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PERSONAL.

Charles Leber is home from Colgate university, where he is a pupil.

Miss Hazel Hester is at present visiting friends in New York and Patuxent.

James G. Egan, student at St. Michael's college, Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Leon Levy, a student at Princeton, is spending the holidays at his home on Monroe avenue.

Henry C. Rose, of Little Creek, Me., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rose, of Olive street.

Edgar Conson, Samuel Barker and Hugh Robinson are home from the Nautical academy, at Easton, Md.

Henry E. Moore, a student at Columbia college, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Moore.

Harry L. Williams is home from Riverview, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Williams, at the hotel Holland.

Miss Ella E. Lewis, of Ploverville, is spending her Christmas vacation with friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Metcalf, of Oak street, Providence.

William Naylor, a resident of Forest City, who has been doing military duty in the Philippines, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Moore.

John G. Cobb, formerly engaged in the newspaper business here, but now a member of the United States Fish commission, is visiting relatives in this city and Wilkes-Barre.

The Grand Wright, who for several years has had charge of The Tribune's engine room, has been ordered by his physician to give up working for a time. Mr. Wright's health has not been raised recently, and his physician has ordered a period of complete rest.

MARRIED IN NEW YORK.

Scranton Man United to a Pittston Lady in the Metropolis.

John F. Thomas, formerly baggage-man of the Delaware and Hudson company in this city, and now traveling salesman for Lutz & Schramm, pickling works, Allegheny city, was married at the Puritan Presbyterian church, New York city, by Rev. Dr. Young, on Thursday, December 19, to Miss May Arnott, of Pittston.

The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends and relatives. Their wedding tour will include Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Old Point Comfort. Upon their return they will reside in Pittston.

SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

Beautiful Begun to Descend Yesterday Afternoon.

Early yesterday afternoon snow began to fall and the beautiful continued to descend until a late hour last night.

As the night wore on the snow became half rain and the indications were that the mantle will not last until Christmas.

Three great bargains in Persian lamb jackets. Untrimmed, \$90.00 and \$115.00; Baumgarten collar and revers, \$135.00.

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ESTIMATES FOR COMING YEAR

BASIS FOR THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

Heads of Departments Transmit to Council's Their Estimates of What Will Be Needed to Run the City During the Coming Year—Controller Howell Figures That a Four and One-half Mill Levy Will Not Quite Meet the Wants of the Department Heads.

Through City Controller Edwin Howell, the various heads of departments transmitted to councils their estimates of money needed by them during the coming year. Accompanying the expense estimates is a communication from the controller containing an estimate of the receipts. The two letters follow:

Department of City Controller, Scranton, Pa., 1901.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Council:

Gentlemen—Following is the estimated expense of the several departments, and bureau thereof, for the fiscal year 1902, as contained in the accompanying detailed lists:

Department of city controller	4,835.00
Department of city treasurer	7,000.00
Department of city engineer	4,250.00
Department of law	5,200.00
Department of city clerk	4,500.00
Department of city assessor	9,000.00
Department of public safety	5,250.00
Bureau of police	68,435.00
Bureau of fire	50,250.00
Bureau of building inspection	2,200.00
Bureau of health	13,215.00
Department of Public Works	65,275.00
City hall	9,200.00
Bureau of engineering	26,945.00
Bureau of highways and sewers	54,210.00
Bureau of highways and sewers, wards	29,125.00
Bureau of parks, New York	5,545.00
Bureau of parks, Cornell	4,000.00
Bureau of parks, Scranton	5,475.00
Scranton Public Library	10,200.00
General city	16,000.00
Delinquencies	12,000.00
Total	\$142,210.00

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Howell, City Controller.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUES.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Council:

Gentlemen: I estimate that the revenue for the fiscal year commencing April 7, 1902, which can be used for general city purposes, will be as follows:

From 1901 levy on first class valuations	\$2,975,500
From 1901 levy on second class valuations	1,800,000
From 1901 levy on third class valuations	810,000
From 1901 levy on fourth class valuations	575,000
From 1901 levy on dog taxes	1,500
From liquor licenses (1901 at \$800, 1902 at \$900)	1,500,000
From tax on brewers' contracts	125,000
From department of public safety	5,500
Magistrates	2,500
Health bureau	500
Building department	2,500
Police bureau	500
From department of public works	400
Bureau of highways and sewers	400
From department of law	2,500
From tax on poles	2,500
From miscellaneous revenues	2,500
From unappropriated surplus of 1901 and surplus of 1902	5,000
Total	\$112,244

At several conferences, held in the office of the city recorder, the heads of the several departments present, the figures were conservatively placed at \$125,000,000 on valuations (including delinquencies). From a graduated levy on classifications, as above, the total revenue of \$125,000,000 is accepted these figures as a basis for determining the revenue which should be derived from this source, but the amount of revenue so estimated by me is made contingent on the action of the council to raise the same.

Under the act of March 7, 1901, the appropriation ordinance must be passed by Feb. 4, 1902. I have not had time to compile the estimates, your honorable bodies cannot, therefore, make the levy in time for me to make a more accurate estimate of revenue, for I cannot longer delay the sending in to your honorable bodies the estimate of revenues and expenses for 1902.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin Howell, City Controller.

EXCEED REVENUES.

According to these estimates the expenses exceed the revenues by more than \$200,000, but as the estimate of receipts is very much a matter of guesswork, it may be that the real discrepancy, when ascertained, will not be so large. Then again, the levy of 1/2 mill is purely nominal. This figure was fixed by the recorder and his cabinet simply for trial purposes. Councils can make it more or less.

The estimated expenses for the coming year are \$30,000 in excess of the appropriations for last year, which were \$415,200.

In the recorder's department the sum asked is \$25 less than the amount allowed last year. The saving is in the item for stationery.

The city treasurer asks for an increase of \$1,200 for clerk hire. He is at present allowed only \$1,200. The clerk alone receives more than this. He pays four clerks. This means an expenditure of about \$200 a month out of his own pocket.

The controller asks for an additional \$200 to pay the new clerk councils allotted him, and \$625 for sundry office expenses.

The city solicitor wanted an increase of \$300 for his assistant and \$1,270 to pay for an amanuensis and also a collector. The recorder's office against new officials and increased salaries resulted in the crossing out of these demands. The solicitor will be content with \$200 of an increase for sundry expenses.

The assessors ask \$3,475 less than they were allowed last year. This decrease is represented mainly by the wages of assistant assessors, who have been doing away with. The only request they make in the way of an increase is for \$300 to pay their clerk, who is now paid out of their own pockets.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The public library is asking for \$16,000, or \$3,400 more than was granted last year. The extra allowance is wanted for another helper at the library, the repair of sidewalks, and the establishment of a fourth branch library.

In the general city account, the item of \$2,500 for advertising is estimated to be only half sufficient to meet the expenses. During the past year there were many ordinances adopted without having been advertised, which under the law should have been advertised.

Solicitor Watson declares this a foolish policy, as such ordinances can never be enforced if any one opposes them. It is proposed to desert this penny-wise-pound-foolish idea and advertise all ordinances required by law to be advertised.

WARD APPROPRIATIONS.

The ward appropriations are fixed at the same amount as last year, \$20,126.25, but they are asked for in bulk, a certain amount being set aside for each ward.

The department of public safety wants about \$15,000 more than last year. Of this amount \$2,500 is represented by the item of fire hydrants which has been transferred to this department from the department of public works. Ten additional patrolmen, five additional permanent firemen to take the place of the "call" engineers of steamer companies, \$2,000 for protective services, and an allowance for an assistant and the purchase of file cases for the building inspectors' department, make up the remainder of the estimated increase.

The proposed bond issue may not reach \$200,000. It will, however, surely be \$100,000 and possibly \$175,000. The \$100,000 is for taking up outstanding judgments. The new law says this must be done. Business prudence also demands it, as the city can pay off these 6 per cent. debt with money that will cost 4 per cent. or less.

It is proposed to add \$25,000 to the bond issue for New York park improvements. City hall has been promising the people for years that the park would be taken care of. The present administration proposes to redeem these promises.

5000 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.

COOK RESTING EASILY.

Physicians Are Hopeful That the Wound Will Not Be Fatal.

Tony Cook, the bartender of the Palace, who was shot by Frank Challen, Saturday morning, was removed last night from the Scranton Private hospital to be resting easily. The bullet has not as yet been extracted. The physicians are hopeful of his recovery. Challen is still in the county jail, awaiting the result of the wound.

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF THE FIFTEENTH WARD, CITY OF SCRANTON:

The primaries will be held Wednesday, January 8, 1902, to nominate officers as follows:

One school controller.
One constable.
One ward assessor.

All candidates must register at least seven days before the primaries, and pay their assessments five days before the primaries.

John H. Fellows,
Judge of the Second district.
John H. Kelly,
Judge of the First district.

Take Lunch at Hanley's.

Your shopping duties will be greatly lightened by his refreshment service, which extends throughout the day. Special accommodation for ladies unaccompanied. At 429 Spruce street.

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TEACHERS ARE TO BE DROPPED

TOO MANY ARE EMPLOYED IN NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Chairman Barker of the Teachers Committee Makes an Investigation Which Proves That Various Controllers's Have Not Been Neglectful of the Night School Pupils—Schools to Close Today at Noon for the Christmas Holiday's. Teachers to Have a Full Day's Pay.

According to a report submitted to the school board last night by Chairman Barker, of the teachers' committee, the controllers have not been the least bit neglectful of the night schools. Here is a census of the teachers and pupils in buildings visited by Attendance Officer Joyce, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, at the best of Mr. Barker:

School	Pupils in rooms	Teachers
No. 22	14 7 7	3
No. 23	17 18 14 15	4
No. 24	21 21 17	4
No. 25	19 16 20 21	4
No. 17	11 13	2
No. 16	12	1
No. 18	12	1
No. 19	20 9 9 16 12 10	1
No. 4	16 15 12 12	2
No. 9	12 10	2
No. 10	12 11	2
No. 21	10 11 7 8	4
No. 23 annex	16	1

Mr. Barker supplemented this report with a statement that he had personally visited the South Side night schools and found them fairly well attended, no room having less than fifteen pupils and some of them having as high as twenty-four. All seemed to be doing good work, with one exception, where the teacher, apparently, had no control, and the students were given to mischievous pranks. One-up, one-down were encountered in every building; and in one room nearly half of the pupils were adults.

TOO MANY TEACHERS.

Of other portions of the city he could not say as much. There was no question, he said, but that in some schools there were far too many teachers employed for the number of pupils attending, and he was constrained to recommend that where this condition existed, the pupils in slily attended rooms should be doubled up, and the unnecessary teachers dropped.

Mr. Barker said his experience with night schools was that some nights there were packed and other nights poorly attended. It is impossible to regulate them, he said, by a census taken on one night only. In his ward, the breaker boys attending the school are absent en masse on the night the United Mine Workers' meet. On other nights, some pupils will suggest going away in a body and the school will be left with few pupils. On still other nights the rooms will be so crowded the teachers cannot attend to them all. In Mr. Barker's opinion, the night schools, by reason of this irregular attendance of pupils, are accomplishing trifling results.

Mr. Barker said he held this same idea until last week, when he visited the South Side schools. He is now convinced the night school is a good institution, and that the money expended on them is money well spent.

A motion by Mr. Schriever was adopted, giving the teachers' committee power to close up any rooms where the attendance did not warrant the employment of a teacher. Mr. Barker suggested that the controllers of the several wards attend to this themselves, as the teachers' committee would not be able to make the rounds of all the schools inside of a couple of weeks. The board finally decided that each controller should turn in a list of the pupils enrolled at the night schools in his ward, when the schools reopen after the holidays, together with a recommendation as to the teachers that should be dropped.

LAST TO BE DROPPED FIRST.

Ancient this last feature of the instructions, Mr. Lanica called attention to the fact that the night school teachers

THE SLEEPER PALACE.

Mr. Jayne made reference to the low nature of the ground at the proposed site of the new school and suggested that the building should be constructed in the shape of an ark.

Mr. Schriever brought up the question of the hour at which the schools should close today for the holiday vacation. On motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Schwass, the schools were ordered to close at noon. The teachers will be paid for the full day.

The pay roll of officers and janitors was approved, and they will be paid today.

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Polish Dramatic Company.

To Give Its First Performance on Jan. 6.

Lately there was organized a Polish dramatic troupe under the direction of S. Kogelicki-Paklewski, formerly editor of the Polish weekly, "Straz," with the intention of giving a performance in the city and through the states. The first performance will be given in Scranton on Jan. 6. The company will play in Wilkes-Barre on January 7 and in this city on January 8. This is the first Polish dramatic company ever organized in this country.

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