pay the same rate to the banks for money which it will be necessary to borrow for payments on the contracts and for current expenses before the taxes for the next year are paid into the treasury in the fall, the issue of these bonds would not only result in the saving of a considerable sum to the district in interest, but would also divide the burden of paying for these permanent improvements between the present and the next generation, which will enjoy the benefits equally with the present.

The law permits a municipal corporation, by a vote of its corporate authorities, to increase its indebtedness to an amount in the aggregate not exceeding 2 per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, and a careful examination of the amount of the bonds to be issued, and the amount of the interest on the bonds, will show that the limit fixed by law.

By the issue of bonds to the extent of \$100,000, as recommended by the committee, the bonded indebtedness of the district will be increased in the aggregate to \$200,000. But \$15,000 of these bonds are in the hands of the treasury, purchased with funds from the sinking fund. We recommend that these be cancelled; \$185,000 more of the outstanding bonds will be redeemed upon their expiration on July 1 of the present year, and with cash now in the sinking fund, so that the bonded indebtedness of the district at the beginning of the next fiscal year will amount to \$185,000, providing the recommendation of the committee to issue the \$100,000 shall be adopted by the board.

The law provides that for the payment of interest on bonds and to provide a fund for the redemption at maturity, a levy shall be made each year sufficient to realize a sum equal to at least 8 per centum of the amount thereof.

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School Board Will Act Upon the Committee's Report at a Special Meeting Tonight—The Committee Say Fourteen Mills Will Be Necessary to Pay Simply the Expenses of the General School Account. They Recommend Issuance of \$100,000 Worth of Bonds.

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and exonerations, will produce the sum required. And this levy your committee hereby recommend.

GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT. We have carefully compared the estimates, placed before us by the various committees, with the expenditures of the past year, and find that in most cases there are no savings which will be necessary to meet the various needs of the schools. The following tabulated statement of the finance committee shows the appropriation for last year will place the entire matter before the board in a complete and comprehensive manner, especially when it is borne in mind that it has been found necessary to exceed several of the appropriations.

The large increase in the appropriation for high school purposes is unavoidable on account of the rapid growth of the high school. The appropriation of \$15,000 is not larger than the actual expenses have been during the past year, and we have to greater than the figure named were it not for the fact that several improvements have been made in the high school during the past year which will not be recurring during the coming year.

The sum of \$9,000 has been added to the appropriation for teachers' salaries. This is to provide for the natural growth of the schools from year to year.

In the matter of night schools, the appropriation has been cut down by the teachers' committee from \$9,400 to \$8,000, in the hope that a different system of conducting night schools next winter, they can be maintained on a more economical basis.

The increase in the appropriations for officers and clerks is made necessary by the addition of the salary of the city controller, \$100 per year, in the salary of superintendent of repairs, \$13 per month to each of the clerks and an allowance of \$80 for the attendance officer for night school work.

Janitors' salaries on the basis of twelve months pay will be at least equal to the appropriation for the coming year.

The increase in the appropriation for repairs, labor and material is only \$1,000 over last year, and is not nearly so much as have been the expenditures under this head during the past year.

The increase for new furniture is rendered necessary by the erection of three new buildings.

By the number of annexes and annexes No. 2 shall be completed before September, this appropriation will fall short by over \$1,000, as we are now paying \$25 per month for alterations to that building. It is therefore very important that the contractor of No. 2 be informed that he will be expected to complete that building in time for the opening of the next term, as required.

Three thousand dollars have been added to the appropriation for supplies, the amount set aside for this purpose last year proving insufficient for the growing needs of the district.

A large increase is asked for by the insurance committee, as there are many policies expiring during the coming year. It is possible that a portion of this appropriation may be saved for other purposes, if the rule limiting the amount of insurance on the different buildings to 40 per cent of their value is strictly enforced.

Very modest change has been made in the other appropriations.

High school expenses, including training and drawing.....\$42,100 \$42,100 \$38,577 Teachers' salaries.....106,000 104,000 103,000 Night school.....2,000 2,000 2,000 Officers and clerks.....3,100 3,100 3,100 Janitors' salaries.....21,000 21,000 19,000 Repairs on buildings.....7,000 6,000 6,000 Material.....21,000 21,000 21,000 On machinery, etc.....2,000 2,000 18,000 New furniture.....7,000 5,000 5,000 Books.....2,000 2,000 1,500 Supplies.....13,000 13,000 10,000 Coal and wood.....7,000 7,000 7,000 Gas, water and telephone.....3,000 4,000 4,000 Dep. water and telephone.....1,000 800 800 Printing and advertising.....1,000 1,000 1,000 Steam heat for No. 23 and 24.....400 400 175 Bd. R.....800 800 1,500 Night school.....2,000 2,000 1,500 Tax refunding.....200 200 300 Text books.....11,000 11,000 11,000 Insurance.....3,000 3,000 3,000 Incidentals.....1,500 1,500 1,000 Kindergarten, fixed by the board.....1,000 1,000 Total appropriations.....\$40,000

Added to this amount an estimated \$40,000 of \$45,000, makes a total to be provided for of \$80,000. If we receive the same appropriation from the state this year as last year, \$75,372, there will remain to be raised by taxation the sum of \$5,628. It is therefore impossible to make any reduction in the tax levy, and we therefore recommend the same levy as last year, 14 mills for the general school purposes, 12 1/2 mills, which will produce a revenue of \$25,029,981. This is not sufficient to meet the requirements as shown above, especially as the state appropriation may be reduced on account of the governor's veto to a portion of it, but as there is \$10,000 above referred to in the building account, which can be used in paying on buildings and lots, it is probable that the said levy will be large enough with careful management to meet the expenses of the district.

We would, however, urge the necessity of confining the expenditures strictly within the appropriations, and of postponing improvements, even when needed, until such time as there shall be funds available to pay for them.

Statement showing amounts which are now due on sites for school buildings or which will become due before the first day of July, 1901:

First ward— May 1, 1900, payment and interest.....\$97 67 May 1, 1901, payment and interest..... 918 67 \$1,016 34

Second ward— April 12, 1900, principal and interest..... 3,242 90

Tenth ward— May 1, 1900, payment and interest.....1,475 May 1, 1901, payment and interest.....1,490 2,965 00

Eleventh ward— April 12, 1900, principal and interest..... 4,158 67

Twelfth ward— December 1, 1900, principal and interest..... 1,166 00

Thirteenth ward— April 12, 1900, principal and interest..... 3,329 40

Sixteenth ward— September 1, 1900, interest, 198 00 September 23, 1901, interest, 198 00 396 00

Twenty-first ward— May 1, 1900, payment and interest..... 737 80 May 1, 1901, payment and interest..... 700 00 1,437 80

Total.....\$17,634 81

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MORE JUDGES THAN THERE WERE CASES

THREE OF THE FOUR, HOWEVER, WERE KEPT BUSY.

Owing to Continuances, Settlements and Non-appearance of Defendants Only Two Cases Were Open for Trial at the Opening of Quarter Sessions—Merritt L. Jackson Acquitted of Arson, and M. J. Kishpaugh Escapes Punishment on a Technicality.

When the second week of the April quarter sessions opened yesterday morning, and the list for the day was called, it was found that there were only two cases ready for trial, while four judges were on hand prepared to preside.

One of these cases was assigned to Judge Swartz, in the superior court room, and the other to Judge Gordon, in No. 2. Judge Archibald attended to some matters that were disposed of summarily in the main court room, and then entered upon the drawing of a jury for the Bowman murder case, which is to be put on trial this morning. Judge Kelly, having been associated with counsel for the defendant in this case, was not present, and, to come on the bench again Thursday, when Judge Gordon is to hear the civil case of Dean against Church.

Very little difficulty was experienced in selecting the Bowman jury. The commonwealth gave notice that it would not press for a first degree verdict and as the case hinges on points of law rather than evidence, the makeup of the jury is not so important as in a murder trial. The defense, as told at length yesterday, is that Knerim died from a chronic stomach ailment, and that the knife wounds inflicted six weeks previously had not even a remote connection with his death.

THE BOWMAN JURY. The jurors selected to try the case are: M. H. Keller, butcher, Gouldsboro. Jacob Straub, carpenter, Scranton. Marshall Keller, harness-maker, Dunmore.

Clarence Decker, farmer, Greenfield. Thomas R. Brooks, postmaster, Scranton.

John J. Feeney, janitor, Scranton. Thomas Collins, laborer, Scranton. George Nealon, miner, Moosic. P. F. Calpin, contractor, Scranton. M. C. Whalen, masseur, Scranton. James Colahan, miner, Dunmore. Martin Manton, laborer, Carbondale.

Attorney Clarence Ballentine is associated with Assistant District Attorney Thomas in the prosecution. The defendant's attorneys are Joseph O'Brien and P. E. Kilcullen. This is Mr. Kilcullen's first appearance in a jury trial.

The case, tried before Judge Swartz, was that against Merritt L. Jackson, of Dalton, charged with arson. Attorney C. H. Soper represented the commonwealth, and Attorney George W. Beale, the defense. There was a large delegation of Dalton residents present as witnesses or spectators.

It appears that early last summer Jackson's wife deserted him, taking with her their children and all the furniture, save a few chairs, a stove, an old bed and bedding, a table and two kerosene lamps. July 23, between 6 and 7 o'clock in the evening, while Jackson was carrying his washing to a washerwoman living a mile and a half away, fire broke out in his house, and it was partly consumed. The damage amounted to \$169, according to the appraisal of the Phoenix Insurance company, of London, which carried a \$1,000 policy on the house and blacksmith shop, and which was made out in favor of Charles Dupont Breck, who held a \$100 mortgage on the property.

SOME CIRCUMSTANCES. There were a number of suspicious circumstances connected with the fire and the receipt of the village began to discuss it in mysterious tones. Mrs. Barbara White, who discovered the fire and gave the alarm, which brought out the fire fighters and saved

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