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A MANDAMUS FOR ROCHE

COUNCIL WANTS ASH STREET BRIDGE BUILT.

A Resolution Passed by Select Branch Directing Solicitor to Go Into Court for an Order Compelling Director of Public Works to Erect Temporary Structure Over Roaring Brook, as Previously Directed—Fire Horses Are Fattened Up in Public Works Department.

The select council last night unanimously adopted a resolution directing the city solicitor to petition court for a mandamus on Director of Public Works Roche to compel him to erect a temporary bridge on Ash street, over the Roaring Brook. The resolution was introduced by Councilman John Nagell, of the Tenth ward.

A resolution was passed by both councils some time ago, directing the director to erect a temporary bridge at the point named, but the latter refused to comply with it for the reason, as he stated, that there were no available funds to pay the cost of construction. Recorder W. L. Connell sent in a communication vetoing the ordinance providing for the execution of a contract with John U. Hopewell for the printing and binding of 500 copies of the city manual. The reason assigned for the veto was that the fiscal year is already so far advanced that the manuals will not be needed until next year. The veto was unanimously sustained.

Two communications received from Director of Public Works Roche were referred to the estimates committee. The first was in the nature of an explanation regarding the increased cost of the maintenance of horses in the department and contained a rather caustic reference to a custom which Mr. Roche says is practiced by the department of public safety. The worn-out horses from the latter department, he says, are turned over to his department and when they are fattened up they are taken back and more play-out mares are given him to use.

Cost of Heating Increased. The other communication was in reference to an increase of the charge for heating city hall from \$1,327 to \$1,653 per year. This increase was made by the Economy Light, Heat and Power company, he says, without notice. A communication from Recorder Connell, asking that the balance of \$3,053.39 remaining in the bureau of health's emergency fund for last year be transferred to the same fund for the present year, was referred to the finance committee.

New Ordinances. New ordinances introduced and referred to committees were as follows: By Mr. Van Bergen—Providing for the erection of three electric lights in the Second ward. By Mr. Evans—Providing for the erection of two electric lights in the Fourth ward. By Mr. Schneider—Providing for the erection of an electric light on Mattes street, between the Lackawanna tracks and the Roaring Brook bridge. By Mr. Coleman—Providing for the erection of an electric light on Oakford court.

By Mr. McAndrew—Changing the names of certain streets as follows: Schlager boulevard, to West Vine street; Oram boulevard to West Pine street; Cemetery street to West Gibson street. Ordinances passed on third reading were as follows: Accepting Porter and Reynolds plat in West Third ward, providing for the election of four electric lights in the Tenth ward; providing for the construction of two sewer basins in the Fourth ward; providing new building regulations.

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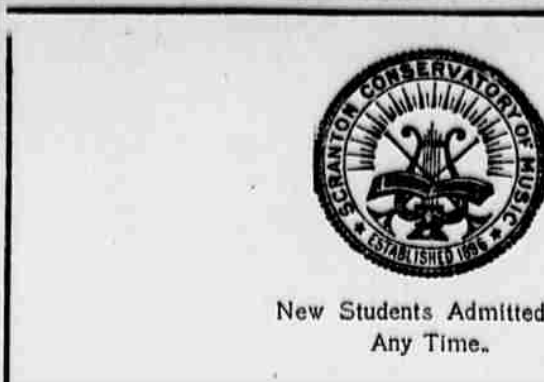
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ferred to the same fund for the present year, was referred to the finance committee. New resolutions introduced and passed without opposition were as follows: By Mr. Evans—Directing the director of public works to repair at once the dangerous places on Petbone street and Summer avenue. By Mr. Morgan—Directing the director of public works to repair Washburn street, between Everett avenue and Morrie court.

By Mr. Regan—Providing for the payment of a claim of \$75 of Dennis Judge for damage caused his property in the Sixth ward by the burning of a fire hydrant. By Mr. Quinn—Providing for the return to Marcus Underwood, of Susquehanna county, of the sum of \$40, the same being the amount realized by the city from the sale of a horse which had been picked up in the streets and impounded, it having been discovered later that the animal was stolen.

By Mr. O'Boyle—Providing for the setting and binding of the damage claim of Mrs. Thomas Court. By Mr. O'Boyle—Directing the city solicitor to prepare a list of judgments outstanding against the city. By Mr. Vaughan—Providing for an abrogation of contract entered into with James McNally for the laying of flagstones sidewalks on portions of Prospect and Pittston avenue and directing the director of public works to readvertise for bids for this work.

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THE NEWSBOYS' BENEFIT.

Special Matinee at the Academy of Music on Monday. The newsboys will have on sale today tickets for the benefit performance to be given for them at the Academy of



JOE WELCH "THE PEDDLER"

Music next Monday afternoon. The tickets are to sell at twenty-five cents each and the proceeds are to go towards creating a fund for a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

The attraction will be Joe Welch in "The Auctioneer." Welch ranks with David Warfield as one of the best Jewish impersonators on the stage. He has been for many years a "topper" at the big vaudeville theaters.

Christmas Suggestions. Hayes & Varley have just placed on sale, for the Christmas trade, a very fine line of dress goods, silks, ladies' handkerchiefs, women's neckwear, hosiery and gloves. An especially attractive line of umbrellas and a hundred and one other pretty things suitable for Christmas gifts are among the firm's stock.

A Free Seat at the Dixie. Would you like a free reserved seat for a Dixie matinee? If so, cut this out and present it at the box office with twenty-five cents and you will be given two reserved seats for any matinee during the week of December 8, excepting Saturday.

Plan to buy some of your Christmas gifts at the Penn Avenue Baptist church parlors Thursday afternoon and evening, December 11. Orchestra and refreshments in the evening.

Account Mascagni Grand Opera Company.

At Armory, Scranton, Pa., Monday, December 8, 1902. Arrangements have been made with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company for special rates between Wilkes-Barre and Avoca, and Carbondale and Peckville. Consult local agents as to train service and rates.

Ferns, Ferns. Bostonians, Asparagus, etc. The sale now on. Take People's car. Morel Bros., 624 East Market street. Both phones.

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All Art Publications of recent date, are to be obtained at this Emporium of Art Productions. GRIFFIN ART SHOP, 211 Washington Ave.

LITTLE GIRL CARRIED OFF

THREE YEAR OLD LED AWAY BY STRANGE MAN.

Little Geraldine Heffron, of Olympian, Was Playing Near Her Home Yesterday When a Tall Man Led Her Off Towards the Marshwood Woods Saying Her Mother Wanted Her—Searching Party Last Night Secured Country-side, but Found No Trace of Her.

All Olympian was in an uproar last night, over the reported kidnapping of Geraldine Heffron, the golden-haired little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heffron, who live at the upper end of Dunmore street, near the Throop borough line. The little girl and her 6-year-old brother ran out of the house yesterday afternoon to play, shortly after 3 o'clock. About fifteen minutes later the little boy came running back into the house and told his mother that a tall man had met them on the road and had told Geraldine that her mother wanted her and that he would take her to her.

The man took the little girl by the hand, the boy said, and led her off through what is known as the Albuch farm and towards the Marshwood woods on the mountain-side. Mrs. Heffron became almost frantic making inquiries among the neighbors. Several said that they had seen the little girl walking across the field with a strange man, whom they described as being tall and powerful-looking. When night came on and there was no sign of the little one's return, the father organized a searching party among the neighbors. About fifty men started out on a search, armed with lanterns. This number was gradually swelled to nearly a hundred, and a systematic scouring of the whole mountain-side was begun. At midnight a number of men were still out, but no trace of the missing little girl had been found. Feeling ran high among the searchers and it would probably have fared ill with the man who is supposed to have taken the child away had he been found.

The little boy was unable last night to give an intelligent description of the man who led his sister away. He said that he was a big man and that he never saw him before. The police, in all the cities, both up and down the valley, were notified by telephone of the affair and the following description of the little girl was sent out: Three years old; light hair, blue eyes; unusually plump with especially fat hands; wore a blue gingham dress and no hat.

Unless the man had some fiendish purpose in mind, it is hard to get at any motive for the kidnapping of the child, whose parents are in poor circumstances, the father being a hard-working laboring man. The case brings to mind the mysterious disappearance of little Paul Skoda from his home, near the Brisban patch, some two weeks ago. The Skoda boy's parents are in humble circumstances also, and if he was kidnapped there apparently could have been no hope of securing a reward on the part of his kidnappers.

The police, since their fruitless search for the boy's body on the West mountain yesterday, were inclined to accept a kidnapping theory last night when they had heard of the disappearance of the little Heffron girl.

Opened a Piano Salesroom. Reeve Jones has opened a piano salesroom at 112 Washington avenue.

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICES. Will Be Conducted at the Dixie Sunday Night. The Scranton lodge of Elks will hold their annual memorial service at the Dixie theater on Sunday evening, next, on which occasion the following program will be given: March from "Suite".....Lachner Bauer's Orchestra. Opening ceremonies.....Lodge Frisco. Solo, "Gloria,".....Faure Mrs. F. Wilson with violin obligato by Miss Walters. Quartette.....Selected Address: Eulogy on Dr. P. F. Gunster Overture from "Maid Marian".....DeKoven Bauer's Orchestra. Recitation, "King Robert of Sicily".....Longfellow. Charles A. Stuart. Address.....Hon. H. M. Edwards. Solo, "Gloria,".....Faure Mrs. F. Wilson with violin obligato by Miss Walters.

Special Notice to Mercantile Establishments. Be careful during holiday weeks, and not violate section 1 of act of assembly, approved May 29, 1901, as was done by some houses during the holiday season last year. Section 1 reads as follows: No minor, male or female, or adult woman, can be employed or detained for a longer period than twelve (12) hours in any one day, nor more than sixty (60) hours in any one week. Section 2 reads: Any person who violates above sections shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. My instructions from the department are to impartially enforce a compliance with the sections as they read. I hope it will not be necessary to adopt harsh measures. E. W. Bishop, Deputy Factory and Mercantile Inspector, Dunmore, Pa., Dec. 1, 1902.

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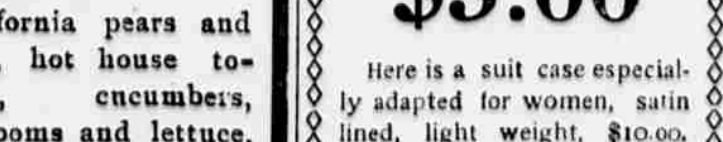
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