

HARD TO FIND A CUSTOMER

DIFFICULTY IN SELLING THE SEWER BONDS.

Only Two Bids for \$135,000 Issue Were Received Last Night and Both of These Had to Be Rejected Because They Were Conditional and Were Unaccompanied by Certified Checks for \$5,000—Day & Co.'s Agent Saw All Bidders—Other Business in Select and Common.

It would appear that the city of Scranton is going to have a pretty hard job if it wants to get anybody to take the \$135,000 worth of sewer bonds which it has placed on the market and which were refused by R. L. Day & Co., of Boston and New York.

The city clerk advertised for bids just a week ago today with the provision that all bids should be accompanied by a certified check for \$5,000 and that they should be absolutely unconditional.

When the fourth order of business was reached at last night's regular meeting of select council, Chairman Wagner announced that he had received two bids for the bonds but that as both were unaccompanied by the required certified check and contained a condition that they were not to be binding if the bidding firm's attorneys declared the issue illegal, he would be obliged to decline both of them.

It would seem that unless another special election is held for the purpose of getting the taxpayers' consent to issue the bonds it will be impossible to dispose of them. The point raised against the legality of the bonds by R. L. Day & Co. is that the election was not properly conducted.

DAY & CO. WANT CHECK BACK.

Day & Co.'s check for \$3,000 is still in the hands of the city and they are, of course, desirous of getting it back. Their agent was in the city yesterday and made it a point to see all the representatives of bond firms who came to this city to put in bids. He explained to each the reasons for his firm's refusal to accept the bonds and in at least one case prevented a bid being put in.

A Tribune man was in City Clerk LaVelle's office when the representative of one of the bond firms which intended bidding came in for information. He told the city clerk that Day & Co.'s man had seen him and had stated that his firm (Day's) was willing to take the bonds if they felt sure of their legality.

The city clerk explained that it was the prevailing idea that Day & Co. didn't want the bonds and that after a deal of searching they had finally raised a technical point about the election as an excuse for backing out and getting their \$3,000 back. He said that in his nineteen years of experience a bond issue had never before been more legally authorized.

WANTS HIS CHECK BACK.

A communication was read from R. A. Malone, of Lancaster, who also wants a check back. His check is in the sum of \$1,500 and accompanied a bid for a sewer contract which he now doesn't want to take up. He has already written several communications asking for the return of his money. The one received last night was referred to the city solicitor.

The communication from the city solicitor regarding the contemplated settlement with the Abington Turnpike company as outlined in yesterday's Tribune, was read and Chairman Wagner named as members of the committee suggested by Mr. Vosburg, Messrs. Clemons, Melvin and Williams.

The special committee appointed to consider the proposition of President Scranton, of the Scranton Gas and Water company for an increased rate for water used for public purposes, asked for two weeks' more time in which to again confer with Mr. Scranton and see if he would agree to a five-year contract with the privilege of a five-year renewal. The permission was granted.

The following new ordinances were introduced: By Mr. Williams: Enacting the Alectraz Paving company from the liability occasioned by their failure to complete the Hyde Park avenue pave within the required limit of time.

By Mr. Vaughan: Changing the name of Stone avenue to South Webster avenue.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Oliver directing the street commissioner, the city solicitor and the city engineer to investigate and recommend to councils the best way of settling damage caused by the overflow of a pipe drain on Aswell court.

SESSION OF THE COMMON.

Mr. Keller's Objections at Last Bear Right Kind of Fruit. Patience and perseverance, it is said, will sometimes accomplish the seemingly impossible. The truth of this adage was instanced in common council last night.

Ever since Mr. Keller took his seat he has fought against irregular expenditures. Most of the time he fought singly and alone and all the time until last night his efforts were in vain. His years of effort, however, were finally crowned with success. He defeated an attempt to spend money irregularly.

The next ordinance to come up on third reading was one transferring \$200 for the heating of Liberty hose house from the \$1,200 that was transferred from various balances to general fire department uses. Mr. Keller protested against this because it was transferring from a transfer and on the very face of it unbusiness-like. The ordinance, however, passed.

RECORDED GOLF WANTS A FAIR CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION CASES.

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Several jurors complained that other jurors had stated they would never convict any one in election cases, no matter what the testimony. Therefore, Recorder Goff decided to discharge the whole panel.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Interesting Papers Read at Wilkes-Barre Yesterday. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 6.—This was the second day of the convention of the Evangelical Alliance of Pennsylvania. At the morning session, Rev. C. A. Brady, of Williamsport, had charge of the devotional exercises.

"A Federation of the Churches Practicable" was the subject of a paper read by Rev. R. W. Miller, D. D., of Reading. "Interdenominational Affiliation" was the title of a paper read by Benjamin C. Welch, of Easton. "The Relation of the Church to the State" was the subject of a paper by E. L. Bourne, of Scranton.

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URGING A COIN MEASURE.

Action of the Chamber of Commerce in New York.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 6.—The New York chamber of commerce adopted the following resolutions today: Whereas, in the various discussions relating to the gold standard, made during the late presidential campaign, it became evident that the action of congress in March of this year, declaring for the gold standard and providing for the redemption or payment in gold of United States notes and treasury notes made no provision for making as good as gold, silver currency of the country; and, owing to this fact, grave fears were entertained, in connection with the inauguration of a party committed to the free coinage of silver might be followed by an attempt to force the country upon a silver basis in anticipation of that effect.

Resolved, That the chamber of commerce of the state of New York respectfully request and urge upon congress the vital importance of adopting at the present session a bill authorizing and directing the secretary of the treasury to exchange gold coin for any other money issued or coined by the United States whenever it may be necessary to do so.

TOWERMAN ACQUITTED.

Judge Holds Sleeping Upon Duty Is Not Culpable Negligence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Frank Lantell, formerly a towerman for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was acquitted in court today of voluntary manslaughter in causing the deaths of George E. Laub and William F. Hinckman, engineer and fireman of two freight trains wrecked and burned in the tunnel near Fairmount park, last May. A train of twenty-eight cars had entered the tunnel. Laub's train came along, and the signal being displayed, he also entered the tunnel. The collision followed, and cars containing naphtha and petroleum exploded, making the tunnel a mass of flames.

Lantell, who was stationed at the entrance to the tunnel, admitted having been asleep. In instructing the jury, the court said today that no culpable negligence had been shown and the defendant could not be convicted of manslaughter.

MR. TOWNE'S APPOINTMENT.

Will Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Senator Davis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—Former Congressman Charles A. Towne, Silver Republican, of Duluth, arrived in this city this afternoon and called on Governor Lind.

He then formally accepted the appointment to the United States senate for the vacancy caused by the death of Cushman K. Davies, received his commission immediately and will leave as soon as possible for Washington to take the seat, which he will hold until the legislature, which is overwhelmingly Republican, elects a senator to the place.

RECEPTION TO RIBBONERS.

Delegates to the W. C. T. U. Convention Entertained at White House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 6.—The President and Mrs. McKinley gave a reception this afternoon to the 100 delegates to the Women's Christian Temperance union convention. The elaborate decorations of the principal rooms which had been erected by the ladies, were in evidence. The marine band furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend have removed from the Odd Fellows' building, on Lincoln street, to Maple street.

Mrs. Proudlock, of Lincoln and Jackson streets, is building a store near her residence, which she intends to open as soon as completed.

OLYPHANT.

Miss Mary McGinty died at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Daley, on Dunmore street, yesterday afternoon after an illness of one week's duration. Deceased was born in Ireland and was 65 years of age. She has been a resident of this town for many years. She was a woman of true Christian qualities and highly esteemed by all her acquaintances. One sister and two brothers survive her, namely, Mrs. John Daley, John and Patrick McGinty.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Patrick's cemetery. A good sized audience witnessed "A Brother's Revenge," presented by the La Porta Comedians company at the Father Mathew opera house last evening. Several pleasing specialties were introduced between the acts. "An Unequal Match" will be produced this evening.

According to the census report Ollyphant has a population of 6,180, which is a remarkable increase over the last census. The population in 1890 was 4,980.

Mrs. S. M. Callender, of Scranton, was a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Edward Jones in Blakely yesterday.

John J. Priest, Jr., of Blakely, is getting nicely over his serious fall of twenty feet at the Lackawanna breaker last Monday evening. Fortunately no bones were broken.

Mrs. Albert Kiesling and Mrs. S. A. Kiesling, of Providence, visited relatives on the West Side yesterday.

George W. Williams, formerly with Z. D. Edwards, is now in the employ of the Ontario Store company.

The Young People's societies of the Baptist churches of this place are invited to attend a rally in the Baptist church at Jermy on Monday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hull expect to move into their new home in Blakely next month. It occupies a fine location next to the residence of his father, G. M. Hull.

The coaleries of No. 2 and Eddy Creek colonies were paid yesterday. This is the first general pay in three months.

DURYEA.

On Monday, December 3d, the properties of Mr. Paul Urban and John Datchausa, on Stephenson street, were consumed by fire. The cause is unknown. It was impossible to save the buildings on account of lack of fire-fighting facilities. Out of the seven water plugs located in the different parts of town, not one can be used in case of fire. The old hose company not receiving aid of the property holders, were unable to pay the water rent, consequently, the water company locked the plugs. A few of the faithful members of the old hose company arrived at the scene of action and offered their assistance in saving the furniture. A meeting will be called in the near future to form a new hose company.

Class number seven of the Erick Methodist Episcopal Sunday School gave a successful social on Monday evening at the parsonage. Numerous games were indulged in. The prize

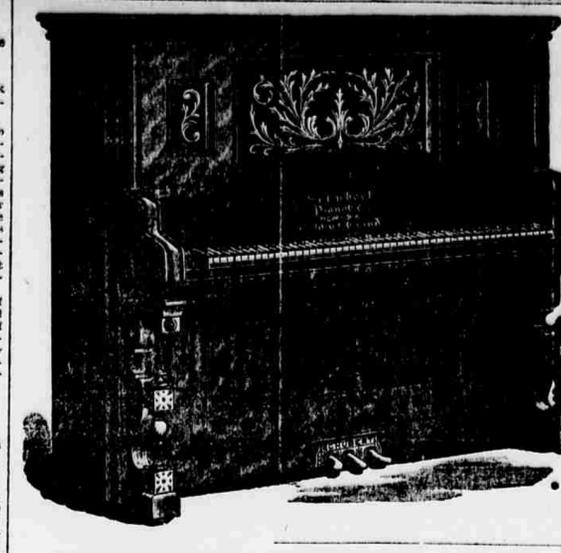
PRICEBURG.

Robt Colburn, of Priceburg, Ill., has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to resume his usual duties.

John Wesley castle, No. 318, Knights of the Golden Rule, will meet in Odd Fellows' hall at 7 o'clock this evening.

William Ferris, jr., late of Maple street, has gone with his wife to reside in Green Ridge.

Dr. J. J. Belheimer has purchased the corner lot on Main street, opposite



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The ladies who wish to aid the Lawrence Hose company with their fair will meet in the hose hall Friday evening, December 7. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. James Connolly, who was injured some time ago in the Scranton Traction company's wreck, still lies in a critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Best attended the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. Best, of New York state.

Mr. Rudolph Godwallas, who had his toe smashed a few days ago while at work, is improving.

The Price library association will hold their regular meeting this evening and it is important that all members, or those desirous of becoming members, be present.

Rev. C. B. Henry, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will deliver the address of the evening. A short musical programme will be rendered previous to the address. Prominent speakers and entertainers