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Attorney I. H. Burns leaves this morning for Philadelphis. He will appear there before the supreme court this week in Lackawanna county

W. A. Gallagher, who has been one of the local soliciting agents of the New York Life Insurance company, has been promoted to the position of instructor of agents.

Miss Mary A. Devine, of the People's Tele-hone company, and Miss Ruth Sickler, of unklannock, have accepted positions with the Lackawanna Telephone company.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Burgess, of Nay Aug. left esterday for Washington, D. C., where they till be the guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Pike, until after the inauguration.

Attorney C. H. Seper and wite left for Philabelphia yesterday. Mr. Soper will appear be-ore the Supreme court and argue one of the Lackawanna county cases during the week Mrs. W. H. Williams, wife of Rev. W. H. Wil

liams, the drummer evangelist, has returned from the south, where she has been for some time for her health. She is somewhat improved, ther daughter, Mrs. Joseph Pierson, came from the south with her.

City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg went to Phila-City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg woul to Phila-delphia Saturday to attend the sessions of the supreme court for Lackawaina county. He will take part in the argument of four cases in which the city is interested, viz: City vs. Koehler, and City vs. Leves, in which the validity of the toot from rule as a method of numerical assessment is involved; the case of Keller vs. City (the viaduct case), and the con-tested election case of W. H. Thomas as con-cable, in which the court refused to place the in which the court refused to place the

costs upon the city. "The Viceroy" by the famous Bos-Bartlett, Hilda Clark and others with tonians at the Lyceum tomorrow

Ask for Kelly union crackers. "

DIRECTORS WILL MEET.

Organization of Municipal Contracting Company Today.

A meeting will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in the office of A. E. Dunning, of the board of directors of the Municipal Contracting and Improvement company. It is expected that the company's charter will be on hand, and a permanent organization will be effected.

During the past week the promoters f the association have had agouts out raking orders, and between twentyve and thirty contracts a day have sen averaged. One of the innovaions in the way of accessories to publie cleanliness, which the company will introduce, will be large cans, located

at each street corner. These will be for passeisby to throw their waste paper into, fruit skins or any other articles which when cast or the streets combine to give an unifity appearance and make walking unsafe Mr. Dunning, while street commis-sioner, made an unsuccessful effort to get an appropriation from councils for this purpose.

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The majority of the volunteer firenen, of course don't like to have the various companies, with all their deightful old histories, disbanded, and they're planning a little surprise for ouncils. At Wednesday night's meetng of the Firemen's Relief association, it is inderstood that Joseph Hall, of the Franklins, will introduce resolution, declaring it to be the ity that if the Chittenden ordinance s passed, they will give the city only intil May 31 to reorganize the desurtment, and will then disband hemselves

Chittenden measure becomes a law,

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STORY CONTEST.

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MRS. KELLAR GONE.

Out of Sight About Same Time.

He Was Attentive to Her.

home last Wednesday and her sudden

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with the departure from the city at

Italian contractor, whom he had sus-

pected for some time of being unduly

noted at South Washington avenue and

Elm street. His wife is two or three

cears younger. They lived together

hildren. Since the couple disappeared

on Wednesday, not a word has been

heard from either of them, and Kellar

and his family are completely in the

regarding their whereabouts.

No word or message of any sort has

seen received at the house. Ne steps

have been taken as yet to trace Zeam

and Mrs. Kellar. Kellar is practically

prostrated by the shock and is unable

to do any active work in attempting

matter will probably be referred to the

Zeam, who lived on O'Hara street

claims to have seen actions which

ing the day is employed at Robinson's

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place during the absence of the luns-

Mrs. Kellar took with her from home

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he had at the Dime bank. The ex-

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Chief F. W. Ziziemann, of the fire -partment, does not approve of the Chittenden ordinance, providing for a reorganization of the fire department, which was voted down in common council a week ago last. Thursday night, but which is to be reconsidered it the next meeting. In speaking about the ordinance yesterday to a Tribune man, he said:

Firemen to Quit on May 31 if It

Passes-Test of Water Pressure.

"I am in favor of a paid fire department just as soon as we can have one, but I can't see how the efficiency of our present department is going to be improved upon to any great extent by a reorganization such as is provided in Mr. Chittenden's ordinance. The great fault with the ordinance is that it doesn't provide for enough men. No provision whatever is made for the immediate employment of a single permanent man mete than

we have at present.

"The ordinance, to be sure, fixes a certain number of regular permanent men for each company considerably in excess of the present number, but these are to be added as seen as the finances of the city warrant. There is no assurance that they are to be employed at once, yet the ordinance provides for the immediate disbandment of the entire volunteer force. The places of the volunteers, where not filled by permanent men, are to be taken by bunk and call men, who are to be paid at the rate of fifty and orly cents per bour respectively. "I hold that under this arrange ment we will neither have as many men nor as capable or efficient a fire

fighting force at a fire or we have under the present system. Where is the man that's going to respond to every alarm for a paltry forty cents an hour, and where are the men who are going to stay in the engine house from 7 o'clock every night until working hours in the morning to get a chance to make fifty cents an hour now and then?

"They're few and for between, 1 tell you, and if the ordinance passes and is signed by the mayor we're going to have a mighty hard job getting hold of them. I believe that with this proposed new system in operation we'd have a great deal of difficulty in getting anything like a sufficient numer of men at a fire in the day-time. If we can't put the department on an entire paid basis, at least let us draw up a plan for an entire paid depart-

"My idea of a paid department in this city would be to have six men for every hose and chemical company, five men for every engine company. including stoker and engineer, and six en for the hook and ladder company. If we are going to entirely disband the volunteer department, we should at least have half as many permanent. men as I have above mentioned. We chould have three for each engine and hose company and three for each ny opinion."

It is expected that this resolution will be passed unanimously, as the general sentiment of the men seems to avor it. It is believed that the delegates from the Century, William Connell, Exceisior and Cumberland Hose empanies will vote for this resoludon. These companies have at presnt but one permanent man each, and Chittenden erdinance provides that they shall not be disbanded for present. If the resolution is passed it will mean that the men of these companies will take the law into their own hands, in case the

men C. E. Chittenden and T. C. Mel- police today vin, to settle the dispute as to the water pressure at the various hyalong Lackawanna avenue, near the vicinity of the recent big five, took the water guage from the Nay Aug engine a few days ago and made a few tests. The hydrants at the corners of Washington, Wyoming and Penn syenues were tested and, according to the chief, it was found hat the average water pressure was diffy-eight pounds. This, the chief says, is entirely insufficient for capable are service, and he believes that councils should endeavor to have the company furnish, if possible, a higher pressure, up to eighty-five or ninety pounds at least, and more if possible,

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NOT TOO LATE TO DO IT NOW

ASSESSOR JONES BELIEVES IN CLASSIFICATION.

Assessment Made Can Be Changed to Conform to the Second Class City Act If Councils Direct That This Be Done-Three Members of the Board of Revision and Appeal to Be Elected Will Have Nothing to Do If Contemplated Plan Is Carried

City Assessor Gwliym Jones said yesterday that he believed the assessment just made should be classified, according to the provisions of the second-class city act and be further stated that the assessors could do this in very quick order in case they were so directed by councils.

I think it would be very advisable. said he, "for councils to direct the nessessors to classify the assessment just made and also to raise it from one-third to two-thirds of the real value If this is not done there is a possibility that the city may be left. in a pretty bad fix. We should have liked to have classified the assessment when it was made, but as the outside work was all finished before Scranton entered the second class this was not done. We had to comply with the requirements of the third class city act which says nothing about the classifleation of property.

THE CLASSIFYING.

"The work of classifying can be done right here in this office and done in a very short time, as can also the work raising the assessment from one third to two-thirds of the real value of the property assessed. All that would have to be done would be to interline the books with red ink.

"Of course the moment there is talk of raising the assessment there will a how! go up from people who don't understand the situation. The higher the assessed valuation the lower the tax rate, as a matter, of course, unless councils become very extravagant. If the assessment were raised to two thirds of the real value there would. of course be no necessity of levying the full ten mills allowed by the law but a raise is, to my mind, necessary if we are to meet the expenses of a second-class city, on a graduated tax

"It would be wise for the estimates committee to not consider the estimates until councils decide whether the assessment shall be raised and classified. If it is raised the commitee will know where it is at and will be able to work intelligently, a thing which is impossible now."

Before the end of the present fiscal MAY HAVE NOTHING TO DO. ear there will be introduced in the It is more than likely that even if elect council a resolution directing the he three members of the board of ity clerk to advertise for blds for evision and appeal, necessary to com he maintenance of a fire alarm sizthat body, are elected at next tem. The resolution will, it is under-Thursday night's joint session, that they will have nothing whatever to do stood, be backed by the Lackawanua Telephone company, the management with the tri-ennial assessment. That of which believes it can maintain such is, of course, if the programme now a system for very considerably less than the amount the city is now payplanned by certain councilmen is carried out. ing. The amount now paid is \$3,489 This programme is the passing of a year, and it is believed that the new

solution directing the assessors to classify the assessment, according to the provisions of the second-class city laws and further directing them to raise it from a one-third to a twothirds valuation. It is argued that the board of revision and appeal which Albert Zeam, a Contractor, Dropped is provided for cities of the third class and which is abolished by the secondclass charter, could have nothing to do with such an assessment and that the assessors themselves would be the only perons who could hear appeals Mrs. Churies L. Kellar, of South Washington avenue, disappeared from

CONNOLLY FATALLY BURNED.

Spilled a Quantity of Boiling Water Over Himself.

Thomas Connolly, aged 8 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly, of Eynon street, died Saturday from seri-Mr. Kellar is about 56 years of age and is proprietor of the Harrisburg ous burns received in the morning as his home. Young Connolly was carry ing a poll of boiling water from the kitchen to the hennery, when he slipped and fell, the water spilling for twenty-one years, and had two over him.

His screams attracted the attention members of the family who hastened to the afflicted child and carried him into the house and summened medical aid. His burns were so serious that death resulted a few hours

The funeral will take place this aftermoon at 2.30 o'clock from Holy Cross church and burial will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

FUNERAL OF RAYMOND LISK.

Buried with Military Honors Yesterwas a frequent visitor at the hotel. and beginning last Christmas, Kellar day.

funeral of Raymond Lisk, pri ate of Company G, Twenty-seventh he time of his death, and formerly nember of Company D. Thirteenti egiment, was held yesterday afternoon from his mother's residence at 731 Kressler court. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. R. F. Y. Pierce, paster of the Penn Avenue Baptist

In the course of his remarks, Dr

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FUNERAL OF A. R. MATHERS. Was Held from the Residence of J. L. Crawford, on Monroe Avenue.



The pull bearers, members of the Wyoning lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, were A. J. Laycock, J. H. Shoemaker F. J. Fylier, J. B. Schooley and A. H. Lindsay, Interment was made at Forty Fort.

GOES TO THE PHILIPPINES. Joseph Eckersley Now Visiting in

This City. Joseph Eckersley, of North Scranm, who enlisted in the Fifth United States cavalry, some two years ago, and who has been on duty in Porto Rico for the past year, goes next month to the Philippines with his regiment. He is now home on a ten days' fur-

A large, well-drilled and special or chestra, under the baton of S. L. Stud-ey, will be a feature with the Bostonians at the Lyceum tomorrow

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Pierce dwell for some time on the hero-ic death of Lisk, while at the front in the Philippines fighting for his country. Lisk's remains reposed in a handsome casket, draped with a large American flag. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Corporal Hornbaker and a squad of eight men from Company D were drawn up at "present arms" when the pullbearers bore the casket to the hearse, while Private William Stanton played "taps" on the bugie.

Headed by Corporal Hornbaker and his squad, the procession silently made its way to the Forest Hill cemetery, where interment was made. Arthur R. Poote and other officers of Company D were in line. The pull- is ever leading to our slove, because it is a have searers were: George Locker, Company C; Charles Collins, Company A; H. Coffman, Company A: Cleveland, Company B, and Edward W. Geary, Company B. At the cemetery the firing squad

fired salutes across the grave. STOLE FROM HIS BROTHER.

T. C. Albertson, of This City. Placed Under Arrest.

Albertson, of this city, wa crested Saturday on the charge of larceny preferred by his brother, Albertson, of Foster. Last Felday T . Albertson, who had been visiting his brother at Foster, suddenly re turned home. Simultaneously will his departure a purse containing \$50

disappeared.
T. C. Albertson was arraigned be Alderman Howe and acknowledged his guitt. Upon lifs returning til of the stolen money the case was itsurfescel. He had spent the other \$19,

I. O. O. F.

The members of Lackawanna lodge, No. 291, I. O. O. F., are requested to lowest prices, meet at their hall, 200 Wyoming avenue, on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, John Harwin. Members of sister lodges are cordially in Floyd C. Frederici, N. G.

A sensation is promised in the appearance with the Bostonians of a distinguished basso, John Dunsmure, a singer of wonderful magnetism and vocal ability.

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The Scranton Gas and Water Com-

pany and the Hyde Park Gas Com-In accordance with the policy of these con-sumes to reduce rates from time to time as-may be warranted by increased consumption. may be warranted by thereased remains notice is hereby given that, our and after I next, the price of gas will be one doll-one thousand cubic feet consumed, subju-te following discounts: Five per cent, alls where the consumption for the mounts to less than twenty-five dollars; result, on all bills where the consumption to cent, on all bills where the consumption of counts.

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