

WEST SCRANTON

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

MADE BY DIRECTOR ROCHE ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Address Before the West Side Board of Trade on Condition of Streets, Sewers and Parks—Water Question and Street Railway Franchises Also Discussed and Acted Upon. Resolutions Adopted—Boy's Skull Fractured—Heptasoph's Anniversary—Other News Notes.

Hon. John E. Roche, director of public works, delivered a short address before the West Side board of trade last night on the subject of street improvements, public parks and sewers, outlining what is needed along that line. The board also took action relative to the water question and the granting of street railway franchises, and adopted resolutions touching on the ordinances now before council.

In his address, Mr. Roche said the subject of street improvements is a difficult matter to solve, as the streets of the city are in such condition that in almost every section, the practical rebuilding of them is absolutely necessary. There is nothing like a sufficient sum appropriated by council to keep them in the proper condition, and of the 142 miles of streets in the city, only \$141 per mile are appropriated annually to keep them in repair.

The streets are all worn out and cannot be kept in condition by any such sum, yet something must be done to improve the condition. Merchants suffer in consequence, and cannot have any pride in the way their streets are not properly paved and graded. Every merchant uses the streets for one purpose or another, and all ought to take an interest in the question of bonding the city to raise money for carrying on the work.

The question of sewers is also an important one, for if the streets are not properly drained it is impossible to keep them in condition. The idea that the present sewers are too small is not properly understood. The fault lies in the fact that the districts that are not sewered, overtax the capacity of the districts that are already sewered, and in this way render it impossible for the present sewers to properly merit the requirements. It is cheaper, Mr. Roche believes, to build sewers than to pay damages arising from overtaxed sewers.

There is a growing sentiment, he believes, in favor of public improvements, and the time will come when the people will awaken to the full necessity of spending money for streets, sewers and parks. It is too bad, he thinks, that a city of 100,000 inhabitants cannot have public parks suitable to their needs. The \$20,000 appropriated for the improvement of Nay Aug park is only a drop in the bucket to what will be needed to put the park in proper shape. There is no sewer or water facilities at the park suitable to the public needs, and it will require the expenditure of \$75,000 or \$100,000 to put Nay Aug park in proper condition.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Roche was tendered a vote of thanks by the board. T. Fellows Mason, John Fern, Hector Campbell, D. D. Evans and John R. Farr were appointed a special committee to consider the suggestions made by Mr. Roche, and report at the next meeting.

The matter of increase in the city water rates was then taken up for consideration. Much time was consumed in the discussion, and finally a committee was appointed to take up the matter, with power to act in having a case started in court if necessary. President Daniels named William Farrell, H. G. Morgan and R. J. Williams as the committee.

The granting of street railway franchises to the West End Street Railway company and other similar roads in different parts of the city was then taken up, and the following resolutions, introduced by the secretary, Wallace G. Moser, were adopted:

- RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED. Whereas, there are now pending in the common council of the city of Scranton three ordinances to grant franchises to certain persons, organized and known as the West End Street Railway company, the North End Street Railway company, and the South Side Street Railway company, respectively, for the occupation of the streets of the city of Scranton for street railway purposes; and, whereas, the franchises of this city are the property of the taxpayers of the city and a part of the city's stock in trade, be it

Resolved, by the West Side board of trade and the citizens of West Scranton, in public meeting assembled, that we petition the honorable select and common councils of the city of Scranton, that they refuse to grant the said franchises to these companies, or to any other companies as a preposterous right, but, if the same are granted, that they be given for a term of twenty-one years, at the expiration of which they shall revert to the city, to be retained by it, or to be regranted as may to them seem proper, so that the city may reserve a reversionary estate in them; and be it further

Resolved, that we petition the honorable select and common council to refuse to grant a franchise for the occupation of any street or streets which are less than twenty-five feet wide, unless the company, or companies, to which the franchise for such street or streets is granted, agree and are bound by bond, to pave such streets occupied by them from curb to curb with such material, and in such manner as may be required by the city council, and to be further

Resolved, that we request the said council not to grant any franchises for public utilities without resolving a reasonable and commensurate compensation to be paid into the city treasury. And be it further

Resolved, that we urge the said council to suspend the said franchises and ordinances as a provision that the maximum fare to be charged with

in the city limits shall be five cents, and, furthermore, that the said company shall furnish the material for the street pavement.

Others Who Spoke. Jenkin T. Reese, President Daniels, L. P. Wedeman, W. G. Moser, William Farrell and others spoke in favor of the resolutions, and a committee was appointed, to carry the matter to council at their next meeting, and use what influence is possible in having the suggestions embodied carried out.

Our Young People. West Side young people will figure prominently in the Kardia Komos to be given at the Lyceum this week. Miss Geraldine Phillips, the daughter of Joseph P. Phillips, city engineer, will have an important part in the presentation of "Kardia Komos," and Miss Phillips, as a result, expect the highest expectation of her innumerable friends. She is one of Miss Cora M. Griffin's brightest and most talented pupils and as an elocutionist she arouses the wildest enthusiasm wherever she appears.

Miss Elizabeth Weatherlog, another pupil of Miss Cora M. Griffin of the North End, she has a marvelous voice for one so young and her enunciation is as clear as a silver bell. She is always a prize winner wherever she is a competitor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Beynon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Beynon who is one of the most popular soloists on the program.

Tenth Anniversary. The fourth anniversary programme of the entertainment to be given by the West Side Lyceum, No. 211, Improved Order of Heptasophs, Thursday night, is one of great merit. The committee of arrangements consists of H. A. Parsons, J. B. Davies, Rogers Evans, L. A. Howell and J. B. Richards, and the programme they have arranged follows:

Opening Address by Chairman, Hon. Judge A. A. Van Ness. Quartet, "Spring Song" (Musical). Solo, "Benedicite" (Musical). Recitation, "The Spirit of the Spring" (Musical). Solo, "Spain" (Musical). Solo, "Spain" (Musical). Remarks, "The Spirit of the Spring" (Musical). Recitation, "The Spirit of the Spring" (Musical).

Quiet Home Wedding. At the home of Rev. W. E. Morgan of Edinboro court, Monday evening, occurred the marriage of Miss Sarah Walters of Archbold to Daniel Hongold of 222 Decker's court.

Small Boy Injured. Vivian, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Quick, of 210 Tenth street, fell from a porch at his home, yesterday, into the basement below, a distance of eight feet, and fractured his skull.

Annual Election of Officers. The annual election of officers of St. Brendan's council, No. 341, Y. M. C. A., will hold Monday evening in their rooms on North Main avenue.

THE FEAR OF HUBBUB

Prevents Many People from Trying a Good Medicine. Stomach troubles are so common and in most cases so obstinate to cure that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a new remedy. They are a secret patent medicine, no secret is made of their ingredients, although they are sold by all druggists under protection of trademark, but analysis shows them to contain the natural digestive ferments, pure aseptic pepsin, hydrochloric acid, and many other vital ingredients, neither do they act powerfully on any organ, but they cure indigestion on the common sense plan of digesting the food eaten thoroughly before it has time to ferment and sour and cause the mischief. This is the only secret of their success.

Cathartic pills never have and never can cure indigestion and stomach troubles because they act entirely on the bowels, whereas the whole trouble is really in the stomach. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets taken after meals digest the food. That is all there is to it. Food not digested or half digested is poison, as it creates gas, acidity, headaches, palpitation of the heart, loss of flesh and many other troubles which are often called by some other name.

Excitement was caused on Cedar avenue yesterday between Beech and Maple streets owing to a strong odor of gas caused by the breaking of a large main pipe. As soon as the leak was discovered a number of men were put at work to locate the defective pipe and they were still employed at a late hour last evening.

Funerals of Yesterday. Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock was held the funeral of the late George Masters, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Masters, of the Payne, Rev. Walker, of Archbold, officiated, and the following friends acted as pallbearers: Lizzie Thomas, Anna White, Lizzie Evans and Emma Davy. Interment was made in the Washburn street cemetery.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. A pleasant surprise party was tendered E. T. Wagstaff, of 1402 Division street. Music and games were indulged in, and at a seasonable hour dainty refreshment was served.

GREEN RIDGE. Miss Estelle Beckwith, of Staten Island, who has been the guest of friends here for the last two weeks, will have today for Wilkes-Barre, where she will spend some time with friends.

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THE HOMELIEST MAN IN SCRANTON. As well as the handsones, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Price 25c and 50c.

SOUTH SCRANTON

FRIEND INVOLVED HIM IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. Richard Helbing Tried to Help Fred Hurst Out of a Bad Hole and Succeeded in Getting Into One Himself—Break in a Gas Main Caused Much Inconvenience Along Cedar Avenue—Tin Workers Held an Interesting Smoker and Social—May Hold a Conference.

Some time ago a butcher named Fred Hurst was arrested for false pretenses in that he obtained money from J. R. Byrnes of Hyde Park for the purpose of buying a bad product of tin in that country. He failed to return with either money or produce and was committed to jail by Alderman John on the above charge. His intimate friend, Richard Helbing, hearing of the case, offered to aid him by paying the amount and costs so that Hurst was released.

Helbing, to get his friend out of the clutches of the law, had to make a loan and borrowed the sum of \$11 from Charles Kaestner of Cedar avenue. Kaestner loaned the money in good faith with the understanding that it would be returned the following week. Hurst failed to re-imburse his good friend and Helbing was sued for the amount before Alderman Lentel last evening.

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Tin Workers Celebrate. Jackson lodge, No. 22, of Tin Workers of Scranton, who are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, held an interesting smoker and social in St. John's hall, on Stone avenue, last evening, in honor of the national officers, who are now in the city. A first-class entertainment was given, as a prelude to the affair, and several addresses were made by men prominent in labor circles.

May Hold a Conference. The rivalry which exists between the two premier societies of this city on this side is not in any way responsible for the fact that each decided to hold the "Danceing" or Christmas tree "bebeering" and festival on the same date this year. It is merely a coincidence, due to the fact that both societies met in their last meetings on the same day and neither one knew the date agreed upon by the other.

NUBS OF NEWS. Officers for the coming year have been elected by the Young Men's Institute of this side as follows: President, M. J. Bolter; vice-president, J. J. Folland; secretary, Joseph J. Vaughan; financial secretary, Joseph Murphy; corresponding secretary, P. J. Sullivan; chaplain, M. J. Bolter; and delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention, D. A. Dwyer, M. J. Dwyer, P. Walsh and D. Bell. The society will hold an annual banquet on New Year's eve.

OBITUARY. MRS. NETTIE BURDICK SLADE, died at her home on Prescott avenue Tuesday morning after an illness of some weeks. Deceased was well known in this city, and possessed a kind and lovely disposition. She leaves behind a host of friends who will mourn her loss.

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Special Ladies' Coat and Waist Sale

Here is an excellent opportunity to allow your Christmas Gift to take the form of something to wear, as at least one-half our mammoth line of Fine Tailored Garments must find wearers within the next ten days, if

Greatly Reduced Prices

- Will do it. The following quotations will give you an idea of the deep price cuts.

- Raglans. Regular \$12.00 values cut to \$7.98. Regular 15.00 values cut to 9.98. Regular 20.00 values cut to 14.98.

- Twenty-Seven Inch Jackets. Regular \$10.00 values cut to \$5.98. Regular 12.00 values cut to 8.98. Regular 15.00 values cut to 9.98. Regular 20.00 values cut to 12.98.

- Philadelphia Cloak and Suit House. 421 Lackawanna Avenue.

A Bit of Seasonable News

What is popularly termed the Christmas Holiday Trade, is a short, busy season with us. We cannot afford the time or space to make it a long, drawn out feature in our business, and so prefer to confine it to something like two weeks, or under, when the inducements offered to our patrons are usually sufficient to make selling brisk from the hour of formal opening, till the closing hour on Christmas eve. Hitherto we have found this plan to work well and considering the extreme merit of this season's offerings we have no reason whatever to doubt that the result will be different this year.

The Holiday Show and Annual Display Christmas Gift Wares Opened This Morning

And includes the usual assortment of Toys and dolls, an endless assortment of Bric-a-Brac, Fancy Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, of all kinds, Art Needle work, Cushions, Head Rests, Bedroom, Bureau and Stairs Sets, Fine Draperies, and Curtains, Pictures and other art productions, Knit Goods, Gloves, Neckwear of every kind for both sexes and all ages and occasions, Handkerchiefs from 1c to \$10.00, boxed or otherwise, Men's Furnishings especially gotten up for the holiday trade, Fancy Hosiery, Combs and Brush Sets in Ebony with Silver Mountings, Celluloid, Ivory and other fancy styles, Manicure Sets, Boxes in every imaginable way for every imaginable purpose and at prices that will tickle the most stylish imagination. Leather Goods in Pocket Books, Purses, Chatelaine Bags, Belts, Boxes, Cases, etc., in all the popular sorts, and the new fad, Burnt Leather over which the fashionables are going half crazy. Perfumery, Toilet requisites of every known good make, put up in attractive ways for gifts. Shell and other Combs and hundreds of other fancy and useful articles too numerous to mention.

But Your Mind May Run On Common Sense Gifts. . . .

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Kardia Komos. Under the auspices of the Spanish War Veterans. The greatest event of the season, combining grace, beauty, talent and patriotism.

Academy of Music. Three Days, Beginning Monday, Dec. 9. HUMAN HEARTS.

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