SOCIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton gave a beautiful dance for the younger set last night. The guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Downey, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jermyn, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jessup, jr., Mr and Mrs. George Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. George Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warren, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Belin, Mr. and Mrs. George Riel.

Miss Bennell, Miss Boles, Miss Belin, Miss Archbald, Miss Alta Archbald, Miss Coursen, Miss Dimmick, Miss Bissell, Miss Gilmore, Miss Jermyn, Miss Hunt, Miss Galpin, Miss Matthews, Miss Louise Matthews, Miss Merrill, Miss Mott, Miss Manness, Miss McLeod, Miss Kingsbury, Miss Sanderson, Miss Marion Sanderson, Miss Prague, Miss Parke, Miss Clare Reynolds, Miss Eleanor Reynolds, Miss Jessup, Miss J. Dickson, Miss Anna Hand, Miss Hand, Miss Dale, Miss Fletcher, Miss Laverty, Miss Steele, Miss Lila Steele, Miss Eleanor Moffat, Miss Marjorie Warren, Miss Mary Dickson, Miss Jean Dimmick, Miss E. Blair, Miss Waterman, Miss E. Waterman.

F. C. Fuller, T. S. Fuller, G. W. S. Fuller, M. Fuller, A. G. Hunt, A. E. Hunt, jr., H. D. Merrill, James Blair, J. H. Brooks, S. H. Kingsbury, Russell Dimmick, Reynolds Bedford, Douglas Moffat, David Bires, Paul Welles, E. S. Moffat, George Slade, S. S. Reynolds, William Lewis, Dickson Torrey, C. Post, John Harris, F. H. Kingsbury, Charles Doud, C. R. Sanderson, James Oakford, Norman Parke, J. B. Neale, S. B. Thorne, J. L. Kemmerer, E. E. Loomis, C. A. Belin, May Bessell, Clarence Gilmore, R. W. Archbald, jr., Hugh Archbald, C. H. Welles, jr., W. J. Torrey, Dr. Claude Walker, R. W. Frey, Frank Linen, H. A. Watres.

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Last night's subscription dance at the Bicycle club was an event most thoroughly enjoyed by a large company of young people. The ladies who received were: Mrs. James L. Connell, Mrs. Charles Schlager, Mrs. Theo. Wolf and Mrs. John Simpson.

The committee consisted of Isaac Haslam, E. H. Ripple, jr., George H. Russ, Ford Pratt, Truman A. Surdam and Clarence Gilmore. Lawrence furnished the music. Among the guests were:

Miss Scudder, of Trenton, N. J.; Miss Lloyd, of Butte, Montana; Miss Hamilton, of New York city; Miss Osborn, of Staten Island; Miss Geist, of Denver; Charles Craig, of Philadelphia; Albert Ruth and Russell Jones, of Carbondale; Walter Wood, of Honesdale; D. Langford, of West Pittston. Present from the city were the following:

The Misses Bertha Powell, Mabel Schlager, Amy Northup, Grace Sanderson, Bess Sanderson, May Albro, Lou Albro, Clara Simpson, Bessie Porter, Jessie Dimmick, Jessie Mercereau, Grace Birdsall, Mayme Spencer, Jessie Ripple, Carrie Hutchings, Helen L. Stevens, Louise Schlager, Miss Scudder, Mary Gearhart, Miss Gregory, Gertrude Zurflieh, Clara Van Cleft, Blanche Hull, Miss Morse, Anna Strickland.

Messrs. Ezra Ripple, jr., Tom Hall, Ford Pratt, Ralph Williams, Harry Northrup, Russell Jones, Albert Rutherford, Albert Crane, Borson Bevans, Emmet Tolles, H. Hulburt, E. Blair, Isaac Haslam, M. Shepherd, Dudley Atherton, R. Megargel, R. Fuller, Edward Waite, John Blair, M. R. Rymer, Harry Jones, J. R. Atherton, Thomas Atherton, Frank Peck, Clark Guild, E. Bevan Decker, W. E. Gunster, W. Torrey, H. Atherton, Frank H. Linen, Charles Powell, Edward Hulburt, Clarence Gilmore, Howard Fuller, George Russ, jr., W. W. Pierson, Ralph Gregory, Charles King, M. Fuller, Dr. Corser, H. Plumley, Ross Surdam.

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Miss Rose Riehl gave a twentieth century party last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Richard, on Wheeler avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Hallet, of Waverly, N. Y. The ebbing hours of the old year were passed very pleasantly by the company assembled in dancing and enjoying vocal and instrumental music, and refreshments were served. The guests were: Miss Elterich, Miss Pierce and Mr. Rechtold, of Pittston; Miss Snyder, of Bloomsburg; Mr. Shepherd, of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. Ball and Mr. Bruner, of Williamsport, and Misses Schimpff, Black, Sloat, Palmer, Kaufman, Corbett, Drew, Ackerly, McGuire, Shopland, Reinhart; Messrs. Evans, Jennings, Shopland, Karcher, Alexander, Halloway, Satterfield, Frantz, Long, Webb, Reinhart, Hank.

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President T. H. Watkins, of the Country club, will open his handsome home, on Monroe avenue, from 4 to 6, to the members of the Country club and their friends today. The entertainment and house committee will give the tea as was announced, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins giving up their home for the occasion to be used instead of the club. No invitations are sent out, these notices being deemed sufficient for the purpose.

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"The Cooking Club," a bright coterie of little women who have spent a considerable portion of time during the past two seasons in preparing toothsome dishes, gave a pretty dance last night at the Country club. The young hostesses were: Miss Marjorie Platt, Miss Gladys Watkins, Miss Dorothy Warren, Miss Elizabeth Dickson, Miss Emeline Tracey, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Laura Reynolds, Miss Janet Storrs.

Among the guests were: Misses Margaretta Belin, Ruth Archbald, Gertrude Coursen, Ruth Hand, Margaret Hess, Ethel Woolworth, Florence Peck, Adeline Hand, Helen Connell, Frances Jermyn, Louise Twitchell, Florence Porter.

Masters Joseph Hand, Harold Connell, Gordon and Essen Taylor, Edgar Coursen, Nat Robertson, Arthur Matthews, William Matthews, Richmond Tracey, Warner Hayes, Law Watkins, Kenneth Welles, James Linen, Curtis Platt, Sam Barker, D'Andelot Belin. Bauer furnished music.

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Harold Watres gave a Princeton dinner last night at his home on Quincy avenue. The guests were: Miss Boles, Miss Copeland, Miss Augusta Archbald, Miss Gertrude Sprague, Miss McLeod, Miss Linen, Miss Amanda Jessup, Messrs. Clarence D. Kerr, of Englewood, N. J.; Frank Linen, Hallstead Little, Morristown, N. J.; Arthur Hull, Lawrence Watres.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. de Orville Blackinton have been entertaining a house party composed of Miss Bonnie, of New York; Miss Edith Torrey, Honesdale; Miss Anna Laverty, of this city; Messrs. Dickson, Torrey and Hoe, of New York; Moffat, of Scranton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belin, jr., entertained at dinner Saturday evening, when the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Klotz, Miss Hunt, Miss Linberg, Mr. George Klotz, Messrs. Conner, of Washington, and Watres, of New Haven, Conn.

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Miss Jeanne Dimmick gave a charming luncheon yesterday at her home on North Washington avenue in honor of Farmington visitors. The guests were: Miss Sturges, Miss Brooks, of Philadelphia; Miss Brainard, of Hartford, Conn.; Miss Eleanor Moffat, Miss Elizabeth Blair, Miss Marjorie Warren, Miss Edith Waterman, Miss St. John, Miss Mary Dickson, Miss Gertrude Coursen, Miss Margaretta Belin, Miss Helen Boles, Miss Ruth Archbald, Miss Marion Sanderson.

PERSONAL.

Miss Grace Berlew, of West Pittston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bingham, of Dunmore.

Controller's Clerk John Howell is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. D. Van Maur, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Mr. Edward Langley, accompanied by his mother, has returned from an extended tour through Central Europe.

Floyd Pierson, of Morristown, N. J., is a guest of his sister, Mrs. A. E. Berry, of North Washington avenue.

Joseph Ober, the former tinsmith, is lying critically ill at the Lackawanna hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Moses announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha, to Mr. Isadore Friedlander, of Hazleton, Pa.

PRAISE AND PRAYER MEETING.

It Will Be Held in First Presbyterian Church This Morning.

The praise and prayer meeting in the First Presbyterian church this morning, from 9 to 10 o'clock, ought to be largely attended.

One hour, thus spent, on the first morning of the New Century ought to bring good cheer.

THERE WAS NOISE GALORE.

New Century Ushered in with a Gerat Volume of Sound.

That most wonderful of all the centuries since time began, the Nineteenth, with its record of unsurpassed developement in every line of human activity, was ushered out at midnight and the new Twentieth Century, with its glorious promises was ushered in with the usual accompaniment of noise.

It would seem that the records of previous years in this respect were surpassed. The racket began at exactly 11.50 and from that time until 12.15 there was an ear-splitting chorus of steam whistles, church bells, locomotive bells, giant fire crackers and other things.

The crowd on the streets was larger than usual and many of the more enthusiastic young men discharged revolvers and firecrackers and gave excellent imitations of Comanche Indians when 12 o'clock came in apace.

PRINTERS' ANNUAL BALL.

Enjoyable Event in Music Hall Last Night.

The fourteenth annual ball of the Scranton Typographical union, No. 112, was conducted at Music hall last evening. The affair was largely attended. There were twenty-six dances on the programme, including waltzes, two-steps, lanciers and fivesteps. The grand march was led by Harry Rempe and lady.

John J. Donnelly was master of ceremonies. The committee on arrangements were: John M. Collins, chairman; William G. Nelmes, P. N. Hahn, William Holtham, Frank Gold, Antonio Malia, A. J. Langan, F. J. Connery and J. J. Morgan and Thomas Rafter. A. J. Langan was prompter. Music was furnished by Hayes Bros'. orchestra.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS.

Were Received by the Home for the Friendless.

The following Christmas donations were received by the Home for the Friendless:

Mrs. John Jermyn	$100
Mrs. J. A. Wisner, Brooklyn, N. Y.	100
Martin Maloney, Philadelphia	25
Mrs. W. T. Smith	5
H. A. F.	5
Mrs. Louis Lohmann	5
Mrs. Goodhand Clark	5
Total	$245

CAR TRAFFIC OPENED UP

ALL THE LINES WERE IN OPERATION YESTERDAY.

Company Was at Work Early in the Morning with a Big Gang of Laborers Clearing Obstructions from the Track and Before the Day Was Over Had a Fairly Good Service Re-Established—Some Apprehension of More Trouble Over the Discharge of Dispatcher Powell.

Scranton was a decidedly changed city yesterday, in the appearance of its business thoroughfares. The crowds that grouped about the trolley company's offices and the headquarters of the striking car men, were wanting, as were also the large number of wagons, carriages and buses which for eight days had been doing duty in place of the electric cars. In their place came a stream of shoppers from all the suburbs and adjacent towns and the old-time procession of trolley cars to and fro on the central city streets and avenues.

The advertisements inserted in The Tribune for laborers to help the trolley company's track men clear up the road brought a small army of men to the company's offices bright and early in the morning, and under the direction of Superintendent Patterson they set about the task of clearing away the obstructions piled up by the strikers' sympathizers, and shoveling off the mud that buried the rails for miles in various parts of the county. The thaw helped this latter work considerably.

Before noontime the city lines were supplied with a fairly regular service, and before the day was over all the lines were in operation.

There was an unusually heavy traffic and business men report a big day. The suburban storekeepers are about the only ones who have any cause to regret the ending of the strike.

Today, cars will be run regularly on all lines. The new schedule, permitting of a ten-hour day, will be placed in operation as soon as practicable. It is figured that it will take about six weeks to effect the readjustment.

COST TO THE COMPANY.

What it will cost the company to meet the new expenditures required by the ten-hour day and the increased rate per hour is a matter of minute and intricate figuring, owing to the sliding scale. An approximate idea can be gained, however, when it is stated that half a hundred men will be required to effect the reduction of the working day from twelve to ten hours, and that the average increase for the different classes of men is about two cents an hour.

What the strike cost is also difficult to arrive at in anything approaching definite figures. Be it said, though, that the loss was all on the company's side, for the men received contributions enough to pay all the expenses of their fight and provide the nucleus of a new treasury fund. Their loss in wages will soon be made up by the increase.

On the company's side the heaviest loss was, of course, in the matter of fares. These foot up a total of about $1,300 a day. In eight days this loss would represent $10,400. But, in addition to this, the company was put to a very heavy expense in the effort to run its cars. The fees to detective agencies, the fares and keeping of the imported men, the repair of damaged cars and the reopening of the roads, all combined, will not fall far short of another $5,000. Add all this to what business men lost by reason of the falling off of traffic and the conclusion will be reached that strikes, if a necessity, are also a luxury.

IMPORTS SENT HOME.

The first of the post-bellum activities was the exporting of the importations, who had escaped the vigilance or persuasiveness of the strikers. There were nearly 100 of them all told. Sixty of them were sent away on the 5.50 a. m. Lackawanna train for New York. Most of the others left singly or in small groups on later trains, a few remaining over for one reason or another. Those who had charge of exporting them say they were glad to get away. What had them scared as much as anything was the story that they would have to submit to vaccination, and already they had sent to New York for a certain kind of salve which, it is claimed, will remove the virus if quickly applied and prevent ulceration. The thought of getting into a mix-up, with one arm disabled, was to them far from a pleasant contemplation.

Benjamin J. Wycoit yesterday began suit before Alderman Millar against the Scranton Railway company, for wage claims. Wycoit is one of the men brought in by the company last week, and claims that the company has not fulfilled its agreement.

The assault and battery cases growing out of the strike were all amicably settled yesterday morning.

Much feeling was caused among the employes yesterday when it was learned that Despatcher Charles Powell had been discharged, and there was strong talk of taking extreme measures to protest against it.

POWELL REFUSED.

Mr. Powell refused to join with the other despatchers in helping to run cars during the strike. He was willing to continue at his own work, but would not take the place of a striker. General Manager Silliman told him to go home until the strike was over. Yesterday when he put in an appearance at the office he found his discharge awaiting him.

General Manager Silliman told him it was because the company could no longer place confidence in him, Mr. Powell says. When a Tribune reporter interviewed Mr. Silliman about it, he said he did not care to make any statement. It was a matter between the company and one of its officials, he said, and one of the things which do not call for public discussion.

The car men took it for granted that Mr. Powell's discharge was due to his refusal to work with the imported men, and some of them were disposed to show their sympathy for him by demanding his reinstatement. The fact that the assurances given the strikers' conference committee that no man would be discriminated against because of his connection with the strike, had much to do with the kindling of this spirit.

The executive committee of the car men's union was in session yesterday afternoon, to straighten out the affairs of the strike and when its business was concluded it took up the Powell case. The majority of the members opposed anything savoring of coercion, arguing that it was against the expressed wishes of Mr. Powell to do anything that would cause further bother, and that strictly observing the scope of the organization, the union, as a union, would not be warranted in actively interfering in a matter between the company and one of its officials. No definite action was taken further than to agree that if the union could in any warranted way secure the reinstatement of Mr. Powell, no efforts would be spared to follow that way to a successful end.

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

Some further bother was caused by an unfounded report that barn men were being discharged by the wholesale. Investigation proved that not a single man had been discharged, but on the contrary, that Master Mechanic Mullen had discommoded himself in no small degree to arrange easy hours or a full holiday for every man who wanted to get off today. This action, in the face of the fact that the work in the barn is way behind, was much appreciated by the men who were favored.

Last night the officers of the Car Men's union gave a banquet to R. L. Reeves, of Pittsburg, a member of the national executive committee of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway employes of America, who was sent on here to direct the affairs of the strike. The affair took place in the dining room of the Grand Central hotel, and was attended by Acting President Patrick J. Shea, Secretary Fred Surine, Committeemen George Keglar, Michael J. Barrett, Patrick J. Tigue, Patrick J. Messett, W. E. Evans, President M. D. Flaherty, of the Central Labor union; J. F. Hammes, of the Stone Cutters' union; President Thomas D. Nicholls, Secretary John T. Dempsey and Organizer Robert N. Courtright, of the United Mine Workers; Mayor James Moir, Henry J. Collins, P. H. Durkin and P. W. Tolan. A gold watch chain and charm was presented to Mr. Reeves by Acting President Shea, on behalf of the street car men.

SECOND CLASS CITY CONFERENCE ON JAN. 8

On That Date Committees from Scranton, Pittsburg and Allegheny Boards of Trade Will Confer.

The conference between committees from the boards of trade of the cities of Scranton, Allegheny and Pittsburg, relative to changes in the existing general laws governing cities of the second class, is to be held in Pittsburg on Tuesday, January 8. Messrs. D. B. Atherton and James H. Torrey, who comprise the committee from the local board of trade, will leave for the "Smoky City" next Monday.

Mr. Torrey, when seen by a Tribune man yesterday afternoon and asked to explain just what he thought would be done at the conference, said:

"We will, I presume, first interchange ideas on the advisability of amending the present second-class city laws and then map out some plan of action, which will, of course, embrace the preparation of such amendments as may be deemed necessary and the furtherance of their passage through the legislature.

"Whatever changes are planned, the suggestion for them must come, of course, from Pittsburg and Allegheny. It would be presumption on the part of Mr. Atherton and myself to go down there with any amendments and submit them for the consideration of the representatives of the other two cities, who, of course, know from practical experience more about the operation of the second-class city laws than we do. That would be simply a case of the tail trying to wag the dog.

"I think, however, that the better element in these two cities is opposed, as are the majority of the leading citizens of this city, to that feature of the second-class city law which permits the councils to elect the heads of the three great departments instead of the people, and that an amendment giving this power to the people could be agreed upon."

Mr. Torrey does not believe that the proposed plan of creating four classes of cities, with Philadelphia in the first class, Pittsburg in the second class, Allegheny and Scranton in the third class, and all the other cities of the state in the fourth class, could be ever carried into effect.

"The Supreme court," said he, "would, I am sure, declare such a classification act unconstitutional. The members of that tribunal allowed the present classification act, but they have intimated that they would never recognize more than three classes of cities."

MUST STEP DOWN AND OUT

ULTIMATUM TO MESSRS. REESE, THOMAS AND MORRIS.

If They Attend Next Friday's Meeting of the Board of Revision and Appeals They Will Be Arrested at the Instance of the Municipal League—That Is the Statement Made Yesterday by E. B. Sturges. More Councilmanic Arrests Are to Be Made.

E. B. Sturges, of the Municipal League, stated to a Tribune man yester day afternoon that ex-Councilmen Simon Thomas, David H. Reese and Morris V. Morris, would have to resign immediately as members of the board of revision of taxes and appeals, or else be arrested again.

These three ex-councilmen were arrested last spring at the instance of the Municipal League, charged with bribery, and were indicted by the grand jury. A month ago they signed an agreement with the Municipal League to resign their seats in councils and not to hold public office for five years, if the prosecution would withdraw the cases.

They resigned their seats in councils, but are still acting as members of the board of revision and appeals. The question as to whether or not they would be compelled to resign from that body has been the subject of a deal of public discussion and to settle the question decisively, a Tribune man waited upon Mr. Sturges yesterday and asked him what the course to be pursued by the Municipal League would be.

THEY MUST RESIGN.

"You can say," said he, "that Messrs. Thomas, Reese and Morris must resign their positions as members of the board of revision and appeal this week, or be arrested. I will even go further. Their meeting days are on Monday and Friday, I understand. If they attend next Friday afternoon's meeting, they will be immediately arrested on the same charges as before and no chance will be given them for a compromise. This is not to be taken as a threat.

"In taking this position the members of the Municipal League are not actuated by any vindictive spirit or by any desire to be hard on these men. We are merely doing what we consider to be our duty under the agreement which was signed. The spirit of that agreement was that the councilmen signing it were not to hold an office of any kind for the term of five years.

"To my mind, a place on the board of revision and appeals is far more important than the office of councilman. The members of that board have a great deal of power placed in their hands and it is essential that they be men of the strictest integrity. It is true that the terms of the members of the present board expire in May, but before that time they will have heard the majority of the appeals on the triennial assessment, which is now being made.

"Admitting, as I think it will be generally admitted, that the position of members of the board of revision and appeals is of far greater importance than the position of councilman, would it look reasonable or just on the part of the Municipal League to permit these men to continue on that board when they have signed an agreement to the effect that they would not hold any public position for five years?

"I understand that these men have been trying to arrange a conference with me for the purpose of suggesting that the league be not too hard upon them. Such an effort would be useless. Our minds are made up, and they will have to resign."

MORE ARRESTS COMING.

When asked if any more councilmanic arrests were due, Mr. Sturges said:

"Just as soon as the holidays are over there are going to be more councilmen arrested, you can depend upon that. We've made a pretty good start, but we're not finished yet, by any means."

The reporter suggested that Mr. Sturges' views on the results of the recent special councilmanic elections would be interesting, and he replied, rather guardedly:

"Well, the men who were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of the councilmen, may not be, with one or two exceptions, any better class of men than those who resigned, but they'll be honest for several years. I'm sure that there will be no more bribes accepted for a long time."

Messrs. Thomas, Morris and Reese were present at yesterday's meeting of the board of revision and appeals, but whether or not they will be present next Friday is an open question. It is generally understood, however, that they maintain that under the agreement which they signed they pledged themselves not to "seek or accept" public office and that they should not be expected to resign.

ORE FELL ON HIM.

While investigating some ore that had frozen on the top of a schute at the blast furnace yesterday, a piece of the ore broke off and fell on Richard Handera, of 618 Mill street.

He was squeezed about the abdomen and may be internally injured. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital.

O. & W. 1,000-Mile Ticket Awarded.

The New York, Ontario and Western Railway company, advertised, on account of their annual fall excursion to New York, to give free of charge to the person guessing nearest the outcome of the presidential election, a thousand-mile ticket over their line. The ticket has been awarded to Mr. James Nutt, of Hancock, N. Y., whose guess was 292 electoral votes for President McKinley and 155 for Mr. Bryan. Out of 700 ballots cast, Mr. Nutt's was the only correct one, although there were many close guesses. **