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City Notes.

MEET FOR PRACTICE.—The Sunday school classes of St. Luke's parish will meet this afternoon in the Parish house, to practice Christmas carols.

BICYCLE CLUB LUNCH.—The Scranton Bicycle club will serve another of its popular Sunday night lunches, tonight from 9:30 to 12 o'clock, to members only.

IMPORTANT MEETING.—There will be a very important meeting of the Teachers' Mutual Benefit association, in board or control rooms, at 10 o'clock sharp this morning. Every member is earnestly requested to be present.

CONCERT LAST NIGHT.—A largely extended concert by the Howard Philharmonic band was held last night in the Cheney hall. The stellar attraction was Miss Flora Batson, one of the best colored vocalists in the country.

MRS. COMMERCER'S GENERAL.—The longer of Mrs. Ann Commercer took place yesterday morning from her residence on Phillips street. A solemn requiem mass for the deceased was celebrated in St. Peter's church by Rev. Father Griffin. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

THIRTEENTH WARD PRIMARIES.—The Republican primaries for the Thirteenth ward will be held today between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. The registry has closed last night, when the following candidates had registered with Secretary Lutz: School controller, B. T. Jaynes; constable, T. S. Hunting; assessor, Edward W. Flinn.

GOT DRINK NOT DRUNK.—In The Tribune's report yesterday of the proceedings to revoke the license of Henry Laubser it was stated that Fred Keeler, one of the leading members of the club, had drunk and played exposition pool? It was written that Keeler was always mixing the types would not let it appear in that way.

D. L. AND W. PAY DAYS.—The employees of the M. & M. and the M. & P. will cash their pay today. On Monday the men will cash their pay at the Archbold, Bellevue, Belvoir, Bushy Run, Cayuga, Continental, Dodge, Hampden, Holden, Hinde Park, Oconto, Pine, Shum and Taylor. This year the men will give up the nine dollars saved in and about the Lehigh and Delaware money for Christmas.

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The annual meeting for the election of five trustees for Keystone Academy will be held at the building at Factoryville on January 6, 1902, at 10 a.m.

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THE WATER QUESTION.
Letter Which Recorder Connell Is
Sending Out.

The following is a copy of the letter which Recorder W. L. Connell is sending out to all the large property owners in the city asking for their views on the water question:

Executive Department City of Scranton, Pa.
W. L. Connell, Recorder.

To ———, Scranton, Pa.

Dear Sirs.—The question of the city owning and operating its own water works has recently been receiving considerable attention and has been a subject of discussion among the city officials and a large number of citizens generally.

While I have thought it advisable to have, as far as possible, here the like will be received by our larger taxpayers, who after all, more than merely assume the burden or reap the benefit of the proposed change, I have taken the liberty to ask that you favor me with a brief expression on your views on the matter.

First—How do you consider the general proposition that the city shall own its own water system?

Second—Would you consider it desirable for the city to purchase the plant of the Scranton Gas and Water company or build a new plant of its own?

Third—What would you consider a reasonable sum for the city to expend for its own water system? I am.

Very respectfully yours,

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NEWS OF THE BOWLING WORLD**GOSSIP FROM AMONG THE KNIGHTS OF THE PIN.**

"Phil" Roll, the Captain of the Backus Team, Recognized as a Safe Bowler—"Billy" Hopkins Will Probably Compete at Buffalo. Electric City Wheelmen to Have a Team in the Northeastern League for Second Season—Games Scheduled for Monday Night.

A picture of Philip Roll, captain of the strong and steady Backus team, and one of the greatest bowling enthusiasts in this part of the state, is printed in this column. Mr. Roll has been a member of the Backus team



CAPTAIN PHILIP ROLL.

ever since its organization and is what may be termed a "safe" bowler; that is, he is always certain to maintain a steady average without rolling 210 one game and 190 the next.

Nearly all of Mr. Roll's spare time is spent in perfecting himself in the art of bowling and in extolling the merits of his team in which he takes a great pride. He is a successful business man, being the proprietor of a prosperous grocery store on Webster

avenue, and the Backus team, who is recognized as one of the best bowlers in the state, will go to Buffalo to compete for a prize in the national bowling tournament which opens in that city on January 20.

He is endeavoring to get some other local bowler to accompany him so that he can also complete in the two-men team contest. Bart, of the Elks; Taylor, of the Green Ridge Wheelmen and Gorman, of the Black Diamonds, are among those mentioned as good partners for Hopkins.

The Electric City Wheelmen, whose splendid new alleys were opened on Thursday night, will in all probability have a team in the Northeastern Pennsylvania league for the second season which will open the end of January.

There are a number of good bowlers belonging to the club and a strong team could easily be organized. The South Scranton Bowling club also wants to put a team in the field for the second season so that an eight club circuit can be easily arranged.

The Green Ridge Wheelmen's bowling team has been playing to hard luck all season. Last Monday night the Green Ridgers made the highest score for a single game made so far this season, 219 and also the highest total made for three games, 2,660. Not only this but John Taylor, the team's captain, has the highest score of the season, 232, to his credit and also the highest individual average, 192 1/2. Despite this splendid showing, the wheelmen's team is in fourth place and has only a fighting chance of winning the trophy.

The fight for the cup now seems to be between the Black Diamonds, West Ends and Backus. The West Ends have gradually worked themselves up from the bottom and have the reputation of being good finishers. They are very much in the race and will make a hard fight for the cup. The Backus team bowed in poor form last Monday night and lost all three games.

Captain Roll is not disheartened, however, and is ready to take bets that his team comes out ahead.

The fearfully poor bowlers of the Elks have Monday night was attributable to the absence of the team's two best bowlers, Bartl and Phillips.

The former was kept out of town by a washout but will be in the game on Monday night and will try to help it if he can help it. The Elks will not finish in last place.

The highest individual score which has been made in any alley in this city this season was made a few days ago on the Backus alleys by "Belle" Becker, who rolled 258.

Becker was formerly a member of the Backus team but is not suitable for team work being one of those bowlers who goes all to pieces in a match game but who can make phenomenal scores in a private game, where there is little nervous strain.

The members of the two teams which the West End Wheelmen have in the Backus' 11th league will not be good bowlers until after the first of the new year because of the holidays, deeming that it is well to rest from athletic sports during this season of the year.

The games to be rolled on Monday night promise to be of unusual interest. The Black Diamonds will try conclusions with the Backus team, while the Scranton Bicycle club will be paired with the Green Ridge wheelmen. The No. 1 team of the West End wheelmen will come to this city to roll the Elks.

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W. L. Connell	50	M. Kennedy	25
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W. L. Connell	50	George Hayes	25
W. L. Connell	50	S. Jane Hayes	25
Katie Hayes	50	W. Sheridan	25
John Hayes	50	H. Field	25
Anna Hayes	50	Leonard Hayes	25
Frank Hayes	50	Clara Wallace	1.00
Oliver Day	50		8.00

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National Treasurer Orr, of the Car Men's Union, Is Here—Important Mass Meeting Sunday Night.

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