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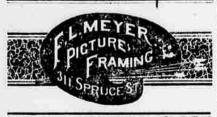
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WOOLWORTH'S REOPENS TODAY Everything New, Including Floors and Ceilings-Store Greatly En-

larged. The doors of C. S. Woolworth's remodeled store at No. 319 Lackawanna avenue, will be thrown open to the public this morning after being closed for ten days, during which time every thing has been made new, even the floors and ceilings. Another most important change in the Woolworth store is the great amount of additional floor

space now occupied. The offices have been removed from the main floor to a part of the newly acquired room on the second floor. A greater portion of this large room however, which is reached by a magnificent wide and ornamental stair case, is devoted to display of goods in addition to the entire main floor.

The third floor of the new addition is used for storage purposes and is now packed with new goods for the holiday trade.

The store throughout presents striking appearance in its new garb, and no doubt ranks as one of the finest establishments of its kind in the state. It was about this season of the year, in 1880, when Mr. Woolworth started business in Scranton, and that he has been immensely successful no one can doubt after a visit to his handsomely remodeled and one might say, entirely new store, today.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTES.

It would appear that there can be no repairs made to the Columbia Hose house for many months yet. The general ordinance providing for transfer from various funds for fire department purposes, and which included an item for this work, has been killed, and there is small hope that it will be again considered this year. Building Inspector Jackson does not share the views of those who contend that the building is in imminent danger of collapsing and contends that the cracks in the walls are old ones, caused by the settling of the building after its erection,

The fire alarm system has got so badly twisted up that Chief Zizlemann has sent to New York for one of the Gamewell company's experts to come on and straighten it out. He will arrive the city on Monday and will stay here until the system is again in perfect working order. The trouble seems to be with the switchhoard at the telephone exchange, which for some reason does not register properly. An alarm may be turned in from one box and an entirely dif-ferent number may register and be sent out to the various hose companies. It is understood that the company will install an entirely new and up-to-date registering apparatus if it is found that the old one cannot be put in shape,

Two new fire alarm boxes were placed in position yesterday by Chief Zizelmann. One at the corner of Mineral and Carbon streets, which be known as No. 118, and one at the corner of Monsey avenue and Poplar street, to be known as No. 119. The last is in close proxim-ity to the belt and nut works, which has hereofore been without the benefit of a nearby fire

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WHOLESALE THIEVING.

Frank Gwzop and Anthony Purrell Triply Accused.

Frank Gwzop and Anthony Purrell were arraigned before Alderman Kasson yesterday, on the charge of stealing a large amount of bound wire from the Scranton Railway company, and were held in \$300 bail. They were later arraigned before Alderman Millar, charged with the larceny of brass from the Delaware, Lackawanna and West-ern and Delaware and Hudson Rail-New patterns in pocket knives, there and belaware and Hudson Railroad companies, and held in \$500 more ball. They were unable to furfish this and were committed to the county iail. and were committed to the county jail. The two men were accused of beginning work at 12 o'clock on the night of September 14 and continuing until 7 o'clock the next morning, on the Scranton Railway company's lines, between Forest City and Carbondale. At the end of that time hundreds of yards of the wire connecting the rails was missing and the company had suffered several hundred dollars' damage.

The Lackawanna special police claimed that about ninety pounds of brass journals, stolen out of company cars, were found to have been taken by these men. Martin Crippen, of the Delaware and Hudson, also accused them of the larceny of brass.

CARDO CRUSHED UNDER ERIE CAR

While Attempting to Board Train Italian Miner Fell Under the Wheels-Both Legs Crushed.

Antenio Cardo, of Dunmore, was run over by an Erle and Wyoming Valley railroad train at Moosic last evening and had both his legs so badly mangled that they were amoutated at the Lackawanna hespital. Several ribs were broken, and his recovery was last night considered doubtful. Cardo was walking along the tracks about 6 o'clock, when he heard the loud whistle of the engine, and the rain, a fast freight, came whizzing along. He made an attempt to board it, slipped and fell under the wheels. They passed over his body and legs. and when extricated from under them, Cardo's body was in a mangled condition.

He was removed to the Lackawanna hospital, where it was immediately seen that amputation was necessary, both of the man's legs being merely masses of shattered bone and torn lesh. Dr. A. J. Connell of the hospital staff performed the operation.

Cardo is twenty-six years of age, and is employed in the mines. He has wife in Italy and has been in this country only six months. He was reported to be in a very serious conlition early this morning.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF WERE HEARD

Tales of Trouble and Suffring Related for the Poor Directors at Yesterday's Meeting of Board.

The poor board listened to a number f applicants for relief yesterday afternoon and incidentally discursed ways and means for ameliorating their condition. The way some were disposed of lifted burdens from heavy hearts, but others were not so fortunparticularly the able-bodied charges on the district, who occupy comfortable berths at the Hillside

The remedy suggested to Superintendent Beemer for the employment and improvement of grounds and roads leading up to the home. By this means the board hopes | change? to decrease the number of charges on the district, and incidentally check the ambitions of many who seek admission in the hope of being clothed. fed and sheltered at the expense of the district.

Among the applicants for relief was one Thomas Finnerty, of West Scranton, who sought admission to the home until the board's attorney can find time to collect \$11,511 from Finnerty's brother. The applicant alleges that the money is owing him for a period of mineteen years, as rent from real estate, etc. He is perfectly willing to allow the board's attorney the \$11 as a remuneration for his services. The poor directors could not see their clear to allow Mr. Scragg to waste his time on such a case, and in consequence Mr. Finnerty was dis-

Another applicant, Thomas Mooney, of Ninth street, whose claim for relief was his inability to work, owing to a bad liver, wanted to be returned to the home, where he spent three months in comfort and peace. The board thought he was able to earn a livlihood and refused to comply with his request.

The usual number of deserted wives with countless children were heard. and granted relief, and Director Shotton ventured the remark that 80 per cent, of the applicants for relief come from women who have been deserted by their husbands. A pathetic appeal was made by a young girl from the Seventh ward, for admission to the home until such time as she can be relieved of her trouble. The re-

quest was granted. Mr. Seidle, of Pittston, appeared before the board in behalf of a woman in Pittston, who sought admission to the home. The request was granted. The district physicians submitted their reports, which were concurred in. Architect Percival Morris explained the advantages of a patent window fastener, which he is desirous of having adopted. The matter was referred

to the building committee. Treasurer Vernoy submitted the following report: Balance in bank, Nov. 1, \$128.60; Receipts, Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 500.00; total, \$9,628.60. Disbursements, Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, \$7,438.10; balance in

bank, Dec. 1, \$2,190.50. Superintendent Beemer submitted his report for the month ending Nov. 30, which showed: Number of innates in the home Nov. 1., 452; number admitted during the month, insane males 8: females, 2: sane males, 13: females, number born during month, males, females, 2: number discharged during month, 18; number died during month, 50; number remaining Nov. 20,

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WAY CHANGES CAN BE MADE

COUNCILMAN'S VIEWS OF SITU-ATION AS IT EXISTS.

Fails to See Anything Very Difficult About the Passage of the City from the Third Into the Second Class. Believes That Whatever Legislation Is Necessary Can Be Secured from the Legislature Prior to the First Monday in April-Believes Change Will Be Beneficial.

HON. JOHN E. ROCHE,

Editor of The Tribune Sir: I am very much interested in your Mr. Duffy's letters on the subject of second-class cities, and from the points he has furnished me regarding the failure on the part of the general assembly to provide a complete code for second class cities I am moved to say that (to one at least) this is more apparent than real. It may appear presumptions in me to set up ny opinion in opposition to Mr. Elphinstone, of Allegheny, who is cited by Mr. Duffy as saying that, when Scranton enters the second class, she cannot retain any of its third class

rity laws. By way of preface, I will say that he offices affected are those of controller, treasurer, city attorney, city lerk and collector of dilinquent taxes. The acts of the legislature creating he office of treasurer, defining his duties, etc., are those of May 16, 1857; April 6, 1867; March 12 and 24, 1869; February 18, 1871; March 19, 1873; May 23, 1874; June 12, 1878, and February

Those affecting the office of conroller are of May 16, 1857; June 16, 860; Atril 6, 1867; April 19, 1873, and June 18, 1883. The office of city clerk is governed by the acts of March 7, 873 and June 14, 1887. The act of April 1, 1868, provides for the election of a city attorney and that of March 22, 1877, creates the office and defines the duties of collector of delinquent taxes.

The act of June 14, 1887, provides that the offices of controller, treasurer, city attorney * * city clerks and collector of delinquent taxes shall remain as heretofore, except as herein otherwise provided.

Does not this act of 1887 supply what was omitted? I am not a lawyer, but my opinion is that it does. The duties of all the other officers, and the time and manner of election are clearly defined and the acts cited by date here makes it clear as to when and how the officers in question are to be

But if I am wrong in my conclusion and here is where I cannot agree Mr. Elphinstone-why cannot Scranton do as Allegheny and Pittsburg have done? Your correspondent says the laws Scranton I stands in need of are supplied in Pittsburg and Allegheny by special charter provisions which these cities retained when they entered the second class, and Mr. Eiphinstone says that if Scranton retains any of her charter features it would be virtually permitted to enjoy special legislation. If Pittsburg and Allegheny can do this why not Scranton? If it is held that she cannot, then inasmuch as it is roylded that the mayor, treasurer controller, city attorney, board of assessors and city clerk shall continue of the latter was the breaking of in office until the end of the times for which they were elected, how can Scranton suffer by reason of the

NO DIFFICULTY.

I fail to see any difficulty in making the change, and, as the legislature will be in session after January 1 next, all the necessary legislation can e supplied prior to the first Monday in April, when the transit takes place I am also moved to say that no other legislation is necessary, unless

it be to take the power of appointment from councils and give it to the mayor, and whether in the abstract that change would be an improvement is an open question. Pittsburg is satisfied with it, so is Allegheny, and it must be admitted that the appointments exclusively within the control of the councils of Scranton have not been bad. The changes have not been frequent, neither has politics always influenced the members in heir choice. The city clerk has held his office for twenty years and more by appointment of both branches of ouncils, and the manner in which he performs his duties cannot be improved upon. The city engineer is term after term and makes reduction in the number of

an excellent officer. The one is a Democrat, the other a Republican. executive departments is, in my opinion, an improvement, and taken as whole, I am disposed to the opinion that the change will be a beneficial

The most important change is the taking away from the mayor about all of the power of appointments and giving the same to councils.

THREE DEPARTMENTS. The next in importance is the creaion of three executive departments, namely, the department of publi safety, of public works, and of charities. Excepting the elective offices of mayor, treasurer and controller, and

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the offices of city clerk, assistant city clerk, city attorney and board of as-sessors, filled by councils, the heads of these departments have divided among them about all the executive powers of the city.

The first has charge of the police, park police, fire department, board of health, building and plumbing inspec-

tion and house drainage The second has charge of the opening, grading, paving repaving, cleaning and lighting of streets and highways construction and repair of public buildings and bridges, public parks, markets, engineering, sewerage and drain-

The third has the care of charities, almshouses and hospitals supported by the city.

Councils appoints the heads of these departments, fix their salaries, stipu-late the amount of the bonds they shall file and provide for such bureaus, clerks and assistants as are required. The director appoints his sub-officers. Councils appoint police, police matron, city attorney, board of five assessors. city clerk and assistant city clerk and fix their salaries, and a delinquent tax collector, whose salary is fixed by law. They also confirm the nomination of five police magistrates named by the

COUNCILS HAVE SUPERVISION. Councils also have exclusive supervision of all city officers, except police officers; they shall examine complaints igainst them for neglect of duty or violations of law and, for these purposes, have the power to subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance.

The five police magistrates are the only nominations made by the mayor. All of these shall not be of the same political party. The city will be divided into districts, to each of which one shall be assigned They shall serve during good behavior, be paid a salary, and pay into the city treasury all fines and costs collected by them.

The other duties of the mayor, so far as I have discovered, are to pass upon legislation, issue licenses to lodging louses, draw and distribute city warrants when certified by the controller. act as police magistrate, sign all commissions and contract for city advertising.

A member of council can vote for not more than four assessors, when a full board is to be elected. Real estate is divided into three classes for assessment purposes. The first includes business property and unoccupied ground in the immediate vicinity, and property ised for manufacturing purposes; the second, all property used for railroad, railway and residence purposes, and unoccupied ground in the immediate vicinity of residences; the third, all property used for farm and agricultural purposes and all untillable land not used for business, manufacturing, railroad or residence purposes.

Third-class property is assessed at one-third of the highest rate; second at three-fourths, thus making three rates of taxation; full limit, two-thirds and one-third.

A POLL TAX.

In lieu of occupation tax, all resident taxables shall pay a poll tax of \$1. Taxes shall be paid twice a year. The ost of a liquor license is \$1,100, and the city receives \$900 of this amount. Lodging houses accommodating ten or more may be licensed by the mayor on paying a license tax of \$2.

Master and journeymen plumbers must be examined and procure a license, for which the former must pay \$5, the latter fifty cents. Election of officers by councils shall be by viva voce vote, and it requires a majority of all the members to elect.

When streets are graded the award of views cover any damage that may re-It will be seen from this that, excepting in the appointing power, the

changes are comparatively unimport

The creation of the department of public safety abolishes the offices of chief of police, chief of fire department and does away with the present board of health, building inspector and plumbing inspector. The duties of these are performed, under the new charter, by the director of the department, the superintendent of the bureau of health, a superintendent of building Inspection and an assistant. These are the only offices named in the law in connection with this department, and any other assistants or clerks must be authorized by councils, as is the case

OFFICES ABOLISHED.

The offices of street commissioner. park commissioners and city engineer are abolished, and their duties are administered by the director of the department of public works. His qualifieations, as well as the number of his assistants, are to be fixed by councils.

as now. I see no necessity for a department of charities, except to comply with the law. It is not obligatory on councils to build almshouses or hospitals. They are permitted to do so, but it is not mandatory. The department of charities could be organized in a nominal way and offices left vacant until such time as Dunmore should be divorced from the Scranton poor district and the present poor board retired.

[The Tribune invites contributions on econd-class city affairs, and also will be pleased to receive inquiries concerning any difficulties that our readers may have encountered in a study of this matter. If the desired information is not immediately at hand, every reasonable effort will be made to securt.—Editor.1

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TWO SIDES OF THE CASE ARE GIVEN

[Concluded from Page 1.] should be provided before reorganiza-

tion time. This was all right at that time, the exceptants say, but it does not apply now, inasmuch as the 1895 legislation quoted above, straightens out the diffculty which the Supreme court was confronted with and practically destroys the effect of the Paxson decis-

The exceptants say that Allegheny in making the transition simply blundered through the matter of readjusting its common council, and this the Allegheny people pratically admit. They had more common councilmen than the new law allowed and had to contract instead of expand. The law at all events, was not followed and their action is of no worth in determining Scranton's proper course.

But leaving Allegheny out of the ovestion altogether, as must needs be done under the circumstances, the adherents of the views conveyed in previous Tribune articles, still have plenty of ground, so they aver, on which to base their contentions.

First of all they deny that the 1895 enactment destroys the effect of the Paxson decision and say that no such easoning can be adduced from the freest reading of the act. This, of ourse, is a matter for the court.

Expansion of Council.

Regarding the expansion of the comnon council, their contentions are these: The 1891 law, above quoted, regarding apportionment, is a second-class city law. It provides for the appointment of a committee to make the apportionment. A third-class city councils can not exercise any of the rights or privileges bestowed by second-class city legislation, consequently this com-mittee must be selected from the second-class city councils, and as there will be no second-class city councils until the first Monday in April next, no apportionment of common councilmen can be made till that time.

Applying these arguments to the 1895 egislation, the adherents of these latter views point out that the clause, the proper officers shall be elected to which the said city will become entitled," can not refer to the additional common councilmen, as it can not be determined at that time how many of such offices the city "will become entitled" to.

This being the case, they say, the proper method of procedure will be to appoint the apportionment committee immediately upon the organization of the second-class city government, take the return of the assessors as it appears from the last assessment and having determined the number and location of the new common councilmen, declare the seats that they are entitled to by the law to be vacancies and proceed to fill them by a specia election.

Assessors at Work.

The city assessors are now working on a return of the resident taxables and expect to have it ready within a couple of weeks. It is at the instigation of Mayor Moir that they are doing this, and it is the mayor's intention to have his beliefs out into practice by having the apportionment made by a committee of the present councils and proclaiming the February election day s the time for electing the additional ommon councilmen

The Democrats who do not want the ouncil expanded until after the first Monday in April, and who propose that the directors of departments shall be chosen by the present councils as soon as the certificate of the governor ar rives, will oppose this contemplated action of the mayor, and the chances are that some interesting quo warrante proceedings will follow.

VISIT TO THE SOUTH.

Colonel Ripple and Warden Simpson Went Over Battle Fields.

Colonel E. H. Ripple and Warden W. G. Simpson returned last night from southern trip, which was chiefly a visit to the old battle-grounds where both had fought in the Civil war. It will be remembered that Colonel Ripple, then but a youth, spent eight months n southern prisons, Florence, Andersonville and Charleston, where he suf-This week he went over the ground

fered almost incredible hardships. again where some of these awful months were passed. In Florence, now a thriving town, he located the burow which he had hollowed out during his incarceration in that most terrible prison. It was from it that he made he escape among the dramatic scene of which was his pursuit by blood-hounds, the marks of whose teeth he will always carry. He visited the cemetery the other day where are buried 3,000 Union soldiers, most of whom dled

in Florence prison. Colonel Ripple feels well pleases with his trip over the historic places which he last saw thirty-five years

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