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PERSONAL.

Charles Scanlon, of Great Bend, was in the city yesterday. Mrs. R. G. Trip arrived home from San Diego, Cal., yesterday afternoon. Miss Minnie Holt, of Pottsville, is visiting Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Walsh, of Jefferson. Capt. & Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Danville, Pa., are guests of Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Van Buskirk, 129 Pine street. Captain and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, of Danville, are the guests of Alderman and Mrs. John T. Howe, of Liberty street. H. G. Young, vice president of the Delaware and Hudson; W. H. Brown, chief engineer, both of Albany, N. Y., and C. R. Manville, of Carbonade, were in the city yesterday. It is better to take Hood's Sarsaparilla than to experiment with unknown and untried preparations. We know Hood's Sarsaparilla actually and permanently cures. Hood's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache. Can You Climb Olive Street Hill? Try it with a Victor Bicycle. The line embraces eleven different numbers, from \$40 to \$75 each. You cannot afford to overlook this line when purchasing. J. D. Williams & Bro., 312 and 314 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, Pa.

CONTROLLER LANGAN MADE HIS REPLY

Insisted That Charges Had Been Made Against Him by Superintendent.

MR. GIBBONS MADE A VERY SPIRITED OBJECTION TO THE MANNER IN WHICH MR. LANGAN ATTACKED THE MATTER—BOARD IS DOING BUSINESS ON AN EMPTY TREASURY—THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

The regular meeting of the board of control last night offered a sufficient variety of subjects and other lines of business to satisfy the most exacting kind of individual interested in city affairs. The proceedings included an attempt on the part of Mr. Langan to justify his installation of a teacher in No. 6 school without the consent of the board, and his attacks on Superintendent Howell for the latter's report of May 9, which informed the board of the unauthorized installation.

Superintendent Howell's report of May 9 was an exhaustive statement showing the average number of pupils per teacher to be 43 throughout the city. It also contained the following: "The above facts are presented that you may give consideration to the following case: On or about April 28, Mr. Ziedler, controller of the district, was accompanied by Mr. Langan, controller of the Eighteenth ward, and chairman of the teachers' committee, entered No. 6 school, and up to date of the present time no arrangements had been made and a teacher installed without my knowledge or consent. Twelve pupils were taken from the first primary, and a grade was established in the second floor in the intermediate department, where the feet of the children were matted at least five inches from the floor.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE. Had no change been made at No. 6 school each teacher would have had an average of forty-two pupils. Now it is up to forty-six. In all modern buildings we endeavor to keep the average above forty, and by an enrollment prepared by our principals May 2, after all April promotions were made, thirty-one schools out of thirty-seven had an average of over forty. These buildings which have an average of less than forty are either old buildings heated by wood-burners or buildings containing excesses where the sittings are less than forty-eight per teacher. If an average enrollment of thirty-six is maintained throughout the city, we shall need three hundred and forty-seven teachers, or forty-five more than we have at the present time. On an average salary of \$40 per month this means an additional cost in salaries to the taxpayers of the city of \$180,000 monthly, and forty-five new rooms at \$2,000 per room, \$900,000 additional for building purposes.

Last night Mr. Langan, chairman of the teachers' committee, to which had been referred the report, presented a recommendation that in future no school rooms shall be opened until authorized by the board after consideration by the teachers' committee upon recommendation of the superintendent. The recommendation was adopted as were those restoring the salaries of Miss Clark, of No. 14, and Miss Benedict, of No. 25, to \$53 per month; granting leave of absence during June to Miss Gray, and fixing June 17 as the date for closing the schools.

MR. GIBBONS' POINT. Mr. Langan then began what he said was "a reply to charges made against him by the superintendent." The fact that the alleged "charge" is contained in the foregoing extract would seem to justify Mr. Gibbons' point that no charge had been made; that the statement by Mr. Langan was unwarranted by the facts and that he should be prevented from finishing by referring any controversy to committee. President Francois failed to do this, but Mr. Gibbons said: "I have no personal interest in the superintendent. I insist, however, that the idea that the board coincides with Mr. Langan's view shall not go abroad from this meeting. We know that no controller had the right to do what Mr. Langan did at No. 6 school. If the principal had been a man instead of a woman Mr. Langan would have been taken by the collar and led out of the building. He has been caught in something wrong and I for one will not countenance his striking at the superintendent who made no attack on Mr. Langan and no charge against him."

No direct reply to the details of Mr. Gibbons' remarks were made by Mr. Langan but he continued to justify his course by asserting that seventeen more teachers this year than last year are employed although the enrollment of pupils is less. If the superintendent argued that he should be consulted about grades and teachers he confessed his inability to ensure. The incident closed with the appointment, on Mr. Barker's motion, of a special committee of five to consider the matter and report at the next meeting. On this committee, President Francois appointed Mr. May, chairman, and Messrs. Jennings, Jayne, Walsh and Leonard.

NO FUNDS IN SIGHT. "Now that you have passed a number of bills and authorized other expenditures without any funds on hand or in sight, how are you going to provide payment?" was President Francois' query just before adjournment. Previously Mr. May, chairman of the finance committee had presented a lengthy, detailed and carefully prepared statement in reference to overdue settlements from collections of delinquent taxes and in which it was stated that the board would have to borrow money for the payment of salaries, etc. Mr. Jennings' motion that the matter be referred to the finance committee with power to act for the board. At the opening of the session Mrs. E. D. Fellows was elected secretary pro tem. Later she was elected temporary clerk. Mrs. Phony was elected North from the residence. Interment at Washburn street cemetery.

TWELVE MEN ACCEPTED.

Enrollment of Recruits for Engineering Regiment Continues Nightly.

As the result of two night's recruiting Lieutenant Conkling has received seventeen applications for enlistment in the detachment which he is raising for service in the brigade of engineers authorized by act of congress, May, 1888, and has accepted twelve of them. The detachment, when mustered in, will form part of the First regiment, United States volunteers, the present headquarters of which are at 335 Broadway, New York, Colonel Griffin, commanding. A circular of information received yesterday by Lieutenant Conkling gives these particulars: "Qualifications—Must be citizens of the United States. Ages, 18 to 45 (preferably under 30). Good character and habits; able-bodied; must be of good height, not less than 5 feet 4 inches; weight 120 to 160 pounds. Single men preferred. Term of service—Two years, unless sooner discharged by contract. First class privates, \$20.40; second class privates, \$15.60. Allowances—In addition to pay, rations, bedding, all clothing, medicines and medical attendance. These troops will be disbanded and discharged as soon as the war is over; but if the war lasts two years they must serve two years. Every applicant accepted for enlistment must pass a rigid physical examination. The circular adds: "The engineer troops will be armed and drilled as infantry. They are line troops and must take the place of infantry in battle when necessary. Their engineering duties will be the construction and destruction of fortifications, field works, entrenchments, bridges, roads, railroads, electric apparatus, etc. Recruits, therefore, must be engineers, foremen, skilled mechanics of various sorts, handy men, first class tailors, machinists, electricians, telegraph linemen, carpenters, timber-framers, bracers, tunnel-men, bridge-men, excelsors, iron-men, riggers, electric boiler-makers, millwrights, mill-men, etc. Two cooks are also required to each company. Until further notice Lieutenant Conkling will receive applications nightly at the Engineers' club room, fourth floor, board of trade building, between 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock."

SHOPLIFTERS CAUGHT.

At Their Homes a Large Quantity of Alleged Stolen Goods Was Found by the Police.

One of the biggest finds of shoplifted goods found by the Scranton police in recent years followed the arrest of two women in the store of Jonas Long's Sons. The quantity of goods recovered rather than their value was notable. Last night several hundred articles of extensive assortment were on display and awaiting identification in the headquarters room in the central police station. The prisoners are Mrs. Mary Thomas and Mrs. Richard Wincham, of 319 Putnam street, where the stolen goods were found. The women have not been known to the police as being worthy of suspicion, but they are of a type which suggests no surprise at their guilt. They were caught red-handed. Their operations were first noted yesterday afternoon by a clerk in the Leader. Tabs were kept on them and when they left the store they were followed to Jonas Long's Sons' store. Then a double watch was placed upon them until they were fairly well loaded with merchandise when they were quietly asked to visit the office on the second floor.

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TEN DOLLARS MISSING.

A. O. H. County Board Makes a Misappropriation for Charity. Ten dollars has been innocently misappropriated by the county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The sum was given to John Campbell, of Nassau, N. H., a member of the order, who was stranded here. He wanted the money to procure a railroad ticket for Nassau.

BORN.

PHATT—In Dunmore, May 21, 1898, to C. F. D. Pratt, a son.

DIED.

DAVIES—In West Scranton, May 23, 1898, Mrs. Martha Davies, 63 years of age. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon from the residence at 3 o'clock. Interment at Washburn street cemetery.

BEIBECKER—In West Scranton, May 23, 1898, Ethel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Beibecker, of North Broadway avenue. Funeral Wednesday afternoon from the residence. Interment at Washburn street cemetery.

CONVENTION OF GERMAN SOCIETIES

Opening Session Was Held Last Evening in St. Mary's Hall.

DELEGATES WERE MET AT THE RAILWAY STATIONS AND ESCORTED TO MUSIC HALL, WHICH WAS OPENED AS RECEPTION HEADQUARTERS—ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY SECRETARY R. J. BEANISH ON BEHALF OF MAYOR BAILEY—COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED.

Among the many state conventions held in this city in three years past, the German Catholic convention which began its sessions last evening is entitled to rank with the foremost. One hundred and twenty-five societies are represented, and the delegates number over 500. Not all of them have arrived yet. The majority of them have, and it comprises a fine, stalwart body of men, many of them prominent in their respective communities.

The convention is under the auspices of the societies of St. Mary's church, South Side, and the sessions are being held in the parochial hall. The business places and residences along Cedar avenue and Pittston avenue and the intersecting streets from the bridge to Elm street are lavishly decorated with the national colors. Banners across the street at every approach to the South Side bend forth in large inviting letters "Willkommen." The delegates who are in the city for the first time are enthusiastic in praise of the hospitable greeting.

Excelsior train brought some delegates in yesterday. Reception headquarters were established at Music hall, and a committee met the trains and escorted the delegates to it. A badge suitably inscribed, with a likeness of Rev. P. C. Christ, pastor of St. Mary's church, was pinned on the left breast of the delegates. A register was opened at Music hall, and the enrollment took place. Joseph Albrecht, of Cedar avenue, corresponding secretary of the state organization, was in charge of it.

WHERE THEY ARE STOPPING.

After enrollment the delegates were escorted to hotels. A number of them are at the Jermyn. The state officers are there. The other places where the delegates are staying are the Scranton House, the Valley House, the Westminster, Hotel Best on Cedar avenue, Rosen's Eleventh Ward hotel, Natter's hotel on Alder street, and around among the residences of local members. The reception committee consists of: Herman J. Woelkers, Joseph Rosar, George Keller, Peter Rink, Michael Sporer, Fred Schwartz, Peter Robling, Jr., Philip Meyer, August J. Rehner, Frank Lutz, Peter Rosar, Charles Graf, Henry Crockenberger, Joseph H. Klein, Louis Kreis, Mathias Wirth, John Beck, Nicholas Fiesl, August Foster, John Glasner, Adolph Schriber.

The opening session last evening was taken up with routine matters. After the president, J. C. Jaegle, of Pittsburg, announced the convention open for business, R. J. Boamish, private secretary to Mayor Bailey, was introduced and in a brief speech welcomed the delegates to the city. He hoped they would enjoy their visit and go home with pleasant recollections of Scranton. President Jaegle followed with a response, in which he expressed thanks for the kindly assurance of welcome. He said he felt quite sure the delegates would cherish the fifth annual convention with pleasant recollections. The minutes of the last convention having been bound in pamphlet form were distributed and adjournment was taken until 7 o'clock this morning, after the following committee were named:

Credentials—Henry Schmittman, John Becker, Leo Wygan, John Vorndran, Jacob Gohan, Peter Yochum, Jacob Etzel, Constitution—Rev. A. J. Zielenbach, Jaeger, Schmitt, Peter Yochum, Peter Krantz. Applications—Rev. M. Forde, John Becker, Rev. J. Stopper, Conrad Escher, Adolph Schriber. Auditing—John Wirth, Jacob Miller, Peter Ring, Rudolph Ries, Charles Helrich. Propositions—Rev. R. F. Longinus, Andrew Stock, Jacob Schmitt, Peter Beck, Peter A. Holly, Jacob Maltbauer. Resolutions—Rev. G. Borneman, Rev. Christ, Walter of Wilkes-Barre; Rev. J. S. Albrecht, of this city; recording secretary, John Fink, of Pittsburg; treasurer, Michael Kramer, of the city; executive committee, Titus Berge, of Pittsburg; Fred Stephan, of Reading; Robert Schaffner, of Philadelphia; Philip Weis, of Wilkes-Barre; Jacob Miller, of Allentown.

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BARTLEY AND RYAN MATCHED.

They Will Box in Music Hall, This City, June 14. Frank Bartley, of Birmingham, and Tommy Ryan, of Philadelphia, have been matched by Jack Skelly for the American Sporting club to box in Music Hall, June 14. No further particulars could be obtained.

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