DO NOT LOOK FOR TROUBLE

PRO-TRANSIT PEOPLE FIGURE OUT AN EASY TRANSITION.

Claim That There Will Be No Very Appreciable Disturbance of Municipal Affairs and Hardly Any Increase in Governmental Expenses. Director of Public Safety the Only Additional Officials of Any Importance—Taxes, They Say, Will Not Increase—City Is Now Second Class, It Is Held.

Those who favor Scranton's transition to the second class have done some figuring as to how the city will make the transit and how it will adjust itself to the new conditions.

According to their figuring the change will be accomplished without any great difficulty being experienced. Leaving out of consideration the matter of the time of expanding common council and electing new officers, which in all likelihood will call for an adjudication from court, no serious problem remains to be solved, they claim.

In the first place, it is held the change in the manner of conducting departmental work offers nothing in the way of difficulties that cannot be readily overcome. The department of charities can be created, formally, by the ordinance adopting the second class charter, but, as the city has no charities to be regulated, the office need not be filled, which omission obtains immediately by neglecting to appropriate anything for its maintenance. In time the Scranton-Dunmore poor district is dissolved, and Scranton comes into the management of charities, the appropriation can be made and the office filled. It is a surety that the present poor board will not be succeeded by a director of public charities for several months to come, if at all.

The department of public works, it is figured, can be organized without an additional dollar of expense. Make the city engineer the director of public works, elevate the senior assistant city engineer to the position of superintend of the bureau of engineering and surveys, change the title of the street commissioner to that of superintendent of the bureau of highways and sewers and the trick is done. Such bureaus as that of wharves and landings, public lighting and public water works and the like will hardly be necessities in Scranton for some time to come, it is safe to say.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

A director of the department of public safety is the only new official of any consequence needed, these aforementioned figurers contend. He will have to be given a salary of $2,000 or so, but this added expense, it is held, will be nearly, if not wholly, counter-balanced by the saving accomplished by grouping the police, fire, health, building inspection, plumbing inspection and food inspection under one head, as is directed by the second class city laws.

The chief of police can be continued as superintendent of the bureau of police, the chief of the fire department as superintendent of the bureau of fire and so on. The board of health, of course, goes out of existence, and is supplanted by a superintendent of the bureau of health, as administrator and councils as legislators, with an inspector or two to take the place of the sanitary officer, and a "bureau of health physician" to succeed to the office of "health officer," which latter succession, as in similar cases, can be accomplished by simply changing the title of the present official.

Five assessors are to be elected to take the place of the three now provided for, but these three will be continued in office until their terms expire. Two additional assessors can be elected when the new councils reorganize.

The office of collector of delinquent taxes is the only other to be filled. That offers no difficulties whatever. Councils select him and the present ward collectors are done away with. The mayor, controller, treasurer, solicitor continue in office.

As to the matter of taxes, it is contended that the same influences which hold the assessors from increasing the valuations will be at hand in a second-class city, and even though they should give a real instead of fictitious "value" to property, the levy would have to come down sufficiently to counterbalance the increase in valuation. The people, it is argued, would make such a howl against a raise in taxes on real estate that no set of officials would dare for a moment to attempt it.

CAN BE WINKED AT.

Then again, it is held that the second-class city laws are no more stringent in directing an actual valuation of property than are third-class city laws, and that this provision of the law can be winked at under a second-class charter as readily and securely as it is now. The classification of property will, it is admitted, cause some disturbance at first, but as it is discretionary with the assessors to list all properties in two classes as at present—city and farm—the chances are they will adopt this as a means of leaving property classified just as it is at present.

The law says there shall be three classes, but as "all built up districts" may be included in the first class, the assessors can, without stretching the law to the breaking point, include the whole city in that class, excepting, of course, the farm lands. This is, practically, the present system of classification.

To provide for what little additional expense a second-class government will entail, and to provide the additional revenue the city will stand in need of whatever class it may be in, the corporations holding valuable franchises should be taxed, it is argued, at a good round sum. Under a second-class charter a city's powers of taxing corporations is largely extended.

Finally, these pro-transit people argue, Scranton is already a city of the second class and no amount of legislation can constitutionally put it back into the third class. The law of 1895, relating to classification, says that "whenever it shall appear by any such census" that a city is entitled to an advance in classification it shall be the duty of the governor to certify the same to councils, etc. If a city whose population entitles it to an advance should have to wait for the advancement till the governor should see fit to make the prescribed certification, it would be equivalent to delegating to him the power of legislation, it is held, and such a delegation of power is illegal and never contemplated by the act. When the certificate comes, so it is claimed, it will be to the effect that Scranton has been entitled to a second-class charter since the day the census department announced its population.

ABOUT THE RECEIVERSHIP.

The Proceedings in Connection with the Loan Association.

The persons in this region interested in the Anglo-American Saving and Loan association are awaiting with interest the further proceedings before the United States court in New York with reference to the appointment of a receiver for that association.

Judge Lacombe, in his opinion handed down the other day in connection with the appointment of a temporary receiver, said if it becomes necessary he will appoint a permanent receiver and would then expect the state courts to discharge the two receivers they have appointed. The men in this city who are interested in the litigation say that when the proper time comes a permanent receiver will be appointed by Judge Lacombe. Ex-Postmaster General Thomas L. James is the president of the Anglo-American company.

The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette yesterday had the following about proceedings begun in that city:

On the petition for a receiver for the Anglo-American Savings and Loan association, a further argument was held in the United States court. After a partial hearing on motion to dismiss the case here, it was again postponed, pending a final order of Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court, for the southern district of New York, where a similar petition was made.

Judge Lacombe filed a short opinion, Saturday, declining for the present to appoint a receiver, as the supreme court of New York had already appointed one. The court at New York, said, however, that if on final hearing, it became necessary to appoint a receiver it would do so, in which case, the receiver appointed by the United States court would be paramount, as the circuit court had original jurisdiction.

ARGUMENTS HEARD IN RAILWAY CASE

Attorney General Hears Both Sides in the Movement to Annul Speedway Company's Charter.

The arguments in the quo warranto proceedings brought by the Scranton Railway company to annul the charter of the newly organized Conneli Park and Speedway Street Railway company were heard on Monday at Harrisburg by Attorney General Elkins.

The Scranton Railway company was represented by Major Everett Warren, of this city, and M. E. Olmstead, of Harrisburg, while the defendant company was represented by City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg, of this city, and Silas W. Petit, of Philadelphia.

The attorneys for the Scranton Railway company offered three separate and distinct arguments showing cause why the charter should be annulled. They contended that the Speedway company proposed to occupy streets included in the franchises previously granted to companies now merged into the Scranton Railway company.

They contended that under the act of 1889, under which the Speedway company was chartered, that no street railway company could be incorporated except to operate a road on the public streets. In direct violation of this act, they argued, the Speedway company intended to run its road over parts of the city which were not public streets.

Their third contention was that the franchise granted the Speedway company permitted it to run its tracks over the Roaring Brook bridge, a structure already occupied by the Scranton Railway company's tracks. They argued that under the law no other company had the right to a joint occupancy of a bridge, any more than it had to the joint occupancy of any other public highway.

The attorneys for the Speedway company in reply argued that all franchises lapsed and were forfeited if the companies receiving them fail to complete a road on the streets mentioned in them within the prescribed time, which was in this instance, two years. They also pointed out that the act of 1889 provides that the roads of all companies incorporated under it must be completed within two years to make their charter right on the streets valid.

Inasmuch as the Scranton Railway company has not yet occupied the streets over which the Speedway company proposes to construct a road, it was contended that its charter was invalid as far as those streets were concerned.

The question as to whether a street railway company can construct a road within a city but not upon its public streets was contended to be one which concerns the municipality alone and in which the commonwealth was not interested at all.

A bridge, it was argued belongs to the city in which it is situated, and cannot be considered a public highway in the sense intended by the act of 1889. This being true, the city has the right to authorize a dozen companies to run across such a structure if it so desires.

The attorney general took the papers in the case and will render an opinion later.

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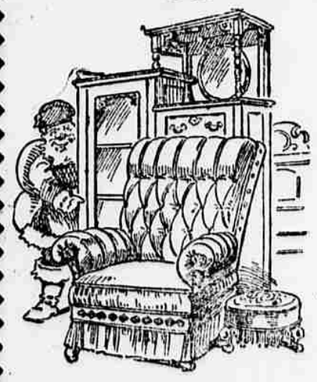

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