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Six Boxes That Had Their Contents Soaked Gave Howell Abnormally Large Majorities-Two Other Boxes Stored with These Boxes Had Dry Contents-In These Districts the Vote Appears to Have Been About Normal-Possibility That the Dark Scheme May Have Failed.

There is consternation in Dunmore and not a little among the Democratic party leaders over the disclosures of the evident bold attempt to destroy the proofs of the fraud by which over-zealus friends of the Democratic candiates ran up majorities in that borough. On Saturday, when the ballot boxes were found to have been filled with vater and the ballots transformed into masses of pulp, Justice of the Peace

THE NEWSBOYS' CHRISTMAS.

Every Newsboy of Scranton and Northeastern Penn-

sylvania Will Be Given All The Copies of The

Tribune He Can Sell on Christmas

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come from the press as possible, and will be kept supplied from

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No returns of unsold copies will be allowed the following .

of this opportunity must secure their papers from The Tribune

day. Returns of Wednesday's papers will be accepted on Fri-

ing how many copies they expect to be able to dispose of.

The Tribune desires to give the newsboys an opportunity



in the Gonservatory would be a present

worth having. Full particulars at the Conservatory office.

Carter Building, 604 Linden St.

In 1900, although the Independent Republican candidate had 133 votes, pre sumably for the most part Republican votes, Mr. Connell led the naturally strong Democratic candidate in the vote of these six districts, by 33. In 1902, against a candidate of less strength in these districts he is defeated in the districts in question by 141 There is just a possibility the perpetrators of this desperate scheme have not succeeded in their purpose. The ballots were in such shape the commissioners would not risk an examination of them, but, while their casual observation led them to the belief that

EMPLOYEES TO BE MADE PARTNERS

John T. Porter, Scranton's Successful Wholesale Merchant to Show Appreciation of Faithful Service.

John T. Porter proposes to retire from ctive business on the first of the year and turn over his store to his employes. The business will be incorporated heating, lighting and plumbing. The with a capitalization of \$150,000. Some six or seven of the oldest employes, including Thomas P. Loftus, David P. Williams, Thomas Israel, Mr. Godfrey and Miss Browning, are to be taken in into the building, and as there is a as members of the corporation. Mr. probability of building material be-Porter, it is understood, will retain a good sized block of the stock that he may be in a position to direct matters, if necessary, and insure a continuance of the success that has all along

marked the business. Mr. Porter conducts the largest wholesale fruit and produce store in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has factory to the lowest bidder, M. J. been in business twenty-five years and Ruddy, as some of the sub-contractors has been so eminently successful that giving him estimates had by miscalcuhe can, even now, when not out of his lations put in figures which were fifties, give up the arduous duties of a low as to be unprofitable. busy merchant's life. Mr. Porter, it is understood, will hereafter concern himself chiefly with the affairs of the to make some extra money on Christmas morning, and with 'Traders' National bank, of which he is this object in view will furnish them with all the copies of the

GETTING THEIR PRESENTS.

mur of discontent was heard.

ommission or omission.

ficient to settle all doubts.

participants.

o Binghamton

oday.

obtain prizes called and asked for the

privilege of comparing their work with

single instance where this was done

was an error found on the part of the

Contest editor and each one admitted that no blame could be attached for

The list of words printed in yesterday

number of typographical errors

morning's Tribune had, unfortunately,

epopee, "moth" instead of math, "me-

them, "th" instead of the, and "per-

instead of thermal. This made quite

proved beneficial in many ways to the

All lists will be preserved until noon

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harriet McKeeby is critically

Hon. W. L. Connell and J. S. McAnulty

left for New York yesterday afternoon.

burg, was in the city yesterday on business trip.

Senator Benjamin K. Focht, of Lewis-

Mrs. Calvin Bryant and sons, of North

Eighth street have returned from a visit

Sol Bacharach, of Wilkes-Barre, execu-

ive clerk to Governor Stone, was among

Miss Jessie L. Welsh, of Wilson col-

lege, and W. J. Welsh, jr., of Lafayette, are spending the holidays at their home in

Miss Cecelia Swift and Hon. P. A. Philbin, of Archbald, will be married in St. Thomas' church, Archbald, Wednes-

The Misses M. Blanche Kennedy, Au-gusta Polhamus and Enid Wrigley of the Correspondence school went to Factory-ville last Friday night to attend prize

McNair A. Phillips, son of Superintendent of Schools G. W. Phillips, and Cole B. Price, son of Attorney S. B. Price, students at Princeton, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents.

James Cooney, a member of the senior class at Phillips Exeter Academy, is home for the holidays. He will graduate next June. Mr. Cooney is one of the best foot ball players that ever wore an Exeter unform.

Thomas McKeon, of Harrisburg, for-

merly of Honesdale, who was operated upon for appendicitis by Dr. R. H. Gibbons and Dr. Horace Gibbons, at the Scranton Private hospital, is rapidly con-

Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ryan is seri-

ously ill of pneumonia, consequent upon an attack of quinsy. Dr. L. M. Gates and Dr. R. H. Gibbons, his attending physicians, have strong hopes of his ulti-

Richard Jones, of London, England, cousin of County Controller E. A. Jones and Edward S. Jones, of Olyphant, is visiting the latter. Mr. Jones is an em-

ment English mining engineer and has just returned from a prespecting tour

mate recovery.

nto Africa.

esterday's Scranton visitors.

t her home 1226 Mulberry street.

specifications. The drawings of Architect E. H. Davis, it was agreed, me the ideas of the board as to the kind Successful Contestants Reap Reward of building that should be erected, and of Their Labors-All Satisfied. none of the members would consent to A number of the successful boys and having the construction cheapened by girls called at The Tribune office and changing the plans.

It was on the suggestion of Director secured the Christmas presents they had Burke that the plans were retained won in The Tribune's Junior Educationwith a view of advertising again in the al Contest. All seemed pleased with the result of the contest and while perhaps spring for bids. Cement, he said, will regretting that they overlooked one or go down in price 25 per cent, in that two words that might have made a time, and iron will also experience a considerable decline. All kinds of buildmaterial difference to them, not a muring material, he thought, would be During the day a number of those much cher who had submitted lists, but did not it is now! much cheaper three months hence than

BUILDING TO

BE DEFERRED

POOR BOARD AGREES TO REJECT

ALL PROPOSALS.

Will Wait Until the Spring, When It

Is Expected the Price of Building

Material Will Have Considerably

Declined-Board Contemplated an

Satisfied with the Decision.

joint meeting of the home and finance

meeting of the board was \$175,000.

upon a contract.

to the bidders.

The committees were of the opinion

that this was too much money to put

coming cheaper, it was concluded to

This, it is understood, is highly satis

Deemed Inadvisable.

The committee did not deem it ad-

During the discussion it was brought out that it costs anywhere from 15 to that of the successful ones. This was 25 per cent, more to construct a buildreadily granted and the disappointed ing at Hillside Home than it does in authors were shown why each and Scranton. Additional freightage and

every erasure was made. In not one haulage accounts for this.

The proposed new building is abso lutely needed, the board claims, and whether or not prices of building material go down, it will have to be con structed this year.

Building Is Needed.

The capacity of the present buildings among them being "Epopes," instead of is greatly overtaxed and it is impossible to give to the district's indigent trope" instead of metope, "mohan" instead of moha, "therm" instead of

A Favorite Store.

meat" instead of permeate, "therma' The store of M. H. Griffin, 318 Lack iwanna avenue, is a popular mart, in little worry and trouble, but a sight of deed. Young men, old men and the lit-Miss Tillinghast's list, where these tle fellows in knee breeches are being words were correctly written, was suffitted out complete. It is a comfort to trade with a store where the styles A communication signed "A Subare uniformly correct, the quality as scriber," protesting against the giving sured and the patterns and prices sure to be right. Mr. Griffin's display of out of the prizes on account of alleged mistakes, was received early in the day, but as the writer neglected to sign his hats, caps, neckwear and specialtic for the holiday trade is extensive and name and address, the letter met the up-to-date, as is evidenced by the brist usual fate of anonymous communicatrade he is enjoying. If you want anytions and had to be disregarded. This thing in the line of clothing or men' was the only cloud on an otherwise furnishings, be sure and visit this store happy ending of a contest that has

Christmas at the Dixie.

The management of this theatre have decided for Christmas and New Year weeks, to reserve four boxes containing six seats for any party wishing them at the price of \$5.00. Anyone securing box in advance can be assured that it will be the purchaser's exclusively. Two of the other boxes, each containing ten seats will be sold for \$1.00 a seat. These seats will be sold separately, or other-

This statement is made because of mix-up in the sale Thanksgiving night which the management regretted. Anyone wishing a box for Christmas will notify the management as soon as pos-

Indian heads and all sorts of novelties for the den at Reynolds Bros. **

Kodaks

From 1 to 28 Dollars Pocket Poco's Calendars

Albums

Hornbaker, 211 Washington Ave.

Expenditure of \$150,000 and the a comfort in that assurance when it comes from a store with the enviable Lowest Bid Was \$175,000-Lowest reputation O'Hara's cigar store enjoys in this city. Bidder, It Is Understood, Is Well Largest line of stationery at Reynolds Bros. The erection of the new building at the Hillside Home has been deferred, This was decided upon, last night, at a The sale of goods damaged by water

at G. W. Watkins' store will be on sale Tuesday morning and for the balcommittees of the poor board, compris-ing a majority of the members. ance of the week.

The Men's Gifts Store.

O'Hara's cigar store, 431 Spruce street displays a most tempting array of

gifts for men. There are souvenir poxes of fine Havana cigars, meechaum

pipes, briar pipes, elgar cases, ash trays, cigar and cigarette holders, to-

bacco and eigdr jars, Turkish pipes and

Mr. O'Hara has made a special effort

this season and not only is his stock

much larger, but he has looked careful-

ly into the characters of the goods;

everything is guaranteed and a woman

or a non-smoker can buy them with

absolute assurance that she is getting

just the quality she asks for. There is

all sorts of novelties for the den.

The board contemplated a building Waterman's fountain pens at Reythat would cost \$100,000, exclusive of nolds Bros. lowest of the bids received at the last The Keystone ales, porter and lager

> throughout this district. Fancy ink stands at Reynolds Bros.

beers are enjoying a very extensive sale

wait until the spring before entering Handsome Christmas Presents. The committees decided to recom-Large flowers and palms at bargains mend to the board that all bids be re-Both 'phones. Morel Bros. jected and the forfeit checks returned

visable to scale down the cost of the building by revising the plans and

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************** Barney Cooney, in whose custody the the ballots were destroyed beyond re boxes had been left, declared that the demption, it is not impossible they cellar in which they were stored was were mistaken, they admit, and that never flooded. Yesterday the 'squire after they are dried they can be separaverred that after an investigation made ated and made to expose the fraud yesterday disclosed to him that part of which the water soaking was intended contained six inches of water The boxes are of galvanized iron, well made and in six inches of water their

ing The Tribune now or not.

fice, from 7.30 to 9.30 a. m.

office personally.

day morning.

contents would suffer little damage. certainly no damage to the papers near As yet no attempt has been made to explain how six boxes from districts giving Howell remarkably big majorities were water soaked, while two boxes from other districts in which the vote was about normal, and which were stored with the six water-soaked boxes greens. Both 'phones, Christmas trees

were perfectly dry. Two things are

morally certain: Filled With Water. First, the six boxes from districts suspected of having made fraudulent cturns were filled with water, the water was allowed to remain in them until the ballots and other papers were educed to pulp, and was poured off only a short time before the boxes were brought out of the cellar to be opened by the commissioners appointed by the

ourt to collect and preserve the contents. Second, the only reasonable motive

for tampering with the ballots is to hide a fraud. That there was ground for suspecting fraud in some, at least, of these districts, is shown by a comparison of their returns in the last and preceeding elecions. In 1900, Mr. Connell had as his opponents, M. F. Conry. Dem., who was naturally strong in these particular disricts, and Frank M. Spencer, Ind. Rep., whose home was in Dunmore. In the last election, Mr. Connell's opponent had neither of the elements of strength possessed by Conry or Spencer in the terri-

tory in question. Withese facts in mind the following tabulations are significant: 1902. Connell. First ward, First district ... 95 First ward, Second district., 30 Second ward, Second district 32 Third ward, Second district... 80 Third ward, Third district... 74 Sixth ward, First district... 85

Conry. 86 First ward, First district...,125 First ward, Second district.. Second ward, Second district a Third ward, Second district. 127 Third ward, Third district... 199 Third ward, Third district... 19 Sixth ward, First district.... 109

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