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City Notes.

FIELD ASSISTANT.—On May 6 and 7 the United States civil service commission will conduct an examination for the office of field assistant in forestry.

BOARD OF TRADE SECRETARIES.—John Quackenbush is to be recommended by the manufacturers committee for the position of temporary secretary of the board of trade, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Captain Atherton.

VIEWED NO. 39 SCHOOL. School Controllers Looked Over Alleged Defects in Workmanship. Twelve members of the board of control yesterday visited No. 39 school, now in course of erection in the First ward.

contractors, and E. H. Davis, the architect, and it was decided at the last meeting that the board should visit the place in a body.

Yesterdays investigation resulted in the discovery that Mr. Davis' objection to the work concerns the manner in which the brick work has been done.

COMPLETION OF THE CITY ASSESSMENT

Total Valuation on All Classes of Property is \$65,686,703—Tax Rate for the Year.

A compilation of the assessment for the present fiscal year was completed yesterday by the board of city assessors and shows that the total valuation of the three classes of property, on horses and cows, and on occupations, is \$65,686,703, or a little less than three times the assessment for last year.

It must be understood that this is the first assessment ever made in this city in strict compliance with the law providing that all property shall be assessed at full value.

Under existing second class city laws all property is classified as first, second and third class and the property owners must pay on this a full rate, a two-thirds rate and a one-half rate respectively.

On the other hand the property owners owning second and third class properties will pay very much less than they paid last year.

Had there been no "ripper" act in effect when Scranton entered the second class last spring the assessors would be bound under laws then existing to make precisely the same classification which they have now made.

SEVEN YEARS FOR VOLPE

HEAVY SENTENCE IMPOSED BY JUDGE NEWCOMB.

John Leone Who Was Tried with Volpe Goes Down for Four Years. Louis Ace Who Pleaded Guilty to Gambling Was Sent to the Reformatory—Mrs. Bridget Lavelle Is on Trial for Arson—Jury Out in the Case of Merritt J. Kishpaugh and Wife.

Judge Newcomb, yesterday, for the first time, was called upon to sentence for a penitentiary offense. It was in the case of Dominick Volpe, convicted of attempted robbery, and discharging fire arms with intent to kill, and John Leone, who was Volpe's accomplice in the attempt at robbing.

Volpe and Leone followed Frank Lovelace at Bull's Head one night last February, and in front of Anthony Ruddy's store, set upon him with the evident intention of rifling his pockets.

Edward Ingraham, a sneak thief, also came up for penalizing before Judge Newcomb, and was given a good stiff sentence. His game was that of locating at a boarding house and looting the rooms of fellow boarders.

SENT TO REFORMATORY. Louis Ace, a boy who pleaded guilty to being a common gambler, and who refused to be sent to a reformatory, was committed by Judge Newcomb to Huntington. Gomer Johns, another lad, who stole clothing from Chappell & Co's store in Erieburg, was also sent to Huntington by Judge Newcomb.

In the criminal cases, brought by W. J. Smythe, the district attorney, against Edgar Wilson and W. H. Kerwin, the jury after an hour's deliberation, reported a verdict of not guilty in each case and placed the costs on the prosecutor.

It may be decreed today by Judge Newcomb that Mrs. Bridget Lavelle is not indictable for setting fire to her house. The arson code has one provision making it an offense for a person to set fire to the property of another, and a second provision, making it an offense to set fire to one's own property to defraud an insurer.

Her attorney, John F. Scragg, at the close of the commonwealth's testimony, argued that the indictment could not stand because the evidence clearly showed that it was her own property and not that of another to which Mrs. Lavelle set fire.

WHAT DEFENSE WILL BE. There is scarcely a question but that Mrs. Lavelle set fire to her house. If the defense is called upon to defend, it is likely the act will be admitted, and that a plea will be made that the defendant is mentally irresponsible.

The house is located on Church avenue, and at the time of the fire was unoccupied. A neighbor, W. R. Case, caught her coming out of the house at 11:20 p. m., while smoke was issuing from the windows, and a half dozen others told that the fire originated in the front room down stairs and the rear room upstairs, and that a mattress, clothing, rags and paper were discovered to be saturated with kerosene.

A Jury was out at adjourning time in the case of the commonwealth against Merritt J. Kishpaugh and wife of South Main avenue, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses.

checks, and all three of the men who took them positively identified her as such. Her defense was a denial and an attempt to prove an alibi.

H. H. Dever, a sewing machine agent, was acquitted of the charge of pointing a pistol at Mrs. Ernestine Greenberger, of South Washington avenue.

Joseph Wagner, George Moyle and John Moyle, three boys living above Carbondale, were tried for running cars out of an Ontario and Western switch and then derailing them by throwing a beer keg on the track.

SODUSKY WENT FREE. John Sodusky, of Archbald, was tried before Judge Purdy on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Thomas Ford. It was a question whether or not the offense constituted assault and battery, and, as the defendant had been in jail two months, it was agreed he should be let go free.

Patrick Cannon and John Gilhooley, of Olyphant, were acquitted of the charge of assault and battery on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Constable Murray, and the costs were placed on the prosecutor.

A verdict of not guilty was taken in the assault and battery case against Joseph Luciano and Nicolo Chance. The boys were placed on the prosecutor, Nascario Pascolino, for failing to appear.

The prosecutrix, Stancalava Gizler, having died, a nol pros was entered in the case in which she charged Constantine Los with seduction.

James Long pleaded guilty to the theft of a watch, valued at \$100, from a machine at the Carlucci stone yard. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

A nol pros on payment of costs was entered in the cases of Anthony O'Hara charged with assault and battery by Kate O'Malley, and Dominick Redding charged with assault and battery upon Mary McCarthy.

Indebtedness of Scranton. As a legal prerequisite to the issuing of the new bonds, City Controller Cosgrove, yesterday, filed with Clerk of the Court, Daniels the following debt statement:

Bonded Debt.—City improvement loan, 1888, 4 per cent., \$15,000. Funding loan, 1888, 4 per cent., \$15,000. Municipal improvement loan, 1890, 4 per cent., \$50,000.

Resources.—Cash in general city fund, \$55,000.21; cash in sinking fund, \$172,184.96; delinquent taxes estimated collectible, \$30,000; bonds held for sinking fund, \$1,000; total immediate resources, \$381,185.17; total net debt, \$29,780.90.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES. Luke Halo was held in \$500 bail yesterday to answer a criminal assault on Freda Yergum.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. [Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

In Defense of Oleo. Editor of The Tribune: Sir: I respectfully utter my protest against the oleomargarine bill recently passed by the senate.

When "Old Mother Hubbard Went to the Cupboard," to get her poor dog a bone, if, instead of finding it bare, she had contained a loaf of Hanley's Boston Brown Bread, she would have undoubtedly eaten it herself.

Llewellyn's Roses and Myrrh. A delicious mouth and tooth wash. AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

'T WAS A VERY NEAT TRICK

DEMOCRATS TRIED TO GET HOLD OF COMMITTEES.

Made an Effort to Reconsider Action on the Adoption of Rules, with the Intention of Offering a New Set That Would Take the Naming of Committees Out of the Hands of the Chairman—Merriman Arrived Just in Time to Block the Game. New Measures Introduced.

The Democratic members of select council, in a neat manner, last night tried to rob the Republicans of the advantages to be reaped from the organization of that body by the Republicans a week ago last Monday.

This constituted the opportunity of the Democrats, and John J. McAndrew took the floor and moved that the action taken by the council the day it organized in adopting rules for the government of councils, be reconsidered.

MERRIMAN CAME IN. Mr. McAndrew's motion was put and had been voted upon when Mr. Merriman entered the room. The vote had not been announced and he claimed his right to a question of order in a committee of three to be elected by the body.

The purpose the Democrats had in mind was to take the appointing of the committees out of the hands of the chairman and vest them in a committee of three to be elected by the body. The provision of the rules they would have offered, had they been successful, reads as follows:

Unless otherwise specially ordered all standing committees and special committees shall be appointed by a committee of three members. Said committee to be designated by the council to appoint standing and special committees, the same to be elected by a vote of the majority of the members of the select council, which election shall take place immediately after the adoption of the rules of council.

The Democrats thought they could control eleven members in council and thus control the formation of the committees. After this revolutionary proposition had been killed, Chairman Joseph Oliver announced his committees, which follow:

THE COMMITTEES. Auditing—John J. Schneider, C. E. Chittenden, F. H. Clemens, John Von Bergan, John Naegli, E. L. Merriman, Malachi L. Coyne, Daniel W. Vaughan, Elmer Ross.

Fire Department—John J. Schneider, John Von Bergan, C. E. Chittenden, John J. McAndrew, John J. Costello.

Public Buildings—John Von Bergan, Richard Morgan, John J. Schneider, J. P. Maloney, John J. Costello.

Printing—Daniel W. Vaughan, Richard Morgan, John Naegli, Thomas O'Boyle, Thomas Melvin, E. L. Merriman, John J. McAndrew, John J. Costello, Daniel W. Vaughan, John P. Quinnan.

Light and Water—John Naegli, E. L. Merriman, Richard Morgan, John E. Regan, E. J. Coleman.

NEW MEASURES. The following new ordinances were introduced: Regan—Appropriating \$11,000 for a retaining wall on Third avenue, between Broadway and Fellows street.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Melvin, permitting the Elks to use part of Wyoming avenue and Ash street for a street fair, to be held during the week beginning June 30.

English Dinner Ware

John Maddock & Sons, Burslem, England, makers of the most thoroughly dependable Dinner Ware that comes to this country.

112 Piece Dinner Set, \$25.00.

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We are showing the finest line of Brass Beds ever seen in Scranton. Their finish is perfect. Our Iron Beds cost you about two-thirds what you pay elsewhere.

Scranton Bedding Co., F. A. KAISER, Manager. Lackawanna and Adams Avenues. Both 'Phones

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The intelligent public of Scranton includes the wisest retail buyers in the country. They are keen to detect humbug, quick to encourage worthy enterprise.

The Infants' Wear Stock. We have everything to make tops happy and comfortable. Unusual skill and taste displayed in this collection.

Infants' Long Coats and Short Coats. These made of Bedford Cord, Silk and Cashmere.

BABY BOOTEES. Made of Silk and Wool, Pink, Blue and White.

FLANNEL SHAWLS. Hand and machine embroidered.

BABY HATS AND CAPS. Fancy Lawn and Mull Caps, Silk Knitted Caps, well chosen, well thought out.

LITTLE KNIT JACKETS. White, Pink and Blue.

Muslin Underwear Dept. Most women are as choice about their underclothes as their outerclothes.

McConnell & Co. The Satisfactory Store, 400-402 Lackawanna Ave.

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There are many reasons why you should come to The New Store for floor coverings. Here are three:

The assortment is largest here. Many of the patterns are exclusive. Prices are reasonable here.

The Drapery Department

Offers special values in Brussels and Renaissance Curtains for the reception room. Arabian and Cluny Curtains for the library.

Colored Madras in dark, rich shades for the dining room. And Muslin or Bobbinet Curtains with ruffles for the chamber.

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