

REPORT OF THE CONTROLLERS

PRESENTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING OF BOARD.

Reading 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 Pittsburgh...

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...

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 Nos. 8 and No. 31 schools have their salaries raised \$5 a month...

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As to the respective laws and systems governing each city, Allegheny having fifteen wards and a board of six directors in each ward, they together constitute the central board, making a board of 90 members.

Pittsburgh has thirty-nine wards, having a board of six directors, a total of 234. Each sub-board elects one person to serve as a member of the central board...

A comparison with the city of Scranton school district will show the cost of conducting the schools of Allegheny, which has a population of 129,000, is much less. The average daily attendance in Scranton for year 1899-1900 was 11,051, as compared with Allegheny's 15,000. The cost of conducting the schools in each ward of Scranton was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Ward and Amount. Lists wards from First to Twenty-first and their respective costs.

Total receipts of Scranton \$200,000.00. State appropriation \$100,000.00. Following is a copy of the protest sent to the legislature by the legislative committee of the Allegheny board...

The board of school controllers of the city of Allegheny, at its meeting on April 19th, 1895, passed, by an unanimous vote, a protest against the passage of Senate Bill No. 103, and referred the matter to its legislative committee for further action.

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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 Pittsburgh Repeated Here—City Solicitor Vosburg Is of the Opinion That We Cannot Avoid the Change and Must Go Into the Second Class.

C. E. CHITTENDEN, Select Counselman of the Sixth 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 taxation 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 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 unscrupulous hands.

This second-class city charter violates the first principles of successful government. It divorces power and responsibility. If there is one system that has been a failure in this country, through all history it has been the giving of legislative bodies any other power than that of legislation.

Alibiades' 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. The 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 the good sense of the people, who have insisted on personally selecting their executive. Can any one doubt that the method of electing senators, in spite of the weighty reasons in its favor, will, through legislative incompetence, finally come to the direct vote of the people, at least in the primaries?

The second-class city reduces the mayor to a mere figurehead, the choice of the executive powers to the council, a legislative body fit only for law-making, and none too well equipped for that. Is it not a certainty that, as in Pittsburgh, tales of malfeasance and corruption will follow, yards of duplicate houses costing hundreds of thousands within a few yards of each other, more than 200 young men in one ward put on the city pay-roll at one time to insure the carrying of the ward for the boss, or ring grip so tight that a ward boss 1,200 for McKinley and unanimously for a Democratic councilman, and the viciousness of the system is so perfect that no vote of the people can possibly change it for the better?

The source of power is so hidden that the people can not find it to hold it responsible on election day. 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 their property, the formation of a fair and effective vote and inciting anarchy as the only efficient means of righting wrong. The rapid changes in business conditions are confronting our city with grave chances. The loss of our iron works, the extinction of the individual character of the city, the formation of thorough lines of traffic from New York to Hong Kong, which leave us aside—all these point to changes that can only be met by intelligent, unselfish effort and by a municipal pride and devotion that we have never yet shown.

AN UNUSUAL OFFER.

The following card is placed in the Reception and Consulting Rooms of the European Medical System at 400 Lackawanna avenue, over the Paris Store:

NOTICE. Any person receiving treatment at this office who is not satisfied with the benefits received can have the full amount of the fee paid refunded at any time within thirty days from commencing treatment, and no charge will be made for treatment or medicine furnished.

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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 declares 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 appropriate 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 reappointment 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 of the first and last days, 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 officers which are required to be filled for the first time in the city of Scranton, including the additional councilmen to which each ward will be entitled under the new apportionment.

When this organization shall have been effected, the next difficulty to be met will be to decide what laws relating to third class cities are still in force, for the reason that they have not been supplied by provisions of second class city legislation.



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FESTIVAL OF HANUCCA.

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

The festival of HanuCCA began Saturday 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 deliverance of the Hebrew race from the yoke of Syrian conquerors, and marks the great and successful revolution inaugurated and waged by Judah Maccabee, one of the greatest soldiers of Jewish history. This intrepid warrior, with his four brothers, formed the nucleus of the revolutionary movement and after several hard fought battles victory perched upon his banners and the honor of the nation had been saved and an independent government and undoubted right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience were won.

One of the ancient and pleasing customs 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 triumphant army marched into Jerusalem only one vat of unpoluted oil was discovered which could be burned in the holy temple. But this little flask when lighted continued to shed its light for 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 this special work.

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

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Scranton's fire department has faults, 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 has made such 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.

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burning in the market of M. Lynott, at 25 Lackawanna avenue. The stove had sprung a leak 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 become a fire.

"I'll have too much headway before the companies arrive," said a bystander. "The building will go."

"Wait and see," said Lieutenant Davis, and as he spoke the changing balls could be heard and the Navy Auger and Phoenix companies could be seen coming down the avenue at terrific speed. By actual count, it was just one minute and three-quarters from the time the alarms were sent in until both these companies were on the scene.

The door was smashed in and the chemical from two streams was turned on, and the flames extinguished.

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 Railroad Trainmen, held in Masonic hall, Green Ridge, Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected:

Master, H. M. Atherton; vice-master, L. H. Shipston; secretary, P. F. Pace; financial, J. S. Levy; journal agent, John Burns; conductor, M. Gerrity; warden, Fred Pitsch; inner guard, J. S. Burns; outer 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 1901.

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