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ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF OLD POOR BOARD

Will Be an Interesting Topic at the Next Meeting—Solicitor Butler Will Advise What Course to Follow—New Bill Fixing Compensation of Directors and Auditors.

The Carbondale poor board, the deliberations of which have furnished so much interesting reading, promises decidedly interesting developments at its next meeting on Friday evening, May 18.

At the meeting of the board, held on Friday, April 25, the question of commencing criminal proceedings against the members of the old board for the alleged shortages in their accounts as found by the auditors, was given over to Attorney H. C. Butler, the board's solicitor, for advice as to what action would be justified to recover this widely discussed indebtedness of the old members of this body.

The matter was brought up by Mr. McCaha, who expressed himself as being in favor of prosecuting the old board, even if it was necessary to spend as much money as the alleged shortages amounted to in order to bring about the purpose aimed at.

Mr. McCaha has warm supporters in Secretary Williams and Mr. McMillan, and while Chairman Thomas took no part in the debate, it is shrewdly suspected that he will assent and will lend his aid to whatever proposition these three members will lay before the board. This will give a majority vote and if the agreement holds among these four, the prosecution of the old members may be expected, provided they refuse to settle up the amounts for which they have been found delinquent by the auditors.

The course, however, which the board will pursue will hinge on the recommendations of Solicitor Butler, to whom the matter was referred, and to whom the bonds of the old members and all the other matters which are a part of the transaction were referred for examination and advice.

What Mr. Butler will advise can only be conjectured as his judgment will not be learned until he submits his report to the board at its next meeting. The board, however, will be guided by his recommendations, as the motion at the last meeting indicated such action.

Another matter of interest in connection with the poor board is the bill which is to be considered at the senate a few weeks ago by Senator Vaughan, of Scranton, which fixes the fees of office at three dollars per day, not to exceed thirty-five days each year. Whether or not the members of the board are to be considered as a day, the bill does not state and the question would possibly be raised by the auditors who are to decide what a day's work constitutes. However, the maximum sum which the directors can receive is one hundred and five dollars, the compensation for thirty-five days.

The fees of the auditors, which were heretofore left in the discretion of the board, are also regulated by the bill. They are three dollars per day, the work of auditing the accounts not to exceed twelve months. It is to provide for the auditors that the bill was especially introduced.

The bill is as follows: AN ACT to regulate the compensation of the directors and auditors of the poor district of the city of Carbondale, to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the duties of the body corporate known as the directors of the poor of the city of Carbondale, changing the name and extending the jurisdiction thereof, fixing the number of directors, the terms of office, the times and manner of their election, the filling of vacancies, the keeping of their accounts and providing for the appointment of auditors to audit the same, being a supplement to an act entitled "An act to authorize the erection of a poor house of the city of Carbondale, in the county of Luzerne," approved the ninth day of March, in the year of our said state the hundred and sixty; approved the fifth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Section 1.—Be it enacted by the senate and the house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same that each of the directors of the poor district of the city of Carbondale shall be entitled to the sum of three (\$3) dollars per day for each and every day necessarily and actually engaged in auditing and settling the accounts of the said directors not exceeding twelve days each.

Sec. 2.—Each of the auditors of the said district shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars per day for each and every day necessarily and actually engaged in auditing and settling the accounts of the said directors not exceeding twelve days each.

Sec. 3.—In case of an appeal by either of the said directors from the audit and settlement of his accounts to the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county, each of the said auditors shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars per day for each and every day which he is necessarily and actually in attendance upon the trial of such appeal in court.

Sec. 4.—The compensation of the directors and auditors of the said district shall be paid by the treasurer in the manner provided by the act to which this is a supplement.

The Metropolitan Quartette. While the details are not all arranged it is fully settled that the Metropolitan Male quartette, of New York, will appear in this city on Monday evening, May 13. It is now several seasons since a male quartette of note has sung here, and the music loving public will understand that there is no combination of voices equal to four well trained and perfectly blended male voices. For fifteen years audiences in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City have given their continuous support to this organization.

Home from Philadelphia. Frank Bridgett, of Darle avenue, arrived from Philadelphia yesterday to report the summer vacation at his home here.

Mr. Bridgett is following a course of practical instruction preparatory to entering Lehigh university.

Miss Dibble's Funeral. The funeral of Miss Estella Dibble, will be held today, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Rev. A. P. Cluffie will conduct services at the house, on Lincoln avenue, after which an interment will be made in Brookside cemetery.

Discharged from Hospital. Christopher Schultz, of Park street, the member of Davies post, Grand Army of the Republic, who was obliged to submit to an operation during an attack of appendicitis, was dis-

charged from Emergency hospital on Tuesday and is again with his family. Mr. Schultz is steadily gaining in strength and will now be in the enjoyment of good health.

Schultz's case was one of the most interesting of the character that has come under the care of the hospital staff, and it is also a case in which really marvelous results were accomplished. His case was a dangerously developed attack of appendicitis, and the condition of the region about the appendix when the incision was finished during the operation fairly disheartened the surgeons in charge of the case. Schultz, however, possessed an unexampled determination and grit, and the exercise of these qualities were a most prominent factor in his recovery.

Mr. Schultz is generous in his acknowledgment of the efficient and careful nursing and care that he received at the hospital, and to this he attributes the preservation of his life.

ERIE CLERKS LEAVE THE CITY.

They Abandon Offices Here Today and Go to Dunmore.

The recent transfer of the general offices of the Erie railroad, following the purchase of the Pennsylvania Coal company's properties, has affected the office in this city. Yesterday orders directing the immediate transfer of all of the company's records, etc., to the new general offices at Dunmore. The clerks were also ordered to report at Dunmore during today.

The clerks who will have to remove to Dunmore, in obedience to the orders are: Clarence F. Rose, chief clerk; Harry Forbes, stenographer; E. W. Carr, timekeeper, and Charles Carr, messenger.

With the removal of the above, the Erie company's offices are practically abandoned. Only the dispatchers remain, but as the company has decided on concentrating its clerical help at Dunmore, it is not unlikely that the dispatchers will also be called to that borough.

A REFRESHING SHOWER.

The First Real Spring Storm of the Year, with Considerable Display of Lightning.

The first real, earnest spring shower of the season visited this section about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The elements were certainly in earnest, for the storm had all the accompaniments of roaring thunder and lightning, the zig-zag shoot and display of all the other varieties being comprised in the contribution.

The gloom of early night preceded the storm and when the rain followed the lightning's illuminations it came down with a business air and completed the work of cleaning the streets which the street commissioner's force started out to do with good intentions but with a lack of means.

The warm rain was especially welcomed by those interested in vegetation and its refreshing effect will be readily observed in the new signs of life in the promising shrubs and buds. The warmth-laden atmosphere was appreciably cooled by the rain's visit.

Funerals of Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Malone was held yesterday morning at 9:30. A high mass of requiem was celebrated by Father Gorman. During the service Misses May Moffitt and Mame Cannon rendered a beautiful duet. The following were the pallbearers: Stephen Nealon, Lawrence Little, Joseph Farrell, Alex. Fluelen, Charles McCann, John Grady, Martin Mannion and Edward Bradley. Interment was made in St. Rose cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Bannon also took place yesterday morning, there being a large attendance. Several very pretty floral tributes attested the high esteem in which the dead woman was held. A requiem mass was offered by Rev. Father Dixon, after which interment took place in St. Rose cemetery.

The funeral of the late Thomas Johns, of Vandling, was conducted yesterday by Undertaker Purple, of this city. It was probably the largest which has ever been held in that borough.

The services were conducted in the Vandling Methodist church by Rev. Jonathan Davis, pastor of the Welsh Congregational church of Forest City. Among those who attended the funeral were the members of the Forest City Lodge of Foresters, the 1000 fund and the United Mine Workers' fund. The pall-bearers were: M. J. Bosley, J. W. Webster, Hugh Johnson, William Hugh Goodwin, Charles Anderson and George Young. There were many handsome floral tributes. They were carried by Robert Bailey, James Deebie, Joseph Bossick, Daniel Rezan, Charles Savage and Edward Smith.

Injured Railroader's Condition Improving.

Brakeman Sullivan, whose home is in Rochester, N. Y., and who was so badly injured while at work on the Ontario and Western road several weeks ago, has made such progress in his return to health that it is expected he will be discharged from the Emergency hospital before many days.

Sullivan's both legs were so badly crushed that both had to be amputated.

On Duty Again.

Edward Inch, of Washington street, has resumed his former position on the Home-branch, after a protracted illness. Mr. Inch resigned his position with the Delaware and Hudson company on the first of January to undergo an operation for removal of a tumor.

Attending a Convention.

Common councilman Alex. Kennedy leaves today for Milwaukee, Wis., where he will attend the national convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, as delegate from the local lodge. Mr. Kennedy will be gone about two weeks.

Tonight's Meetings.

Palestine commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar. Council of Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Lackawanna encampment, No. 16, I. O. O. F.

TO REBUILD OPERATING ROOM.

Hospital Directors Let Contract for Important Improvement—Will Increase Facilities.

The directors of Emergency hospital, at their meeting yesterday afternoon, awarded the contract for an important improvement—the enlargement or rebuilding of the operating room at the hospital.

The contract was let to A. E. Tiffany, whose bid was for \$75,000. The other bidders and their estimates were as follows: Nolan & Collins, \$75,000; J. Hoole, \$800; J. P. Robinson, \$955; The improvements which the plans comprehend, when completed, will give increased facilities, and will materially lessen the disadvantages which have often been met with because of lack of room, particularly when there was a number of surgeons present at an operation.

Aside from this, the new operating room will be an antiseptic in its surroundings as it is possible to secure. This will be accomplished by entirely rebuilding the present room and replacing the wooden floor, which is prone to collect and retain dust, which is liable to be germ-laden, with a tile floor. About the room, serving as the wash-room, will be filling about six inches, or thereabouts, deep. This will appreciably minimize possible harm from dust.

The plans, which have been prepared by Architect H. C. Rutherford, of Scranton, call for an addition of ten feet to the present operating room, which will almost double the capacity of these quarters. The new operating room will also have added to its equipment a sterilizer of the most approved type.

It is the purpose of the directors, when the opportunity is at hand, to erect a home for the nurses, which will provide them with all the necessities and comforts and means of recreation which their duties and mode of life require, and thus maintain themselves for their arduous work.

Death of Former Resident.

Relatives in this city received the intelligence yesterday of the death of Mrs. Jeremiah Moore, which occurred at her home in Plainfield, N. J., after an illness of about two months. Deceased was formerly of this city, but for the past quarter of a century has resided in Plainfield.

Mrs. Moore was forty-five years of age and is survived by her husband, one son, and three daughters, Amy, Ruth and Elsie; also two brothers, John J. and Martin Scott, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Barbour, of this city, and Mrs. W. Knapp, of Narrowsburg, N. Y. The funeral will take place today and a number of relatives will attend the service.

Mrs. Fletcher's grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Coughlan, had news yesterday announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Susana Breed, Mrs. Breed was seventy-eight years old and lived with her son, Rev. George Breed, rector of St. St. John's Episcopal church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Her burial is today at Brooklyn, Pa., her former home.

Dancing Matinee.

The managing committee of the Cottage Hotel company and carnival has decided to devote this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon to the lovers of the dance, and will hold a dancing matinee each day, commencing at 2:30. Prof. Firch will provide music, and it is expected that the matinees will be well patronized.

Tonight there will be another entertaining program. The participants will be as follows: Miss Daisy Wiseman, Lucien Davis, who will sing a solo; Miss Agnes Walker, who will appear in specialties, and Frank Monahan, who will entertain with an instrumental solo.

The fair will come to a close tomorrow night, when it is expected the crowd will exceed that of the opening.

The donations which the fair committee has received thus far and which they gratefully acknowledge, are: Rev. T. F. Coffey, \$10; John E. Hartman, \$5; and the members of the Andrew Mitchell Ice company, \$12.50.

Centennial Committees to Meet.

The members of the transportation decorations and fireworks committees of the centennial celebration will meet the chairman of the executive committee and secretary in room 7, Leonard building, third floor, this evening at 8 o'clock. The publicity and music committees are asked to assemble there to talk over what is to be done on Saturday evening at the same hour.

THE PASSING THROG.

James Kearney, of Green Ridge, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. John S. Niles has returned from a trip to Albany, N. Y., Charles Humbert, N. Y., and John Ditchburn were visitors in Jersey Wednesday evening.

Mrs. William Jenkins, of South Terrace street, is visiting her husband at Long Island City.

Rev. John J. Griffin, of Scranton, chancellor of the diocese of Scranton, was a visitor here yesterday.

Conductor Thomas Morgan, of the Delaware and Hudson road, is confined to his home on Seventh avenue by illness.

Miss Mary Tizhe, of Pittston, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh McGee, on the South Side, returned home Wednesday evening.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Mrs. Henry Mayne is desirous of expressing her heartfelt thanks to the members of Mozart's band and those who took part in Wednesday evening's concert for the practical kindness manifested to her and the timely relief they brought her. She is also grateful to the public, who so generously patronized the successful effort undertaken by the band.

Irene Roberts recited; William Jones read a selection from Irving, which was followed by Miss Tillie Roe with a reception. Mr. Jones afterward sang a solo, which concluded the program. The next meeting will be held May 14. Several new members were admitted Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Annie Lauder, of Scranton, who has been visiting here, returned home yesterday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Jay, and Miss Seymour.

The grand concert to be given under the auspices of the Baptist church has been postponed until Wednesday evening, May 14.

Mr. Richard R. Thompson, of the Baptist church, will exchange pulpits on Sunday next with a theological class-mate, Rev. D. D. Harmon, of Laceyville.

There were no new developments in the strike at the Delaware and Hudson colliery yesterday. The colliery will be idle again today.

In our mention of Wednesday evening's concert an unintentional omission was made of the name of Miss Emily Pessenden, whose excellent recitation was much enjoyed.

The borough council will hold their regular meeting this evening, when it is expected they will fulfill their promise of granting a franchise to the new electric light company, which has obtained a charter.

A delegation from Corporal Oscar C. Smith camp, Sons of Veterans, attended a meeting of the organization at Wyoming Monday evening.

OLYPHANT.

An evening of music will be given next Wednesday evening at the Father Mathew Opera House by pupils of St. Patrick's school. The programme is as follows: Selection (Glassmire), orchestra; "Believe Me If All Those Endeavouring Young Men," Miss Lillian Kelly; "The Fountain" (Brahm), Miss Lucy Mooney; "Tullip" (Lichter), Miss Kathleen O'Brien; "Welcome Home" (chorus), piano, Miss Maria Cummings; address to our Rev. Pastor, John J. Griffin; "The Bird" (Lange), Mrs. W. M. Bell, of Main street, who has been the guest of Mrs. T. C. Manzer, at Forest City, has returned home, invincible commander, No. 202, Knights of Malta, will meet in regular session this evening.

The Prohibitionists of Taylor held a meeting last night in Van Horn's hall, which was followed with prayer by Mr. E. Evans, recitation, Mr. William Davies, West Scranton; song, Glee club; recitation, Miss Edith Anna May; organization, G. D. Reese; recitation, Miss Sarah J. Price. The following officers were nominated and elected: President, Miss Sarah J. Price; vice president, Mr. Deisher; secretary, E. A. Drabler; treasurer, Benjamin Evans.

CLARK'S GREEN.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stevens, of Scranton, visited relatives here on Tuesday last.

Miss Birdie Knight, of La Plume, in visit her aunt, Mrs. J. D. Ayleworth. The Baptist church here is being treated to a coat of paint, which improves it very much in appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Phillips are much interested in the improvement being made at their summer home here.

Mr. E. J. Chapman has added to the comforts of his home a most complete steam heating system.

Messrs. C. P. Matthews and son are now laying foundations for a farm barn.

Mr. J. W. Mulliney and son Albert visited at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Floyd Colvin, on East Market street, Scranton, on Sunday last.

The reception given in the church parlors on Wednesday evening last for the Methodist people was evidence of the regard in which their pastor, the Rev. M. S. Goldsball, and his family are held in this vicinity on his part. The time he has been appointed to this charge.

PECKVILLE.

An open-air concert will be given this evening from the balcony of the Mt. Haven hotel, by Bonn's Military band, of Olyphant. The following programme will be rendered: March, "Memphis" (Russell Alexander); medley overture, "Best Ever" (Mackie); trombone solo, by William Hill; cake walk, "Honey Dorey" (Hunkley Dorey) (Abe Holzmann); overture, "Grand Stand" (Mackie); waltz, "Calantha" (Abe Holzmann); march, medley, "The Tale of the Kangaroo" (Gustav Lueders); "Star Spangled Banner."

JAPANESE MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Public Opposition to Premier Ito's Cabinet Caused Its Downfall.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Yokohama, May 2.—The cabinet, of which Marquis Ito was premier, has resigned. Since it went into power last October it has been sharply criticized by press and public.

STRIKE AT BUFFALO.

Heaters and Helpers in Lackawanna and Lehigh Shops Quit Work.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Buffalo, May 2.—The rivet heaters and helpers employed in the boiler shops of the Lackawanna and Lehigh roads struck this morning. Some time ago the companies were notified that unless an increase in wages was granted by May 1 the men would strike. About sixty were out.

PLAGUE IN TURKEY.

Case Discovered in Suburb of Constantinople.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Constantinople, May 2.—A case of plague has been discovered at Galata, the largest suburb of Constantinople. Precautions are being taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, May 2.—Arrived: Germanic, Liverpool and Queenstown; Sailed: La Bretagne, Havre; Columbia, Hamburg; Plymouth and Cherbourg; Keweenaw, Bremen via Southampton. Handing—Arrived: Pleiscien, New York; Southampton—Arrived: Lahn, New York for Bremen; Southampton—Sailed: Madison (from Liverpool), New York; Rotterdam—Arrived: Amsterdam, New York via Bolognese; Sailed: Rotterdam, Boulogne and New York.

Amos Stirling Convicted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 2.—Amos Stirling, colored, was today convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Roy William White, the young University of Pennsylvania professor. Professor White was beaten to death with an iron bar, on a street in West Philadelphia on May 19

Advertisement for Skillful Dentistry at Small Cost. Includes text about artificial teeth, a diagram of a full set of teeth, and a list of services like Gold Fillings, Silver Fillings, Gold Crowns, and Cleaning Teeth. Price: \$5.00 for a full set.

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