An Ideal Boys' Club.

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IN OUR present day effort towards social and political reform we look too steadily into the future for the day of deliverance. The term "a good time coming," has long been, in effect, the reformers' war cry. To this tune, each generation in turn raises its standard and marches away toward a promised land, somewhere ahead of realized hopes and perfected conditions. It is this goodly heritage, revealed in days gone by to our expectant forefathers, that we still seek. To us, as to them, its fulfillment is illusive—always within sight, yet always just beyond reach. So it is that those who take most seriously the conditions of life, hurry onward in their chosen ways, seeming scarcely to expect success in their own day, yet hoping ever that some other farther-reaching generation will come up with the fulfillment of the promise.

This is the weak side of idealism—to look beyond or anywhere else than here and now for the beginnings of the golden age.

And yet idealism is the directing force of all successful accomplishment. Without a beautiful and perfected type, in his mind's eye, of all he hopes to have wrought for the common good the social regulator is steering without a compass. To work in a slip-shod way—aiming at nothing in particular and exepecting only hap-hazard results, is the surest road to no results. The ideal is surely essential in the world's progress, but to be potent it must set the idealizer at once and enthusiastically at work, and keep him at work so long as there is work to be done.

Have we dreamed dreams of what the conditions of our childhood ought to be and have we still a hope of what some day they will be? Then a pattern is ready to our hand, and we have a plainly marked path of duty before us.

No generation has any call, nor any time, to attempt chimerical or fantastical reforms. Much less shall we give any thought whatever to improving child conditions except by rational and natural methods. Our children are very real entities. The conditions surrounding them are in unmistakable need of betterment. For the child's sake, and for the sake of future generations, this betterment must be undertaken now and carried on with zeal and persistence until realization is accomplished.

In a preceding paper it was stated on authority that where systematic improvement in conditions surrounding our boys is attempted, the "club" offers the least resistance. This is unquestionably true in principle. In practice the results are not uniform. The mere herding of a company of boys in a warm and pleasantly-appointed hall, where social intercourse is open and unrestrained, succeeds easily in winning these boys from the baneful influence of the street-corner gang, for the time being; but the pleasant room and the warm fire are not likely to have a sustained drawing power. The industrial club, with its varied trade classes and its disciplinary methods, will hold the patronage of those already amenable to discipline, and with tastes formed for manual pursuits; but the member of the street gang, who knows nothing of order and system, and who has no love for labor of any sort, will, after the novelty wears off, find this club confining and irksome. The club, then, becomes non-resisting only when so planned as to become inviting to all sorts and conditions of the boy kind.

It should not be forgotten that the child world is the same in its phases as the adult world. Nothing less than a re-duplication of these different phases in the club will warrant any measure of success. There must be entertainment. There must be regulation. There must be motive. The entertainment should have quality. The regulations be not too rigid, and underlying and uniting both should be that nameless "something" which will make attendance worth while, and pay the directors for heavy expenditures in time and nervous energy.

As to the individual make-up of the ideal club. It will be a mistake to open the club doors to any one class exclusively. For the best good of all the well-behaved and the ill-behaved, the wise and the ignorant, the tidy and the untidy, the slatepicker and the grammar schoolboy need to have places at the same work-bench and at the same game table. Association is the first of all teachers. And while there may be real danger to the relatively superior boy in this indiscriminate contact, the certain and lasting gain which is made by the relatively bad boy in thus brushing, night after night, against the better manners, the better morals, and the cleaner physical condition of the other, will, it would seem, more than compensate for any risk taken.

It is Biblical too, not to attempt a separation of the sheep and the goats until there is no longer any hope for the goats. Is it not, moreover, possible to have fewer in that group on the left at the time of final reckoning, by being less fearful of such comingling of social and even moral grades especially where careful oversight and restraint are both obtainable? A protest can not be withheld here against that petty and illogical system of caste which is becoming apparent in some directions between the upper and lower middle class, Youth of our land. Between the really rich and the comparatively poor such a wall of social separation is expected, because it is natural. We can afford to give the rich man's son a field all to himself, for he is not a necessary factor in the settlement of the problem in hand. When, however, it comes to a rapidly developing class feeling between the sons and daughters of shopkeepers and tradesmen and those of the hod-man and the respectable day laborer there is no longer nature or logic to tamper our protest.

The chief glory of our country is that her social construction is such that no boy, because of low birth or mean station, is kept from rising to any height he may aspire to. Merit and natural endowment are the keys to advancement, whatever may be said to the contrary; and all honor is due the carpenter's son or the shoe-seller's son that he has risen high enough to become—if not intellectual, at least the social leader of laboring men's sons. But what has he done more than the laboring man's son is aiming at, or can be stimulated to aim at, with very slight encouragement from those standing above him? To meet, and in its measure, counteract this caste tendency, the boys club must be nothing less than a pure democracy in which brains, social position, manners and morals are turned in as common capital, to be used and traded with for the common good.

Lincoln E. Brown.

[Part II, concluding the outlines of the ideal club, will follow next Saturday.]

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Jefferson De Angelis, the comic opera star, who appeared at the Lyceum last night in a "Royal Rogue," is scarcely less entertaining when discusing the sober realities of life than when made up as the funny man, who is the center of attraction when the principals and chorus throng the stage, at a climax in the play. So modest and unassuming is he it is difficult at first to associate the serious countenance of everyday life with the buffoon of the opera, and but for the occasional twinkle of the keen, brown eyes, there is little about the personality of the actor that would give any suggestion of the quaint humor which has given him a reputation as one of the leading comedians of the American stage. De Angelis is among the most sanguine converts to the new school of light opera known as musical comedy which he believes will soon be as popular in rural districts as it is now in New York.

"Although it is called comic opera by critics," said Mr. De Angelis, "the 'Royal Rogue' is not an opera. It is a musical comedy, and thus far has been much more successful than the 'Musketeers,' which I consider among the best of comic operas."

Mr. De Angelis is of the opinion that the popular taste for burlesque and lavish display in operatic production is on the wane. Many may disagree with him upon this point, but in view of all circumstances it cannot be claimed that Mr. De Angelis is not well qualified to judge.

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New piano music published by the Ditson company includes: "Perdita," by H. S. Saroni, an effective waltz in B flat major; "An Afternoon Shower," by Bertram C. Henry, a good descriptive piece for pupils not too far advanced; a berceuse by C. E. Van Laer which will appeal to the young player; two interesting compositions by Alvah Glover Salmon, "Romance," a broadly conceived melody, richly accompanied, in G flat major, and "Air de Ballet," a pleasing waltz in A flat major; two pieces for the piano by N. Irving Hyatt, "A Frolic," C major, and "In the Bower," B flat major, both thoroughly original and musical; the "Story of the Fair" by J. C. Macy, a composition excellent for exercise work; thirty duets without octaves, by Cornelius Gurlitt, intended for two equal performers, excellent for instruction in sight-reading; forty easy pieces in easy keys, edited by L. E. Orth, an experienced teacher's gathering of musical material from many sources and its arrangement for the best results in instruction; "On the White Keys," by the same editor, consisting of twenty-four first grade pieces intended as an introduction to the piano; and "Four Little Hands," first and second grade pieces for equal performers, selected, revised and fingered by Heinrich Kiehl.

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Some interesting songs have been published recently by the Ditson company. "Sweet and Low," by Nicolas Douty, is a setting of Tennyson's famous words to an exquisite melody suited to a high voice. "Love's Lullaby," by J. C. Maug is a setting of touching words to a beautiful song, plaintive and yearning in character. J. C. McCoy is the author of two clever songs, "There Are So Many Ways to Love" and "Would You," both distinctly modern and musical in character, and useful in any repertoire, especially as bright, taking encores of a high character. "Love's Conquest," by Hoffmann, is an impassioned love song, evidently fitted for tenor voice. High and brilliant in character, it ought to be in every tenor's repertoire. "Under the Greenwood Tree," by Carl Busch, is a good song for high voice. The words are from Shakespeare and the music also is of classic form, yet inspired and sure to please. It makes an excellent song for recitals and lectures on Shakespeare and is also a fine teaching piece.

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Inez Mecusker, whose solos are the leading features of the Al. Reeves Combination's entertainments at the Gaiety this week, is one of the best known and most accomplished of American sopranos. She is perhaps most familiarly known to Scranton audiences by her excellent work in the productions of the "Brownies," several years ago, in which she assumed the leading musical role.

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"The Burgomaster" company, which will appear in Scranton next week, has the largest chorus of any musical organization on the road.

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Harvey Blackwood, the well-known 'celloist, will visit Washington next week as guest of his brother, John H. Blackwood, formerly of Scranton. Mr. Blackwood will take with him the first movement of a symphony of his own composition, which is to be given a trial by the orchestral portion of the United States Marine band, under direction of W. H. Santelman.

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Willard Spenser of "Little Tycoon" and "Princess Bonnie" fame, after a silence of five or six years, announces that he will soon produce another opera to be called "Miss Bob White." Mr. Spenser's title reminds one of the costumer once well known in this section who used to appear in fancy balls as "Aurora the God of Morning." However, as Mr. Spenser has in past demonstrated that there is money in a combination of nursery music and wishy-washy dialogue, there is no doubt that his last venture will be a financial whirlwind.

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W. H. MacDonald, the stalwart baritone of The Bostonians, is said to have a most congenial role in the new comic opera, "The Viceroy," to be sung here next week. Mr. MacDonald has added another triumph to his long list of successes in the song "Eyes of Black and Eyes of Blue," especially written for him. He also is very effective in a humorous hornpipe, sung by a quartette composed of Barnabee, Fitzgerald, Martin and himself. "The Viceroy," which has never been sung here, is said to be the most gorgeous production ever made by The Bostonians, and its cast will enlist the complete singing forces of this company, reinforced by a chorus of fifty and special orchestra, under the direction of S. L. Studley.

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One of the press notices concerning Mr. Watkins' work in Brahm's Requiem, given last week at Goshen, N. Y., says: "Mr. Watkins, o

Sore Lungs

mean weakened lungs — all caused by a cold and cough. Weak lungs sooner or later mean consumption.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure

will heal and strengthen the lungs, cure cold and stop the cough.

"I coughed for years — had hemorrhages. Doctors said I was in last stage of consumption. Had given up all hope. I finally tried SHILOH and it cured me completely. Am today in perfect health."

MRS. FLORENCE DREW,
East Oakland, Cal.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure is sold by all druggists at 25c, 50c, $1.00 a bottle. A printed guarantee goes with every bottle. If you are not satisfied go to your druggist and get your money back.

Write for illustrated book on consumption. Sent without cost to you. S. C. Wells & Co., LeRoy, N.Y.

Scranton, Pa., is gifted with a rich, vibrant, lovely voice and was entirely qualified to interpret the touching and sonorous moods of the Requiem. He seemed possessed with its spirit and surmounted all its exacting demands with calmness and ease."

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Mr. Tom Beynon writes Mr. Watkins that he is progressing nicely and contemplates giving a song recital in the near future in Scranton.

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The following selections will be given in the First Presbyterian church at tomorrow's services:

Anthem—"There Is a Green Hill" ....Gounod
Choir.
Duet—"O, Lord We Adore Thee" ....Evans
Soprano and Contralto.
Anthem—"God Is a Spirit" ....Bennett
Choir.
Solo—"Heaven Is My Home" ....Sauvage
Miss Daisy Bell Hall.
Anthem—"My Soul Longeth" ....Marston
Choir.

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The Hemberger quartette brought to a close its series of concerts for the season in Wilkes-Barre last Tuesday evening, and as usual the audience was large, appreciative and gave the quartette a very encouraging farewell. The Record of Wednesday was very generous in its commendation and demanded a repetition of these elevating entertainments for next season. The date set for the next concert by the quartette in this city is April 11, after the Lenten season.

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The Symphony orchestra held a general rehearsal last evening. The forthcoming concert by this organization will cap all climaxes from an artistic standpoint. The conductor, Mr. Hemberger promises a surprise to all music lovers.

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Miss Hilda Clarke, the leading soprano with The Bostonians, is probably the most beautiful prima donna upon the comic opera stage, and possesses a great dramatic ability as well as a pleasing voice.

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The following music will be given at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow:

MORNING.

Prelude—"Chorale" ....Bossi
Quartette—"Teach Me Thy Way" ....Moir
Soprano solo—"I Will Extol Thee" ("Eli")
M. Costa.
Postlude—Fugue, E minor ....J. S. Bach

EVENING.

Prelude—"Romance" ....Goltermann
Quartette—"In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust" ....Hauptmann
Tenor solo—"Rock of Ages" ....Bischoff
Duet—"The Lord Is My Shepherd"........Smart
Postlude ....Dubois

COUNTY STATEMENT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

1900.

Statement Showing Receipts, Disbursements, Condition of the Finances and Accounts of State and County Taxes for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received by County Treasurer M. J. Kelly, from county and bridge tax duplicates and other sources of revenue as shown by the statement of said county treasurer...		$553,290 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of disbursements from county and bridge funds as shown by the following statement of the County Commissioners on county warrants Nos. 1 to 6,342, inclusive, and disbursements made by the county treasurer as shown by the statement of said treasurer		313,217 59
Receipts in excess of disbursements...		40,072 88

ASSESSMENTS.

Paid assessors for making state and county assessments, making tax duplicates, school copies and transcripts of mortgages of judgments..		8,808 43

ADVERTISING.

Paid for publishing Commissioners' annual statement and other advertising		2,387 40

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

Paid Freeman Leach, treasurer, premium to agricultural societies as provided by law		100 00

APPREHENSION OF MURDERERS.

Paid to Thomas Leyshon county detective, extradition of murderer ....$	281 13	
Apprehension of murderer...	55 68	
	$	333 81
Paid F. Robling, chief of police for apprehension of persons charged with committing crime		200 00

BRIDGES.

Paid Penn Bridge Co........$	1,180 00	
Paid expense inspecting bridges	9 75	
		$1,189 75

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Paid J. Courier Morris, County Commissioner ....$	1,095 50	
Paid John Penman, County Commissioner	1,095 50	
Paid John J. Durkin, County Commissioner ....$	1,095 50	
Paid W. G. Daniels, chief clerk	1,500 00	
Paid E. E. Robathan, assistant clerk	1,020 00	
Paid F. W. Kirchoff, assistant clerk	900 00	
Paid John Von Bergen, assistant clerk	900 00	
	$	7,606 50

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Paid ex-sheriff F. H. Clemons, fees....$		189 38
Paid Sheriff C. E. Pryor, fees		11,008 83
Paid John R. Jones, district attorney, fees		12,495 33
Paid Thomas P. Daniels, clerk of courts, fees		7,851 41
Paid Fred. W. Warnke, recorder of deeds, fees		363 00
Paid H. L. Taylor, county solicitor....		1,000 00
Paid John Copeland, prothonotary, fees		1,161 40
		$34,059 35

COUNTY AUDITORS.

Paid P. W. Costello, county auditor ....$	939 00	
Paid W. E. Johns, county auditor	939 00	
Paid A. E. Keifer, county auditor	939 00	
		2,817 0

COURT HOUSE GROUNDS.

Paid Stevenson and Knight, surveyors, grade for walks ....$	5 00	
Paid mowing, sprinkling lawn and shoveling snow.	62 90	
Paid grading and filling court house lawn	841 78	
Paid cobble stone, sprinklers, grass seed and fertilizers	101 35	
Paid for shade trees	64 00	
Paid repairing fountain and water for same	17 35	
Paid Barber Asphalt company use of steam roller ..	25 00	
Paid repairing lawn mowers, fixtures for and sharpening same	42 62	
	$	1,

COURT EXPENSES.

Paid crier, messengers, tipstaffs, register of costs, and court janitor	6,797 50	
Paid H. H. Coston, court stenographer	6,141 80	
Paid special stenographic services	75 91	
Paid Remington typewriter for stenographer	197 50	
Paid typewriter supplies, etc	160 75	
Paid draping deceased judge's chair.	19 00	
Paid Lackawanna Legal News	667 32	
Paid Central Pennsylvania Telephone Co.	74 60	
Paid referees fees	1,815 00	
Paid jurors, grand	2,627 13	
Paid jurors, petit	7,300 78	
Paid jurors, traverse	9,036 47	
Paid constable returns......	1,021 01	
Paid jury commissioners and clerk	578 16	

COMMONWEALTH COSTS.

Paid aldermen, justices, constables and witness in commonwealth cases..		$ 54,122 36

BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

Paid burial expenses of deceased soldiers as per Act of Assembly, approved May 12, 1885		$ 700 00

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid assessors in townships and boroughs for making returns of births and deaths as provided by law		$ 47 35

DIVISION OF TOWNSHIPS AND BOROUGHS.

Dividing Borough of Moosic into wards—		
John M. Harris	$ 28 00	
J. H. Bonner	20 00	
George E. Stevenson	63 00	
		$ 111 00

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Paid election officers and rent of polling places	$ 9,144 76	
Ground rent for polling booths	173 00	
Printing ballots and election blanks	2,976 59	
Repairing, moving and setting up and storing booths	786 21	
Delivering ballots and other election blanks	207 10	
Clerks appointed by court to compute election returns	590 00	
Supplies for election boards	127 11	
Publishing sheriff's proclamation	980 00	
Paid for two new election booths	560 00	
		$ 15,544 77

EASTERN PENITENTIARY.

Paid board and clothing of convicts		$ 3,849 19

ENUMERATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Paid assessors for enumeration of children		$ 980 25

INSURANCE.

Paid insurance on county prison and court house		$ 724 50

IMPEACHMENTS.

Paid witness fee		50

INSANE CONVICTS.

Paid physicians for examinations of and report upon the mental condition of persons alleged to be insane		$ 50 00

INQUESTS.

Paid J. J. Roberts, coroner's fees	$ 2,313 08	
Paid J. J. Davis, chemist	75 00	
Paid Henry Brown, chemist	25 00	
Paid John L. Jenkins, chemist	25 00	
Paid justice of peace acting coroners	36 45	
Paid jurors at inquests	1,116 00	
		$ 3,590 53

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Paid blank books, blank forms, pencils, pens, etc		$ 3,659 13
Paid postage and revenue stamps		$ 119 57

PREMIUMS.

Paid bounty on wild cats, foxes, etc., including fees of justices		216 50

PUBLIC BUILDING EXPENSE.

Paid janitors and watchmen	$ 2,398 82	
Paid water, light and heat for court house	3,541 93	
Paid repairs closets	4 46	
Paid Central Pennsylvania Telephone Co	190 34	
Paid E. P. Gross, repairing, etc., court house clock	222 25	
Paid electrical fixtures and repairs	308 14	
Paid charwomen	1,099 49	
Paid new furniture, repairs, furnishing carpets and linoleums	630 66	
Paid draying, hauling paper and rubbish	13 50	
Paid repairs at court house	904 71	
Paid painting flagpole on court house	4 00	
Paid sundry hardware	37 03	
Paid repairs of elevator	56 59	
Paid laundry for use at court house	50 62	
Paid metallic cases for Recorder's office	175 00	
Paid furniture Superior court room	46 50	
Paid bedding, towels, etc., for court house	47 18	
Paid supplies, soap, brooms, brushes, etc	250 49	
		$ 9,990 91

PRISON EXPENSE.

Paid feeding prisoners	$ 10,056 00	
Paid light, fuel and water	2,326 90	
Paid prisoners' clothing, bedding, etc	991 10	
Paid supplies, brushes, brooms, soap, ice, etc	146 30	
Paid telephone rent	70 50	
Paid repairs at county jail	1,183 25	
Paid conveying prisoners to and from county prison	140 65	
Paid sundry furnishings at prison	18 00	
Paid disinfectants	58 65	
Paid physician and medical supplies	335 40	
Piad salaries of wardens, keepers and matrons	7,500 00	
		$ 22,827 14

PRISON BOARD.

Paid salaries of members	$ 1,175 00	
Paid salary of secretary	300 00	
Paid supervisor	167 25	
Paid overseers or guards	1,516 00	
Paid superintendent of carpet weavers	372 90	
Paid books, stationery, etc	29 95	
Paid looms for weaving department	385 72	
Paid hardware, tools and other supplies	265 56	
Paid steam rolls	50 00	
Paid blacksmithing	4 98	
Paid materials for weaving	20 80	
Paid team work	825 90	
Paid extra food for prisoner doing work	703 40	
		$ 5,807 64

REGISTRATION.

Paid assessors of voters for making May and December registration		$ 11,005 28

ROAD DAMAGES.

Paid viewers appointed by court	$ 511 00	
Paid damage to land taken for public roads	860 00	
		$ 1,371 00

STATE HOSPITAL.

Paid keep of insane convicts from Lackawanna county		$ 143 50

STATE INDUSTRIAL REFORMATORY.

Paid care of inmates from Lackawanna county		$ 934 00

STATE HOSPITAL FOR CHRONIC INSANE.

Paid care and keeping of inmates from Lackawanna county		$ 99 64

STATE AUDIT.

Paid John M. Harris, auditing accounts of county officers		$ 172 50

SUNDRY EXPENSES.

Paid L. W. Bunnell forfeited bail cases	$ 10 00	
Paid drayage	3 50	
Paid transient clerks for services in commissioners' office	40 00	
Paid subscription to daily papers	10 50	
Paid William Oliver, collector	5 00	
Paid engrossing memorial resolutions	30 00	
Expense of Commissioners' State convention	60 00	
Paid internal revenue stamps	4 10	
Paid opening grave by order of coroner	4 50	
		$ 317 60

TAXES REFUNDED.

Refunded overpaid taxes to T. E. Boland		$ 1 37

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Paid M. Robinson, temporary loans		$ 20,800 00

CONDEMNATION OF TURNPIKES.

Paid viewers on condemnation of turnpike		$ 318 20

FIRE WARDENS.

Paid extinguishing forest fires		$ 300 29

COUNTY DETECTIVE.

Paid Thomas Leyshon, salary and expenses		$ 1,118 33

COUNTY TREASURER.

Amount paid on tax deeds		$ 1,758 00

LEGAL EXPENSES.

Paid making map and blue prints for paper book for Supreme court, Spring Brook Water Co. case	$ 15 00	
Paid printing books, etc., for same case	14 00	
		$ 29 00
Military enrollment		2,252 97
Soldiers' monument		53,340 85
Sur-charges case against ex-County Commissioners		977 27

THOMPSONS HOSPITAL.

Paid treatment of Peter Walsh, an injured prisoner		$ 50 00

Report of County Treasurer M. J. Kelly for the Year 1900.

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	Bicycle Tax.	Dog Tax.	Alien Tax.	Redemption Fund.	Township Fund.	Bridge Fund.	County Fund.	Total.
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1900		943 45	780 37	$235 15	$2,371 49	$2,541 87	$ 39,269 87	$ 46,142 21
Tax Duplicate of 1896						48 35	191 59	239 94
Tax Duplicate of 1897							289 82	289 82
Tax Duplicate of 1898		38 00					3,428 23	3,466 23
Tax Duplicate of 1899		759 58					36,713 96	37,473 54
Tax Duplicate of 1900	83 79	494 18				1,702 88	119,143 75	121,424 60
Loan from Mrs. M. Robinson							20,000 00	20,000 00
Loan from Traders' bank							29,649 84	29,649 84
West Side bank							25,000 00	25,000 00
Loan from C. E. Pryor							40,000 00	40,000 00
Rebate on State Tax for year 1899							19,788 44	19,788 44
Portion of Rebate on State Tax for year 1900							15,000 00	15,000 00
Liquor License for year 1900.—hotels							25,735 45	25,735 45
Liquor Licenses for year 1900—Restaurants							3,516 80	3,516 80
Seated and Unseated Land					4,470 69	1 11	2,960 51	7,432 31
5 per cent. Penalty on Seated Lands							154 74	154 74
Jury Fees, Fines and Costs collected							2,310 86	2,310 86
Prothonotarys Lien Fees							425 15	425 15
Exoneration Tax collected							11 82	11 82
Six per cent. interest on unseated land collected							144 32	144 32
Rent from Election Booth							111 00	111 00
Interest and Costs collected, Redemption from County Commissioners							138 72	138 72
Proceeds of County Commissioners' Sales							757 37	757 37
Carpet Sold by County Commissioners							3 00	3 00
Brass Sold by County Commissioners							5 00	5 00
L. B. Ayers, Refunded on County Warrant							4 00	4 00
Reese S. Davis, Refunded							4 00	4 00
Redemption Fund				204 54				204 54
	$83 79	$2,235 21	$780 37	$439 69	$6,842 18	$4,294 21	$384,757 22	$390,482 67

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	Bicycle Tax.	Dog Tax.	Alien Tax.	Redemption Fund.	Township Fund.	Bridge Fund.	County Fund.	Total.
Interest on Coupons							$ 9,000 00	$ 9,000 00
City Institute							200 00	200 00
Carbondale City Institute							90 00	90 00
County Institute							200 00	200 00
County and Bridge Warrants Paid, Nos. 1 to 6342						$1,189 75	311,793 85	312,983 60
Redemption fund				$142 13				142 13
Sheep Warrants		861 75						861 75
Township Warants					2,183 94			2,183 94
Tax on Loans Paid State							860 00	860 00
Treasurer's Commission					149 72		14,468 51	14,618 23
Balance	83 79	1,373 46	780 37	297 56	4,508 52	3,150 61	48,098 71	58,293 02
	$83 79	$2,235 21	$780 37	$439 69	$6,842 18	$4,340 36	$384,711 07	$390,432 67

Statement of Collectors of State and County Tax for Year 1900.

DISTRICTS.	Name of Collectors.	Bridge duplicate.	Dog duplicate.	Bicycle duplicate.	County duplicate.	State duplicate.	Total.	Exonerations and rebates.	Commissions.	Cash paid treasurer.	Due county.
Archbald borough	Patrick J. McDonnell	$ 270.95	$ 68.00	$ 74.00	$ 3,786.55	$ 147.26	$ 4,346.76			$ 3,200.00	$ 1,146.76
Blakely borough	David C. Phillips	224.19	180.00	115.00	3,102.23	281.34	3,902.76			2,150.00	1,752.76
Benton township	H. G. Smith	105.05	118.00	16.00	1,467.63	126.26	1,832.94			1,355.00	477.94
Carbondale township	Pat'k J. Casey	94.81	99.00	8.00	1,306.98	6.95	1,515.79			696.22	819.17
Covington township	R. J. Tanfield	49.32	126.00	18.00	684.47	79.03	956.83			325.32	631.51
Clifton township	Anthony Klotz	17.22	17.00	7.00	278.56	10.85	290.63			179.67	110.96
Carbondale City—											
First ward	H. H. Pierce	277.31		77.00	3,851.72	906.86	5,112.89			236.38	4,876.51
Second ward	William Male	172.28		52.00	2,394.80	391.50	3,010.48			1,519.05	1,491.43
Third ward	William Passmore	156.12		19.00	2,146.82	199.09	2,521.03			511.90	2,009.13
Fourth ward	William Passmore	75.19		10.00	1,087.49	13.72	1,186.40			437.17	749.23
Fifth ward	William Passmore	122.68			1,695.27	236.94	2,054.89			346.67	1,708.22
Sixth ward	William Passmore	108.06		46.00	1,500.28	55.97	1,711.21			973.60	737.61
Dickson City boro	Theo. H. Weiland	313.62	84.00		4,334.28	41.91	4,773.81			2,472.80	2,300.01
Dalton borough	Chas. W. Purdy	56.37	36.00	30.00	790.28	234.36	1,147.01			976.17	170.84
Dunmore borough	Peter F. Reilly	919.00	398.00	214.00	12,737.83	1,009.17	15,278.00			9,260.52	6,017.48
Elmhurst borough	Chas. H. Whitney	20.76	51.00	12.00	288.25	1.28	373.29			145.00	228.29
Fell township	Joseph White	230.05	72.50	15.00	3,181.76	8.94	3,507.75			2,066.41	1,441.34
Gouldsboro boro	W. M. Oliver	5.12	12.00	12.00	72.72	7.00	108.84	$ 8.25	$ 22.02	78.57	
Glenburn borough	E. M. Sherwood	38.75	34.00	11.00	547.86	137.88	768.99			588.49	180 50
Greenfield township	W. J. Bell	84.51	88.00	12.00	1,186.04	36.14	1,406.69	75.15	45.16	1,286.88	
Jefferson township	Harvey Emery	52.61	76.00	7.00	738.69	12.88	887.18			795.64	91.54
Jermyn borough	H. D. Carey	134.92	101.00	80.00	1,870.29	160.54	2,349.75			2,000.00	349.75
Lackawanna township	John J. Coyne	356.09	32.00	21.00	4,942.49	65.02	5,417.60			3,500.88	1,916.72
La Plume borough	Geo. W. Patterson	28.66	15.00	7.00	403.00	81.56	535.22			433.00	102.22
Lehigh township	A. A. Chamberlain	14.10	17.00	5.00	195.26	13.04	244.40	47.90	7.30	189.20	
Madison township	Eugene Noack	86.23	166.00	26.00	1,183.99	151.82	1,613.04			714.53	898.51
Mayfield borough	Patrick H. Quinn	111.46	40.00	36.00	1,526.27	38.98	1,752.71			950.00	802.71
Moosic borough	George Griffiths	165.20	71.00	99.00	2,284.25	22.37	2,641.82			1,455.32	1,186 50
Newton township	James M. White	122.76	93.00	7.00	1,717.96	155.63	2,096.35			1,602.85	493.50
N. Abington township	J. W. Smith	45.74	41.00	5.00	640.41	54.62	786.77			655.00	131.77
Olyphant borough	John O'Connor	312.68	101.00	23.00	4,178.23	153.99	4,768.90			3,150.80	1,618.10
Old Forge borough	Henry Harding	346.20	117.00	17.00	4,806.43	32.06	5,318.69			4,011.41	1,307.28
Old Forge township	Andrew Nagell, Jr.	60.32			845.40		905.72	45.41	25.89	834.42	
Ransom township	Lewis McCloskey	89.41	131.00	12.00	1,234.85	118.24	1,585.50	167.52	53.96	1,364.02	
Roaring Brook twp	James McDade	35.44	38.00		495.77	34.28	603.49			500.00	103.49
Spring Brook twp	Wm. A. Price	47.19	72.00	2.00	660.00	29.26	810.45			301.66	508.79
S. Abington twp	Geo. P. Myers	120.05	119.00	15.00	1,661.37	165.11	2,080.53			1,341.24	739.29
Scott township	James P. Wilson	134.70	116.00	17.00	1,886.96	187.84	2,342.47			1,502.36	840.11
Taylor borough	John D. Jones	266.62	37.00	60.00	3,674.24	416.34	4,454.20			1,500.00	2,954.20
Throop borough	George H. Haverly	149.88	160.00	7.00	3,235.07	11.82	3,572.77			2,515.75	1,057.02
Vandling borough	George S. Young	58.29	42.00	8.00	805.09	3.16	916.54			791.11	125.43
W. Abington, twp	Geo. F. Gethman	28.58	24.00	4.00	397.66	6.45	462.70			365.00	97.70
Winton borough	H. V. Lawler	194.35	71.00		2,730.85	61.09	3,050.29			1,200.00	1,850.29
Waverly borough	W. G. Letson	48.87	28.00	14.00	676.82	41.28	808.97			520.07	288.90
Scranton City—											
First ward	John H. Evans	607.83		33.00	8,384.35	433.41	9,462.09			5,276.08	4,186.01
Second ward	Thomas Jehu	493.18		16.00	6,775.75	557.81	7,842.74			3,789.72	4,053.02
Third ward	Thos. F. Saltry	202.24			2,803.87		3,006.11			1,520.29	1,485.82
Fourth ward	Wm. B. Evans	491.02		65.00	6,782.10	380.69	7,718.81			4,500.00	3,218.81
Fifth ward	Jas. W. Reese	569.52		67.00	7,890.83	491.09	9,018.44			5,478.46	3,539.98
Sixth ward	John S. Davis	163.11			2,237.11	168.31	2,568.53			1,490.92	1,077.61
Seventh ward	John F. Eisele	242.07		27.00	3,351.20	48.82	3,669.09			2,180.19	1,488.90
Eighth ward	Harry Paust	2,189.61		83.00	30,816.01	1,689.43	34,778.05			23,020.49	11,757.56
Ninth ward	Evanuel Morris	1,168.30		154.00	16,312.49	3,604.01	21,238.80			13,375.42	7,863.38
Tenth ward	John R. Harris	348.71		90.00	4,851.20	344.45	5,634.36			2,961.83	2,672.53
Eleventh ward	Theo. Hessinger	301.26		30.00	4,145.05	869.35	5,345.66			4,056.70	1,288.96
Twelfth ward	John W. Schwenker	90.33			1,229.37	19.72	1,339.42			439.99	899.43
Thirteenth ward	Solomon Miller	749.24		295.00	10,419.64	1,561.91	13,025.79			9,287.00	3,738.70
Fourteenth ward	Thomas Cosgrove	321.22			4,457.51	1,159.61	5,938.34			3,217.00	2,721.34
Fifteenth ward	John J. Lewis	359.77		28.00	4,969.78	235.83	5,593.38			3,479.40	2,113.98
Sixteenth ward	Simon Segal	601.65		73.00	8,384.20	1,667.26	10,726.11			7,833.19	2,892.92
Seventeenth ward	John J. Marshall	1,400.22		241.00	19,556.69	6,355.81	27,553.72			16,952.86	10,600.86
Eighteenth ward	W. Beaumont	67.38			918.80	114.98	1,101.16			756.55	344.61
Nineteenth ward	John W. Schwenker	309.12			4,327.80	171.54	4,808.47			2,527.90	2,280.57
Twentieth ward	James F. Coyne	543.11		14.00	7,586.83	219.82	8,363.76			5,479.45	2,884.31
Twenty-first ward	T. Owen Charles	361.12		7.00	5,017.32	69.40	5,454.84			3,804.44	1,650.40
For Year 1896.											
Fell township	Patrick McGeever	267.62			3,172.80	39.70	3,480.12			2,696.70	783.42
For Year 1897.											
Scranton City—											
Fourth ward	Geo. M. Wallace				5,996.61	391.35	6,387.96			5,000.00	1,387.96
Fifth ward	Timothy Jones				7,379.41	580.39	7,959.80			7,066.74	893.06
Fifteenth ward	T. T. Morgan				4,033.04	280.27	4,313.31			3,531.29	782.02
For Year 1898.											
Scranton City—											
Fifth ward	Timothy Jones				7,651.89	629.17	8,281.06			4,828.82	3,452.24
Fourteenth ward	Geo. F. Kellow				4,538.19	605.89	5,144.08			4,437.80	706.28
Fifteenth ward	W. G. Williams				4,800.31	231.50	5,031.81			4,195.43	836.38
For Year 1899.											
Blakely borough	D. J. Williams		226.00		3,092.69	251.43	3,570.12			2,700.00	870.12
Benton township	H. G. Smith		125.00		1,469.70	131.38	1,724.08			1,000.00	724.08
Carbondale, 5th ward	C. E. Dix				1,706.21	251.39	1,957.60			1,495.31	462.29
Dunmore borough	W. E. Correll		418.00		12,384.13	947.46	13,749.59			11,890.91	1,858.68
Elmhurst borough	Chas. H. Whitney		63.00		299.52	131.07	493.59			331.61	161.98
Jermyn borough	Wm. Seymour, Jr		110.00		1,899.32	116.35	2,125.67			1,850.38	275.29
Olyphant borough	P. J. Hoban		79.00		4,187 17	163.37	4,429.54			2,500.00	1,929.54
Spring Brook twp	Wm. A. Price		79.00		662.73	32.99	774.72			466.62	308.10
Throop borough	Geo. R. Stanton		192.00		3,197.55	10.17	3,399.72			2,538.00	861.72
Taylor borough	John D. Jones		56.00		3,691.62	201.86	3,949.48			2,400.00	1,549.48
Winton borough	James J. Lawler		75.00		2,664.94	20.93	2,760.87			2,522.06	238.81
Scranton City—											
First ward	Henry Roberts				8,268.12	422.10	8,690.22			7,103.59	1,586.63
Second ward	John R. Owens				6,640.57	732.32	7,372.89			5,447.73	1,925.16
Third ward	Thomas Saltry				2,769.27	2.00	2,771.27			1,986.03	785.24
Fourth ward	D. T. Jenkins				6,541.73	460.59	7,002.32			5,862.00	1,140.32
Fifth ward	B. Davis				7,842.20	613.50	8,455.70			7,010.00	1,445.70
Sixth ward	Thomas Thomas				1,999.46	62.89	2,062.35			1,775.06	287.29
Seventh ward	Herman Hagen				3,248.97	55.67	3,304.64			1,902.36	1,402.28
Ninth ward	W. P. Cowperthwaite				15,969.41	3,531.69	19,501.10			16,687.77	2,813.33
Tenth ward	Rudolph Buenzli				4,716.47	390.41	5,106.88			3,390.24	1,716.64
Twelfth ward	Jos. Albrecht				1,471.81	33.05	1,504.86			748.64	756.22
Fourteenth ward	M. H. Reinhardt				4,573.78	593.72	5,167.50			3,617.77	1,549.73
Fifteenth ward	W. G. Williams				4,823.85	220.13	5,043.98			2,000.00	3,043.98
Sixteenth ward	J. G. Seamans				8,441.23	1,649.04	10,090.27			8,974.29	1,115.98
Eighteenth ward	Thomas Thomas				910.03	53.03	963.06			800.00	163.06
Nineteenth ward	Jos. Albrecht				4,221.06	196.10	4,417.16			3,376.04	1,041.12
Twentieth ward	James F. Coyne				7,536.65	117.10	7,653.75			6,810.82	842.93
	Total	$18,196.08	$4,527.00	$2,446.00	$413,008.34	$40,316.94	$473,587.24	$344.23	$154.32	$321,270.57	$156,818.19

NOTE.—DELINQUENT TAXES FOR YEARS 1896, 1897 and 1898 are already in the hands of the County Solicitor and stringent measures will be taken for immediate settlement. Tax collectors for the year 1899 are also urged to make a settlement.

Condition of Finances of Lackawanna County.

ASSETS.

Cash in county treasury	$ 58,293 02	
Court house building	350,000 00	
Furniture and fixtures in court house	35,500 30	
Court house grounds	200,000 00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' monument	53,340 85	
County prison building	125,000 00	
County prison grounds	20,000 00	
Furniture in county prison	3,000 00	
Due from collectors, subject to rebates, exonerations and commissions	156,618 47	
Due from state	4,387 41	
Total assets	$ 1,006,139 75	

LIABILITIES.

Four and one-half per cent. refunding bonds, issue of Dec. 1, 1894, from Nos. 41 to 120, inclusive	$ 80,000 00	
Four per cent. court house improvement, bonds, issue of Dec. 1, 1896, Nos. 1 to 125, inclusive	135,000 00	
Temporary loans to amount of	95,000 00	
		$ 310,000 00
Assets in excess of liabilities		$ 696,189 75

STATISTICS.

Assessed valuation for year 1900	$55,695,956 00
Estimated expenses for year 1901	300,000 00
Amount of county tax duplicate for year 1900	380,000 00
Amount of state tax duplicate for year 1900	28,111 61

NOTE.—The payment for the building of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, and the payment of the non est inventus cases, and the military enrollment made by the Assessors are included in this statement, amounting in the aggregate to $64,340.50. The present County Commissioners disclaim any responsibility for the same. Deducting this amount from the statement, will show last year's disbursements to be $248,877.09. We find the disbursements of 1899 to be $284,128.53.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. COURIER MORRIS,
JOHN PENMAN,
JOHN J. DURKIN,
County Commissioners.
Attest: W. G. DANIELS, Clerk.
Scranton, Pa., February 8, 1901.