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CITY NOTES.

There will be a regular meeting of the managers of the Home for the Friendless this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A cab belonging to A. B. Swartz was taken from in front of Turner hall Thursday night. It was found yesterday morning near the Bellevue breaker. Funeral services for immediate friends will be held over the remains of B. L. Richards at his late residence, 315 Quincy avenue, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Jefferson dancing class gave a social in Excelsior hall, Wyoming avenue, last night, at which the members and their friends to the number of 200 were present. Jacob Reich, of the South Side, was held to bail by Alderman Howe yesterday for assault and battery and threatening to kill, which charges were preferred by P. A. Riskie. John Deltz, a young vendor of hot waffles, was fined by Mayor Bailey yesterday morning in police court for fighting with another lad and resisting arrest when Patrolman Goetzlitz captured him. Frank Mitchell, of 223 Luzerne street, a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western brakeman, stepped from a moving train in the yard yesterday morning and sprained his left ankle. He was removed to the Moses Taylor hospital. The Active Turners gave their annual ball at their hall on Seventh street last night. It was largely attended and highly enjoyable. Professor Satt furnished the music. The affair was in charge of Henry Vockroth, Joe McDonald, Theodore Heip, Ed Eliseo and Victor Noth.

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DIED FROM HER BURNS.

Lillie Blackledge Dies from Her Terrible Experience of Thursday. Five-year-old Lillie Blackledge, whose clothing took fire from the furnace at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Blackledge, of Thompson street, Thursday afternoon, died during the night after suffering nearly twelve hours of the intensest agony. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Twinning, optician 125 Penn avenue, in Hart's drug store, Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

REORGANIZATION OF THE POOR BOARD

W. S. Langstaff Will Continue to Act as Its President.

JOHN VAN BERGEN TREASURER

He Will Succeed C. J. Gillespie--Salaries of the Superintendent and the Matron Increased--Number of Outdoor Physicians Decreased to Three--Salaries of Directors Have Been Increased from \$300 to \$350.

The poor board of the Scranton poor district met yesterday afternoon and reorganized by the election of the following officers: President, W. S. Langstaff; secretary, E. J. Lynett; treasurer, John Van Bergen; collector of taxes, Wade M. Finn; attorney, John E. Stragg; superintendent of the farm, George W. Beemer; matron, Mrs. Jennie Beemer; resident physician at the



W. S. LANGSTAFF, Elected President of the Board for the Third Time.

home, Dr. Andrew Strang; outdoor physician, first section, Dr. M. J. Williams; second section, Dr. W. W. Ives; third section, Dr. A. H. Bernstein. All of these officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Van Bergen and Dr. Ives. The former succeeds C. J. Gillespie, and the latter is practically the successor of Dr. P. E. Gunster and Dr. E. A. Manley as there will be but three outdoor districts in future instead of four.

The last meeting of the old board was called to order shortly before 3 o'clock by President Langstaff. There was only one applicant for relief, a fact which drew forth exclamations of surprise and wonder from the directors. The lone applicant wanted the board to send her invalid husband to a hospital in New York and the board decided to allow Director Fuller to inquire into the case and act as he thought best. Secretary Lynett announced that the principal of the Pennsylvania school for the blind was willing to again receive Joseph Sheehan, who was suspended for smoking. If the boy again violates that rule he will be dismissed from the school and cannot afterwards be admitted. A few matters of minor importance were transacted and then Secretary Lynett read the annual report of the directors for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

It was shown by the report that during the year the district disbursed the sum of \$95,864.41, divided among the following accounts: Salaries and services, \$15,916.22; outdoor relief, \$16,750.94; supplies, \$25,466.51; improvements and repairs, \$20,253.72; printing and stationery, \$860.44; furniture, \$2,315.66; miscellaneous, \$2,509.32; total, \$95,864.41. The total receipts of the year as shown by the treasurer's account was \$102,020.34, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,157.06. There is due from the collectors \$20,117.94. The inventory of the personal property at the home is \$48,581.82 and the inventory of real estate \$271,950. The total products of the farm are valued at \$4,399 and of the total live stock, \$5,467, other personal property \$40,775.32. The total value of the property of the district is \$229,531.22. The produce raised on the farm during 1896 was valued at \$10,044.

On motion of Director Murphy the president and secretary were directed to have the report printed in the newspapers and on motion of Director Fuller \$150 was appropriated for the payment of this advertising. The monthly report of Superintendent Beemer showed that there are at the home at present 178 persons divided as follows: Males, 130; females, 46. Dr. A. Strang, the resident physician at the home, presented a very exhaustive



GEORGE W. BEEMER, Re-elected Superintendent of the Hill-Side Home.

yearly report concerning the health of the charges of the district. During the year 24 insane patients died and there were 28 deaths among the inmates of the almshouse. It was ordered filed. Reports of several of the outdoor physicians were read and placed on file. President Langstaff announced that the board had completed its work and was ready to adjourn sine die, but before that action was taken he wanted to thank the members for their kindness to him during the year and the willingness they displayed in performing their duties as directors. Director Fuller moved that a vote of thanks be given the president of the directors and it was given with a will.

Superintendent Beemer at this point claimed the attention of the directors and said he wanted to thank them for the hearty manner in which they cooperated with and assisted him during the year. The board thought that it was more indebted to Mr. Beemer than he was to them and Director Fuller, after stating that the superintendent had rendered invaluable aid to the directors moved a vote of thanks to the

superintendent and his wife, who is matron at the home.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD.

The board adjourned sine die and Mr. Langstaff left the chair. Secretary Lynett called the roll showing that all of the directors were present except Mr. Shotten. Director Murphy was elected temporary chairman and called for nominations for president. Mrs. Swan nominated W. S. Langstaff and he was unanimously chosen. It was the third consecutive time that Mr. Langstaff was elected to that office. He thanked the directors and called for nominations for secretary. Mrs. Swan nominated E. J. Lynett, who has been the efficient secretary for a number of years, and he was chosen to succeed himself. The directors nominated John Van Bergen for treasurer to succeed C. J. Gillespie and Mr. Van Bergen had no opposition. Wade M. Finn will succeed himself as collector of taxes and John E. Stragg will continue to be attorney of the board. Neither had opposition.

The president announced that a superintendent was the next officer to be chosen and Mrs. Swan moved that his salary for the year be \$1,400 and that of the matron, \$600. Heretofore the salaries have been \$1,200 and \$400. George W. Beemer was then chosen superintendent and his wife, Mrs. Jennie Beemer, matron. Dr. Andrew Strang was re-elected resident physician of the home.

Before the election of outdoor physicians was taken up Dr. Paine moved that the district be divided into three sections, instead of four as heretofore, the first to include the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth wards; the second, the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards; and the third, the Tenth ward and Dunmore borough. The salary of the physicians of the first and second sections was fixed at \$400 per year and the physician of the third section at \$175. These matters decided upon Dr. M. J. Williams, of the West Side, was elected outdoor physician of the first section; Dr. W. W. Ives, of the central city, of the second section, and Dr. A. H. Bernstein for the third section.

On motion of Director Fuller the salaries of the secretary and resident physicians were fixed at the same figure as last year and \$300 was appropriated to pay for religious services during the year to be equally divided between Protestants and Catholics. The auditors of the district have increased the salaries of the directors from \$500 to \$550 a year.

IN REPLY TO MACKEY.

His Letter Only Puts Him in the Way of Prosecution for Bribery--Interviews with Mr. Connell and Detective Barrig.

Dr. N. C. Mackey, member-elect from the Third legislative district of this county, yesterday published a letter to the effect that William Connell had laid down certain conditions upon which he might escape arrest for bribery. The alleged conditions were: That he must abandon Wanamaker and support Penrose. That he must say he took money to entrap Wanamaker. That he must refund the \$1,250 which he received through J. N. Tillard from the Wanamaker headquarters. Mr. Connell, when seen yesterday, said: "The one item of truth in Dr. Mackey's article is that I advised him, for his own sake and for the sake of his family, to return the money. I seem to have erred in my desire to render it possible for him to escape exposure. The courts will now have to decide whether he or I is the better worthy of belief."

MR. BARRING TALKS.

Ex-Marshall Barring yesterday said: "When the Van Valkenburg case was thrown open, Mr. Connell came to me, knowing that Mackey was concerned, and begged me to save the man, as Mackey would be ruined if his connection with bribery would come out. I demurred and told him Mackey should be tried and convicted. However, I consulted over the wire with one of our clients and was told to respect Mr. Connell's wishes in the matter and give Mackey a chance, if possible. "At my suggestion then, Mr. Connell sent Mr. Connell and Mackey I took the present of him somebody present, unseen by Mackey, who overheard the conversation. I knew who was handling Mackey and who would ergo him on to defy us. Mr. Connell made no further request of Mackey than to stand by a former pledge and stay by Quay's candidate. He also advised that he drop the Wanamaker people entirely and say up to the street hand to him (Mr. Connell) or place it with the Barring & McSweeney agency and take a receipt. It is utterly untrue that Mr. Connell suggested to Mackey to lie out of the case as best he could. Mackey will be arrested and we will prove him to be a bribe taker without a doubt."

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HOW NEW YEARS WAS OBSERVED HERE

Sociability Was the Order of the Day, Everywhere.

THE VARIOUS PUBLIC RECEPTIONS

Y. M. C. A. Entertains Three Thousand Visitors--Religious Services in the Morning in Various Churches--Y. M. I. of Green Ridge Keeps Open House.

New Years was very generally celebrated in this city. A legal holiday the banks, court house offices, city hall offices and the majority of business places were closed, while the shops, mills and miners were all shut down. Religious services in the morning and in the afternoon and evening was the order of the day.

The Young Men's Christian association entertained nearly 3,000 at its "open house." The interior of their building from the entrance on Wyoming avenue to the very top floor was lavishly decorated with evergreen, Japanese lanterns and parasols, and illuminated with vari-colored incandescent lights, all of which reflected much credit on the association's decorating committee: Messrs. George Schroeder, George Wilds, Will Gramard, Harvey Wilbur, Ralph Wicks, Richard Richards, William Brandimore, John Brandimore, William Zachman, Charles E. Vegiard and Frank Richards, the last two attending to the electrical display. Secretary Mahy with twenty-four assistants, received the callers and looked to their entertainment while they remained. The imperial quartette, consisting of Messrs. Doersam, piano; Kiple, first violin; Basserman, flute; Allen, second violin, and Stanton, cornet, played almost continuously during the hours of the reception, 4 to 10 p. m. DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

During the afternoon the visitors were entertained in the auditorium by the imperial quartette and Howard S. Starrett, of New York, a most clever ventriloquist, crayon artist and shadow-graphist. In the evening these same entertainers together with the Perry Brothers, of Brooklyn, N. Y., held forth in the auditorium. The latter are musical specialists, playing ziegler bell solos, melophone solos, xylophone solos, tumbleron and autoharp duets and selections on the silver chimes. The audience was so pleased with their work that they were compelled to respond to an encore after almost every number.

AT THE Y. W. C. A.

At the Young Women's Christian association rooms on Washington avenue over a thousand were entertained. The reception lasted from 4 to 10 p. m. and during all that time with the exception of a brief intermission at the supper hour, there was some form of amusement for the delectation of the guests. Coffee and cake were served to all who called. The decorations were very tasty and appropriate, evergreen and holly predominating. The ladies in charge were: General chairman, Miss Emeline Richmond; chairman music committee, Miss Blanche Dolph; chairman refreshment committee, Mrs. J. J. Roberts; chairman reception committee, Mrs. Dr. Brewster and Miss Esther Rowlands.

Reception, Mrs. E. H. Ripple, Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. J. J. Roberts, Mrs. H. M. Boles, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. J. L. Stelle, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Miss Kriegaum, Miss Everhart, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. Dorman, Miss Deacon, Mrs. G. C. Mahy, Mrs. J. L. Stelle, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Knapp, Miss Deacon, Miss B. Dolph, Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. E. D. Fellows, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Kays, Mrs. W. T. Hackett, Miss Kriegaum.

There were also committees of ladies to look after the serving and others to care for the guests and see that they were made to feel at home. The programme from 4 to 5 p. m. was under the direction of Miss Richmond. There was a baritone solo by Robert Storine, readings by Mrs. H. Judd Strine, and selections by the Haydn quartette, consisting of F. J. Wildmayer, R. Weisenluff, Harvey Black and Herbert Waters. From 5 to 6 p. m. the Juniors and Misses gymnasium classes, directed by Mrs. Adams, the gymnasium instructor, gave a bar-bell and dumb-bell exhibition. There were, also, readings by Miss Lela Porter. The imperial quartette entertained from 6.30 to 6.30 p. m.

SECOND CHURCH MUSICIANS.

From 7 to 8 p. m. Professor J. M. Chance and the Second Presbyterian church choir and orchestra were listened to by the Juniors and Misses. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Beynon. From 8 to 9 p. m. Mrs. Gertrude Jayne entertained with the assistance of Mrs. Boston Williams, Mrs. Calkins, Miss Lydia Sallor, Mr. Bowen and Mr. Harbar, whistling soloist.

The South Side Young Women's Christian Association also kept open house from 2.30 to 10 p. m. Many ladies from the central city branch assisted in receiving and entertaining. Among the musical and literary numbers enjoyed by the hundreds who called, were: Piano solo; piano solo, Mrs. Hulse; vocal solo, City Zither club; recitation, Miss Jones; soprano solo, Miss B. T. Jayne; vocal solo, Mr. Patry; tenor solo, Mr. Bowen; soprano solo, Miss Florence Robertson; vocal solo, Mrs. L. Scherer; cornet duet, Misses Dolph and Perry; recitation, Matt Hughes; vocal duet, Miss Nordt and Mrs. Tester; zither solo, L. Kraus; instrumental trio, Miss Lena and Fred Lentz and Miss Kate Hedrick; recitation, Miss Belle Solaine, Miss L. Nordt; violin and piano duet, Etta and Arthur Rose; piano duet, Ross Blatter and Missie Myers; instrumental trio, Fred Charles, Miss Minnie Latner, Charles Lafner; vocal duet, Ed. Armbrust and Miss Hetzel; vocal solo, Ed. Armbrust; piano solo, Miss Emma Gerek; contralto solo, Miss Mary Davis.

Phil. Sheridan council of the Young Men's Institute, gave a reception during the afternoon and evening at their new home on the corner of Green Ridge street and Capouse avenue. Hundreds called and were royally entertained by the sixty or more young men composing the council.

THE DAY IN THE CHURCHES.

Yesterday, the Feast of the Circumcision in the church calendar, was observed in the Catholic and Episcopal churches with special services. There were four masses in the Cathedral, two or three in each of the other Catholic churches. Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, rector of the cathedral, celebrated the six o'clock mass. Bishop O'Hara celebrated the 8 o'clock mass and preached a sermon. At 10 o'clock a high mass was celebrated by Rev. John Loughran, of the Catholic University,

Washington, D. C., who is spending the holidays in this city. He preached a sermon from the gospel of the day, St. Luke 11-21. And after eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised, His name was called Jesus, which was called by the Angel, before he was conceived in the womb."

At St. Luke's church the festival of the circumcision was observed with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock by Rev. E. A. Houghton. At 9.30 a. m. and 12 m. a number of children were baptised.

A joint service of the central city Presbyterian churches was held at the First Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock a. m. It was conducted in the lecture room by the pastor, Rev. James McLeod, D. D. In addition to the devotional exercises short addresses were delivered by Dr. McLeod, Rev. C. E. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church; Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., and Rev. Mr. Finston, a Baptist clergyman who is visiting in the city.

COLLEGE OF COMMERCE NOTES.

Miss Virginia Voorhees, of Pittsburg, a reader of international reputation, will take a prominent part in the reception Monday night.

It is to be hoped that Rev. W. H. Pearce will make a short address Monday evening. He was largely instrumental in influencing Mr. Gregory, when a boy, to fit himself for business college work.

The Lawrence orchestra has been secured for the evening. Prof. George Howell, superintendent of city schools, will give an address Monday evening.

The rooms will be open to the public from 7.30 to 11 p. m. A general invitation is given. This means you. A large delegation from Carbondale and Olyphant will attend the reception. Miss Anna Clifton will be with the Carbondale party to take part in the evening's programme.

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