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**THE PEOPLE'S BANK.**

**PERSONAL.**

Clothier John J. Collins has returned from a visit to New York.

William F. Boland and Miss Lucy Osmond will be united in marriage this morning at St. Paul's Catholic church, Green Ridge.

Professor Conde Pallen, of New York, will deliver a lecture before the Catholic Historical Society and Newman Magazine club next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cole, of 245 Adams avenue, gave a party Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Cole, of Meriden, Conn., who returned yesterday after a three week's visit here.

### GROCCERS ARGUE WELL.

Succeed in Converting the License Committee to Their Way of Thinking.

J. H. Rittenhouse, Marshall Everett, T. F. Mason and Augustus M. Storr, representing the Retail Grocers' association, appeared before the license committee of common council last night and succeeded in inducing the committee to frame a report favoring the passage of the Coleman license tax ordinance as originally presented.

The ordinance seeks to impose on hucksters a tax equivalent to the mercantile tax paid by merchants. It was drafted by the Retail Grocers' association and in the original fixed a tax of \$15 a year on hucksters peddling from wagons and \$10 a year on those peddling from crates, baskets and the like.

Common council passed the ordinance on first reading, but later amended it by cutting the taxes in half. Its friends had it referred to committee, that the grocers' association might be heard.

The grocers' representatives argued to the committee that it was an injustice to permit free or cheap competition to their business, when they are called upon to pay not only a mercantile tax, but also rent, light, heat, water and the like, which the peddlers, in most instances, wholly escape. In every municipality up the valley, except Jessup, the tax on hucksters is more than the ordinance now contemplates. If a huckster can afford to pay \$10 a year to peddle in Peckville, he surely ought to be able, it was argued to pay more than \$7.50 in Scranton.

The committee was convinced of the reasonableness of these arguments and unanimously decided to report in favor of passing the ordinance in its original shape.

The councilmen present were William Evans, O. B. Partridge, J. J. Itane and William Gurrell. This is not a majority of the committee, but two other members, E. E. Robathan and Charles Rosar, were vouchsafed for by the groccerymen as being in favor of the higher tax.

Mr. Gurrell withheld his approval until assured that the grocers themselves would have to take out a huckster's license if they placed peddlers on the road. He also declared against license taxes in general, on the ground that it is in favor of the direct tax on the consumer, but he did not want to interpose his principles to the injury of the measure which the merchants were so anxious to have passed.

**WILL DISCUSS BOER WAR.**

Address of Rev. Frank Schell Ballentine Next Sunday Night.

Rev. Frank Schell Ballentine, of Christ Episcopal church, will lecture at St. Thomas college hall, Sunday evening, on the Boer-English war. Mr. Ballentine recently visited the Boer refugee camps in the Bermudas and has studied up the question from A to Z. He is a most enthusiastic admirer of the Boers, and as this valley has many pro-Boerites, we may expect that College hall will be crowded to the doors on the occasion of Mr. Ballentine's address.

### PRIMARIES OF BOTH PARTIES

#### BARKER IS RENOMINATED FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Seventeenth Ward Republicans Have a Lively Caucus—W. J. Welsh the Only Republican to Register for School Controller from the Ninth. Selectman Adam Schroeder Not Seeking a Re-election from the Sixteenth—Fred Durr and T. C. Melvin to Again Contest in the Eighth.

Frank S. Barker was renomined for school controller yesterday by the Republicans of the Seventeenth ward. He had 266 votes, to 161 for Robert Allen and 103 for D. J. Thomas.

The voting took place in the office of Alderman Howe, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. The total vote, 530, is one of the largest ever cast at a Seventeenth ward primary.

Robert P. Koehler was renomined for constable, without opposition. The election officers nominated were:

First District—Judge of election, Curtis B. Post; inspector, P. S. Hall; register, D. H. Day.

Second District—Judge of election, John T. Howe; inspector, W. J. Douglas; register, W. P. Bennett.

Third District—Judge of election, C. S. Schaefer; inspector, Fred Luther; register, M. A. Clark.

There is no Democrat being talked of as an opponent to Mr. Barker. It is probable his election will be unopposed.

**NINTH WARD CAUCUS.**

The Ninth ward Republicans will caucus next Monday. Yesterday was the last day for registering. W. J. Welsh, for school controller, and Ira Mitchell, for constable, were the only candidates to register, outside of candidates for district board offices.

The Eighth ward Republicans caucus next Saturday at Alderman Miller's office. Fred Durr, for select council, and D. M. Davis, for common council, are the only candidates announced thus far.

The Democrats of the Eighth will caucus at the St. Charles next Tuesday night. Select Councilman T. C. Melvin and Common Councilman T. J. Roche are unopposed for the nominations.

Select Councilman Adam Schroeder is not seeking a renomination in the Sixteenth, but does not say positively he will not be a candidate. A. H. Shopland, J. A. Shiffer and John M. Knemmer are talked of for the place. The date of the caucus has not been set.

Common Councilman E. J. Coleman, of the Sixteenth, wants to go to the upper branch, and is endeavoring to get Mr. Schroeder's place without opposition. His friends are talking up a compromise, by which Mr. Coleman shall go to the select council and Theodore S. Fuller to the common. It is likely, however, that if none of the other Republicans spoken of for the place will agree to accept a nomination, Mr. Schroeder will consent to run.

**SCHROEDER'S OBJECTION.**

His main objection to a renomination is that he does not want to seek a third term. The duties of the office, also, are becoming rather onerous, as he is away from the city a great deal, but he encounters trouble and expense to return to meetings.

The Twelfth ward Democrats will have their primaries next Saturday night. Select Councilman John J. Shea wants another term to complete the many improvements he has under way, but he encounters opposition from Hon. John P. Quinnan and ex-School Controller James O'Boyle. Alderman C. C. Donovan will be opposed for a renomination by P. F. Ryan.

The Democrats of the Sixth ward held their caucus yesterday afternoon and placed in nomination John E. Bazan, the present incumbent, for select council; P. F. Calpin and John McGreevey for common council and Thomas Walsh for constable. The only opposition offered was by Michael Judge for the latter office.

**BOTH HELD IN BAIL.**

Charles Wartoski and His Son Arraigned Before Alderman Ruddy.

Charles Wartoski and his son, Simon, the South Scranton junk dealers, who tried to ship stolen brass out of the city on Monday, were arrested yesterday on warrants issued by Alderman Ruddy, charging them with receiving stolen goods.

They entered bail in the sum of \$300 each on the charge preferred by the Scranton Railway company, and in the sum of \$500 each on the charge preferred by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company. It is believed that some of the brass thieves who sold the brass to the Wartoskis will be arrested in a few days.

**Republican City Primaries.**

By resolution of the city executive committee the polls will not be opened on the 13th inst. on account of only one candidate registering for the office of city controller.

The vigilance committee are instructed to elect vigilants for the ensuing year on the 13th inst. and report same to the convention of return judges to be held Jan. 15, at 2:30 p. m.

E. T. Jayne, Acting Chairman.

### Indian River Oranges, 35c Per Dozen

Special on Fancy Fresh Stringless Cut Beans, 12c per can. Sifted Early June Peas, 12c. Sweet Sifted Sugar Peas, 15c; \$1.50 per dozen. Coursen's Tiny Lima Beans, 18c \$2.00 per dozen. Canned Spinache (better than fresh) 15c per can. Asparagus, 25c and 29c, long cans, 2 1/2 lb. Finest Imported Sardines, 15c. York State Sugar Corn, 10c. Olives full quart, 35c.

**E. G. Coursen**

### ARGENTIS IS SILENT.

Accused Murderer of Frederick Refuses to Talk.

John Argenti, who is in the county jail, charged with the murder of Harry Frederick, is silent and refuses to discuss the charge preferred against him with anyone. He hopes in his cell and appears absolutely indifferent as to his future.

The police are using every effort to run down the man who was with Argenti on the night of the shooting, and believe he will be captured.



JOHN ARGENTIS.

### POETRY OF BROWNING.

Discussed by Rev. L. B. McLaughlin Before Catholic Historical Society Last Night.

Rev. L. B. McLaughlin delivered an interesting and instructive lecture last evening on the poet Browning before the Catholic Historical Society and Newman Magazine club in the Knights of Columbus hall on Washington avenue. There was a fairly sized and appreciative audience. The lecturer was introduced by T. P. Hoban.

Father McLaughlin said that nobody, he thought, would pretend to even know the most superficial knowledge of English poetry without some acquaintance with the works of Browning. At one time one of the most ignored of the English poets, today Browning is one of the most deeply admired. He died in 1889 in Venice on December 12, and on the last day of that month and on the eve of the new year his body was brought to England and laid in Westminster Abbey by the side of Shakespeare, Wordsworth and Tennyson and a dense crowd of his sympathetic countrymen were present to see his remains consigned to their last resting place.

Italy honored him, too. In Venice in one of the public buildings is a memorial tablet denoting the date of his birth and death, and with the inscription from one of his own poems, "Open my heart and you will see engraved inside of it Italy."

"There is nothing in English literature so remarkable as the manner in which this great English poet Browning was in the beginning of his career ignored, but Browning was conspicuous. Those who could not understand him charged him with being obscure. They said he was like a blind man leading the blind, that he had built a beautiful edifice with many beautiful rooms, but that he had forgotten the staircase, and so they could not get to his works, and he had no fear that his works would in the time to come be ignored or misinterpreted or misunderstood. Many have been frightened away from reading Browning because of the charge that he is obscure, and many have been forced to admit that he is obscure, not because he is obscure, but because they have gone about reading him in the wrong way. He demands new standards and new habits of thought and feeling before we can understand and appreciate him."

The lecturer, after referring to the poet's marriage to Elizabeth Barrett and the happiness of their union for fifteen years, continued as follows:

"During the last years of his life, Browning became a sort of semi-public man. He was asked for in all directions; he was invited out to dine by everybody, and he did his best to gratify everybody. People were slow to recognize his genius, but when they did recognize it they paid him great honor."

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"You may say, what need of Browning, anyway? Have we not Shakespeare and Dante and Tennyson and Wordsworth and Ruskin? But books are our friends, and the more friends we have the better. And besides that, every great author has something which none of the others, singly or together, can give us, and Browning has a message to deliver to the age, and that message is one of cheerfulness and hope and high endeavor, submission and contentment and good will, and if you will only let that message sink into your hearts, it will keep slugging all sorts of songs of triumph."

### THAT \$100,000 OFFER.

It Will Be Considered Tomorrow by the Railways Committee.

A meeting of the railways committee of common council will probably be held tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of considering the offer of \$100,000 for the new franchises now pending before council.

It is understood that the identity of those who are making the offer will be revealed at this meeting and that attorneys representing their interests will present arguments in favor of the offer.

**F. W. Costello a Candidate.**

To the Democratic voters of the city of Scranton:

At the urgent solicitation of a number of my friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of city controller, subject to the decision of the Democratic city convention. I shall feel deeply grateful for any aid extended me in my efforts to secure said nomination. F. W. Costello.

### STRIKERS MAKE A STATEMENT

#### TELL OF EFFORTS TO EFFECT A SETTLEMENT.

#### Dealings That Were Had with President Clark During His Stay in Scranton as Outlined by the Strikers' Executive Committee—President Clark Will Not Come to Scranton Today, General Manager Silliman Says—Another Car Stopped Last Night on Lafayette Street.

The street car strikers' executive committee yesterday gave out the following statement of the efforts they have made to bring about a settlement.

On December 20, Mr. C. M. Clark, president of the Scranton Railway company, was interviewed by Thomas Barry, reporter for the Scranton Truth, and Mr. Barrett made a strong appeal for an adjustment of the strike. Mr. Clark agreed to meet a committee of his men, and view was subsequently taken jointly between the Scranton Railway and their employees. Mr. Barrett at once reported the same to our executive board, and upon receiving the report we made an adjournment of the President Clark to take place at 4 p. m., December 20. At the time mentioned we met Mr. Clark, who was in company with Mr. Silliman, general manager, and Mr. Burke, a director of the Scranton Railway company, at the latter's office on Washington avenue. After a conference which lasted for two hours we were given a proposition which provided for the maintenance of 100 per cent of our men at once, and 75 per cent, within thirty days, and no increase in wages—a proposition which was too vague to be accepted by us. There was a fairly sized and appreciative audience. The lecturer was introduced by T. P. Hoban.

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#### EMIL FAUR CONCERT.

#### The Young Women's Christian Association Speaks for Its Approaching Benefit at the Armory.

The Young Women's Christian association of Scranton, in making appeal at this time to the public, desires to call attention to three things.

First, the splendid character of the entertainment to be given in its interest—the Faur Symphony orchestra concert at the new armory next Monday evening.

Second, the value and magnitude of its work in this city.

Third, that while many other organizations and institutions are doing great public service in various lines have been most generously aided by Scranton's support of benefit entertainments for them, or by large subscriptions to them, the Young Women's Christian association has not for a number of years been upon this specially favored list, and it now comes forward in earnest appeal for the full support of a generous, appreciative and cultivated public, in its turn.

In every modern city the Young Women's Christian association has demonstrated not simply the value, but the absolute need for its work for and among the less favored classes of girls and young women—those who from early years must earn their own bread, and often of others dependent upon them, in great lives of labor, at small remuneration. For the uplifting of such spiritually, for the broadening of their moral and mental outlook upon life, for the helping them also to the means for preserving and reinvigorating physical health and nerve force often worn to a thread by unintermitting daily tasks—for all these things the Young Women's Christian association sets itself to work. The success and magnitude of its labors must depend in a great measure on the public support.

In this city, without being enabled to have any home of its own, in leased quarters often insufficient for the doing of one-half the needful work that its managers see spread out before them and calling upon them to enter in, the association has steadily planned, hoped and labored for accomplishing more and more each year. What it has done for successive hundreds at a time of young girls and young women in Scranton's factories, department stores and offices, by its various classes efficiently maintained; its gymnasium, its lunch rooms, where the best and most nutritious food is furnished at a minimum of cost to the workers who must economize, perform, to the last possible cent; by its reading rooms; and by the advice given by its secretaries in the endless succession of daily cases where wise advice or the helping hand to some avenue of employment is needed—all these things are in a general way known to the public. But of what all this means in forethought and hard work of a time of the good accomplished by it, none can know who have not shared in it, or else have been its observing and generous supporters.

As already said, that work has always been hampered by lack of sufficient financial aid for its increasing needs. It has been hampered by the increasing calls into an ever widening field of labor as the city itself grows—not to mention its need of a suitable home of its own.

For the sustaining of its noble work this year it now asks the public of Scranton to help the association's treasury by crowding the armory next Monday evening, on the occasion of the Emil Faur Symphony concert, assisted by two notable vocal artists.

Mrs. E. H. Ripple, President.

#### MARPLE RESIDENCE VISITED.

#### Burglars Got No Booty, but Did Considerable Damage.

An intended burglary, where the operators apparently toiled all night and caught nothing, has excited the residents of the four hundred block on Jefferson avenue to a considerable degree. Mr. and Mrs. William Marple were out of the city for a few days last week and during their absence their house, which adjoins the Second Presbyterian church, was entered and most thoroughly and conscientiously ransacked. Fortunately they had conveyed all their valuables to the safe deposit vault, and there was absolutely nothing that the thieves wanted.

They did much damage, however, to lockers, desks and other locked pieces of furniture. On leaving, they left the kitchen door open, the result of which was the freezing of all the water pipes and general damage to the ceilings and plaster. Entrance was effected by removing a window-pane in the kitchen.

**ARRESTS ARE TO BE MADE.**

Street Commissioner W. J. Thomas, acting under instructions from Director of Public Works Roche, will go before Magistrate Storr's this morning and ask for warrants for the arrest of W. Gibson Jones, James W. Garney and one of the officials of the Erie Railroad company on the charge of failing to clean sidewalks in front of certain properties owned or controlled by them.

After the next snow storm notices to clean sidewalks will be served upon the property owners in all parts of the city and those failing to comply with this notice in twenty-four hours will be arrested indiscriminately. There will be no more delays. The ultimatum is given that the law is to be strictly enforced.

**Democratic Primaries.**

At the regular polling places in the four districts of the Twentieth ward, the polls will be open on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1902, from 4 until 7 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating ward and district officers. By order of committee.

### TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH

#### IMPORTANT ACTION WAS TAKEN LAST NIGHT.

#### Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Authorized the Appointment of a Committee of Five to Act in Conjunction with the Trustees in Effecting Sale of Present Property and Building a New Edifice at the Corner of Madison Avenue and Olive Street.

Action was taken at last night's annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church which will, in all probability, lead to the erection of a new church during the present year.

The matter was brought up by Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, who offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five, two of whom may be women, by the trustees, to act in conjunction with the said trustees in effecting the immediate sale of the present church property on North Washington avenue.

The resolution further provides that the funds derived from the sale of this property shall be used in providing for the speedy construction of a new church on the property located on the corner of Madison avenue and Olive street, work thereon to be begun early in the spring.

A condition of the sale of the Washington avenue property, as provided by Mr. Scranton's resolution, is that the purchaser shall not require possession until all the money received shall have been expended on the new church, the congregation to be allowed the use of the present church building in the meantime.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Mr. Scranton's resolution was adopted after the need of a new church had been discussed by Hon. Alfred Hand, L. T. Mattes and others. The committee to be appointed and the trustees will have full power to approve plans and let contracts for the new church building. The site of the new edifice is to be the southeast corner of Madison avenue and Olive street, where the old abandoned distributing reservoir of the Scranton Gas and Water company was located. A portion of the lot is at present taken up with a parsonage occupied by the pastor, Rev. Dr. James McLeod. The report of Treasurer L. T. Mattes showed that the receipts for the past year were \$9,300.14 and the disbursements \$9,538.82, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$152. The budget for the coming year, amounting to \$9,740, was adopted after some little discussion.

The report of the treasurer of the Young Ladies' society, which has charge of the larger part of the social work of the church, showed that \$725.50 had been raised by the society during the year, of which amount the sum of \$424.50 still remains in the treasury.

A committee, consisting of A. W. Dickson, C. C. Rose, F. E. Platt, E. P. Kingsbury and L. T. Mattes, was appointed to collect all deficiency bills outstanding against the church and devise some plan of paying them.

**TRUSTEES ELECTED.**

John F. Snyder, P. L. Tracy and Isaac Post were elected trustees for a term of two years, while Hon. Joseph A. Scranton was elected trustee for a term of one year. Immediately following the meeting, A. W. Dickson disposed of the papers for the coming year, the sum of \$425 being realized in premiums.

E. P. Kingsbury presided at the meeting, while L. T. Mattes acted as clerk.

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