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CITY NOTES. VETERANS TO CELEBRATE.—The celebration of the Spanish War Veterans in honor of their first anniversary takes place tonight in Haub's hall.

EXCURSION TO LOBLORE.—Local union No. 1367, of Providence, United Mine Workers of America, will conduct their first annual excursion to Lake Loder on June 15.

JONES' NEW POSITION.—Ex-Patrolman "Babe" Jones has accepted a position as night watchman with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, and began his duties in that capacity on Friday night of last week. It was rumored that ex-Lieutenant Spilman had also entered the company's employ, but this is denied both by Chief Adams and Spilman himself.

W. M. MILLER ARRESTED.—W. M. Miller, the New York state tax merchant, who cut his wrist very badly on Monday night by falling against a glass window on North Washington avenue, was found wandering about yesterday afternoon on Ninth street in a helplessly intoxicated condition and was gathered in by the patrol wagon.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT.—The last concert to be given by Mme. Van den Hende and Miss F. Vanderveken, assisted by Mrs. Clara Simpson-Brady and Charles Doersam, will be given at Guernsey's hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The programme to be rendered will be entirely by Belgian composers, known as the greatest string instrument school in the world. Mme. Van den Hende's appearance in this city has created a feeling of enthusiasm.

D. L. & W. PAY-DAYS.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay today to the Blomont, Mine and Stone mines, Tonawanda of the Aynsville, Aynsville, Bluff-Halstead, Hunt, Petehone and Woodward, Sit-unter of the Archbald, Bellevue, Brisban, Cayuga, Continental, Dodge, Holden, Hyde Park, Oxford, Pine, Sloan and Taylor, The Delaware and Hudson paid at the Marine shaft, Leggett's Creek, Dickson and Von Storch mines yesterday.

GYMNASIC EXHIBITION.—One of the most delightful entertainments of the year is the exhibition given by the gymnastic pupils of the Young Women's Christian association. This has been one of the best years the gymnasium has seen since the organization of the Young Women's Christian association and the exhibition will be an especially good one. It is not composed of fancy drills and other things gotten up especially for exhibition, but is so arranged as to represent the actual class work done by the pupils. The performance will take place tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. All friends of the association are invited.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.—The management of the Woman's Exchange would call the attention of their friends and patrons to the many new and useful articles suitable for those contemplating going abroad or for travel generally. A new consignment of trousseau lace work, many pieces suitable for wedding gifts, is now on hand.

Engagement Extraordinary. 2-GRAND CONCERTS-2. BY—

The United States Marine Band of Washington, D. C. 74 Musicians, Assisted by Miss Annie Whaley, Soprano, AT THE

Ninth Regiment Armory, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Afternoon and Evening, Friday, April 26.

Children under 15, 25c. Matinee, 50 and 75c. Evening, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. LARGEST, BEST PAID AND GREATEST NATIONAL BAND IN THE WORLD. Concert under the management of the Keystone Lyceum Bureau. Diagram at Powell's Music store.

ON exhibition. This is the work of ladies and it is greatly desired that the Scranton ladies come in and enjoy a sight of it while in its first freshness and beauty. The Exchange means very much to many women of Scranton and we ask its well wishers to keep in sympathetic touch with it by occasional visits and by throwing in its way such support as will not interfere with other calls and duties.

TODAY'S EVENTS. Select and common councils meet tonight. Convention of Christian Endeavor union at Penn Avenue Baptist church tonight.

Announcements. The Boys' Industrial association will hold a rummage sale in the empty Bevan store, 221 Wyoming avenue, Friday and Saturday. The "Defenders" basketball team of South Scranton and the "Spartans" team will meet Saturday night at the armory and not in the North Scranton Auditorium as previously announced. The Boys' Industrial association will give a lecture for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association, May 7. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be guests of Hon. and Mrs. W. H. Lavery, Council during their stay in the city. A reception will be given to Rev. E. B. Singer, the assistant pastor of Elm Park church, in the church parlors, Friday evening, April 26, under the auspices of the Epworth league and Sunday school. An interesting programme has been arranged and a pleasant time is anticipated. All members of the church and congregation are cordially invited to attend.

IF NOT RECORDED, HE IS MAYOR. That is the Position Taken by the Hon. James Moir.

All persons interested in municipal affairs are just now discussing some of the possibilities in case the Supreme court should declare the ripper bill unconstitutional. One of the questions which is most widely discussed is—If the bill is declared unconstitutional would Recorder Moir's term as chief executive of the city end or would he serve out the three year term as mayor to which he was elected.

A Tribune man sought out the recorder yesterday and asked him for a statement as to his interpretation of the law in case such a contingency as the one above mentioned should arise. The recorder said:

"I have been advised on this question, and I feel convinced that if the ripper is declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court I shall be able to serve out as mayor the three year term for which I was elected. I did not resign as mayor. I was legislated out of office and then appointed recorder. If the act under which I was removed as mayor is declared to be unconstitutional, I would be placed in precisely the same situation as if that act was never introduced or thought of. There was no doubt in anybody's mind before the Muchbronner bill was introduced that I would continue to serve as mayor until my term expired, and I am just as firm of opinion now as I was then that I can continue to do so if the ripper is declared unconstitutional."

There are some, however, who differ with the recorder in his views on this proposition. It is held by these that if the bill is declared unconstitutional and assuming the office of recorder before the date on which Scranton became a city of the second class, Recorder Moir gave up all right and title to the position of mayor.

APPEALS FROM ASSESSMENTS. Three Big Corporations Are Claiming Exemptions.

Today the city assessors will hear arguments by the representatives of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, and began his duties in that capacity on Friday night of last week. It was rumored that ex-Lieutenant Spilman had also entered the company's employ, but this is denied both by Chief Adams and Spilman himself.

Appraisals are also to be heard from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, which claims that a number of its buildings which have been assessed are exempt from local taxation because they are merely repair shops and necessary to the operation of the railroad.

The Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company is also appealing from the new assessment. The company's building on Adams avenue was until this year partly used by another tenant. This year the company is using the entire building for its own purposes and under the law should be exempt, it claims, from all except state taxes.

TO CAMP BY BRIGADES. Major Miller Says Guard Will Stay Within the State.

Major W. S. Miller, assistant adjutant general, has received authentic information that the National Guard will encamp this year by brigades and that it will encamp within the borders of the Keystone state. He says that the place to be selected for the camping ground of the Third brigade, of which the Thirteenth regiment is a component part, will be either Mt. Gretna or in Luzerne county, near Wyoming, with the chances favoring Mt. Gretna. The power of choosing a site for the brigade camp is vested in the brigadier general commanding.

This completely knocks in the head all prospects of the guard encamping at Buffalo this year.

A LARGE CLAIM. Charles Raynor Collects \$248 from Relief Association.

The meeting of the Firemen's Relief association at a meeting held in the Municipal building last night passed the largest claim ever presented in the history of the organization. It was the claim of Charles Raynor, permanent man of the Reliefs, who was injured some four months ago by falling from the wagon.

He broke his shoulder blade and was laid up for four months. His claim was for 124 days, or \$248, and was passed without discussion. On account of the unsettled condition of affairs as regards the re-organization of the fire department no further steps were taken towards perfecting a continuance of the organization after the volunteer department is disbanded.

Guernsey Hall, 214 Washington ave., Scranton, is the best and most reliable place to purchase a good Piano. It will pay you to call and get prices and terms. J. W. Guernsey, Prop.

New Stocks for Ladies. We have just received an exclusive line of new Kaiser Stocks. Cramer-Wells Co., 113 Wyoming avenue.

Ask for Kelly's union crackers. Smoke the Pocomo Co. cigar.

STRIKE WILL END TODAY. SAQUOIT SOFT SILK GIRLS VOTE FOR SETTLEMENT.

By an Almost Unanimous Vote the Employees of the Soft Silk Department of the Saquoit Mill Yesterday Decided to Accept the Offer Made by Superintendent Davis. Hard Silk Workers Meet Today and from All Indications Will Follow Suit.

As was predicted in yesterday morning's Tribune, the action taken by the girls of the soft silk department of the Saquoit mill yesterday afternoon broke the backbone of the strike, which has been conducted for the last three months. By an almost unanimous vote the girls decided to return to work, after hearing an address by "Mother" Mary Jones, in which she strongly recommended the advisability of accepting the offer made through the Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban by Superintendent Davis, acting for the operators as a body.

The vote on his proposition was 314 to 6. The hard silk girls will meet this afternoon, and "Mother" Jones yesterday remarked that as the operators' offer is a very fair one, it is most likely that the proposal will be accepted. The employees of the smaller mills will follow the lead taken by the Saquoit strikers, and it may therefore be safely said that the strike is over. Of the mills originally closed, four will be in operation today. The Minooka girls, who Monday decided to accept Superintendent Butler's offer, will return to work today. Then there are Harvey Bros.' mill at Forest City, Renard & Son's plant at Taylor and the Lackawanna company's mill at the same place, all of which are now in full blast.

WAITED ON BISHOP. The strikers' executive committee waited upon Bishop Hoban yesterday morning, in order to ascertain whether Superintendent Davis had granted some of the union concessions which have proved obstacles to a settlement so long. The bishop gave them most welcome news. The weavers at the Saquoit mill will not only be allowed to have a girl to measure their silk for them, but will also be granted the privilege of choosing their person from their own ranks. They will themselves attend to her pay for the service.

This is considered by the weavers to be one of the most important advantages gained by them, and it is largely responsible for yesterday's overwhelming vote in favor of return to work. The executive committee was also informed that the warpers' grievances were to be given all due consideration.

All that the members of this department asked was the reinstatement as forewoman of Miss Margaret Roach, who went out on strike with them. As a man has been already appointed to act as foreman, it will not be possible for Miss Roach to be immediately reinstated, but the girls have the assurance that she will become a forewoman as soon as a vacancy occurs.

OFFER TO WEAVERS. The offer made the weavers is a generous one. It consists of an increase of half a cent per yard, and any skilled weaver can easily make from twenty up to additional every day at this rate. The wage offered the hard silk girls is the old \$12 per cent, increase, but the additional concession of allowing a half holiday on Saturday during the sixteen summer weeks, makes an extra increase of from fifteen to thirty cents.

After this afternoon's meeting a general meeting of the Saquoit girls will be held, in case the hard silk workers accept Superintendent Davis' offer, and the hands will return to work as soon as the mill is announced to be ready for operations. While it is not likely that the full force of employees will be required at once, still within a few weeks places will be found for all the strikers. A special meeting of the hard silk workers will also be held tomorrow morning.

Tomorrow afternoon the strikers from Harvey's central city mill will meet and vote upon the operators' offer. There is no doubt that they will follow the lead of the Saquoit girls, as the two locals have gone hand in hand since the very beginning of the strike. Superintendent Harvey, in fact, has claimed all through the strike that a settlement would have been effected with the employees had it not been for the fact that their sympathies were enlisted with the Saquoit girls.

KLOTZ MILL WORKERS. The Klotz local will meet Sunday afternoon in St. John's hall, and vote on the operators' offer.

JOHN MALOTT APPOINTED. Has Been Made a Regular Patrolman by Director Hitchcock.

John Malott, of West Scranton, has been appointed a regular patrolman by Director of Public Safety Hitchcock to fill the vacancy on the police force caused by the removal of Patrolman I. F. Jones. Malott was appointed a patrolman at the time of the removal, but his appointment was never confirmed by select council. The removals and appointments of members of the police force is now entirely in the hands of the director of public safety. Malott recently broke his leg while acting as a special officer and as he is not yet in a condition to do city patrol duty, he is acting as desk sergeant during the day.

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A FEW FACTS. About the New Catarrh Cure.

The new Catarrh Cure is a new departure in so-called catarrh cures because it actually cures, and is not simply a temporary relief. The new Catarrh Cure is not a salve, ointment, powder nor liquid, but a pleasant tasting tablet containing the best specifics for catarrh in a concentrated, convenient form. The old style of catarrh salves and ointments are greasy, dirty and inconvenient at the best; the new preparation being in tablet form is always clean and convenient.

The new Catarrh Cure is superior to Catarrh powders because it is a notorious fact that many catarrh powders contain cocaine. The new Catarrh Cure is called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, a wholesome combination of blood root, beachwood, quinine and other antiseptics, and cures by its action upon the blood and mucous membrane, the only rational treatment for catarrhal trouble. You do not have to draw upon your imagination to discover whether you are getting benefit from Stuart's Catarrh Tablets; improvements and relief are apparent from the first tablet taken.

All druggists sell and recommend them. They cost but 50 cents for full sized packages, and any catarrh sufferer who has wasted time and money on Catarrh salves and powders, will appreciate to the full the merit of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

The operators' proposal. It was at this mill that the strike movement originated. Last Saturday they voted upon the proposal made through the mediation of Bishop Hoban, and decided not to accept it. There was not a full attendance, however, and moreover, the Saquoit girls had not yet given any indication that they would accept the offer. The fact that the employees who have been the leaders in the movement have decided to return to work will most likely result in the Klotz girls doing likewise, Sunday.

No meetings have been called of the strikers of the three mills at North Scranton, Dunmore and Dickson. As already announced in the Tribune, Mr. Bliss has decided to move the first-named mill from this city, but it is understood that other parties will own it in about three months. The strikers of the other two mills only wait for the Saquoit girls to take the initiative in resuming work. At Taylor, the mill of Mulhern & Judge is the only one idle, and complications arise here in the matter of a settlement. The offer made by the operators, through the bishop, does not include the Taylor operators, as they claim the wages they paid before the strike were almost as high as those asked from the Saquoit management.

MEETING AT TAYLOR. "Mother" Jones will address a meeting of the Taylor girls Saturday, and a settlement may follow. A number of girls and boys reported for duty at Harvey's mill Monday night, with yesterday morning, in accordance with the agreement they made with Superintendent Bachofen. The latter advised them, however, to return home and wait a few days, when it is likely that the mill will be opened with the full force.

The superintendent has written to the management at Paterson regarding the situation, and the same terms will be probably advanced their hands as those made at the other mills. A mass meeting of the strikers will be held at the Saquoit mill yesterday morning, in accordance with the agreement they made with Superintendent Bachofen. The latter advised them, however, to return home and wait a few days, when it is likely that the mill will be opened with the full force.

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COUNCILS MUST ACT AT ONCE. ROCHE SAYS CITY CAN'T MAKE CONTRACTS.

The Ripper Bill Directs That Contracts Shall Be Awarded as Heretofore and the Old Laws Provide That Councils Shall Make Regulations Covering This Matter—An Ordinance Providing Such Regulations Should Be Passed at Once, Mr. Roche Thinks.

In the opinion of Director of Public Works John E. Roche, it will be necessary before any city work can be let for any city work to have an ordinance passed by councils setting forth who shall award such contracts. He has carefully looked up the law and believes that this is the only proper thing to do.

At present, according to Mr. Roche, the city has no power to enter into a contract. The ripper bill provides that all contracts relating to city affairs shall be let as heretofore in each of the cities of the second class. It contains another provision which, as he views it, debars councils from letting contracts. This reads, "No contracts shall be entered into or executed directly by the councils or any committee thereof."

By referring to a digest of the old second-class city laws it will be found that the Act of 1874 sets forth how contracts shall be awarded. This act, by the terms of the ripper bill, is the one which must be followed in this city, says Mr. Roche.

WHAT IT PROVIDES. It provides that "all stationery, printing, paper and fuel used in the councils and in other departments of the city government, and all work and materials required by the city, shall be furnished, and the printing and all other kinds of work to be done for the city shall be performed under contract, to be given to the lowest responsible bidder, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by ordinance, and it shall be the duty of councils forthwith to enact such ordinances."

Mr. Roche claims that the immediate introduction and passage of an ordinance giving some person or persons the right to award contracts is absolutely necessary. There are several small sewers for which bids have already been received, but not opened, and City Clerk Lavelle advertised yesterday for sealed proposals for two sewers to sewer portions of Bellevue.

Mr. Roche was cited by a Tribune reporter as to whom, though it would be best to vest the power of awarding contracts in, and he replied the recorder and his cabinet. He said that the ripper bill, as originally introduced, provided for the awarding of contracts by the recorder and the head of the proper department, but expressed himself as not favoring this plan.

"The awarding of contracts is a very delicate matter," said he, "and should I believe, be vested in one or two officials. I have no desire to award the large share of contracts which come under the head of my department, because I realize that, no matter how fair and impartial I might be in performing this duty, I would always be subjected to more or less criticism. I think that the recorder and the members of his cabinet, or at least the principal members, should be constituted by councils as a board to receive and open all bids and award contracts. I think an ordinance providing for some method of awarding contracts cannot be passed too quickly, as the hands of the head of every department will be tied until it is passed."

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