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CITY NOTES

NIGHT SCHOOL TEACHERS.—The night school teachers of the city will receive their pay for the first part of this month tomorrow.

BAND MUSTERED IN.—Twenty-six members of Alexander's band were on Tuesday evening mustered into the Ninth regiment at Wilkes-Barre by Colonel C. Bow Dougherty.

ART LECTURE.—Aaron V. Bower will give an illustrated lecture at the Asbury church tonight on "Michael Angelo," with one hundred beautiful views, including all the famous madonnas.

VETERANS' MEETING.—All men who served in the Hispano-American war are requested to meet at Snover's hall Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to join the Veterans' post organized last Sunday.

WHIST MATCH.—There will be a whist match at the Bicycle club house on Friday evening between the Scranton Bicycle club and the Binghamton Whist club. About twenty players each. Finish probably about midnight to 12.30.

GREEN RIDGE W. C. T. U.—The Green Ridge Women's Christian Temperance union will meet this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with Dr. Edson Tracy, the temperance lecturer, who is now delivering a course of lectures in West Scranton.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.—The funeral of the late Mrs. William Lawyer occurred at 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning from the house, 461 Larch street. Services were held at St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, and burial was made in Mt. Carmel cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MRS. NOITON.—Services over the remains of the late Mrs. Mary Noiton were conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Home of the Good Shepherd. Rev. J. V. Moynan officiated. Burial was made in the Cathedral cemetery.

CHILD HAD ATTENDANCE.—The child who died at the Home for the Friendless on Tuesday had medical attendance from the beginning of its illness which was ever since its admission as it was sick when brought to the institution. Dr. Corser was the physician in charge and had visited it many times. Phys-

icians are in constant attendance at the Home and they are so good as to contribute their services. The person who informed the coroner that a doctor had been called and that the coroner's presence was necessary did so entirely without knowledge of the matter.

SUPPER AT THE R. Y. M. C. A.—The ladies' committee of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association will serve a clam chowder supper in the dining room of the club, Monday, the first table will be ready at 4.30 o'clock. The public is invited.

SOCIAL TONIGHT.—An invitation is extended to the public to attend the social that is to be given this evening at Grace Lutheran church, corner of Mulberry street and Madison avenue, by the Ladies' Aid society. Program begins at 7.45 p. m. Refreshments will be served.

POLICE CONVENTION.—Chief of Police Robbing yesterday received a communication from Cincinnati, informing him that the seventh annual convention of the Police Chiefs of the United States and Canada would be held there beginning Tuesday, May 8. The chief thinks of attending it.

THE CHARGES WITHDRAWN.—Detailed charges of robbery and keeping of a disordered house, preferred by Harry Holmwood, Franklin avenue, against Nellie Smith and Honori Klirick, of Vine street, were yesterday withdrawn before Alderman Howe, and the affair amicably settled between the parties.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—As the pastor, Rev. O. R. Beardsley, closes his first year as pastor, he desires to speak before he begins his second year, upon the subject, "Our Church in Scranton, Its Condition and Purpose." All members and friends are requested to be present next Sunday morning.

BROKIN ARM.—Peter Zarnani, of Birch street, a miner in the Meadow Brook mine, received treatment at the Lackawanna hospital yesterday for a broken arm. It had been caught between the cars and was broken near the wrist. The injury was given proper attention and the man then left the hospital.

ACCUSED OF NON-SUPPORT.—Thomas Melvin, of Fourth street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Feeney on a warrant issued by Alderman Howe at the instance of Mrs. Kate Melvin, who charged her husband with assault and battery, drunkenness and non-support. He will be given his hearing this morning.

LIQUID AIR LECTURE.—Once more there is a prospect of holding the liquid air lecture in the high school auditorium. Professor A. H. Wolfe yesterday received word from the National Express company that it would carry the stuff and he announced yesterday that he will possibly give the lecture some evening this week.

WANTED TO BE ARRESTED.—Patrolman Karlos was stopped on the street last night by a man who told him that he was drunk and wanted to be arrested and kept in custody for about ten days until he could become entirely sober. The officer took him to the Center street police station and Mayor Mohr will give him his hearing this morning.

STATE DELEGATES NAMED

Conventions of the Democrats of the Second and Third Legislative Districts in This City.

Conventions were held in this city yesterday by the Democrats of the Second and Third legislative districts, at which delegates to the state convention were elected.

The Democrats of the Second district met in the arbitration room of the court house. M. W. Walton was elected temporary chairman, when the meeting was called to order and Frank McGrath and T. A. Ruddy were elected delegates. One of the state delegates, but declined the honor. The other nominees were: D. W. Vaughan, M. J. Cadden, Edmund J. Robinson and John Gibbons. When the ballots had been counted, Messrs. Vaughan, Cadden and Robinson were declared elected.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of T. A. Donahoe, E. J. McNally, E. J. Coleman, F. J. McCawley and D. J. Roche presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

The Democrats of the Second legislative district of Lackawanna county, in convention assembled, rejoice that the historical party of the people, steadfast in its loyalty to republican institutions for over one hundred years, still stands true to its trust and defends the greatest good to the greatest number, against the attacks of the trusts and monopolies and against the dangerous tendencies toward imperialism, and disregard of the constitution, displayed by the Republican administration of the United States.

Resolved, That we reaffirm the letter and the spirit of the Chicago platform of 1854, upon which our matchless leader, W. B. Hayes, stood for the rights of the masses and the perpetuation of the republic and that we endorse W. J. Bryan as the Democratic candidate for president in 1900.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the American people and our sympathy is with the Boer republics in their struggle against the British invaders who would despoil them of their liberties.

The Democrats of the Third district convened in the St. Charles hotel. Only a few delegates were present.

John M. Coyne, of Minooka, and Attorney W. W. Baylor, of Benton, were elected delegates to the state convention without any opposition. No time for holding the convention for nominating a candidate for the legislature has as yet been decided upon. The only candidate for the nomination heard from so far is Frank Bonner, of Old Forge.

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PRINCIPAL PROP WAS KNOCKED OUT

AUDITORS' MAIN WITNESS IS MADE INCOMPETENT.

His Expert Calculations Were Based on a Set of Plans Which He Could Not Identify as Those Architect Lacey Says Comprise the Full and Complete Set—Two Blue Prints Now in Evidence Were Not at Hand When Mr. Amsden Was Making His Calculations.

When adjourning time was reached yesterday, in Judge Savidge's court, Mr. Newcomb, of counsel for the auditors in the matter of the appeal of the commissioners from the surcharges in connection with the court house repairs, announced that his side was through, but would not formally rest until this morning as there might be some odds and ends yet to bring out that would disclose themselves in the interim.

Counsel for the commissioners seen conditions that few if any of the surcharges will be sustained. About the only thing that has as yet been shown against the commissioners is that they used questionable judgment in allowing a commission to Contractor Schroeder for overseeing the iron work on the roof and the decorations of the superior court room.

The charges for decorating this room are also open to criticism because of the failure of the commissioners to secure competitive bids, but whether or not the charges were exorbitant will depend on the relative value the jury will place on the testimony of the auditors and those who are to testify for the commissioners.

BASIS OF SURCHARGES.

The greater part of the surcharges were based on the judgment of Architect E. J. Amsden, whom the auditors engaged to compare the plans and specifications with those completed, and to examine into the quantity and quality of material used. It required forty pages in typewriting to contain all he found in the way of discrepancies. Items that were included in the plans and yet charged as extra work, that was done and allowed for, but not provided for in the plans and so on.

When Mr. Amsden was put on the stand he could not recognize two blue prints included in the big bundle of plans furnished by Architect Lacey. He never saw them before, he said. The plans furnished the auditors by Mr. Lacey at the time of the investigation, and turned over to him did not include the blue prints and his calculations, consequently, were made without any knowledge of what they contained.

These blue prints, it develops, are the most important feature of the plans. They show the work that was bid on and the work that was actually done, thereby bringing out the changes that were made by authority of the commissioners and the architect, and explaining away the "extras" that were surcharged by the auditors, or at least a great part of them.

Mr. Amsden's notes having been made without his having seen these blue prints, were of course incompetent and he was not allowed to use them. His testimony, as a result, was almost completely shut out, and the auditors' case, as it depended on Mr. Amsden fell flat.

SUPERIOR COURT ROOM.

The cost of the finishing of the superior court room, which was over \$11,000, including commissions, was assessed through Hand & Green, J. W. Jones and John Guckran, of New York, who were called as experts in that line of work.

Simon Green and Hand & Green said the work could be done for \$4,110. Mr. Jones, an employee of this firm, gave \$4,500 as his estimate. Mr. Guckran, a former employee of this firm, now business agent of the Ornamental Plasterers' union, said he would do the work for \$2,200, not including the painting.

Henry Gunster, of the firm of Gunster & Poreyth, and P. F. Howley, of the firm of P. F. & M. T. Howley, gave testimony bearing on the surcharge in connection with plumbing and gas fitting. Both had bid on the work, but neither had received notice of any alteration in the specifications, such as the Hunt & Connell company were given. They both agreed, however, that the appliances used were just as good as those called for in the original specifications, except the paper holders. Of these latter, Mr. Howley said the ones used are given away as advertisements by paper manufacturers, while those called for in the specifications, as he pointed them, are worth \$2.16, or were at that time.

NOT COMPETENT.

Neither Mr. Gunster nor Mr. Howley could give competent testimony on the alleged substitution of one-inch pipe for one and one-half inch pipe in some of the closed plumbing work. Ex-Commissioner S. W. Roberts was called regarding this matter and said he did not know whether or not the smaller pipe had been substituted. The architect certified that the pipe was put in according to specifications, and he supposed it was.

The commissioners' side of the case will open this morning, when will begin the work of explaining away anything the other side brought out that might appear suspicious in the eyes of the jury.

Other Common Pleas Cases.

A compulsory non-suit was entered by Judge Archibald yesterday in the \$50,000 damage case of Charles W. Page, of Olyphant, against the New York and Scranton Coal company.

Mr. Page sued for the death of his thirteen-year-old son, Vernie Page, who was killed at the defendant company's breaker, where he was employed, October 28, 1898, by being whirled about a shafting. He and another boy were playing with a rope. The rope boy was swinging it about his head, in a fashion, with the intention of throwing it at the other lad, when the rope caught in the shafting, drew him up against it and whirled him about.

The motion for the non-suit was based on two reasons. First, any negligence that might be imputed to the defendant was not the proximate cause of death, and, second, the plaintiff in the case must have imputed to him the contributory negligence of the decedent.

PLAINTIFF'S CONTENTION.

The plaintiff relied principally upon the contention that the boy had not reached the age where the law implies discretion and therefore could not be

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guilty of contributory negligence. The defense answered this, as indicated in the reasons for the non-suit, that the plaintiff, the father of the boy, was guilty of contributory negligence in allowing a lad of such tender years to engage in a dangerous occupation.

The case of Ziba Van Loon to the use of William Stoddard against the School District of Old Forge township, in which a jury disagreed after a lengthy trial before Judge Savidge last January, is on trial again before Judge Edwards.

It is a suit for \$1,000 balance on a contract for building a school house and about \$2,500 for extra work. The case was simplified somewhat, yesterday, by the parties agreeing to take the \$1,000 item out of the case and dispose of it in argument court. The claim admits owing it, but as it is claimed by a lumberman named Houck, who furnished Van Loon with material, and who presented an order for the amount, it is in doubt as to who to pay it to.

As to the extras, the school board says it never authorized them, and if they were done they were done without the authority of the board. President Samuel Baker and Controllers William Rupp and C. S. Van Camp appear for the school board. Their attorney is W. S. Diehl. The plaintiff is represented by Attorneys C. Comegys and Walter Devan.

JURY DISAGREED.

In the case of A. F. Smith against George A. Clearwater the jury could not agree and were discharged. They were out all night and up to 11.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

A verdict of \$17.70 in favor of the plaintiff was returned in the rent case of R. T. Black against the Curtis Medicine company.

In the replevin case of Enos Flynn against Annie Barrett a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff for all the goods named in the writ, with the exception of the stove, which the defendant is allowed to keep.

Despite what practically amounted to instructions to find for the plaintiff, the jury in the case of D. Enpstein against John Stackhouse came in yesterday morning with a verdict for the defendant. Judge Archibald did not include any disbursements, as it was with regard that he was compelled to advise the jury the way he did, and equities being all on the side of the defendant. It was a case where an aged wheelwright was induced to give to one party a carriage which had been bid on by him for repairs by another party.

In the case of J. T. Williams & Co. against A. A. Beemer and others, judgment was entered by agreement in favor of the plaintiff for \$45.72.

Revenue Stamps Were Wanting.

An effort to invalidate a lease because of the failure to attach to it the required revenue stamps, is being made by Edward Burke, lessee of the Scanlon hotel property, corner of Main avenue and Lafayette street.

Burke alleges he made a lease March 11, 1899, with M. Alice Scanlon, trustee of the estate, for the rental of the hotel. Feb. 25 last the building was partially destroyed by fire and made untenable. Despite this fact the trustee proceeded to enforce the bond accompanying the lease and secured judgment amounting to \$116.

Alleging that the lease was not stamped and consequently invalid, Burke asks to have the judgment set aside. He is represented by Cayley & Shean.

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MEASURES THAT DIE A PEACEFUL DEATH

SELECT ALLOWS FORTY-TWO TO GO BY DEFAULT.

Last Meeting of This Branch Held and All Measures Pending Go Into the Waste Basket—Among the Most Important Ordinances Are the License Tax and the One Taxing the Gross Receipts of Scranton Railway Company—Measures Which Died in Committee.

Select council held its last regular meeting before organization on Tuesday night and a search through the files in the city clerk's office yesterday revealed the fact that forty-two ordinances and countless resolutions will die, not having passed this branch of council. Almost as large a number are now pending in common council and, as the meeting of that body this evening will be its last, it can be safely asserted that upwards of half the measures introduced during the year will sink into innocuous desuetude of their own accord.

The most important measure to go by default is the license tax ordinance, on which action was indefinitely postponed. Another important ordinance is the one taxing the gross receipts of the Scranton Railway company, which was referred to a special committee, which never reported it. The following ordinance had passed two readings and were awaiting third and final reading:

- Providing for the construction within the city limits of alternating electric light wires.
Providing for two electric lights in the fifteenth ward.
Providing for a sewer on North Washington avenue.
Providing for four electric lights in the first ward.
Providing for an electric light in the first ward.
Providing for a fire alarm box in the tenth ward.
Imposing a license tax on traveling circuses and shows.
Providing for flagstone walks in the sixth ward.
Providing for flagstone walks in the fourteenth ward.
Providing for one electric light in the twentieth ward.
Providing for the appointment of an electric light inspector.

THE ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances didn't get as far as third reading, as they are now lying in the first and second reading file:

- Prohibiting children from jumping on moving street cars and providing a penalty therefor.
Providing for two electric lights in the seventeenth ward.
Increasing the salary of the clerk of common council from \$600 to \$800.
Providing for a sewer basin at the corner of Pine street and Washington avenue.
Authorizing the Nay Aug Park Street railway company to lay tracks in the city.
Providing for the construction of sidewalks on Prospect avenue.
Empowering funds to pay the extra policemen hired for the letter carriers and firemen's conventions.
Regulating the construction of furnaces in the factories and mills of the city.
Providing for the narrowing of Dickson street.

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