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For the little girls from two to eight years of age. They make such pretty presents.
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Nottinghams, Irish Point Renaissance, Brussels, Marie Antoinettes and others. We are a responsible concern and guarantee ARTISTIC lace effects, carefully produced.

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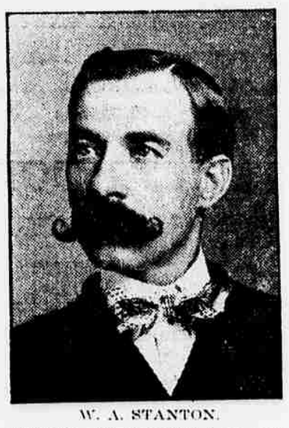

W. A. STANTON.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of representative to the legislature from the First Legislative District.

W. A. Stanton,
406 Fourth street.

THIRTIETH YEARLY RECITAL.

Pupils of St. Cecelia's Academy Entertained Last Night.

An audience which nearly filled St. Thomas college hall gathered last night in attendance at the thirtieth annual recital of the music class of St. Cecelia's academy. A lengthy programme was rendered and the ability displayed by the young people participating reflects great credit upon the sisters who have their musical training in charge.

Piano solos, duets and trios were played by the Misses Stella Wilz, Josephine Caffrey, May Smith, Angela Healey, Anna Gibson, Mary Pinlan, Nora Redington, Helen Stokes, Ruth Jordan, Mary Buchta, Irene Kelly, Teresa Morrisini, Geraldine Blewitt, Amelia O'Boyle, Helene Wahl, Alice O'Connor, Mary Melvin, Helen Scott, Eleanor O'Brien, Katie Horan, Mary Kelly, Mary O'Hara, Lucy Loughran, Teresa Fadden, Catherine McNally, Mary Prendergast, May Mangan, Helen Mangan, Gertrude Reilly, Clare McDonald, Maria McNally, Victoria Kenny and Nora Healey and Eugene Griffin.

Two Christmas anthems were played on violins by the Misses Josephine Larrivee, Anna Kane, Teresa Laughran and Master Francis Potter. These were accompanied in the rendition of another selection by five mandolins played by the Misses Mary Murray, Anna Gibson, Louretta Reddington, Teresa Fadden and Master John Duckworth. Recitations were given by Miss Stella Wilz, Miss Clare McDonald and Francis Davis.

Poultry for Christmas

Promises to be unusually fine. If you have not already placed your order with us, please do so today. We shall receive on Monday and Tuesday the finest fresh dressed Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens and Geese from Susquehanna county, and your order will be filled with the best if placed early. Pierce's Market, 110 Penn avenue. **

Removed.

Dr. G. E. Hill & Son have removed to three buildings below their former place, 326 Lackawanna avenue. Look for signs. **

Cigars by the Box.

All prices; all sizes. At O'Hara's 431 Spruce street. **

Lewis & Reilly.

"Always Busy" Shoe Stores, will be open evenings until Christmas. **

Meerschaum and Briar Pipes.

Smokers' specialties, etc., in endless variety, at O'Hara's cigar store, 431 Spruce street. **

STATEMENT OF NEW COMPANIES

THEIR POSITION IN REGARD TO FRANCHISES.

After the Conference with the Board of Trade Committee a Statement Is Issued, in Which the Railway People Set Forth Why It Is Impracticable to Meet the Demands That Some Would Have the City Make of Them—A Conditional Offer.

A conference was held yesterday between the promoters of the new street railway companies and the special committee of the board of trade, appointed to deal with the matter of having the franchise ordinance so revised as to make the city a greater beneficiary from the proposed grants than the measures now contemplated.

A number of the officers of the new companies, including George A. Lee, Senator Benjamin K. Focht, C. V. Boughton and James H. Torrey, solicitor, were present to represent the companies. All three members of the board of trade committee, W. H. Taylor, J. Benj. Dimmick and Ebenezer Williams, were in attendance and several councilmen also came in to hear the discussions pro and con.

The committee argued that the city should receive some very substantial consideration for the proposed grants and that the franchises should revert to the city at the end of a limited number of years.

The answer of the railway people to these contentions is best set forth in a general statement, issued after the conference, from the headquarters of the companies. The statement deals with these and other questions relating to the position of the new companies. It reads as follows:

COMPANIES' STATEMENT.

"The promotors of the new railway franchises are unwarrantably accused of an effort to take an unfair advantage of the existing troubles between the Scranton railway company and its employes. That this accusation is altogether unfair will be realized when it is known that the charters of these companies were granted many months ago, at a time when the relations between the Scranton Railway company and its employes were apparently entirely harmonious.

"In the natural order of events the application to the councils for the consent of the city would have been made some time in September or October, but just at that time the strike was precipitated and the presentation of the ordinances to the councils has been delayed, with the especial purpose of avoiding entanglements with the labor difficulties, which were so bitter about that time, and they were not finally introduced until the situation had to a considerable extent cleared up, and only when the development of the other connecting lines had so far progressed that it was unsafe to wait longer.

"A large proportion of the lines south of the city have been actually constructed, and the land for the power plant and other permanent structures of the company in the city had been purchased at very large expense from the Lackawanna Iron & Steel company before the ordinances were introduced. They are advocated before the councils purely upon their own merits and without any effort to make capital of the present difficulties of the old company.

"That the dissatisfaction both of the public and of the employes with the management of the old company and the conviction which has been for a long time existed that it was hopeless to expect efficient service from them, should operate to some extent in favor of the new companies is, of course, inevitable, but it cannot be charged that the promotors of the new enterprise, or any of them, have taken undue or unfair advantage of their rivals. On the contrary, their course has indicated unusual forbearance.

DEMAND UNWARRANTED.

"The demand which is so frequently made, both in public and in private, that the new companies should make substantial payment to the city for the benefits derived from it, is, under the circumstances, unwarranted. The situation, when these charters were procured, was that all the best and most profitable lines of communication within the city limits had been procured and occupied by successive railway companies, the operation of all of which had been consolidated in the Scranton Railway company. That company was notoriously giving very unsatisfactory service. The most valuable of the franchises in the gift of the city had been accorded to them without any compensation or return. It would have been impossible for any other company to finance a new system in the city of Scranton alone.

"It is only by reason of its through trunk connections with Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, and Carbondale that reasonable prospect of successful business is found in the present enterprise. The new companies expect to spend something like $3,000,000 within the city in the construction of the most modern and approved tracks upon such streets as have been neglected and left by the old companies because they were considered impossible of profitable occupation. The problem is difficult enough initself, and to load it with large direct obligations to the city would simply result in making it unfeasible as a financial proposition, and therefore defeat it. The companies have already freely consented to relieve the city of large expenses in grading and paving, and to protect them against all indirect damages resulting from the changes which will be made in the streets.

READY TO PAY FAIR TAX.

"The promoters of the new companies, recognizing the desirability that the city should share in the fruits of the use of such franchises as are certainly profitable, stand ready to guarantee the payment of a large amount as a bonus, or of a fair tax upon their gross receipts, if they can be given a free field by the transfer to them, in any way, of the really profitable territory occupied by the old companies. In other words, their enterprise is a purely business proposition. It is now proceeding upon basis which offers so narrow a margin of probable profit that the addition of public burdens would make it impracticable. If it can be in any way placed upon a basis which gives certainty of the large profit which ought to accrue to a traction company commanding the entire advantages of intramural travel in the city of Scranton, it would willingly pledge itself to give a fair share of such profits to the public.

"The public is certain to greatly benefit indirectly by the construction of the new road. The amount of money expended in the city alone will add ten or fifteen per cent. to the assessed valuation of property therein. The increased employment of labor will benefit everyone. The connection of new suburban points with the center will both enhance the value of real estate and increase the business of the merchants.

"The frequent and rapid communication by trunk line with the city of Pittston, with its 40,000 residents or subsidiary population, is certain to draw to the city a very large amount of business, which has heretofore gone elsewhere. In view of the fact that all public franchises have heretofore been granted without any compensation to the city, and that none of them have taken off of the city burdens equal to those assumed by the new companies, that the franchises now granted are the least valuable of any which have heretofore been given, and that the large amount of money already expended is an assurance of the good faith of the promoters, it would seem unfair that this company should be expected to make additional large direct contributions to the city treasury."

TO IDENTIFY PRISONER.

Man Who Knows Wladyslaw Konstansnovicz Has Gone to Detroit to Seek Him.

The local police feel very confident that Wladyslaw Konstansnovicz, who is under arrest in Detroit, is the man who killed Joseph Benavich in North Scranton on July 24 last.

Superintendent Robling received a telegram from the chief of police of Detroit yesterday but the description given of the man under arrest does not tally in some respects with the description of Konstansnovicz. In order to be sure that it is the right man the superintendent sent a Polander who knows the murderer, to Detroit last night to identify the man under arrest. If it proves to be Konstansnovicz Detective Lona Day will be sent out to secure requisition papers and bring him back.

Konstansnovicz—if brought here, can hardly be tried for murder in the first degree. According to the testimony of witnesses he went to Benavich's boarding house and quarrelled with the latter over some incident which occurred in the old country. Benavich said something which enraged him and he beat him (Benavich) until he was rendered unconscious. He then picked him up and tossed him over the railing of the porch onto the ground below, a distance of about six feet. The fall broke Benavich's neck and he died instantly.

Konstansnovicz escaped but was traced to Buffalo a few weeks later. The local police notified the Buffalo authorities but when the latter made a search they found that the bird had flown. Konstansnovicz was traced to Detroit a few weeks ago and his address was learned. The Detroit police were notified and their arrest of the man supposed to be the murderer is the result.

It is believed that the local police kept in touch with the fugitive's whereabouts through certain of his friends in this city to whom he sent letters.

A New Business House.

Fred R. Smith has opened his new gas and electric fixture salesrooms at 507 Linden street, Board of Trade Building. He has a large assortment of the latest patterns and finishes of artistic fixtures, also a complete line of various gas appliances and gas stoves. **

Dr. N. Y. Leet Has Removed

His offices from the First National Bank building to corner Wyoming avenue and Spruce street, over Dime bank. Entrance on Spruce street. **

He Wants a Necktie

You may depend on that for, no matter how many neckties a man may have, he's always glad to get more. Part of the pleasure of giving is in choosing; being sure of his pleasure add to your own by making selections from our choice assortment of **Holiday Neckwear.**

We call special attention to our line of high grade silks, in patterns that include exclusive designs in stripes and figures. Four-in-hands, English Squares and De Joinvilles,

$1.00 to $3.00

Half Dollar Ties.

Larger variety and better quality at 50c than you'll see anywhere else, color, combinations that will please every taste

Open Evenings.

"ON THE SQUARE" HAND PAYNE 303 Washington Ave.

SHERIFF REMOVED PRISONERS.

Took Them to Places Designated by the Court.

Sheriff Charles H. Schadt and several deputies took prisoners yesterday to the penitentiary and house of refuge. They are as follows:

Penitentiary—Edward Walker, six years for rape; George Metzer, one year and ten months for burglary; Vanderbilt Sampson, one year and ten months for larceny; Bert Gray, colored, felonious wounding, two years and six months.

House of Refuge—Grace Turner.

UNION LODGE OFFICERS.

They Were Installed in Masonic Hall Last Night.

The newly elected officers of Union Lodge, No. 291, Free and Accepted Masons, were installed last night in Masonic hall in the presence of a large gathering. C. P. Kingsbury installed the

T. E. SYKES,
Worshipful Master.

officers, assisted by Past Commanders John P. Scragg, Enos T. Hall, E. L. Beck and Louis Schantz.

The officers installed were as follows: Worshipful master, T. E. Sykes; senior warden, E. N. Truesdale; junior warden, Harvey L. Barnick; treasurer, E. P. Kingsbury; secretary, Morris A. Clarke.

Following the installation a banquet was served when brief addresses were made by Rev. F. S. Ballentine, former Recorder James Molr and others.

$500 REWARD.

Pursuant to a joint resolution of city councils, a reward of $500 is hereby offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons found placing dynamite or other explosives on any street or highway in the city of Scranton.

W. L. Connell,
Recorder.

Dec. 16, 1901.

Crane's Furs, Cloaks and Suits Are the Best in the City.

The store will be open until 9 p. m. until Christmas. H. D. Crane. **

Cigars in Small Boxes

and Fancy Pipes for the holiday trade, at Garney Brown & Co.'s, Linden st. **

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

King, Crisis, Dri and I, The Cavalier, The Victors, The Eternal City, The Octopus, Like Another Helen, J. Devlin—Boss, Ruling Passion, The Right of Way, Eleanor, Lazarre, Graustark, Cardigan, Sorrel Orchard, To Have and to Hold, Trust, Dexter, Marietta, Ralph Marlowe, and all the others. BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS BY ALGER, OTIS, AND ELLIS, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED.

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405 Spruce st., opp. Dime Bank.

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We make a sepcialty of fine Bon Bons and Chocolates, packed in handsome boxes, 25c to 50c per lb.

Huyler's

Everything fresh and assortment complete. 25c to 80c per box.

Nut Meats

Great variety, salted or plain.

Finest Smyrna Figs, in baskets, 25c and 50c; per pound 19c.

California Apples, $2.75 per box.

Oranges

California's, 20c and 25c per dozen $2.75 per box.

Floridas, 25c to 50c per dozen; $3.25 to $4.00 per box.

Cigars

50,000 Imported, Key West and Porto Rico Cigars from $1.00 to $25.00. We sell cigars lower than any house in Pennsylvania. Please order early. We are VERY BUSY but will try to please every one.

E. G. Coursen

The Prendergast Store

Fancy Goods

This new line for us is a great success. We have duplicated part of it and offer today at least a very varied and fairly complete assortment. The novel things go quickly. It will profit you to look this stock over if you are undecided on presents. It is easy to select from them.

DECEMBER
3 More Shopping Days

M	T	W	T	F	S
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23	24	CHRISTMAS.			

R. E. PRENDERGAST

Stationery

The largest and best assortment of correspondence papers in fancy boxes—oak boxes, booklets and artistic packages ever shown in the city, also eighty numbers of Hurd's and Crane's, a box of the new Linen Lawn is a dainty gift. We carry it in five shades—5 sizes each, the handsomest paper made. Only here. Nowhere else in the city.

Calendars.

Our stock shows heavy inroads of buyers, still many handsome ones—our designs only—cards for Xmas gifts.

Fountain Pens

The unequalled, inimitable WATERMAN. Five dozen new ones received this morning. Nothing more useful as a present.

Gibson's Drawings and Calendars.

50 new proofs received yesterday, **$1.00** and **$2.00.**

Only 5 Calendars left **$2.00**

Bibles, Prayer Books. An entirely new stock and better values than ever before.

Ink Stands, Thermometers. New light articles—many fancy ones—all imported goods. Useful, Dainty and Novel.

LESS THAN $30,000.

Yes. Several Thousand Less Than $30,000 Will Buy It.

This is one of those golden opportunities which is presented occasionally, to secure a real bargain in real estate. It is the four-story and basement brick building at 24 Lackawanna avenue, opposite the D., L. and W. depot at Scranton, Pa.

The opportunity will be gone in a few days, and someone will be "just too late."

Call upon or address W. T. Hackett, dealer in real estate, Price building, Scranton, Pa. **

Shopping Lunches at Hanley's.

The time is short for the immense amount of buying that must be done between now and Christmas. Ladies' shopping lunches, as well as refreshments for the gentlemen, are served all day at Hanley's, 420 Spruce street. **

King Air Rifles.

The best air rifle made.

Florey & Brooks.
** 211 Washington avenue.

Christmas Plum Pudding.

Place your order early with Hanley, 420 Spruce street, where there is a surety of purity. **

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and Pipes at Garney Brown & Co.'s, Linden street. **

Henry the Fourth,

Key West cigars, at O'Hara's, 431 Spruce street. **

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS

A Large and Handsomely Dressed Doll,

Given Away Free

To all purchasers of 50 cents' worth Teas, Coffees, A. & P. Spices, A. & P. Extracts, A. & P. Baking Powder, or Courtney & Co.'s Sauce ON SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

THE GREAT
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411 Lackawanna Ave., 321 North Main Ave. 'Phone 73-2. Prompt delivery. New 'phone 723.

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This is our business exclusively and we have beautiful Umbrellas at any price you desire.

Our stock is complete in every detail; our prices reasonable and our goods guaranteed.

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ELECTRIC AND GAS FIXTURES, GAS STOVES.
507 Linden Street,
Board of Trade Building.

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We have a large stock of unredeemed pledges that we will sell during the holidays at less than one-half their value. If you want a

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come to us. You can buy these goods of us cheaper than any place in the city.

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A very attractive line of up-to-date

Rockers, Couches, Odd Pieces, Brass Beds, Sideboards.

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A choice line of

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Holiday goods arriving daily.

THOMAS KELLY

Cash or Credit.
131-133 FRANKLIN AVENUE.

WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS.
The Newark Shoe Store

Handsome Pin Cushions

We have an exquisite line of

Satin Finished
Pin Cushions
Lace Trimmed.

which we are selling at prices ranging from

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Cramer-Wells Co.,
130 Wyoming Avenue.
'Phone 353-3.

Dress Suit Cases

Are always acceptable Christmas gifts. We are showing a beautiful line of Leather Cases with spring steel frames, brass trimmed, linen or silk lined at $3.00 and up.

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Open Evenings.
305 Lackawanna Ave.

Smokers Articles for Christmas

I have an exquisite line of Smokers Articles, among them many new Novelties Never before seen in Scranton.

Handsome Pipes, of every description, Cigar Holders, Smoking Sets, etc.

Something New in Tobacco Jars and Ash trays, called **Opal Ware** is especially artistic. Your inspection invited.

Selected line of Cigars for holiday trade.

W. P. Shoop
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Oils, Paints and Varnish

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141-149 Meridian Street.
TELEPHONE 26-2.

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