REPORT OF THE CONTROLLERS

PRESENTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING OF BOARD.

meading of It Was Deferred Until the Next Meeting of That Body. Full Text of It Is Given Below. Teachers Granted a Two Weeks Pay for Christmas-A Considerable Amount of Routine Business Transacted-Number of Janitors Have Their Salaries Increased.

A special meeting of the board of control was held last night and the committee on second-class city legislation, which made a trip to Pittsburg in or-der to see things as they are and advise things as they should be, rendered its report. There was barely a quorum, however, and the reading of the report was therefore deferred until the next meeting of the board. An amount of routine business was transacted, and the meeting then adjourned. A motion was passed granting the city school teachers a two weeks' pay before

The meeting was called to order after the building committee had held a short session. Secretary Fellows opened the evening by reading this committee's report. A communication was first read from the architect in charge that No. 2 school, on Orchard street, is now completed and a motion was made by Mr. Francois that this report be ac-

cepted.
The building committee recommended that Mrs. Barbara Swift be allowed \$25 for the cleaning of the new No. 9 school building, and that the janitors of No. 8 and No. 34 schools have their salaries raised \$5 a month, also that the janitor at No. 25 be allowed a \$10 increase. This report was adopted, and a supplementary motion by Mr. Gibbons, to the effect that the janitor of No. 7 school have his salary raised \$5 a month during the night school season, was also passed.

Mr. Gibbons then moved that the city school teachers be paid a two weeks' salary before Christmas, as there is a general demand among them for this. "Ah, ha! The semi-monthly pay," re-marked President Jayne drolly, and amid a general laugh the motion was

seconded and passed. Mr. Jennings, in behalf of the special legislation committee, tendered the report on the Pittsburg trip, and at Mr. Barker's suggestion it was decided that reading of the statement be deferred until the next meeting. A bill of \$264.-68 was submitted by D. J. Reedy, the board's solicitor, as expenses for the

trip, and was accepted. On account of Monday being Christmas eve, it is not likely that the next meeting of the board will be held until the middle of the coming week. The

report of the committee follows: Legislative Committee of the Board of Control-ters of the City of Scranton School District:

Your committee selected to visit the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny, with the purpose of studying the systems and laws of each of the said cities, beg leave to submit their deductions and the result of their observations. While in general we paid particular attention to the school affairs of each and both of the cities, incidentally we looked into and made inquiries concerning the strictly municipal functions of cities of the second class

ALLEGHENY.

The city of Allegheny is situate on the west of Pittsburg across the Monongahela river, and is connected closely, not only in a business and financial way with Pittsburg, but commercially it is very closely allied. It is composed of fifteen wards and has an area of seven source The assessed valuation of each of the fitteen wards of the city for the purpose of taxa-

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Number of schools in Pittsburg:

As to the respective laws and systems govern-

ing each city: Allegheny having fifteen wards, together constitute the central board, making board of 90 members.

Pittsborg has thirty-nine wards, having a board of six directors, a total of 234. Each sub-board elects one person to serve as a mem-ber of the central board. In both cities the central boards have charge of high schools and pay all teachers. The sub-hoards employ teachers, janitors, and have care of buildings as well as authority and power to build school nouse

as authority and power to build school detection and purchase grounds.

A comparison with the city of Scranton school district will show the cost of conducting, the achools of Allegheny, which has a population of 129,000, is much less. The average daily attendance in Scranton for year 1809-1900 wa-11,051, as compared with Allegheny's 13,900. The est of conducting the schools in each ward o

	Scranton was as follows:		
	High school feachers	27,000	
	Other expenses	12,930	
	Training school teachers		
۱	Other expenses	682	
٠	Kindergartens	4,000	
l	Mosle	1,000	
	Drawing	1,200	Ŋ
	SCHOOLS.		
2	First ward, Nos 25, 26	17,402	
	Second ward, Nos. 21, 24, 27	16,000	
	Third ward, Nos. 22, 23	6,375	
	Fourth ward, Nos. 18 and 19	19,404	
	Fifth ward, Nos. 14, 31	18,654	
ч	Sixth ward, No. 29	4,383	
	Seventh ward, Nos. 4, 9	8,506	
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٠	Ninth ward, No. 53	8,718	
	Tenth ward, Nos. 5, 38	6,525	ß
·	Eleventh ward, Nos. 3, 8	14,991	
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y	Fourteenth ward, No. 16	7.858	d
	Fifteenth ward, Nos. 13, 32	15,530	
	Sixteenth ward, No. 36	7,911	
	Seventeenth ward, No. 35	9,078	
	Eighteenth ward, No. 12	7,995	ľ
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tate appropriation Following is a copy of the protest ent to the legislature by the legislaive committee of the Allegheny board against the passage of what is known

s the Kennedy bill: committee on Legislation, Board of School Co

trollers, Allegheny, Pa., April 23rd, 1900. To the Honorable Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen: The board of school controllers of he city of Allegheny, at its meeting on April 19th, 1895, passed, by an unanimous vote, a protest against the passage of senate bill No. 493, and referred the matter to its legislative committee for further action. The various members of the committee, in an effort to learn the sentiment of the people, in the last week, discovered not a single instance where the bill was met with favor nor a single instance in which the efficiency of the present school law was called into question But, on the contrary, a universal dismay at the prospect of placing the schools under the control of the politicians was encountered, It is the general belief that our present system

is the very best, and that, whatever may be said or done in political matters, the schools must be let severely alone until the people, after the fullest and freest discussion indicate clearly their wish for a change. To have this structure, that has taken so much time to perfect, and upon which so much thought has been expended swept out of existence by this iniquitous Kennedy (?) bill, which, in effect, will make the entire public school system nothing more than a part of the colitical machine, without the slightest warning s, we are convinced, more than the people of

this commonwealth will tolerate.

And we need scarcely remind you how near th present public school system is to the people, who will most vigorously resent the injection of polities into it, as well as the diversion of the school funds into political channels. If there is any one thing upon which the people are sensitive, in the highest degree, and upon which they are unanimous, it is the freedom of the schools from polities. And if there is one thing which the people jealously guard, it is the integrity of the public school system.

We find that it is the general belief of the com-munity that the Kennedy bill is a direct blow at

education of Pittsburg that "the entire bill is a freakish combination of inconsistencies, decep-tions, imbeelfities and absurdities," to so great an extent, in fact, that we have found the task of sible on election day. amending the same a honeless one, and therefore request our representative in the senate, Mr. Kennedy, to withdraw the measure.

Your respectfully, Committee on Legislation,

Board of School Controllers.

LEAGUE REORGANIZED.

Meeting Last Night.

a meeting held at the Elk cafe last night, the Lackawanna-Luzerne howling enthusiasts, and Captain William Hopkins, of the Backus team: and devotion that we have never yet Captain F. C. Wardell, of the Bicycle club; Captain C. S. Fowler, of the of the West End Wheelmen, and Captain Henry Dimler, of the Elks, ap-

which will make up the league. being chosen as president, and J. P. Hunter, of Wilkes-Barre, for secre-George E. Backus were elected the howling rules were adopted, and the following bowling schedule decided

upon: West End-Commercial, Jan. 8; Backus, Jan. Scranton Bicycle club, Feb. 12; Elks, Commercial-Elks, Jan. 18; Backes, Feb. 5

West End, Feb. 21; Scranton Bicycle clab. Ellos-Scranton Bicycle club, Jan. 11; Com-mercial, Jan. 29; Backus, Feb. 15; West End,

Scranton Bicycle club-Commercial, Jan. 22; Elks, Feb. 8; Backus, Feb. 26; West End,

WRECK ON LACKAWANNA.

Engineman Garrison Badly Injured

and Twenty-Two Cars Damaged. A wreck occurred at Dansville, N. Y. Lackawanna and Western railroad at free people. 5.55 o'clock yesterday morning, as a result of which Albert Garrison lies seriously injured at the Buffalo hospital

and seventeen coal and freight cars were more or less damaged. The wreck was caused by a westbound coal train from Elmira running into the third section of coal train No. 56, which was crossing at Dansville in order to let passenger train No. 2 pass. Garrison was the engineman of the coal train. Both tracks were blocked until noon by the wreck and traffic on

the division was greatly delayed.



OPINIONS ON THE CHANGE

CHITTENDEN ADVISES AGAINST SECOND CLASS.

Declares That It Is Impossible to Get Good Results from a Bad Legislative System-Do Not Want the Experience of Pittsburg Repeated Here-City Solicitor Vosburg Is of the Opinion That We Cannot Avoid the Change and Must Go Into the

C. B. CHITTENDEN.

Select Councilman of the Ninth Ward Editor of The Tribune-

Sir: The kind invitation, individual and general, that you extend to a discussion of the second-class city change, now impending, leads me to say a word more on the subject, more especially to dissent from a view which one hears generally expressed on all sides, and that is that in the hands of good men any system of government will work well. Now, it seems to me this is scarcely an accurate view. The Chinese lose four-fifths of their revenues by peculation and the United States thirteen cents on the thousand dollars, yet the Chinese business men are considered far and away more reliable than the American, and every Japanese bank has a Chinaman for cashier. The difference is in the system. Systems are tools, and the best of men can not carve a cameo with an axe. A system of city government organized to produce evil results will not produce good results in the best hands, and it will never have even the chance for

such trial, for it passes naturally into inscrupulous hands. This second-class city charter vioates the first principles of successful government. It divorces power and reponsibility. If there is one system that as been a total and disastrous failure through all history it has been the giving of legislative bodies any other

ower than that of legislating. Alcibiades' plan of accepting large bribes and giving small ones ruined Athens eventually. The continental congress was hopelessly incompetent in war and peace, because it added executive to legislative functions. moment the powers were divided by the constitution the country changed

as if from night to day. The carefully devised plan of the constitution to select the executive by a temporary body of delegates has been swept aside and practically ignored by he good sense of the people, who have insisted on personally selecting their executive. Can any one doubt that the nethod of electing senators, in spite of the weighty reasons in its favor, will, hrough legislative Incompetence, finally come to the direct vote of the peo-

ple, at least in the primaries? The second-class city reduces the mayor to a nonentity and places the choice of the executive powers to the councils, a legislative body fit only for law-making, and none too well equipped for that. Is it not a certainty that, as in Pittsburg, tales of malfeasance and corruption will follow, tales of duplicate school houses costing hundreds of thousands within a few yards of each other, of more than 300 young men in one ward put on the city pay-roll at one time to insure the carrying of the ward for the boss, of ring grip so tight that a ward goes 1,200 for McKinley and unanimously for a Democratic be met will be to decide what laws all that the people hold sured in public school | councilman, and the viciousness of the system is so perfect that no vote of the We heartily agree with the central heard of people can possibly change it for the better? The system is wrong; the

Mr. Duffy's letters show its results clearly in added taxation and inefficient administration, but they do not show the effect on the plain people in depriving them of the educational effect of a fair and effective vote and inculcating anarchy as the only efficient means of righting wrong. The rapid changes in business conditions are confronting our city with grave changes. The loss of our iron works, the extinction of the individual coal operators, the formation of through lines of traffic from county bowling league was reorgan- New York to Hong Kong, which leave ized for 1991. The meeting was attended by a great number of local that can only be met by intelligent, unselfish effort and by a municipal pride

shown. This city must be made the best edu-Commercials; Captain J. P. Hunter, cational and residence center in this part of the state. It should draw in for hundred mile radius all the accumufor these respective teams. lated wealth in the smaller towns that seek a comfortable living and educa-Last year's officers were re-clected, tional facilities, but to do this requires B. P. Connolly, of the Bicycle club, good city government. In my judgment this is possible with our present city charter; it is impossible with the tary and treasurer. B. P. Connolly, Pittsburg concern. The ills we have John P. Hunter, Peter Zeigler and we know, and we know how to cure, A law holding primaries and personal executive committee. The national registration at the same day and place will weed out the one-third tramps bums and translents that now pad our registry lists and pack our primaries, and we can get these things as a city of the third class; as a city of the sec-

ond class, never. A leading spirit of Pittsburg is reported as answering the query whether this winter would bring any improvement in legislation for that city by sayng that they contemplated no new legislation, they expected to be busy enough keeping those Lackawanna people from upsetting things. I am as-Backus-West End, Jan. 15; Scranton Bicycle cub, Feb. 1; Elks, Feb. 19; Commercial, we can get the limit of third-class we can get the limit of third-class cities raised, probably without opposition. If so, I feel that we should make the effort, for the share of the individual in municipal government is immeasurably greater under the third than under the second-class charter. and I am convinced that, as for us on the Buffalo division of the Delaware, | Scrantonians, "We desire to remain a

A. A. VOSBURG.

Solicitor of the City of Secanter.

Editor of The Tribune-Sir:-It is somewhat difficult to add anything of interest to the articles already communicated with respect to second class cities; but it seems to me that it is useless to discuss the wisdom of the legislature in fixing the population required for a city of that lass. For myself, I do not fear but that the city of Scranton will adjust herself to the new condition of things without serious difficulty, but even if would be better for us to retain present position among the cities of this commonwealth, I do not see

how we can do so. The governor could hardly be ex-pected to hold back his certificate long enough for the Legislature to make a new classification for cities, and it is not at all certain that an act

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of that kind would be passed; so we may as well make the best of the changed conditions, and conform to the new regulations which the law de-

clares shall supersede the old. A great deal has been said about the "second class system of city government," but I think the word system is not applicable in this connection. It can hardly be said that the acts of assembly relating to cities of the second class, provided any complete system of municipal government.

These acts are not entirely in harmony with respect to the organization of the new city government, and most of the complications will arise, in my opinion, on account of apparently conflicting provisions as to the reapportionment of councilmen, and the election of the new officers who do not have any existence in third class cities.

It is no longer a debatable question as to what officers shall be elected after the transition, as it has been expressly decided by the Supreme court that all officers whose terms have not expired, shall continue in office until the end of their respective terms. Adopting the language of the judge who delivered the opinion, to which I have just referred, the proper officers to which the city will be entitled, under the change in classification, are for those offices created by the law for cities of the second class and which did not exist in cities of the third class: in other words, those offices which are required to be filled for the first time in the city of Scranton, including the additional councitmen to which each ward will be entitled under the new apportionment. When this organization shall have een effected, the next difficulty to relating to third class cities are still

second class city legislation, This is no easy task, and it is highly essential that a digest be compiled. containing an abstract of all laws and ordinances in force after the transition is complete. As has been said, both Pittsburg and Allegheny City are governed to some extent by special legislation; while the city of Scranton now working under the provisions of general acts, viz.: Acts of 1874 and of 1889, almost entirely. All of the city ordinances will remain in force, except so far as they are inapplicable to the legislation relating to the second class city government, and such new ordinances will have to be passed as are required to meet the changed

in force, for the reason that they have

not been supplied by provisions of

The first ordinance necessary is one providing for the departments, etc., which we have as a second class city; and, of course, it will be necessary to adopt an appropriation ordinance for the next fiscal year to meet the new A few months will, no onditions. doubt, see us safely launched upon our new municipal bark, and every citizen of our city will hope for calm seas until we get accustomed to the

navigation of our novel craft. ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Benjamin Samter Held Up by Two Men Last Night.

Benjamin Samter, of the clothing firm of Samter Brothers, was held up last night at 11.30 o'clock by two men near his home in the 400 block on Madison avenue.

Mr. Samter was returning home and had almost reached his residence when two men planted themselves in his path and he found himself looking into the muzzles of two revolvers. The men commanded him to disgorge but he had is wits with him and yelled for help. This rather startled the two highwaymen and when they saw doors opening in some of the nearby houses they fled precipitously up the avenue.

LITTLE CHILD BURNED. Two-Year-Old Anna Smith, of North

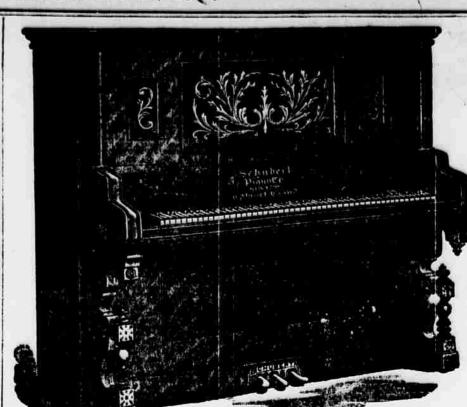
Scranton Badly Injured. Anna, the 2-year-old daughter of Constable Seth Smith, of Hill street, was seriously burned yesterday afternoon, and her condition last night was such that the result is regarded one of uncertainty by Dr. Donne, who is

attending her. The little girl was playing about the kitchen at the time with her sister and picking up a book, threw it into the stove hearth, where it caught fire. She attempted to pull it away, when the flames set her dress sleeve on fire and she was soon enveloped in flames.

The mother, aroused by the child's screams, hurried into the room and extinguished the flames, but not before the little one was badly burned about the arms and body.

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FESTIVAL OF HANUCCA.

Jewish Residents of City Now Commemorate the Deliverance from Syrian Tyranny.

The festival of Hanucca began Sat

urday evening and for eight days will be observed by the Jewish residents of the city, only the first and last days, however, being regarded as sacred. The festival commemorates the deiverance of the Hebrew race from the voke of Syrian conquerors, and marks the great and successful revolution intugurated and waged by Judah Maccabce, one of the greatest soldiers of Jewish history. This intrepld warrier, with his four brothers, formed the nucleus of the revolutionary movement and after several hard fought battles victory perched upon his banners and he honor of the nation had been savel and an independent government and undisputed right to worship God ac-

were won. One of the ancient and pleasing cusoms still carried on in connection with the general observance is the lighting of special candles in temples and homes. This is done in accordance with the story that when the triumpaant army marched into Jerusalem only one vial of unpolluted oil was discovered which could be burned in the holy temple. But this little flask when lighted continued to shed its light for

cording to the dictates of conscience

eight days. WORK OF STATE ASSOCIATION. Described by E. B. Buckalew, One

of the State Secretaries. The Railroad department and the city Y. M. C. A. united in the meeting Sunday afternoon at Guernsey hall. E. B. Buckalew, one of the state secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., presented an illustrated talk on the work of the

state association. About ninety pictures were shown by stereopticon, A. V. Bower being in charge of the lantern. Many features presented proved to be absolutely new to the audience and there was general surprise at the wide ramifications of

his splendid work. Colonel Henry M. Boies and C. H. Zehnder are the members of the state committee for Scranton and the pictures of the committeemen evoked generous applause when thrown upon the

Fennsylvania was the pion er in organized state work, forming the first state committee thirty years ago and later employing the first state secretary The work, which in the beginning was done by members of the commilitee themselves, has made such rapid progress as to require the services of a state secretary and four assistants, who are kept busy in a field which ought to occupy the time of eight. Of the 155 existing associations, 120 were organized by or with the assistance of the state committee.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Scranton's fire department has aults, no doubt, and many of Select Councilman Chittenden's charges may be true, but it's one of the most efficient fire departments in the country nevertheless, and never was this fact better demonstrated than yesterday morning, at just 3 o'clock, when an alarm was turned in from Box 12, at the Weston mill, on lower Lackawanna avenue.

Lieutenant Davis and Patrolman time when they observed an oil stove

Skates, 45c a Pair. FOOTE & FULLER CO flears Building.

burning in the market of M. Lynott, at 25 Lackawanna avenue. The stove had sprung aleak and the oil, as it escaped was blazing merrily. It was only a question of minutes before a

big fire would result. Patrolman Day dashed for the box and turned in an alarm. Even as he did so a large quantity of the oil overflowed onto the floor and the flames rose to the ceiling. The whole inside of the store seemed to instantly

"It'll have too much headway be

become afire.

fore the companies arrive," said a by-stander, "The building will go." "Wait and see," said Lieutenant Davis, and as he spoke the clanging bells could be heard and the Nay Augs and Phoenix companies could be seen coming down the avenue at territic speed. By actual count, it was just one minute and three-quarters from the time the alarms was sent in

until both these companies were en the scene. The door was smashed in and the chemical from two streams was turned on, and the flames extin-

guished. One and three-quarter minutes in the middle of the night is pretty near record breaking time for distance covered, let it be said, and it means a vast deal to the property owners of this city that we have a department capable of making it.

OFFICERS OF MACE LODGE.

At a meeting of H. A. Mace lodge No. 157, Brotherhood of Stailroad Trainmen, held in Masonic hall, Green Ridge, Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected

Master, H. M. Atherton; vice-master, L. H. Shipton; secretary, P. F. Pace; financier, J. S. Lee; Journal agent, John conductor, M. Gerrity; warden, Fred Fitsch; inner guard, J. S. Burns; outside guard, C. E. Singer; medical examiner, Dr. John B. Corser, G. M. Wallace was elected delegate to represent the lodge at the biennial convention, to be held in Milwaukee in

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