orporations bearing a large proportion

of the municipal taxation. As explained to you, there have been reasons in the past, which also apply to the present

and the near future, which have made and still make it impossible for the Scranton Railway company to increase

ts burden of taxation until the reason referred to are no longer in force,

We fully appreciate, however, that

the strong public sentiment referred to must be recognized and met by our company to as great an extent and as

soon as the earning power of our company will enable it to do so. The con

litions which have surrounded our con-

pany during the past, present condi-cions, and the prospects of the future

were clearly explained to you, and any sources of information within our reach are offered to you for verification of the statements which we have made to

you, as to what this company has done n the past, is still doing, and propose

o do for the city of Scranton, and also s to the methods by which we have ar

nes operated within the city limits

.....1½ per cent

.....3 per cent

1904 per cent

1906..... per cent.

1909..... per cent

1910..... per cent.

1912...... 3½ per cent.

eginning with the year 1904;

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and Personal

Miss Wilbur, of Sanderson avenue gave a masquerade party at her home last evening, in honor of Miss Leona Vidaver, of New York city. A delightful evening was spent, games and music constituting the entertainment. At 11 o'clock the guests unmasked, and de licious refreshments were served, after which several musical selections were rendered, and the party watched the new year break. The guests were Misses Leona Vidaver, Pearl Reynolds, Edna Heckman, Madge Bennett, Leora Johler, Florence Shepherd, Nanette Collins and Messrs, James Rea, Karl Hughes, Newton Hawley, Oscar Brooks, John Shepherd and Monroe Whitney.

Miss Lizzie Lewis, of Eynon street, entertained a number of her friends a her home Wednesday evening. Those present were

The Misses Lizzie Lewis, Irene Moses Lilla Watkins, Mabel Evans, Stella Thomas, Ethel Thomas, Verna Williams, Bessie Richards, Elizabeth Lewis, Reba Williams; Messrs. Bert Thomas Thomas Thomas, Wilfred Thomas, Edgar Davis, Elmer Jenkins, Harry Watkins, Stanton Ringler, Harry Reese, Joserh Robinson.

A party of friends tendered Miss Beatrice Morgan, of Archbald street, a pleasing surprise Wednesday even-

Miss Lida Fellows, of Luzerne street, entertained a number of her friends

Wednesday evening at her home.

Mrs. A. P. Tuthill, of \$15 Quincy avenue, Harold Jamieson, of Washburn street, has re-

sumed his studies at Stroudsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, of Clifford, ar

Whiting West Scranton friends. William Davis, of Spring Brook, is visiting Reese Thomas, of 1019 Jackson street. The engagement is amounced of Mias Rena Ma stegarget to George E. Bruorton, it., of Boston

Miss Mabel Spencer, of Jackson street, is en-tertaining the Misses Hattie and Lillian Bevan of West Pittston

Mr. and Mrs. John Jermyn and daughter, Miss

winter in Culifornia. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, of North Summe avenue, West Park, have returned home from visit in Utica, N. Y.

enteen years a resident of Montann, is visiting s brother, Frank L. Phillips.

Miss Ella Nevers, of Architald, attended th lirard dance in this city Wednesday evening. William Wetzel, postmaster of the Luckawanna allroad station, has resumed his duties after a visit among friends at Northumberland.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, of Wilker-Barre, bus t arned, after spending the New Year with be casin, Miss Norma Jones, or North Main avenu-Cleater Murphy, fermerly captain of the Stat ford university foot ball team, now a law stu-dent at Harvard, is visiting Captain Frank M.

Mrs. Annie P. Roberts and daughter, Miss Jetde, and son, Robert P., have returned from

MRS. BAKER'S RECITAL.

She Was Heard Last Night in Guernsey Hall.

Mrg. Genevieve Baker, a gifted young woman, who has for some time been under the instruction of Haydn Evans, gave a planoforte recital tast night in Guernsey hall, before an audience of music lovers. Mrs. Baker has been eard in public in this city before and each public performance shows the growth of her mastery of the piano. She has a touch that is beautiful and a poetry of nature that lent great charm to the numbers in which she was heard

Miss Susan Black sang several numers, which showed the excellent quality of her fine soprano voice.

AFTER DANCE HALLS TOO

Police Will Insist That Conditions Be "Toned Down" Very Considerably-Women Arrested.

It can be stated on very good authority that the movement which the department has inaugurated against the saloons with disorderly back rooms and "ladies' parlors" is to extended to include certain balls in the central part of the city in which cheap dances are conducted.

Superintendent Day is determined that the conditions which prevail in certain of these halls must be toned down very considerably if they are to be kept open during the rest of the winter. He believes that he would be fully justified in raiding these dance balls as disorderly houses because of the large percentage of immoral women who continually frequent them.

Another thing which the police pro pose to stop is the maintaining of bars in dance halls. The bars in the largest of these halls is conducted under the license of a saloon underneath. It is the law and that the courts have decided on more than one occasion that only one bar can be conducted under

A well known alderman in discuss ing this question yesterday with a Trioune man said that the continued frequenting of a saloon or dance hall by immoral women rendered that place a disorderly house. would not hesitate a moment,

said he, "to hold a saloonkeeper to ball if it could be proven that bad women frequent his saloon and are continually present in his back room." Five more women were arrested at in early hour yesterday morning for

street walking. They were all return-ing from one of the balls mentioned bove and several of them were intoxleated. They all gave fictitious name and were fined \$5 each.

EXCEPTIONS ARE DISMISSED.

Opinion in Matter of the Estate of Late Henry Shafer.

An opinion has been handed down by the judge of the orphans' court of Luzerne county in the matter of exceptions to the report of the auditor in the estate of the late Henry Shafer of Dunmore. The exceptions were filed by Peter Zurflieh, who sought to compel a specific performance of an alleged contract existing between him

and the decedent, Zurflieh claimed that John Shafer promised to convey to him a certain property on Cherry street, Dunmore. The court found that there was no testimony to sustain the allegation of Zurflieh as to the contract and here-

fore dismissed the exceptions. To the Republican Voters of the Fifteenth Ward, City of Scranton: The primaries will be held Wednesday, January 8,1902, to nominate offi-

One school controller. One constable. One ward assessor.

cers as follows:

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 Reynolds, Judge of the First district.

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Commencing January 9 the Southern Railway in connection with the Pennsylvania railroad will operate a through Pullman drawing-room sleeping car on Thursday of each week to Thomasville. Ga., without change. This special car will leave Broad street station, Philadelphia on Thursdays at 6.05 p. m. and arrive in Thomasville 9.10 p. m. The Southern railway's next day. Florida express on which train this special train is carried also has dining car service. Charles L. Hopkins, district passenger agent, Southern railway, 828 Chestnut street, Philadelphia will furnish all information.

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OPENING DAY.

Scranton Business College. Day and evening sessions of the Scranton Business College will reopen Monday, January 6. A large attendance is expected.

Mr. Chas. Russell, Concert 'Cellist and Teacher, of New York, Will accept a limited number of pupils in Scranton. For terms, etc., apply to Miss Julia C. Allen, 512 Washington dozen \$1.00, \$2.90 per box. avenue.

The World Almanac for 1902 Out today. On sale at Schutzer's news depot, 211 Spruce street. 25 cents a

l copy; by mail, postpaid, 35 cents

\$100,000 IS OFFER MADE

UNKNOWN PARTIES WANT TO BUY FRANCHISES.

Offer Is Weighted Down With So Many Conditions That President Calpin Calls It a Bluff-Referred to Committee-W. H. Taylor Announced That He Succeeded in Getting the Scranton Railway Company to Agree to a Tax Which Will Reach Five Per Cent. in 1917.

Certain individuals, names unknown last night presented to the common council an offer of \$100,000 for the franchise rights contained in the ordinances now pending, conditioned upon councils agreeing to walt a year and a half, upon the said individuals' ability to secure charters at the end of that time and upon council's willingness to agree to a forfeiture of the sum of \$5,000 in case these persons fail to carry out their agreement.

The above mentioned petition was referred to committee. W. H. Taylor was given the floor and read a letter from President Clark, of the ton Railway company, in which he said that the company would agree to pay a tax of five per cent, in 1917. Mr. Taylor thought this a very good thing and sald so, whereat President Calpin proceeded to show that it wasn't at all and incidentally to "take a fall out" of Mr. Taylor.

The petition offering \$100,000 for the franchises under certain conditions was read early in the night by Clerk Lynott and was referred to the railway's committee. It read as follows: Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28, 1901.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28, 1901.

Hon, W. L. Connell, Recorder, and the Select and Common Councils.

Gentlemen: Referring to files Nos. 49, 50 and 51, ordinances of the common council, which are ordinances granting permission to the South Side, North ng permission to the South Side, North ing permission to the South Side, North End and West End Street Railway companies, respectively, to lay their tracks, erect poles and wires and operate their road on certain streets and avenues within the city limits, the undersigned have the honor to say:

That they, with their associates, propose to apply to the governor of the pose to apply to the governor of the commonwealth for charters covering the principal streets and avenues of the city of Scranton. Immediately of

city of Scranton. Immediately after said charter shall have been granted, we propose to make application to the councils of the city of Scranton for held that this is a direct violation of franchises and privileges to carry out the purposes of said corporations; and we further state that when such appli-cation is made to the city for the franchises and privileges referred to, we propose to offer the city of Scranton the sum of \$100,000 for said franchises and privileges, in addition to submit-ting to all the requirements as set forth in the above ordinances, amended De ember 26, 1901. As an evidence of our good faith, w

herewith enclose a certified check in the amount of \$5,000, payable to the city of Scranton, which said sum may be considered as a forfeit, should we fail t carry out the above arrangement, conditional only upon the fact that we shall, on or before June 8, 1903, be granted the charter by the governor of the commonwealth, as above set forth.

F. J. Fitzshinnons. Attorney for Petitioners.

BELIEVED IT WORTHLESS. Mr. Keller called up the ordinance warding a franchise to the West End Street Railway company and stated asking unanimous consent to that he would later move to postpone

action because of a desire to give conderation to the \$100,000 offer. "I don't believe it's worth the pape it's written on," said he, "but it ought to be considered. This paper should be brought in here in a straightforward manner and signed by the per

sons who are making this offer." W. H. Taylor was given the floor by unanimous consent and he proceeded to outline briefly the reasons for the appointment of the board of trade committee and the work which that committee has accomplished. He stated that when he learned that the pro moters of the new street railways were willing to pay a tax on their gross receipts he thought the Scranton Railvay company should do so too.

He accordingly walted upon President C. M. Clark and proposed that the company agree to a tax on its gross receipts as had the new street railway companies. Mr. Clark, he said, explained that the Scranton Railway company stockholders had never been paid any dividends, that the road has never paid and that the company couldn't agree to pay such a tax. Mr Clarke said, according to Mr. Taylor that the Scranton Railway company had done a great deal for the city and had expended and proposes to expend

large sums of money here. Taylor said that President Clark agreed to consider the matter and then produced from his pocket a letter which he (Mr. Taylor) received vesterday in which the company agrees to pay certain taxes under certain limitations. He read this letter, which is us follows:

COMPANY'S OFFER.

January 1, 1962, Mr. W. H. Taylor, 332 Madison avenue,

Scranton, Pa.

Dear Sir: As a result of the recent conferences held with you, the Scranton Railway company desires to express its recognition of the growth during the past year throughout this com-munity, as well as elsewhere through-out the country, of a strong public sentiment in favor of the public franchise

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ATTACK ON

SELECT COUNCILMAN VAUGHAN TAKES ACTION.

Vaughan Says.

ived at the amount of taxation which he estimated future earning power of the company will enable it to pay to By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. We now desire to make voluntarily through you, to the municipal author-ties of the city of Scranton, the folowing proposition: First-That the Scranton Railway ompany will agree to pay to the city he following percentages per annun its charter should not be forfeited. apon the gross earnings of all of its

> When seen last night Select Councilman Vaughan said that he was the

On His Petition Attorney General Elkin Has Granted a Writ of Quo Warranto to Cite the Valley Passenger Railway Company to Show Cause Why Its Charter Should Not Be Forfeited-The Writ Will Be Argued on Jan. 15-What Mr.

It is alleged that the company, charnew road. The Scranton councils have natter will be argued on January 15.

Rev. D. J. Bustin; sub-deacon, Rev. Bernard O'Byrne, Rt. Rev. Bishop M. . Hoban was in the sanctuary and was THE CHARTER attended by Rev. Thomas Coffey, of Carbondale, and Rev. John O'Malley, or Pittston. The bishop officiated at the

Harrisburg, Jan. 2.-Counsel for Dan el W. Vaughan, of Scranton, made apolication to Attorney General Elkin tolay for a writ of quo warranto to cite the Valley Passenger Railway company, of Scranton, to show cause why

nas not done any work whatever on the already forfeited the right given the company to occupy the streets. This

The pall-bearers, who lowered the renains of the dead nun to their last resting place in the Cathedral cemetery, were as follows: Peter Kelly, George McCarthy, J. J. O'Boyle, John

tered in 1892, has not built its line, and

person referred in the above Harris-

Every citizen of Scranton who is interested in the welfare and prosperity of the city, whether he belongs to the Alliance or not, is invited to attend the meeting at the New Armory tonight at 8 o'clock, as a thorough discussion of the present conditions will be had by Judge Jessup and other good speakers. Cards of admission will be required, which may be obtained of any member of the Alliance. Members are urged to be active in securing a large attendance and the armory will be well warmed and seats for all. Adams avenue entrance. W. A. MAY,

Citizens' Alliance!

Leader.

1914..... per cent 1915..... per cent.

Second—That the above percentages on our gross earnings are to be in lieu of all taxation or licenses of any kind by the municipality upon the property, or earnings of the company, or other-

Third—That the ordinance already passed by the city authorities, creating of this company, shall be rescinded. Fourth-That ordinances shall ssed covering taxation in accordance with the above proposition, in such form as shall be agreed upon between

city solicitor and the counsel of this company. In conclusion, we desire to say that we have done our utmost in this mat-ter, to consider this question in the ight spirit of fairness and justice, and have gone as far as we could consci-entiously, to meet your views, the extreme limit of 5 per cent, being reached in the above rising scale of taxation, not withstanding the fact that as far as our knowledge goes, there is not a city under 200,000 population, and very few f any size in the United States, where

any such rates of taxation are imposed Very truly yours. Scranton Railway Company. By C. M. Clark, President.

With the remark that the Scranton Railway company had started the new year very promisingly, Mr. Taylor took his seat in the rear of the counci

chamber. Mr. Keller remarked that he though the offer of the railway company was worthy of careful consideration and was followed by President Calpin, who had fire in his eye and who looked "all manner of things."

"I want to tell you, gentlemen," said he, "that I for one am not at all impressed with the offer of the Scranton Railway company. I am not a bit surprised that at this late day its officers should be attacked with a spasm of virtue and should begin to make grand stand play. This offer isn't worth a snap of my finger. Just see how generous they are. They'll pay us all of 5 per cent, in 1917. They'll pay that much long before that time i

we have any kind of decent legislation "If this other offer of \$100,000 is made in good faith and is bona fide it will have my hearty support, but if it i clothed in technicalities and has string attached, as it appears, I say am not in favor of it. I don't hesitate to say that the forfeiture of \$5,060 would be the best investment the Scran ton Railway company ever made if it can tie up these ordinances for two

years and keep out this new enterprise "We don't want any sand thrown in our eyes. If these people, who ever they are, are sincere let them submit an offer in line with what they say. can't help referring to the offer of the Scranton Railway company again. It's an insult to this council, that's wha it is, and I am surprised to see a rep resentative of the board of trade anpearing as an apologist for this company. I'm surprised to see him coming in here with a proposition like this at this particular time. It's altogether wrong. I owe the company no apology and can speak as I feel."

Loud applause from nearly ever nember present greeted President Calpin's speech. Mr. Taylor had bee chafing nervously in the back of the oom while President Calpin was talking and when the latter had concluded. asked to be given the privilege of the floor again to make reply. The motion was put and lost by an overwhelming vote of twenty-nine to eight. Action on the West End ordinance

was then postponed until next Thursday night. Eggs for Table Use. Jersey eggs, perfectly fresh, 38c

burg dispatch and that his attorney is I. H. Burns.

"In common with many other per ons," he said, "I believe that the Scranton Railway company is occupying streets it has no right to and claiming the right to occupy others. If we had these streets to offer now we could dispose of them to advantage to the city in many ways. They are valuable for street railway purposes, are these a tax of 5 per cent, upon the earnings streets, and if the Valley company has no right to them why it ought not

to be allowed to occupy them. "The Valley company was granted certain rights by the councils of Scranton which it did not take advantage of It never built a continuous road, a: the law says it must, or rather the Scranton Railway company to whiel t disposed of its interests did not. The only lines ever built by the Valley company were short pieces connecting up old lines of the Scranton Railway com-

find out just what the rights of the Valley company are, that the city may know how to act in the premises have begun proceedings at Harrisburg. When they are thrashed out we will know where we are at."

CITY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Discussed Matters Connected with

the Coming Primaries. The Republican city committee met ast night in the office of Alderman Millar, B. T. Jayne presiding in the absence of the chairman of the committee, W. S. Millar, who has not yet recovered from his recent illness,

The primaries will be held on Monday, January 13, from 4 until 7 p. m. and the convention of the return judges in the Central Republican club rooms on the afternoon of January 15, at 2.30. Next Monday is the last day for the registration of candidates and there will be another meeting of the committee next Tuesday night, when the cost of the primaries will be apportioned among the candidates.

Some difficulty is being experienced in getting a place in the various districts o hold the primaries and the commit tee decided that no primary election will be beld in districts where a place cannot be obtained without cost.

FUNERAL OF SISTER HELENA Services Conducted at St. Peter's Cathedral Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Sister Helena who was known in the world as Miss Margaret Murphy, of Philadelphia, was conducted yesterday morning from St Peter's cathedral at 10 o'clock. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated, the officers being as follows:

Celebrant, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly; deacon

RODE ON THE CARS AND LOST HER LOVER

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deinity were also in attendance

Married New Year's Day. John Tobotnik, a miner, residing near Austin Heights, was engaged to marry Mary Slavich on New Year's day, but

Sad Plight of Mary Slavich, of Aus-

tin Heights-Was to Have Been

the wedding has been declared off, on account of the street car strike. It all happened in this way: Mary is a foreigner, who has not been in the country very long, and knows little about street car strikes and boycotts She came to Scranton to select her

wedding gown and she rode on a stree She returned to the patch in safety, and thought nothing of what she had done until it became noised about that Mary had patronized the trolley line. This caused a bitter feeling to pervade the neighborhood against her and a boycott was the result, and Mary found herself ostracized. When the full meaning of the thing dawned upon her, Mary straightway sought her lover, and confided to him her tale of woe. Instead of sympathizing with her, John forthwith declared the wedding off, and all efforts at conciliation, arbitration and adjustment were ineffect-

Mary was placed on the unfair list. so far as he is concerned. She vows the next man she becomes engaged to will not be a member of any union. John is a member of one of the locals of the United Mine Workers of Amer-

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