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CITY NOTES

DIED IN THE HOME—Andrew Smith, aged 59 years, died at the Hillside Home yesterday morning.

LEFT THE HOSPITAL—Officer Kayes, who was shot in Dunmore some time ago, has left the Lackawanna hospital, being almost completely recovered.

MARY WAS FINED—Mary Shams, of 222 Center street, was arrested yesterday for using profane and blasphemous language. She was brought before Alderman Miller, who fined her \$5.

OLD BUILDINGS MUST GO—T. B. Jackson, building inspector, has ordered that the remains of the old building on Spruce street and the McDonald building on West Lackawanna avenue be torn down and removed.

CORONER INVESTIGATED—Coroner Roberts was called to Olyphant yesterday to investigate the death of Helen Warkus, an infant, who died there Wednesday night. He found that the death had resulted from natural causes.

CITY WINS—Through the failure of the plaintiff to make an appearance, judgment for the defendant was yesterday entered by Referee John H. Bonner in the damage suit of Helmut and Helmut against the city of Scranton.

SCRANTON GLEET CLUB—This evening the Scranton Glee club will meet for rehearsal at St. David's hall, North Main avenue. Every member is requested to be present as business of much importance is to be transacted after the rehearsal.

FUNERAL OF JOHN CONNOLLY—The funeral of John Connolly was held yesterday morning from his late home on Third street. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at Holy Cross church and interment was made in the Cathedral cemetery.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT DANCES—Invitations are being issued for a series of three "midsummer night" dances to be conducted at Laurel Hill park. The first will be on Thursday evening next and the others on August 2 and August 9.

HEARING MONDAY—No work was done yesterday on the objection of the trophy line from Reardon to Old Forge. There will be a hearing Monday morning at 9 o'clock at which testimony will be offered for and against sustaining the preliminary injunction granted Tuesday.

"COLORED MAN ARRESTED"—Bastion Taylor, colored, was arrested in Wilkes Barre last night by Deputy Constable Joseph Elman on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Kelly charging him with conspiracy. The prosecutor is Tony McNamara and the prisoner will be given a hearing this morning at 9 o'clock.

CORNER STONE LAYING—The cornerstone of the new Catholic church at Pleasant Mount, Wayne county, will be laid Sunday. Several hundred persons from this city are expected to attend. They will go to Pleasant Mount on the train which leaves here Sunday morning on the New York, Ontario and Western road.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION—About 60 people left the city last evening about 8 o'clock for a moonlight excursion. The affair was a moonlight excursion conducted by the Nav Aug Hose company. The Lawrence band accompanied the party and furnished music for dancing. The return trip was begun at 12:15 and the train arrived in this city at 1:15.

THE PRIZE WINNERS—The following have won prizes at St. Paul's fair in Green Ridge. Joseph McTague, of Wyoming avenue, boys' bicycle; Sisters of the Green Ridge convent, dinner set; James Reilly, of 1111 Dickson avenue, lounge; P. J. McDonald, of 722 Jefferson avenue, ball kick; Edward Nolan, of Princeton, statue; J. P. Holleran, of Marston street, dining room set; Miss Annie Der, of Albright avenue, picture; Mrs. J. P. Holleran, of Marston street, chenille curtains.

DELEGATES LEAVE THE CITY. Few Remained to Spend a Few Days with Friends.

The larger part of the delegates to the Patriotic Order of Americans' convention left the city yesterday for their respective homes. A few are staying in the city as the guests of friends.

Considerable enthusiasm was expressed at the convention in regard to the national camp which is to be held in Baltimore in October, and it is very probable that a large delegation from this city will attend the sessions.

Readings for a short time by Shero's method of palmistry, 1322 Penna avenue.

DR. PEETE HAS ENTERED BAIL.

Allowed to Do So by Alderman Atkinson, of Carbondale. Dr. Ernest L. Peete is not lost, strayed or stolen. He is at his home in Olyphant. Wednesday he was at the clerk of the court's office in the custody of Detective Moran, of Carbondale, having gone there for the purpose of entering bail. The doctor whom he called in to become his bondsman, had no property and Dr. Peete and the detective left the court house together.

Instead of going to the county jail Dr. Peete telephoned to a friend in Olyphant and succeeded in getting him to agree to go his bail. By the time that gentleman would have arrived in the city it would be too late to enter bail that day and the detective and his prisoner got aboard a Delaware and Hudson train.

At Olyphant they were joined by the bondsman and the trio went to the office of Alderman Atkinson in Carbondale, by whom Peete was committed. The bail was entered and the doctor secured his liberty. His friends say it is an effort to blackmail him.

NOT WORDS OF PRAISE.

What an Insurance Paper Has to Say About Our Fire Department. Suggestions Made.

The fire insurance underwriters of the city are very much concerned regarding the condition of the Scranton fire department and it will not be surprising if some concerted action is taken in the near future. At present the basis rate of fire insurance is thirty-two cents on the dollar, which is determined according to the efficiency of the fire department, but inasmuch as the present system is considered to be very deficient, the rates may be increased.

In the current issue of The Review, dated July 20, which is an insurance financial weekly, published by the Journal of Commerce, New York, appears the following:

"An expert who has been in Scranton, Pa., for some weeks reports that what the Scranton fire department needs is, first, two new first class steamers. It will, he says, be the poorest economy to only have such steamers as the 'Franklin' and 'General Phinney' repaired. The old steamers might be repaired and held in reserve; but the need of new steamers is imperative.

"Second, not less than 5,000 feet of high grade 2 1/2 inch hose for chemical engines and combination carts.

"Fourth, drying towers and hose cleaning apparatus. This would prove economical in the long run. Hose should be thoroughly cleaned and hung up after use. Hose in drying towers to be in reserve.

Fifth, promptness in reporting to the chief the need of repairs to apparatus from each company.

"Sixth, and the greatest need, a full paid fire department, with at least 100 men, the chief to be in absolute control.

"With the full paid fire department secured, the chief should institute a weekly system of inspection of the important mercantile blocks, and this inspection to be continued until every man on the force is thoroughly familiar with all openings in fire walls, all means of access to each building and the general conditions as to construction of each building. A knowledge of the location of weak walls will greatly lessen the danger to the men of the department, and a knowledge of the contents of the different buildings will give the chief and his assistants some idea of the possible seriousness of a fire in any building.

When the above is brought to the attention of the officials of the various companies doing business in this city, there is a likelihood a demand for explanations from them, and in the event of such a thing, the Underwriters' Association will undoubtedly meet and take some action.

TO CONTINUE THE THIRTEENTH

Decision of Adjutant General T. J. Stewart in the Matter.

Major W. S. Miller has received a letter from Adjutant General Stewart in which the Thirteenth regiment will be preserved and that if disbanding of companies is deemed necessary it will be from the Eleventh company.

The Thirteenth will be composed of A, B, C and D of the old Thirteenth and Companies D, K and G of the Eleventh, in this city; Company L of the Eleventh at Honesdale; Company E of the Eleventh at Easton; Company K, detached, at Tunkhannock, and Company G, of the old Thirteenth, at Montross.

This will make a twelve company regiment with eight companies, or two battalions in this city. Companies E, L and F of the old Thirteenth, will not be taken in as they have no reorganization.

The companies of the Eleventh at Lancaster will be assigned to the Fourth regiment, those at Harrisburg to the Eighth, as will the companies at York and Carlisle.

COMBINE OF GROCERS.

Will Pool Their Interests to Secure Better Prices.

The Scranton Grocers' company met last evening in Hotel Jermyn and elected officers. Those chosen were: President, William Chappell; vice-president, A. M. Atherton; treasurer, P. J. McCann; secretary and agent, H. W. Hull; directors, William Chappell, A. M. Atherton, P. J. McCann, G. P. Eynon, C. D. Finn, J. W. Warnock, W. H. Kaufmann, E. S. Pratt and F. H. Wint.

The association was incorporated last Monday under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of \$100,000. The object of the organization is to protect the retail dealers and to enable the members, by pooling their interests, to buy at the lowest jobber's prices. Similar associations exist in all the large cities of the country.

DELAY OF SOUTH SIDE SEWER.

Waiting on the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company.

Everything is in readiness for commencing work on the South Side sewer and the execution of the contract will take place just as soon as the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company signs the waiver in the matter of the defective liens.

The local officials of the company have stated that the waiver would be signed and are expecting to hear from the New York office every day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT IN BAD CONDITION

CHIEF WALKER'S SENSATIONAL REPORT TO COUNCILS.

Only Nine Hundred Feet of Good Hose in the Central City—Outlying Districts Have Proportionately Less, Being Supplied for the Most Part with the Cast-off Hose from the Central City—Report of Building Inspector T. B. Jackson About the Buildings.

At last night's meeting of select council, Mayor McCann, in a report from Chief Walker on the condition of the fire department, as disclosed by the inspection made last week by the chief, the building inspector and the fire department committee, accompanied by the mayor, the mayor pointed out for all the select council and pointed out to the committee that its immediate and careful consideration was a matter of vital importance. The report is as follows:

CHIEF WALKER'S REPORT. To the Honorable Mayor, City of Scranton. Sir: I hereby submit the following report, the exact condition of the fire department as of July 15, 1899.

Century Hose company, 450 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Crystal Hose company, 400 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Nav Aug Hose company, 500 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Columbia Hose and Chemical company, 150 feet 3/4 inch hose; good condition. Franklin Engine company, 450 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Nav Aug Hose company, 200 feet 5/8 inch hose; good condition. Liberty Hose company, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Eagle Engine company, 600 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; good condition. Liberty Hose company, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Relief Engine company, 200 feet 5/8 inch hose; fair condition. General Phinney Engine company, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Phoenix Chemical Engine company, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. William Connell Hose company, 500 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Neptune Engine company, 350 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Excelsior Hose company, 400 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Cumberland Hose company, 450 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Niagara Hose company, 300 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. General Phinney Engine company, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Franklin Engine company, 280 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; fair condition. Good, 2,100 feet 2 1/2 inch; 250 feet 5/8 inch. Bad, 2,350 feet 2 1/2 inch; 200 feet 1 inch. Fair—400 feet 2 1/2 inch; 200 feet 5/8 inch.

Total length of hose in the department, 6,080 feet 2 1/2 inch. Total length of chemical hose in the department, 750 feet. First district or North End, 2,650 feet. Second district or West Side, 730 feet. Third district or central city, 900 feet. Fourth district or South Side, 1,200 feet. Fifth district or Bellevue, 600 feet. Six district or Peterburg, 500 feet; total, 6,080 feet.

Crystal Hose company—Wheels of carriage in deplorable condition; steamers under repair. Nav Aug Hose company—One tank on chemical wagon needs repairing. William Connell Hose company—Wagon in poor condition. Neptune Engine company—Wheels and springs on carriage should be immediately repaired; suction on engine should be repaired. Century Hose company—Wagon needs general overhauling. Eagle Engine company—Wagon in good condition. Hook and Ladder company—Truck needs general overhauling. Columbia Hose and Chemical company—Engine in good condition. Excelsior Hose company—Carriage in fair condition. Relief Engine company—Combination wagon in good condition.

HARNESSES. The harness in general is in a very bad condition, the greater part having been in service for many years.

BUNKS AND BEDDING. The necessity of more bunks and bedding is imperative; in some instances the bunks and bedding have been so long in use that they are, notably so, those in use at the Phoenix and Hook and Ladder houses.

There should be stationed at the Crystal houses a larger wagon, capable of carrying a greater supply of hose; by so doing it would not be necessary to call into the center companies from the outlying districts, which is now the case, except in cases of emergency.

Instead of 900 feet of hose in the center we should have at least 3,000 feet and the proper facilities for taking care of same, i. e., a drying tower. As conditions now exist, we can not give the hose or wagons the proper attention they should receive.

The hose is never washed after a fire, owing to having no duplicate hose, therefore we have the water and filth of the street accumulating in the body of wagons, which are showing the effects of same by decaying. The same applies to the hose. The outlying districts should also be well provided for, owing to the small quantity of hose bought, they get nothing but second-hand hose, or hose discarded by the central district.

The communications from the veterinary and building inspector speak for themselves.

The above report shows the urgent necessity of councils to provide funds to put this department upon a firm basis. Yours respectfully, T. B. Jackson, Chief Fire Department.

Scranton, Pa., July 19, 1899. Chief Fire Department.

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SELECTMEN DEAL WITH POOR TAX COLLECTOR AFFAIR.

Resolution Introduced Directing the Mayor to Enforce the Association Permitting the Poor Board to Have Quarters in the Treasurer's Office for Its Collector—Engineer George Conners Re-instated—The Dangerous Steel Works Crossing Is Up Again for Consideration.

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To the Honorable, the Select and Common Councils of the City of Scranton: Gentlemen: For the convenience of the public and in order to facilitate the collection of poor taxes, the council, by a concurrent resolution, approved April 1, 1892, authorized the use of a portion of the city treasurer's office for the collection of poor taxes.

Under this resolution, and hitherto without complaint, the poor taxes have been collected from the city treasurer's office since the time of its approval until now.

IT'S A CONVENIENCE. The convenience of that office, the collection there of city and school taxes, and the general knowledge that poor taxes may be levied there, are of such material advantage to the public that it is desirable that the custom of permitting the taxpayers to pay their poor taxes in the treasurer's office be continued.

The collector of poor taxes is now ready to proceed with the collection of this year's taxes, but the city treasurer maintains that the resolution above referred to is not binding on him and refuses to give this official quarters there. Appended is a copy of the concurrent resolution of council governing this matter, all of which is respectfully presented for the consideration of your honorable bodies. John F. Seragg, Attorney for Poor Board.

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The resolution exonerating the Young Men's Christian association from 1888 and 1889 taxes on its lots, on which the ruins of the burned building stand, was reported favorably by the judiciary committee, but on attention being called to the fact that the property changed hands on July 1, the resolution was amended to cover only 1888 and half of 1889, and then passed unanimously.

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