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SCRANTON, JANUARY 8, 1901.

The prompt action of the select council the other night in adopting a resolution introduced by Mr. Vaughan, directing the Electric Light company...

Basis of a City Charter.

IT IS NOT always possible in this world of uncertainties and trouble to get what you want; but if it were, how would a charter built on the following lines do for Scranton?

An elective mayor, treasurer and controller, the mayor to have veto power save when overridden by a two-thirds majority in council; to appoint and be responsible for every executive officer in connection with the city government; and to be eligible to re-election.

A single council of twenty-eight members, one for each ward and seven elective at large, no ward to have more than two members.

A city solicitor elective by popular vote for a term of five years.

One collector of all current taxes and one collector of delinquent taxes.

Police magistrates to the number of one for every 25,000 or major fraction of population, to be appointed by the president judge for ten year periods, to have jurisdiction over the great mass of trivial litigation now thrown into court and to serve on a fixed salary.

Council empowered to collect from holders of municipal franchises a special tax not exceeding five mills on the dollar of their gross receipts or business.

Property divided into three classes; city, suburban and rural, the first paying full rate, the second two-thirds of the full rate and the third one-half of the full rate, provided that a majority of the third class shall, after ten years, advance to the second class.

Board of city assessors to be composed of five men, salaried at \$2,500 for chief assessor and \$1,500 for four assistant assessors; no ward assessor; complete re-assessment compulsory triennially, and power given assessors to revise the assessment in whole or in part at any time.

At least 35 per cent. of gross revenues of the city to be expended for permanent improvements.

Both trunk and lateral sewers to be built at the expense of the city from a fund created by a special sewer tax on all property not connected with a sewer.

The announcement that an American syndicate is to provide a summer steamer service on the Thames, coupled with the fact that another American company has already secured concessions for a trolley service in London, has given the British press a chill.

It wants steps to be taken to checkmate this growing Yankee invasion. The only remedy is to underbid it and that is what the Britishers are apparently unable to do.

The Scranton Railway Company.

AS WILL BE seen in an advertisement printed in another place, the Scranton Railway company gives notice of the discontinuance of all free transportation and transfers to connecting lines. These changes are said to have been necessitated by the recent advance in wages granted to motormen and conductors; and it is asserted to be a fact that the employees of the road will be regulars whatever benefit may result to the company from the change.

To the abolition of free tickets there cannot be serious objection. The word "free" in such a connection is a misnomer, inasmuch as no public service corporation is operated on philanthropic lines, but expects to get something in return for everything it gives. Free tickets to newspapers mean reciprocity in advertising. The substitution of cash payments will be regarded as preferable by every publisher. Free tickets to councilmen and persons influential in local politics mean reciprocity in legislation or in political influence and this generally is at the public's expense, so that its suspension will be a gain for public morals. Free tickets for policemen and other public servants mean a cheap way of recognizing the heavy indebtedness of the company to the municipality; and for many favors it has enjoyed, and a better way would be to impose equitable taxation and out of this revenue to allow enough to every city official to enable him to pay his way.

But the abolition of transfers is a more serious matter. Not only does it invite cancellation of numerous franchises granted upon express condition that transfers would be allowed, but it also opens the whole broad question of the moral obligations of the street railway company to the community in which it operates by virtue of public acquiescence as represented in ordinance enactments. For years there has been marked popular patience with the wretchedly poor equipment and service of this company under the belief that time would work out substantial betterment. The absurd conditions represented in its proposterous over-capitalization were recognized by many as only in part blamable upon the present proprietary interests, being more largely due to past public apathy with respect to councils.

Yet the stoppage of transfers and the evident intent to enforce the doubling of cash receipts under cover of a small advance to employees amounting all told to probably less per year than one-fifth of the sum rumored to have been consolidated up by the Clarks in their first consolidation enterprise in this city, to say nothing of subsequent stock expansions, is calculated to bring the long-suffering patience of the people to an abrupt halt and to enforce by imperious public demand a complete and final understanding with this alien institution which has assumed monopoly and mastery of the public conveniences of 200,000 people.

There are several practical ways to establish the people's rights in these premises. One is to levy just taxation upon the street railway company. An ordinance taxing gross receipts was recently strangled in council, by methods now under investigation. This should be revived and passed as originally proposed. A 5 per cent. tax on gross receipts would net the city, at the present rate of business, approximately \$25,000 a year and no man familiar with the valuation placed by the company upon the privileges it has received will contend that this tax would be unfair. Allowing \$1,000,000 of capitalization as fairly representing and covering everything of tangible value connected with the concern in the way of cars, tracks, power houses and other equipment, it would take 25 years for the community to get back through a \$25,000 annual tax the equivalent of the company's valuation upon what the community has given it.

There are other ways immediately at hand. Paving conditions should be more carefully scrutinized. The police power to prevent overcrowding and enforce a better sanitary condition of cars should be exercised. The whole subject of franchise conditions and limitations should be subjected to review by legal experts with the object in view of seeing whether the railway company is fulfilling all its contract conditions. And most important of all, public opinion should put pressure to bear upon the mayor and councils to insure the rigid and scrupulous safeguarding of every public right. As for the future, let posterity profit by Scranton's present sad example.

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The second inauguration of President McKinley will not be graced by the presence of the Blaine club, of Cincinnati. The Blaine organization of Ohio had chartered two trains for the occasion, with numerous accessories, but the committee failed to secure appropriate quarters for the members at the national capital. The patriots of the Blaine club do not propose to sleep in barns and skating rinks or dine at frankfort sausage lunch wagons, hence their change of mind.

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THE WORLD'S GROWING INTEREST IN THE EXPANDED UNITED STATES.

Although the closing year of the nineteenth century was popularly supposed to register important advances in fire-proof building construction and in the efficiency of other precautions against fire, the fire losses in the United States and Canada amounted to \$163,300,000, an increase over those of 1899 of more than 19 per cent. No wonder insurance rates are advancing.

Mr. Bryan wishes it distinctly understood that ex-President Cleveland is not the only man who can hunt ducks.

Tesla's bulletins from Mars continue to be as unsatisfactory as the first calcium light returns on election night.

"THE WORLD'S ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY"

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FIVE marriages in which very prominent people figured occurred during the year, as follows: Etienne Louis Malus, the discoverer of the laws of the polarization of light by reflection, and a daughter of Koch, the chancellor of the University of Giesse, Germany; Joseph Johann Garcia, a distinguished controversialist and writer on religious, political and scientific subjects, and Catherine de Lascaux, at Collette, the capital of the Prussian province of Pomerania, the greatest German humorist, and Carloline Maria, a bright and accomplished lady of Berlin; Marie Pauline Bonaparte, Napoleon's favorite sister, who was extremely beautiful, and General Lovell, who left with his bride for St. Domingo; Simon Bolivar, the hero of South American independence, and the daughter of Don N. Toro, in Madrid.

A Scotch clergyman named Forsyth began the study of firearms with the view of making improvements. For over a century scarcely a change had been made in this absolutely essential branch of warfare, though the roll of the drum in the marching armies had echoed and re-echoed around the world during that time. The British and French armies were the middle of the seventeenth century. Forsyth hit upon the use of fulminating powder for priming, an invention which, though it slumbered until 1828, was destined to revolutionize the mechanism of firearms. He obtained a patent in 1827.

Seven extraordinary instances of longevity were attracting world-wide notice at the time that the world's Meteluses were now entering upon their third century in which they had lived. They were: Mr. Creeke, of Thurlow, 159 years old; Mr. J. Tucker, of Hibernia Ferry, 139 years old; Catherine Lopez, of Jamaica, 129 years old; Sarah Anderson, a free black, 125 years old; Mrs. Melghan, Demerara, 124 years old; Mary Lines, Isle of Sable, 124 years old.

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A POPULAR CLEARING HOUSE for the sale of all kinds of property, real estate or who want Situations or Help—Then Small Advertisements Cost One Cent a Word, With Insertions for Five Cents a Word—Except Situations Wanted, Which Are Inserted Free.

Help Wanted—Male. TWO ACTIVE MEN FOR TEMPORARY LOCAL POSITION (SEVEN DAYS). Address, Manager, P. O. Box 1027, Philadelphia.

Help Wanted—Female. GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. George O'Neill, Coal Exchange Building.

Recruits Wanted. MARINE CORPS, U. S. NAVY, RECRUITS wanted—Able-bodied men, arriving on our war ships in all parts of the world, and on land in the Philippines when required. Recruiting office, 312 Wyoming avenue, Scranton.

Situations Wanted. YOUNG MAN WANTS A POSITION OF ANY kind; has had six years experience in grocery store. Can speak English and German. Address, J. O. Lee, Coal City, Pa.

WANTED—A POSITION AS BOOKKEEPER, BY young man. Address, E. P., care of Tribune office.

POSITION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN TO learn the electrical business, at present studying electrical engineering. E. W. Scranton street, care of Tribune office.

A YOUNG LADY WISHES A POSITION AS second hand bookkeeper; has had three years' experience as housekeeper; also handy with needle; is willing to do almost anything; hotel work preferred. Address A. M., Tribune office.

WANTED—POSITION AS TUTOR OF LATIN, Greek and Mathematics. Address, X. Y. Z., Tribune office.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, 14 years of age, to take care of children or do light housework or dish washing in hotel or restaurant. Call at 406 Putnam street.

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A YOUNG LADY DESIRES POSITION AS SEAMstress; good sewer; 75 cents a day. Address G. F., Tribune office.

WANTED—WORK BY THE DAY FOR MONDAYS and Tuesdays, as laundress; would like office work or any kind of city reference. Address M. M., 702 Elm street.

SITUATION WANTED—BY AN EXPERT LAUNDRER, to go out by the day or take washing home; best of city reference. 529 Pleasant street. Call or write at a double entry.

BOOKKEEPER WOULD LIKE POSITION; THOROUGHLY RELIABLE. Address, J. M., Tribune office.

Wanted. WANTED—HORSE FOR WORK AND DRIVING weighing between 1,000 and 1,500. A. Tribune office.

Wanted—To Rent. YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE WANTS FOUR OR five rooms for light housekeeping; any location above Adams avenue preferred. Address Box 26, Tribune office.

A COUNTRY HOME WITHIN FIFTEEN MILES of Scranton wanted to rent by the year. Healthy location; near depot; state rental and desirable place. Responsible Party, Tribune office.

Room Wanted. GENTLEMAN WANTS LARGE, WELL FURNISHED room; desirable locality, with or without board. Address E., Tribune office.

Money to Loan. STRAIGHT LOANS—NO NONSENSE, REPUBLICAN ATTORNEY.

MONEY TO LOAN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE. Amount. H. H. Holgate, Commonwealth building.

ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY TO LOAN—QUICK, straight loans or Building and Loan. At 4 to 6 per cent. Call on N. V. Walker, 214-215 Council building.

An expedition sent by the British Museum brought home 9,000 specimens. A bill has been prepared for introduction in the Georgia legislature providing for the use of the Australian ballot at all future elections.

Plans are on foot to do away with the danger of coasting vessels around Cape Hatteras, by entering an inside passage from Chesapeake Bay to the Atlantic.

Edward Everett Hale gives the following three good rules for life: First, live as much as possible in the open air; second, touch elbows with the world; and third, talk every day with a man you know to be your superior.

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For Sale.

PIANO FOR SALE CHEAP—BEST MAKE, WALNUT, upright. Wants, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—DOUBLE HOUSE AT 1223 WASHINGTON street. Address Mary Scott Foster, State College, Pa.

FOR SALE—A DELIVERY COVERED WAGON, has been in use about two months. Suitable for a grocery store, dry goods store or other mercantile purposes. Apply to Wilcox B. M., 214-215 Council building.

FOR SALE—GOOD DRIVING HORSE, FIVE years old, weight 1150. Sound. Can be seen at Gorman's livery.

Wanted—To Buy. WANTED—SECOND-HAND SLOP MACHINES; must be in good order, state particulars as to condition. Address L. M., general delivery, Scranton, Pa.

Board Wanted. BOARD WANTED—FOR THREE ADULTS AND one small child, in respectable Jewish family, living in first-class neighborhood. State price. W. A. Tribune office.

Rooms and Board. FURNISHED ROOM AND BOARD, OR BOARD only, furnished room FOUR feet with out board; all conveniences; private family; reasonable. 625 Adams avenue.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM AND BOARD; also table board, 529 Washington avenue.

Special Notice. SUPERFLUOUS HAIR—SUPERFLUOUS HAIR, warts and moles removed by electro-lysis, painless, harmless, permanent; charges moderate. Helen S. Buchanan, Dermatologist, 312 Washington avenue.

LEGAL. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Third National Bank of Scranton, for the election of directors will be held in the directors' room of the bank building on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1901, from 10 o'clock P. M. to 12 o'clock P. M. W. M. PECK, Secretary.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—THIS IS TO give notice that by vote of the majority in number and value of interest, it has been determined to dissolve certain partnership association heretofore formed and organized and known as the Hendrick Land Company, Limited, the Articles of Incorporation of which bear date the twenty-eighth day of December, 1897, and are recorded in the Recorder's Office of Lackawanna County, in Limited Partnership Book 1, page 156, and all the property of the said partnership association having been distributed among the persons entitled thereto, and all its liabilities paid, the said partnership association has been dissolved by the voluntary act thereof, and this notice is published in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided. T. H. WATKINS, Chairman.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1901, by Michael J. Murray, Anthony J. Murray, Patrick H. Morgan, Frank T. Morgan and Peter J. Murray, under the act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and registration of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the charter of an intended corporation to be called Northern Anthracite Coal Company, the character and object of which is the manufacturing of flour, feed and other products from grain and selling the same, and for these purposes to have, possess and exercise all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto. WILLARD, WARREN & KNAPP, Solicitors.

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PROFESSIONAL. Certified Public Accountant. E. C. SPAULDING, 220 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Architects. EDWARD H. DAVIS, ARCHITECT, CONSELL BUILDING, Scranton.

FREDERICK L. BROWN, ARCHITECT, PRICE BUILDING, 126 Washington avenue, Scranton.

Cabs and Carriages. RUBBER Tired CABS AND CARRIAGES; BEST of service. Prompt attention given orders by phone. Phones 2672 and 2322. Joseph Kelley, 124 Linden.

Denistis. DR. C. E. EISENBERGER, PAULI BUILDING, Spruce street, Scranton.

DR. I. O. LYMAN, SCRANTON PRIVATE HOSPITAL, corner Wyoming and Mulberry.

DR. C. C. LAUBACH, 115 WYOMING AVENUE.

DR. H. F. REYNOLDS, OPP. P. O.

Lawyers. J. W. BROWN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-at-law. Rooms 312-313 Means building.

D. B. REPOLE, ATTORNEY—LOANS NEGOTIATED on real estate security. Means building, corner Washington avenue and Spruce street.

WILLARD, WARREN & KNAPP, ATTORNEYS at law, corner Wyoming and Mulberry, Scranton.

JESSUP & JESSUP, ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS-at-law. Commonwealth building, Rooms 15, 20 and 21.

EDWARD W. THAYER, ATTORNEY. ROOMS 303-304, 4th floor, Meigs building.

A. W. WATERS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, BOARD of Trade building, Scranton, Pa.

PATTERSON & WILCOX, TRADERS' NATIONAL Bank building.

C. COMEGYS, 9-13 REPUBLICAN BUILDING.

A. W. BERTHOFF, ATTORNEY, MEANS BLDG.

Physicians and Surgeons. DR. W. E. ALLEN, 513 NORTH WASHINGTON street, residence, 1318 Mulberry.

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