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CITY NOTES. ALDERMANIC MARRIAGE.—George Barnes and Alice Spencer were yesterday married by Alderman Kasoon.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.—George Jennings, of South Scranton, was yesterday committed to the county jail by Alderman Kasoon.

STRUCK BY COAL.—Anthony Alexigno, a laborer at the Elm Brook colliery, was taken to the Lackawanna hospital yesterday suffering from a severe cut in the arm where he was struck by a piece of flying coal.

PINGER CRUSHED.—Dennis Nealon, of 225 Luzerne street, had the top of one of his fingers crushed with a rail while at work yesterday in the South Steel mill.

DINNERS TO THE POOR.—Provision for the Christmas dinner to the poor, which are usually provided by St. Luke's, are to be sent to the parish house today, where a committee of the Women's guild will be in waiting to receive them.

SPRINGS OF HOLLY.—The Bethany Beach Improvement company, which is composed largely of Scrantonians, is distributing a unique souvenir of Christmas in the shape of sprigs of holly grown on their tract of land, which is known as Bethany Beach, and is on the shore of Delaware.

STRUCK BY CYCLIST.—George Miller, the colored barn boss of C. H. Schmidt, was struck by a bicyclist while crossing Washington avenue at New street last night.

FOR THE HOSPITAL.—Contributions to the Christmas dinner of the patients in Lackawanna hospital are again requested.

A FUNERAL SERMON.—Last Saturday the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes buried their oldest daughter, Miss Hughes had been a very useful member of the Adams Avenue chapel, New York street, of which Mr. Hughes is pastor.

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VIADUCT CASE BEING HEARD

TAKING OF TESTIMONY BEGUN YESTERDAY. The Main Question at Issue Is Whether or Not the Proposed Expenditure for Consequential Damages is a Debt That Can Be Contracted Without the Consent of the People.—The Plaintiff is Testing Matter with View of Securing Himself and Others.

Arguments on the bill of equity brought by Luther Keller to test the validity of the ordinance providing for the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct were heard yesterday before Judge John P. Kelly, in court room No. 2.

I. H. Burns and H. M. Streeter appeared for Mr. Keller. City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg, Major Everett Warren and J. S. Clarke, of Philadelphia, appeared in defense of the ordinance.

Col. P. L. Hitchcock and Charles E. Daniels appeared respectively for the Scranton and West side boards of trade.

The ordinance it attacked mainly on the ground that the contemplated expenditure is illegal in that it will increase the city's debt beyond the two per cent. limit, which, under the law, can only be done by a vote of the people.

The defense is that the proposed expenditure is not such a debt as the law contemplates in its limitation, and further that if it should be held to be a debt subject to said limitation, it would be saved from exceeding the limit by reason of the fact that the subtraction of \$250,000 debt, which was authorized by a vote of the people for the construction of the Raritan Brook and Linden street bridges, would leave a margin sufficient to include the proposed expenditure.

The attacking party holds that this subtraction cannot be made; that a debt created by vote of the people is to be regarded in the same light as one created by council, when this matter of limitation is considered.

The city does not make any actual expenditure, the defense contends, "The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company and the Scranton Railway company pay the entire cost of the viaduct. The city only assumes the resultant damages, and unliquidated damages are not held by the law to be debt."

Mr. Clarke was heard specially on this latter contention. He went exclusively into the definition of debt and indebtedness, the words used in Sec. 8, Art. 9, of the constitution in which the limitation in question is presented.

Among other proofs advanced in support of his argument were excerpts from the standard authorities to the effect that "debt must be for a definite amount due by certain and express agreement."

"debt is properly evoked to unliquidated damages, and the Scranton Assistant City Clerk Evan Morris and City Engineer Joseph P. Phillips were on the stand in the morning, presenting the ordinance and the blue print attached, and in the afternoon Mr. Phillips was examined at length by Mr. Burns and Streeter.

Mr. Keller was on the stand in the morning, explaining how the erection of the viaduct would damage his property. In the course of his examination he made the statement that if the city would give him security for the expected damages the suit would be withdrawn.

The hearing will be continued today.

Swartz Makes Accusations. Lafayette M. Swartz began proceedings yesterday to secure a divorce from his wife, the defendant, Hattie McCracken Swartz.

He says that on Nov. 24, 1900, and Nov. 27, 1900, at 177 Grove street, Dunmore, she had relations with Edward Richards.

They were married June 27, 1892, and lived together until the first of the present month.

Marriage Licenses. John Peterinski, Long Pond; Paula Kucharski, 1260 Railroad avenue; George Barnes, Sherman avenue; Alice Spencer, 118 South Hill street.

OBITUARY. Miss Hattie McCracken, aged 21 years, died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 149 South Hyde Park avenue, after a ten weeks' illness. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McCracken and a sister of Mrs. John F. Beach, of Scranton.

Henry Volt, of 526 Lee court, died last night at his home of heart failure. Deceased was a clerk in the Scranton House and was well known in the city.

Edward Griffin, aged 80 years, died yesterday at the family home, 470 Mary street. He was one of the oldest residents of North Scranton and is survived by a wife and the following children: Andrew, Edwin, Charles, Elizabeth, Mrs. B. E. Miller. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence.

Mr. Yaeki, of Beach street, died Thursday afternoon after a lingering illness. He was 47 years of age and is survived by one daughter. The remains will be laid to rest today in Minooka cemetery.

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J. C. HIGHFIELD'S FUNERAL

Services Were Held at the Late Home of Deceased. On Wednesday occurred the funeral of John C. Highfield, Jr., of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western brakeman, who met such a distressing death at Factoryville, Monday, by falling from the roof of a car of the train on which he was working.

The pall-bearers were Alfred Rosenkrantz, David Bessemer, John Reinhart, Howard Duryea, Martin McAdams and Guy Smith. Interment was made in Dunmore cemetery.

MME. HERRMAN'S ADMIRER

The Mistress of Magic Has a Strange Experience in a Western City. Stories almost without number have been printed regarding the experience of actresses with individuals of uneven intellect who become smitten with the charms of the fair ones that are usually heightened by the rays of the California light, and often prove to be annoying with persistent unthought attention.

DIVIDING CITY INTO DISTRICTS

Measure That Has Been Introduced in Councils by Select Councilman Clemons—Its Purpose. "An ordinance providing for the division of the city into districts for the appropriating of funds for street repairs and imposing extra duties upon the street commissioner."

How familiar these words are to the members of the city councils. They form the title to an ordinance which is introduced nearly every year with persistent regularity and which is annually killed or allowed to die a peaceful death.

Select Councilman Clemons introduced the measure on Thursday night. It differs very slightly from one introduced last year by Councilman Chittenden. It provides for the creation of our districts, as follows:

First district—Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth wards.

Second district—Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Fourthteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth wards.

Third district—First, Second, Third and Twenty-first wards.

Fourth district—Eighth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards.

The ordinance provides that all money for street repairs shall be appropriated, not by wards, as at present, but by districts, and shall be expended under the direction of the street commissioner.

The purpose of the ordinance is, of course, to do away with the evils of the present system of permitting the councilmen to expend the appropriations for street repairs.

Under the second class city law the system of ward appropriations is done away with and the money for the improvement of the public highways is expended under the supervision of the chief of the bureau of streets and highways, an official corresponding to the street commissioner of a third class city.

TO ENFORCE VACCINATION

Certificates Must Be Filled Out Before Jan. 15. The secretary of the board of health is having prepared several thousand blank vaccination certificates, which will be sent to the principals of the various public schools and distributed by them to each and every school child.

These certificates must be signed by a competent physician, and must be returned to the school before January 15th. The physician must certify that the child to whom he gives the certificate has either been vaccinated or has suffered from smallpox.

Any child not presenting such a certificate before January 15 will be denied admittance to the public schools until he or she can present one.

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What Shall We Buy?

Toilet sets seem to be among the popular purchases of the present. The time was when a toilet set was used in the same room as long as there was a piece left. Now it is changed as often as the curtains or the bureau arrangements for toilet sets are purchased to match the pretty china sets so much in fashion.

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