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LACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY.

WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for March 12, 1907.

Highest temperature..... 49 degrees
Lowest temperature..... 30 degrees
Humidity..... 59 per cent.
W. wind, 14, backing 8 p. m., 9.2-10.6

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Joseph Lamerillo, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Burke, of Green Ridge.

Recruiting Sergeant Edward Floyd, of the local station, spent Saturday and part of Sunday in New York City.

D. W. Morrison, superintendent of the Pullman car service on the Lackawanna railroad, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. Father Kelly, formerly of Toronto, who joined the Jesuits a long time ago, and who has been spending a few days with Bishop Hoban, is expected to be in the city today.

Mrs. V. A. Small has returned to her home in Adams avenue, after a week's visit in New York City.

Mrs. Nellie Weeden, of Wellsboro, N. Y., a sister of Mrs. Small, is the latter's guest, as is also Mrs. C. E. Connor, of New York.

Several Scranton youths have distinguished themselves in the educational arena at Princeton University, and in the list of "form honors" from last published the following names appear: Nelson, H. A. Watson, of Scranton; B. D. Johnson, of West Pittston; sophomore, G. E. Close, of Dunmore; freshmen—E. H. Henry, of Scranton; H. R. Stevens, of Pittston. Mr. Close was one of four in the Sophomore class who obtained high honors.

FUNERAL OF M. J. BURKE.

High Mass of Requiem Celebrated at St. Paul's Church.

The funeral of the late Michael J. Burke was held yesterday morning from St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, and was attended by large delegations from the Catholic Mutual Benevolent association and the Improved Order of Heptasophs, of both of which organizations Mr. Burke was a member.

A high mass of requiem was solemnized by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Marcus, who also preached a brief funeral sermon. The active pall-bearers were Dr. James Stein, Otto Duester, Jacob A. Shiffer, M. H. Higgins, John J. O'Boyle and J. C. McAndrew. The honorary pall-bearers were James O'Brien, John Neery, Frank DeWilder, Michael Clark, Martin Gerrity, P. H. Golden, Samuel Roberts and J. J. Maghran.

Clearing Sale of Framed Pictures To Make room for Easter Goods. A glance at any window will give you an idea of the bargains inside. The Griffin Art Co.

BUT FEW RECRUITS.

Business Is Lagging at the Recruiting Station.

Business is not very brisk at the United States army recruiting station on Wyoming avenue these days, and so far this month but two men have been sent from the city. They are Herbert E. Sparks, of Honesdale, and Albert L. Hoffmann, the latter a central city barber.

Both men were sent to the barracks at Columbus, Ohio. News has been received at the station that Edward L. Westphal, of this city, who enlisted during February, has completed his course of training, and is now a member of Troop A, Fourteenth Cavalry. His regiment is at present stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., but is soon to leave for the Philippines.

GOT A RUDE SHOCK.

Board of Revision of Taxes Assured by City Solicitor That They Can't Serve After April 1.

The members of the board of revision of taxes and appeals realized yesterday that they would not have the work of hearing appeals on the triennial assessment completed by April 1, and they accordingly sent in a request to City Solicitor Vosburg for an opinion as to whether they could not continue to hear appeals after that date until they completed the assessment.

It didn't take Mr. Vosburg more than fifteen minutes to compile and send up stairs the following opinion, which came as rather a rude shock to the members of the board:

Board of Revision and Appeals:

Gentlemen: In response to your request of the 12th inst., I would say that on the first Monday of April of this year, the law applicable to cities of the second class will apply to this city; and as there is no provision in such law for a board of tax revision and appeal, you cannot legally continue to act as such board after that date.

Under the second class city laws, the city assessors hear and dispose of objections made to assessments, their number being increased to five.

Very truly yours,
A. A. Vosburg, City Solicitor.

The assessors have so far completed the assessment books of only ten wards, and are retaining for further alteration and amendment the books of the other eleven wards.

THE BICYCLE CLUB WON

Commercial Bowlers Defeated on Home Alleys—Though Downed, They Are Practically Assured Championship.

A large delegation of Scranton bicycle club rosters accompanied their bowling team to the Elk alleys last night and watched them defeat the crack Commercial in three matches, marked by splendid rolling. The Bicycle club had a total of 5,411 pins to their opponents' 2,514, but the latter, though defeated, piled up enough pins to place them about four hundred points ahead of the Backus team, their nearest competitor in the Northeastern Pennsylvania tournament race, and the silver trophy is now practically assured them.

Four double centuries were rolled last night, the club men securing three of them. Wardell was high man with 228, which ties the score of Roll of the Elks, who has scored a high mark throughout the tournament. Ritchie, of the Commercial, had the best average of the ten rollers, making 150, Moore's average of 186 was second. The detailed scores follow:

COMMERCIALS.

Van Wagoner	185	160	142-287
Ritchie	102	180	212-292
Powell	130	183	153-303
Felley	147	154	139-301
Field	184	119	310-249
Totals	588	596	506-2111

BICYCLE CLUB.

Wardell	156	228	147-531
Taylor	215	146	198-362
Shair	152	125	126-277
Roper	169	121	203-290
Moore	172	187	196-358
Totals	624	607	506-2111

Last night's match brings to a close the Commercial's schedule, and gives them a total of 19,062 pins for twenty-four games, compared to the Backus total of 15,391. The Bicycle club must bowl another game to complete its list and the West End Wheelmen, of Wilkes-Barre, and the Elks have two more matches to bowl.

As things at present stand, the Commercial is about assured the championship, and Hopkins, of the Backus team, is certain of the prize for high individual average. As stated above, Wardell and Roll of the Elks are far from the prize for the highest score.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Scranton Postoffice, Lackawanna county, Pa., March 12, 1907. Persons calling for these letters will please say advertised and give date of list.

E. H. Rippe, Postmaster.

Billy Allen, Mrs. Jessie Adams, Miss Ida Armstrong, Helen H. Baker.

J. Boser, Arthur S. Blake, George C. Blue (duplicate), W. H. Blair, R. B. Bonham, D. R. Burton, John Burke Emma Beagle.

Mrs. William Cummings, Mrs. F. M. Coker, A. E. Campbell, Frederick H. Crawford, E. L. Craig, N. Croft, Margaret C. Conable, The Collins, A. M. Carpenter, Patrick Collins.

J. B. Deon, William Diller, George H. Daniel, Miss Myrtle Eldred, J. C. Evans.

T. Flood, Ida Fisher, Mrs. Clara Field, Miss Eulalia Field.

Miss L. Green, C. Grazier, Elmer Gardner.

G. A. Hayes, John Huto, A. M. Heiman.

James R. Jones, James D. Johnston.

Emma Kolberg, Frank Kelmor.

Jerry Lander, Miss Della Logan, Miss Lillian E. Lewis, Alex. Loyer.

E. M. McAuley, Mrs. Mary McDonough, T. C. Boykin, Mrs. Mary McMoritt, George Miller, John H. Morrison, Fred L. Morrill.

H. H. Northup, John Nune.

J. T. Pierce, George Pennington, Stanley J. Treasurer, Protected Home Circle.

Jessie Berg, Pierce & Raymond, Peter Ralph, Robert Reed.

B. B. Stringfellow, Mrs. Rose Standwell, Mr. Standee, Mrs. A. B. Spack, B. J. Schall, Miss Lillian Shipley, Miss Edith Simmons, Dr. A. A. Starkweather.

Mrs. Josie Thomas, Harry C. Traylor, James Tyrell.

Mr. Mark Wilson, Mrs. Arvilla Willison, G. W. Wesley, Miss Lizzie Walters, R. D. Woodward, L. D. Wilson, Gertrude Wilson.

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.

The jury in the Court of Public Opinion—deciding the merits of Schriever's sepia pictures, enlarged from photographs—have rendered the above verdict.

The hanging evidence is on view at the studio.

MILL GIRLS DRAW UP SCALE

HARVEY STRIKERS PREPARE FOR ARBITRATION.

At Yesterday Afternoon's Meeting They Prepared a Scale Which Will Be Put Into Hands of Arbitrators. Meeting of Mill Owners and Superintendents Will Be Shortly Held, at Which Joint Action Will Be Taken Regarding Matter—Harvey Willing to Arbitrate.

The striking girls from Harvey Bros.' silk mill held a meeting yesterday afternoon at Carpenter's hall, and there approved the action of the executive committee in pursuing the resolutions, printed in yesterday morning's Tribune, signifying the willingness of the strikers to settle the present difficulty by arbitration.

A committee was also appointed by the chairman to draw up a scale of wages, which will be put into the hands of the arbitrator or arbitrators, as the case may be. This action will be followed by the locals of all the mills. The scale adopted by the Harvey girls is the same as that which was drawn up by the general scale committee six weeks ago and presented to the mill owners. One important concession made, however, is in the matter of fines.

One of the officials of the Harvey workers' union yesterday remarked that the members of the association, far from objecting to the fixing system, on the contrary approved of it as a matter of necessary discipline. She furthermore announced that the Harvey girls contain no other grievances, and that the only matter in which an improvement is asked is the wage scale prevailing at the mill.

MEETS THIS MORNING.

The executive committee will meet this morning at Carpenter's hall, and will further discuss the matter of arbitration, and decide on the number of arbitrators in whose hands will be entrusted the strike's future. No action will be taken by the mill owners regarding the question of arbitration until the return from the South of Valentine Bliss and Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Sauquoit mill.

These two gentlemen, as the proprietor of three local plants and superintendent of the largest silk manufacturing establishment in the country, naturally control the situation, and the smaller mill owners are unwilling to take any action before they are on the scene. Messrs. Bliss and Davis are expected home within a week, and straightaway on their arrival a meeting will be called of all the owners of local and Pittston mills, at which the strikers' proposition will be seriously considered.

Alfred Harvey, part proprietor of Harvey Bros.' South Scranton silk mill and Forest City plant, yesterday declared his willingness to arbitrate, and thus expressed himself to a Tribune man:

WHAT HARVEY SAID.

"I certainly would be willing to have this strike settled by arbitration, providing it could be left to intelligent persons, men who are conversant with the situation and silk business in general. In this matter, as in everything pertaining to a settlement of the strike, we stand willing to follow the example of the Sauquoit mill.

"I am in favor of choosing a board of arbitration, we would be willing to choose one person and let the strikers have the choice of another, the two to select a third arbitrator."

THE WHEELMEN'S FAIR.

Opening of New Club House in Green Ridge Last Night.

The Green Ridge Wheelmen opened their fair in their handsome new club house at 1615 Wyoming avenue under most favorable circumstances. The amusement feature of the evening was the minstrel performance given by members of the Electric City Wheelmen, which was enjoyed by a large audience. The Opheus club also gave many tuned selections.

From roof to cellar the house was thronged by the club's friends, who voted the kitchen at the top of the house as much of a model in its way as the bowling alley in the basement. This alley is considered one of the best in the section.

The various booths are very pretty decorated, and are attended by the ladies, who take great interest in the club's affairs. It is needless to say their wares went with astonishing rapidity.

With such an opening the fair's success is assured. A different programme in the way of entertainment is to be given each evening.

The following is the programme for this evening: Overture, "Norma," Boland, Opheus club—Mr. P. H. Willmeyer, violin; Mr. C. C. Conrad, clarinet; Mr. W. H. Stanton, cornet; Mr. Charles H. Doersam, piano. Vocal solo, selected, Miss Grace Spencer; Delsarte work, Miss Jennie Ollie; vocal solo, selected, Mr. Ralph Williams; march, "Fand Rosa," Sorrento, Opheus club.

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In view of the fact that considerable time has elapsed since there has been any public competition of local pieces for the purpose of stimulating the literary ability latent among the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, The Tribune has decided to start a series of prizes as a stimulus in this direction. It is a question of seeing for us in its columns a number of short stories treating of local themes. In order to furnish an incentive it proposes to pay \$25 for the best story, not to exceed 2,000 words in length; \$10 for the second best story, and \$5 for the third best story.

Manuscripts not submitted in accordance with these rules will be published and duly credited if the authors so desire.

Stories tending to bring out the romance and dramatic aspects of happenings in the industry will have preference. In connection with every mine in the valley there is a mass of tradition, including half-breath escapades, marvellous accidents, and other details bordering on the weird or supernatural which has never been gathered together in literary form. This opens a field which is practically unexplored, and which should supply the material for some exceedingly interesting fiction.

The task of judging upon the merits of the manuscripts submitted will be assigned to a distinguished judge, whose name will soon be announced, and who will read the manuscripts but have no knowledge of the identity of the authors. The envelopes containing the manuscripts will be preserved unopened until after the awards have been made.

Should this initial competition prove encouraging, it may be followed by other prize offers of similar tenor.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

All manuscripts must be submitted not later than March 29.

All manuscripts must be signed by a Scranton name and also the writer's real name and postoffice address, which name will appear in the Tribune.

The score of each story must be laid in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but the names of real persons must not be used.

Contributors' names must be understood. Contributions intended for this contest will be accepted only from present subscribers to The Tribune or from those who may, during the contest, become subscribers to the amount of at least one month's subscription in advance.

Address,
STORY CONTEST,
Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

RECORDER AND THE VETO

If He Has That Power It Is of a Remotely Inferred Character in the Ripper Bill.

It is not generally known that the ripper bill contains no provision whatever for the vetoing by the recorder of any ordinance or resolution passed by council.

It was at first thought that this was an oversight on the part of the framers of the bill, but City Solicitor Vosburg and others who have talked with some of the most ardent ripper-ers at Harrisburg are convinced that it was an intentional omission, the argument having been advanced that an account of the centralization of so much executive power and responsibility in the hands of the recorder it would not be wise to give that official legislative control.

Recorder Mott is inclined to believe that complications will ensue in case he refuses to sign an ordinance or resolution of council. He believes that to become operative they will have to receive his signature, and he asserts that if any measure fails to meet his approval he will have, as a matter of course, to sign it.

City Solicitor Vosburg stated yesterday to a Tribune man that as far as he could see there is no provision whatever in the bill providing for the signing of any ordinance or resolution by the recorder. The power to sign is implied, he thinks, but inasmuch as no provision is made for a veto it would be merely a formal act. He is inclined to believe that if the recorder is perfectly valid without his signature.

The bill, however, contains one provision which leads many to believe that it was intended to include a provision for a veto. This provision is contained in Article I, Section 5, and reads as follows:

"The city recorder may disapprove of any item or items of any bill making appropriations, and the part or parts of the bill approved shall be inoperative until the recorder has approved according to the rules and limitations prescribed by law for the passage of bills over the city recorder's veto."

There is no provision in the act which provides for any veto, as mentioned above, but it is said that the insertion of the clause quoted above shows that it was intended to include such a provision.

WADE M. FINN CHOSEN.

Is the Candidate of the Republicans for Chairman of Select Council.

The eleven Republican members of the select council caucused last night

INSTALLING NEW PHONES.

Lackawanna Telephone Company Putting Ten in City Hall.

The electricians of the Lackawanna Telephone company have been installing during the past two days the ten telephones which the company by the terms of its franchise agrees to furnish free of charge in the Municipal building.

The phones are being located in the following offices: city treasurer's, city solicitor's, city controller's, recorder's, police headquarters, city clerk's, city engineer's, street commissioner's, board of health and chief of the fire department.

Connection with an economical run of mind figure on saving between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a year by cutting out the appropriation for telephones. The new company agrees to put phones into the hose companies houses and at the various police box stations also.

For Sale.

On account of leaving town, the household goods, consisting of hall, parlor, library, dining room and bedroom furniture and carpets, will be sold at auction, commencing Thursday morning, March 14, at 10 o'clock, at No. 624 Jefferson avenue.

Ask for Kelly's union crackers.

SECOND CLASS CITY CHANGES

RE-ORGANIZATION ORDINANCE PASSED TWO READINGS.

It Was Very Much Amended but None of the Changes Are Important Except the One Outlining the Duties of the City Treasurer—The Resolution Explaining Dockage Clause in Light Contract Passed. Tax Levy Will Be 13.4 Mill or 7-10 of a Mill More Than Last Year.

The ordinance providing for the carrying into effect of the provisions of the ripper bill was passed on second reading by select council last night after a number of amendments had been adopted, none of which were of very great importance.

With one or two exceptions they were all introduced by Mr. Roche, and in the majority of instances provided for the correction of typographical and clerical errors in the ordinance.

The most important one outlines the duties of the city treasurer, making many radical changes in the management of the affairs of that office. It provides that the city funds shall be deposited in banks to be selected by the city controller, and that all interest earned by the moneys deposited in these banks shall be covered into the city treasury. All checks upon these banks drawn by the treasurer must be countersigned by the controller.

Another amendment creates a new police lieutenant. This was rendered necessary, Mr. Roche said, because of the fact that the city will be divided by necessity into five warder districts, and the ordinance provides that each of these districts shall be commanded by a lieutenant. There are now only four lieutenants, he said, and the creation of a fifth was necessary.

CLERK OF THE COMMONS.

The section providing that the city clerk and his assistant be the clerks of council and abolishing the office of clerk of the commons council was stricken out by another amendment. Mr. Roche explained that he would offer another amendment tomorrow night establishing a bureau of licenses in connection with the city clerk's office and giving the clerk of the commons council extra work to do in connection therewith.

Mr. Oliver offered two amendments, which were adopted, increasing the pay of bank men in the fire department from fifty to seventy cents an hour, and striking out the proviso at the end of the section providing for the abandonment of the volunteer department within thirty days after the passage of the ordinance. The proviso striking out was to the effect that no company having less than two permanent men should be abandoned.

When council adjourned it was until tomorrow night, when the ordinance will be passed on third and final reading.

About a year ago the Scranton Electric Light and Heat company entered into a ten-year contract with the city for electric lighting. This contract, which was signed by the company's officers, contained a clause reading, "where lights are reported out, shortage shall be charged for every such light."

DEFINING WHAT SHORTAGE IS.

In the face of this, what Mr. Chittenden and others "willingly" incurred obligation on the part of the company, council last night passed a resolution, not without vigorous protest, declaring that the clause above quoted "does not apply to the ordinary stoppage for brief periods and incidental to the working of air-tight machinery, but only to such stoppage as may be caused by defective machinery or negligence on the part of the company."

Messrs. Chittenden, Vaughan and Oliver led the light on the resolution, while Mr. O'Boyle was its main supporter. Mr. O'Boyle contended that it was unfair and improper to dock the company for a light if it was out for only five minutes.

"That's all right, Tommy," sang out Mr. Vaughan. "It was only a few months back when you couldn't bank the company hard enough. Remarkable change of heart!"

Mr. Vaughan offered a rider to the resolution, directing the company to raise its street lamps to a height of twenty-five feet, saying that if the company was to be done a favor they should do the city a favor. The amendment was adopted, and then the resolution as amended was approved.

Mr. Clemons introduced the tax levy ordinance for the coming fiscal year. A letter from City Solicitor Vosburg bearing on this question was read. The city solicitor stated in this that in order to avoid complications it would be advisable to pass the ordinance before April 1.

The measure was referred to committee, reported forthwith and passed on first and second readings. It provides for a levy of 13.4 mills. The levy for the fiscal year just drawing to a close was 12.7 mills.

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