

BOARD OF FINANCE

Board Parties Discuss the Estimates For 1909.

Mayor Thoms and the commissioners of the department of finance held a meeting in the aldermanic chamber yesterday afternoon for the purpose of hearing parties who desired to have a word to say regarding the estimates for 1909.

John O'Neill, president of the board of agents of the Bronson library, was the first speaker. He said he would be brief because he had a notion that the less the speakers said the more they would get, but while he was on his feet he wanted to say that at the very lowest he hoped an appropriation of \$5,000 will be made for the library with an addition of between \$1,100 and \$1,200 to pay an assessment levied against the library for the widening of Grand street. Smiling at the cussedness of the thing, Mr O'Neill stated that the city cut into the library lawn, taking away a very valuable piece of property and assessed them big benefits for the privilege of losing their property. The total income of the library, he said, is \$11,500, and something in the neighborhood of \$8,000 of this is paid out for labor, leaving a very small sum for books and such other items of expense as are necessary to keep the institution up to the times. There will be some expense this year in fixing up the lawn, planting shrubbery and getting the place into keeping with property in the immediate neighborhood, and this, added to keeping up the regular work of circulating books at the library, in the schools and at deposit stations, could not be continued without a liberal appropriation from the city. "You took our property away from us and now we want something in return for it," said Mr O'Neill. "Give at least \$7,000, and as much as you like over that."

B. H. Fitzpatrick, principal of the Croft school, for many years a member of the board of agents of the Bronson library, the librarian, Miss Sperry, Miss Bosady, principal of the Washington school, and Miss O'Neill, principal of the Mulcahy school, also spoke regarding the library matter, and between the whole of them they made out a pretty good case in favor of an appropriation large enough to enable the library to keep up with the procession.

William E. Kennedy, superintendent of the water works, and Commissioner Scully represented the department of public works. Mr Scully said that a good deal of work ordered done by the board of aldermen is still on the waiting list, and that the board would like to be in a position to take up the whole of it next year, but they knew this was out of the question and kept down to substantially the same amount as they had last year, and, therefore, they hoped there would be no cuttings. He thought, though, that the sum total should be added to so as to enable the board to purchase a sprayer to enable the superintendent of parks to cope with the elm leaf beetle in case it should make war on the trees next season.

Superintendent Kennedy explained the need of a larger main in lower Baldwin street as far out as Cherry street, also the condition of the reservoirs and what should be done in order to guard against contamination. The mayor asked Mr Kennedy several questions, all of which were answered in a manner which showed that the superintendent is on to his job.

About \$25,000 is asked this year by the board of public works for the bureau of engineering, so that the department may have its own appropriation, but the item "Streets, new work," is made about \$25,000 less than last year, so that the engineer's appropriation is not in excess of what the board had for 1908.

Superintendent Beach of the police department, Fire Marshal Snagg and Commissioner Minor appeared for the police and fire departments. They want a new grade in the police department to which officers will be eligible after two years' service, the wages to be \$3 per day, the same as men get in nearly every other town of this size all over the country. At present the maximum salary for patrolmen in Waterbury is \$2.75 a day and the minimum \$2.25. The board also desires to make an additional title to the detective force, the men to be known as detective sergeants. This does not carry with it any increase in pay and will have to be passed upon by the aldermen. They want five new men, or, in the language of the speakers, they are asking for five, but they need at least twenty-five. Many sections of the city are poorly policed, but the department is doing the best it can with the number of men at its command. The principal thing desired by the fire department is an auto chemical apparatus which can be had for about \$5,500. This would put the Legvenworth street house in a position to take care of still alarms and small fires without running any risk of being handicapped in case a bell alarm should come in while they were out on the other.

Dr John D. Freney, president of the board of health, represented that department, and he did his work well. He said the board hadn't asked for an appropriation for a new crematory because they knew they would not get it and besides the crematory business is still in the experimental stage and after a few years Waterbury will have the benefit of the experience gained by other cities where crematoria plants are now being constructed. He paid a high compliment to the efficiency of the health officials, especially Sanitary Inspector Callahan, whom he considered one of the most efficient officials in that line of business in New England.

Superintendent B. W. Tinker, John McDonald, Edward B. Kelley, Jr., and Walter A. Monagan appeared for the board of education. Mr Tinker confining himself to school matters generally. Mr McDonald declaimed upon the necessity of keeping the educational institutions of the city up to the highest possible standard, so that the youth of the community may have an opportunity to go into the battle of life equipped with a liberal

JUDGE BENNETT BUSY

Will Clear Off Many Cases Before Holidays.

Apparently Judge Bennett proposes to get away with a lot of business in the superior court between now and the holidays, for at short calendar to-day quite a number of cases were set down for hearing. If the present case on trial, Walter S. Atwood against the Connecticut company is disposed of to-day, business will begin next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with the two cases of John Penrose against the railroad company to be followed thus: Mildred Somers vs the city and Patrick Barnes vs the same.

Wednesday: Concetta Cristino vs Maria Chiodo, Thomas Martone vs John Fernandez, and the two cases of Anna N. Cottle and Adolph Metzler vs the railroad company.

Tuesday, December 1: Michael Riccio, Italian consul, administriv, vs the Connecticut company, Rosanna Lynehan vs U. G. Church and other officers of the Republican town committee and Andrew J. Keneally, Catherine Allen and Robert Allen vs the Connecticut company.

December 2: Martin Dalton and George Lutz vs the Connecticut Co., two cases, Fred B. Price vs Policeman Finton Teban and Superintendent of Police George W. Beach.

December 3: Mary Lehr vs the railroad company and Thomas O'Neill vs the Connecticut company.

Roosevelt to Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 20.—President Roosevelt in a letter printed in the Harvard Illustrated Magazine, has expressed his good wishes for the Crimson eleven in its game at New Haven to-morrow. President Roosevelt's letter follows: "Accept my greetings and the expression of my heartiest good wishes for the team. Theodore Roosevelt."

Will Oppose Reduction.

Denver, Nov. 20.—The News to-day says: On the ground that any further reduction in the price of lead will force many of the mines in Colorado to close down, the American Smelting and Refining Co. will join with the commercial organizations of Denver in fighting any effort on the part of the next congress to reduce the import duty on that metal.

education. Mr Monagan talked on salaries, and Mr Kelley's theme was school property and how it should be cared for. He explained why the board wants to purchase four or five lots at the Walsh school and build an addition there, and also why the Mulcahy school should be fenced and the lot put in shape so that it may be used as a play ground without too much risk to life and limb. All answered several questions regarding the items in the school appropriations and from their point of view made it plain that their estimates are modest and should not be reduced.

No action was taken on any of the estimates, but they will be considered at a meeting to be held this afternoon.

TEACHERS CLUB

181 Instructors Met and Organized For Mutual Benefit.

The School Teachers' association of this city was formally organized yesterday afternoon when 181 of the Waterbury instructors met in the assembly hall of the High school and elected officers. A constitution and by-laws were also adopted, no nothing remains now for the teachers to do but start planning for a raise in pay. More salary is the foremost purpose of the organization. Prof M. C. Donovan presided.

The voting for some of the officers was rather spirited, this being especially true of the presidency. On the first ballot Miss Nora A. Mahaney of the Merriman school received sixty-one votes, Miss Katherine P. Seery of Driggs forty and Miss Nellie A. Browne of Croft twenty-five. The others were scattering. Miss Mahaney was elected on the next ballot. The other officers chosen were as follows: Vice-president, Michael C. Donovan of Crosby high; recording secretary, Miss Nora C. McElligott of Webster; financial secretary, Miss Alice C. Fitzpatrick of Croft; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth F. Devine of Duggan; executive committee, Miss Edith Mills and Joseph Wallace of Crosby high; Miss Mary Coyle, Webster; Miss Nellie Browne, Croft, and Miss Katherine Seery of Driggs. There was some discussion as to whether the town teachers should be allowed to join the association and it was finally put to a vote with the result that the town teachers were declared eligible.

The objects of the association are, first, to secure all rights and privileges to which teachers are entitled; second, to increase the efficiency of the teaching corps; third, the consideration of all subjects essential to the welfare of teachers as a body.

FALL WAS FATAL.

Man Working at Scovill Co Bridge Died on Way to Hospital.

Edward Shrive, aged 34 years, an employe of the Berlin Construction Co, fell from a scaffolding at the plant of the Scovill Manufacturing Co yesterday, receiving injuries from which he died while being removed to the Waterbury hospital. He was standing on a plank on the second story of the South mill opposite Dublin street when he fell, striking on his head, breaking his neck and fracturing his skull. Lunny's ambulance was called and the injured man being still alive it was decided to take him to the hospital, but he died at the corner of West Main and Willow streets and then the vehicle was turned around and started for Lunny's morgue on Grand street where the body was prepared for burial. The deceased belonged in Dunmore, Pa. and the remains will be shipped there to-night by Mr Lunny. The deceased was a very handsome young man and those who knew claim that he was a first class mechanic and of good habits.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Events of Interest to Many Waterbury People.

There will be no rehearsal of the St Francis Xavier choir this evening. On Tuesday evening the Queen's Daughters will hold a whist at Elks' hall on Grand street.

The Washington Hill club will run one of their weekly dances this evening at their hall on Washington street.

On Thanksgiving eve Brass City Lodge, No 256, L. A. to B. of B. R. T. will give their annual dance at City hall. A dance order of sixteen numbers and a short concert is on the programme. Lallier's orchestra will furnish music.

To-morrow night will be the night at City hall. Lallier's band and St Anne's drum corps will give their concert and dance, and no doubt the visiting drum corps will draw a large delegation from the surrounding towns. Watch for the big parade to-morrow night.

The beginners class which will start at Rick's dancing academy, 43 East Main street, Monday evening, November 23, is filling up rapidly. All ladies and gentlemen desiring to learn to dance are invited to join. This class meets twice a week, Monday and Thursday evenings. Each pupil receives individual attention. No new beginners taken in after the third lesson; that means that each pupil will learn to dance quickly and correctly.

On Thanksgiving night the Brooklyn Athletic club will celebrate their twentieth anniversary with their annual dance at City hall. The affair in former years was one of the biggest events of the season and has always proven a big success which was due in a great measure to the attention which the members of the club gave to the arranging. This year a great deal more time has been spent in attending to the details of the affair and the members will endeavor to make it the banner event. Lallier's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for dancing and for the short concert which will precede the dancing.

The Glad Tidings circle held its annual fair at the Second Congregational church yesterday afternoon. The tables were in charge of the following persons: fancy work, Mrs Allen, Miss Elsie Branch, Miss Grace Brackenridge, Miss Lillian Goeddeck, Miss Jennie Wilson, Miss Louise Claxton; household parties, Miss Bessie Richardson, Miss Florence Blake, Miss Edith Thomas, Miss Lucy Richards; cake booth, Mrs Robert Dennison, Miss Florence Halas, Miss Violet Brunt, Miss Clarke, Miss Idabelle Bradley; candy, Miss Thalia Carver, Miss Helen Brackenridge, Miss Miriam Croft and Miss Margaret Croft; ice cream, Miss Grace Claxton, Miss Beth Hauchett, Miss Helen Cross, Miss Anna Schneider, Miss Eleanor Williams, Miss Fanny Ford, Miss Violet Harko, Miss Charlotte Bucher; dolls, Miss Ethel Hanchett, Miss Dorothy Brackenridge, Miss Alta Chipman, Miss Beth Burritt, Miss Elsie Dechand. The committee of arrangements consisted of the officers as follows: president, Mrs Harold White; vice-president, Miss Thalia Carver; treasurer, Miss Bessie Richardson.

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