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In and About www.The City

John M. Harris Re-Elected. Attorney John M. Harris, of this city, was elected borough selicitor of Dickson Give City borough on Wednesday night to least. succeed himself.

Didn't Pay Store Bills.

Three Polanders were arrested last night at the Lackawanna station by Spe-cial Officers Byers and Greenburger just cial Officers Byers and Greenburger just as they were about to leave for New York and thence take passage back to the old country. They are charged with at-tempting to defrand A. Finberg, a North Scranton grocer, out of fairly good sized

Didn't Get Home Early.

Mrs. Mary Carson went to the circus
Tuesday afternoon, and, according to her
husband, wasn't home in time to get supper. According to Mrs. Carson's story,
this energed him so that he struck her in
the face, blacking one of her eyes and
otherwise injuring her. She caused his
an attempt to stifle competition.

After declaring that he had voted arrest yesterday on two charges, making threats and assault and battery. He didn't have much of a defense to offer when arraigned for a hearing before Alderman Ruddy, and was held under \$500 ball.

Caught by the Sheriff. riff Schadt captured a prisoner on lesday afternoon, who was making scape from Deputy Constable Hawks of Adderman Ruddy's court. The prisoner was John's McNaily, of Carbondale, who was arrested by the constable on a charge of larceny preferred by Annie Keetan, who claimed that he had stolen her pocketbook. He ran away hat was in the content of th

wed by Sheriff Schadt, who was in ggy, and captured at Mifflin avenue as he was about to leap over the re-ng wall to the Delaware and Hudson s. He was fined \$10 by Alderman

The Annual Meeting. At Accembal meeting of the board of trusters of the Lackawanna hospital neld a few lays ago the following officers were re-clotted. President, James P. Dickson; fee president, Colonel Ezra H. Ripple; secretary and treasurer, E. L. Fuller; assistant secretary, P. Silas Walters; chief of staff, Dr. A. J. Connell; superintendent, Miss Elin K. Kramer; executive committee, E. L. Fuller, Colonel E. H. Ripple, W. F. Hallstead, Thomas Sprague and Rev. J. A. O'Reilly; auditing committee, Thomas Sprague and P. Silas Walters. The reports of the several officers for last year's work will not be presented until the next regular monthly meeting.

FRANCHISE HAD THIRTY VOTES

NEW GAS COMPANY STRONG WITH COMMONERS.

Ordinance Passed First and Second Readings with Amendments Which Its Friends Did Not Seriously Oppose-Unsuccessful Attempts to Limit the Charge for Gas to Eighty Cents and the Life of the Franchise to Forty Years. Select Council Wants to Know About License Money.

After a rather spicy debate, occupying most of the two and three-quarters hours session, the common council, last night, passed the Consumers' Gas company franchise ordinance with some slight amendments, which the friends of the ordinance did not seriously op-

Mr. Keller led a fight for the inserion of provisions limiting the life of the franchise to forty years, and fixing eighty-five cents on the maximum rice to be charged for gas, but the nighest number of votes he could mus-

ter to his support was seven, The ayes and nays were called on the amendment providing that the franchise and the gas plant should become the property of the city at the end of forty years. The vote was as follows:

Ayes-Messrs, Snowden, E. A. Evans, Paine, Knoepfel, Sykes, Fuller, Keller-7. Nays-Messrs, Clarke, J. J. Evans, Da-Nays—Messrs, Charle, J. J. Evans, Da-vid Evans, Casterline, Henry, Haggerty, Searing, A. L. Lewis, James, Calpin, Mc-Greevy, Runne, Roche, Galvin, Gurrell, William Lewis, Graf, J. G. Rosar, Troy, Cusick, Barrett, Norton, Robathan—23.

When the ordinance came from the light and water committee it had at-tached to it amendments providing that the company shall indemnify the city for damages to pavements from laying pipes or from leakages; that free gas shall be furnished city buildings, police stations, fire houses and the like, on the line of any street, avenue, court, place or lane where the company's lines extend; that the company shall pay in and after the year 1895 a tax of two per cent of its gross receipts; that the company shall, within two years, have in operation a plant capable of supplyone thousand consumers, and, within seven years, a plant capable of

upplying 5,000 consumers. WERE ALL ADOPTED. These amendments were all adopted as was also one proposed by Mr. Keller which works a forfeiture of the franchise if the company sells out to

or consolidates with a competing com-The Keller amendments which were defeated provoked a lengthy and spirited discussion, in which some rather tart things were said. Mr. Keller openly declared that the Consumers company was nothing more or less than a 'pinch" concern, and wanted the franchise solely for the purpose of selling it. The fact that councils are asked to grant the company a franchise without being able to ascertain who compose the company, is, of itself, Mr. Keller said, sufficient to show that it was

open to suspicion, Mr. Gurrell, who led the fight for the

vetoed by the recorder last year. You know how the press charged crookedness in the passage of that ordinance. I know of solid business men who withdrew from the company because of crookedness in the passage of the franchise. They told me so, themelves. I'm not saying there was anything crooked or that there is anything crooked now, but I'm telling you that men told me they withdrew from connection with the passage of the ordinanec. The papers charged that councilmen were bought up. If you want to avoid a repetition of that charge give the public the names of the men who are behind this company. Give us the names of the officers at

SHOULD LIMIT FRANCHISE.

Continuing Mr. Keller declared the council could give the citizens no acceptable reason for voting down the amendments limiting the price of gas. and the life of the franchise. Gas, he averred, could be made for \$5 cents at a profit, and no progressive city is now giving perpetual franchises. city had acted wisely in the beginning." he said, "we would now own the Scran-

ton Rallway company,

against the last ordinance, Mr. Calpin explained that he favored this one be cause it imposed a tax on the com-pany's gross receipts. It might be that it was only a nominal tax, he said, but It was something, and no matter how small, it is more than the city ever got before. He believed in encouraging competition and that in this instance competition was badly needed.

"Why do we need it?" interrupted Mr. Keller. "Because, if it is true, as you say, that gas can be made for eighty-five cents at a profit, the new company will

effect a reduction of the present rate of a dollar." "But it wont do it," rejoined Mr. Keller, "It will never build a plant." Messrs. Gurrell and Galvin made speeches in favor of competition. Mr. Paine told that he is getting gas as fuel. None of them could say how long fuel for eighty cents and believed in effecting if possible a cheapening of shut down. gas for illuminating purposes. He would not vote for the ordinance, though, because the tax was too small. He wanted that it should be five per cent. He also looked with disfavor on the ordinance because the identity of the company is not disclosed. As far as he knew, he declared it might be the

old company looking for a new franchise. Mr. Gurrell here asked Mr. Paine if he (Gurrell) had not told him in committee who the members of the company are. Mr. Paine admitted that he | Freedman's Department Store,

was told that Jonas Long's Sons and Casey Brothers were in it, but Senator McDonald told him at another time the Caseys were not in it.

Another meeting will be held next Thursday night to pass the ordinance

on third reading.

NEW MEASURES. New measures approved provide for hydrants on Sunset avenue, near the residence of C. H. Pond, corner of Electric and Capouse, corner of Von Storch and Breaker and corner of Cusick and Onk; an electric light on the corner of Sadle place and Decker court; sidewalks on portions of Sixteenth street and Rebecca avenue; the repair of the pave on Jefferson, between Olive and Pine: grading of Ridge avenue, above Ash street; the opening of Hemlock street, beyond Pittston avenue; cross-walks in the Thirteenth ward; a retaining wall the whole length of Fair view avenue; sidewalks on Hickory Alder and Birch streets, between Pros

has done away with gatemen on the South Side. The ordinance for the Twelfth and Nineteenth wards sewer was amended by extending the time for payment to five years. The solicitor is to find a way, if possible, by which the city can guarantee the collections and protect the contractor

pect and Webster avenues; and direct-

ing the solicitor to inquire why the Erie

IN SELECT COUNCIL.

Select council last night unanimous y adopted the following resolution, inroduced by Mr. Quinnan:

That the city controller in conjunc tion with the city solicitor be required to ascertain from the county treasurer of Lackawanna county the amount of funds due and owing the city of Scranton, by his office, and report the same o the next regular meeting of the select council.

The resolution directing that all orlinances be approved by the solicitor and the head of the department it conerned before they were presented in ouncils was killed.

Resolutions were approved authorizng the purchase of a street sweeper and sprinkler at a total cost of \$540, and appropriating \$3,000 for a stone crushing plant. Ordinances passed second reading

providing for the purchase of a lot on New street for a store house for the department of public works and appropriating \$100,000 to pay off judgments. On third reading ordinances passed for sidewalks in the Sixteenth ward and on Jackson street from Main avenue to Keyser avenue, and for opening of Wayne and Monsey ave-

A PENTECOSTAL SERVICE

Remarkable Outburst of Religious Enthusiasm at Close of Evangelical Conference.

The United Evangelical convention for the Lewisburg district, which began its sessions in this city on Tuesday last, was closed last night with a re markably enthusiastic Pentecostal serice conducted in Zion church.

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The church was well filled, and after some minor matters of business had been transacted, Rev. S. S. Munney took charge and read the opening verses of second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, in which it is written that on the day of Penetcost the Holy Spirit came in the form of cloven tongues of flame and sat upon each of the apostles.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Chest.

Mr. Gurrell, who led the name to franchise and Mr. Calpin, Mr. Graf and Mr. Galvin who seconded him, declared with quite the same freedom characterizing Mr. Keller's remarks, that those who opposed the ordinance did so because of a desire to prevent the Scranton Gas and Water company from having competition.

Mr. Keller laid particular stress on the fact that the personnel of the company was not disclosed even to the councilmen.

"Who is the Consumers' Gas company, anyway?" he asked. "It is due the city to know who these men are. The city to know who these men are. nessed in the ordinary Christian church. Prior to the Pentecostal service resolutions were passed thanking the church committee for the excellence of the entertainment afforded and expressing it as the sincere and urgent wish of the convention that all ministers attend the

annual meetings, unless prevented by stress of unusual circumstances. The morning session yesterday was opened with a devotional service, led by the company because of their belief Rev. B. F. Keller. Rev. J. W. Bentz that there was crooked work done in spoke of the great necessity of an inspoke of the great necessity of an indwelling of the Holy Spirit in personal service for the Master, and Rev. R. E. Wilson pictured a model Christian Endeavor society. Rev. W. A. Faus spoke on the model Sunday school.

The cause of missions occupied the attention of the delegates at the afternoon session. Rev. B. F. Keller spoke on "Home Missions," and Rev. E. B. Dunn made a plea for a more earnest interest in the cause of frontier missions in the far west, where there are many communities without either church or clergyman. Rev. J. D. Biggs spoke for foreign missions, and an open parliament on the best methods of raising missionary money followed. No place for the holding of the next

convention has been agreed upon as yet.

WASHERIES SHUT DOWN.

To Avoid Possibility of Further Violence, the Coal Companies Close All the Washeries.

Fear of trouble at the washeries is allayed for a time at least. As a resuit of a conference of the local heads of the coal companies, all the washeries were closed down yesterday, to remain

idle indefinitely. The superintendents say they took this action out of regard for the peace of the community. There is no great, pressing need of the product of the washeries just at present, and as their operations seems to be provocative of violence, it was decided to let them-ite idle for a time.

Each of the superintendents, whea een yesterday, declared his company could continue to operate the washeries if it so desired, and would do so in case it was made necessary by a demand for fuel. None of them could say how long

The Erie company had men out last evening notifying all machinists and others about the Dunmore shops, who were laid off last week, to report for work this morning.

A Bankruptcy Petition. Certain creditors of Michael Kane, of Sayre, yesterday filed in the United States District court a petition requesting that he be declared an involuntary bankrupt.

Ticket 2045 won the sideboard a

AN IMPORTANT TEMPLAR EVENT

HIGHEST DEGREE AND ORDER WERE CONFERRED.

Melita Commandery Conducted Last Night the First Bestowal with Full Ceremonial of the Degree of St. Paul and the Order of Malta Ever Witnessed in This City-Many Visiting Knights Were Present. Seven Silken Banners Presented to Commandery.

gree of St. Paul and the Order of Malta upon a class of forty sir knights at their asylum in the Masonic Temple, on Spruce street.

This was an event of unusual interest and importance in the history of local Templarism and was introductory iting sir knights and their ladies, Sun-

The Degree and Order were con-

ferred in the presence of Past Grand Commander Joseph Alexander, Grand Commander Thomas F. Penman, Division Commander R. A. Zimmerman and nearly one hundred sir knights, Representatives were present from Wilkes-Barre, Carbondale, Tunkhannock, Great Bend and Binghamton. The Order of Malta is appendent to the Order of the Temple. Its fundamental principles are, Faith in Divine Truth; Hope of Eternal Reward, and Charity for all Mankind. It commemorates the early religious branches that were established during the time of the crusades for the protection of these early Christian warriors in their jour-

ney to the Holy City. IS RARELY CONFERRED

This order of knighthood is rarely conferred in full form and has never authorized by the grand encampment. Melita Commandery has had these Orders in preparation during the past three months and the ritualistic work and costume accessories gave to them a solemnity entirely in harmony with

the lessons they teach.

Heretofore to witness this work it was necessary for local sir knights to ourney to Philadelphia, Pittsburg or Easton, but henceforth Melita Commandery will be the mecca for all fraternities in Northeastern Pennsylvania who may desire to see these orders conferred. During the ceremony appropriate music was rendered by Melita quartette, consisting of Sir Knights William Jones, Harry Wrigley, Harry Acker and Will Edwards with Walter

Seven elaborate silken banners are

required in conferring these orders and these were formally presented to the commandery last night by Eminent Commander C. R. Acker. Division Commander R. A. Zimmerman accepted the banners, on behalf of the commandery and paid a merited compliment to the donors, Mrs. J. Piummer Acker and Mrs. C. R. Acker, who had appent much time and labor in feebluss. pent much time and labor in fashioning the gifts. A rising vote of thanks was also tendered the ladies by the commandery for their courteous consideration and for the artistic character,

design and execution of their work. OFFICERS PARTICIPATING.

The officers who participated in the conferring of the orders were as follows: Eminent friar, C. R. Acker; lieutenant commander, Alfred Shopland; captain general, Thomas Palmer; marshal, Walter L. Schlager, captain of Melita Commandery, No. 68, Knights L. Van Buskirk; recorder, Frank E. Templar, last night conferred the de- Shedd. These were assisted by Sir Knights R. A. Zimmerman, Marshall Keller, George Saxe, Henry Phillips, and Fred Warner, who acted as ceremonial banner guards,

After the conferring of the orders, brief addresses were made by Rev. Dr. F. Y. Pierce, Rev. Francis R. Bateto the Knightly features which will man, Grand Commander T. F. Penman commence with the arrival of the vis- and Division Commander R. A. Zim-

DEATH OF MISS CUSICK.

Expired Suddenly at Her Home, on North Washington Avenue.

Miss Tessie L. Cusick died last evening at 6 o'clock at her home, on North Washington avenue. She had been alling for some months, and spent the winter in the South with a view to bringing about an improvement in her health. A few weeks ago she returned and her condition had undergone such a favorable change that it was thought she would be entirely restored to health. Last evening about 5.45 she had a sinking spell and fifteen minutes later she died. She was 24 years of age, a graduate of St. Cecilia's academy and was a great favorite with her friends and acquaintances.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cusick, and is survived before been exemplified in this part of by the following brothers and sisters: the state, with paraphernalia and as P. F. and Eugene, the undertakers; Ambrose, Bartley and Elizabeth. The announcement of the funeral will be made later.

TAX TO BE FIVE MILLS.

School Board Will Provide for Improvements in Bond Issue.

At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of control held last improvements of permanent nature in a bond issue.

to necessitate the levy of a tax of only five mills. It was thought at the last meeting of the committee that a tax of five and three-quarters mills would have to be levied.

night it was decided to provide for all This enabled the committee to cut down the budget to a figure sufficient

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