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## ALDERMEN DISCUSS RESOLUTION TO BUY FIRE HOUSE SITES.

Had Been Returned to The City Clerk Without The Mayor's Signature and Alderman Campbell Wanted The Matter Acted upon-- Was Taken up and Passed Again--Other Business Transacted--Contract Awarded for More Wells at Runyon.

The city fathers held a short meeting last night and aside from a little discussion over the resolution to purchase sites for new fire houses there was little business of interest transacted.

Alderman Campbell brought up the matter of fire sites. He said he was not aware until a few days ago that Mayor Seaman had not signed the resolution to purchase the sites for the fire houses. He thought the matter an important one and should be attended to at once. City Clerk Rielley was asked to explain whether or not the mayor had signed the resolution. Mr. Rielley stated that the mayor had not signed the resolution, neither had he vetoed it. It had simply been returned to the clerk without any remarks whatever. Alderman-at-large Eckert said it would be necessary, in order to make the resolution effective to have it passed again by the council. Mr. Campbell offered to make out a new one, but it was necessary to get the original and the council took a recess while the clerk got the resolution.

It read that the city should purchase a lot in Davidson avenue and one in Rector street. The clerk then reported that it had been returned by the mayor without his signature.

Alderman Smith asked why the mayor had not signed the resolution. He wanted to know if he opposed the action. Mr. Eckert replied that as the resolution was not vetoed the mayor was not opposed to it, at the same time he did not approve it by placing his signature thereupon. Some discussion followed as to the purchase of Smith street lots, but Mr. Campbell showed that these were so high in price that they were beyond the reach of the city. The resolution to purchase the sites in Davidson avenue and Rector street, was then passed unanimously, Alderman Gannon being absent.

Among other matters considered was a petition that a sewer be placed in Gordon street. This was signed by William Parkstrom and eleven others. Philip Slobodian asked for permission to move his building about 100 yards along Smith street. Both of these were referred to the Street Committee.

In regards to the petition of John J. Clark and others concerning the track in High street at the Roessler & Hasslacher Chemical Company, City Attorney Hommann's opinion was read in which he stated that the right to control does not imply the right to destroy and that the company must not destroy the street.

Concerning Washington street paving, as has been told in the News, the remonstrance had a weeding out

and of the ninety-five signers only sixty could be considered. This leaves eighty-eight in favor of the pavement. The City Attorney's opinion was read, that as it was not the individuals owning a lot that was assessed, but the lot itself, therefore only one name could represent a single lot. The report of the street committee, to which this matter had been referred, was accepted and ordered entered on the minutes.

Bids were opened for the new wells at Runyon. Henry Bennett, of Belmar, was the only bidder and the contract to drive the wells was awarded him for \$4.75 per lineal foot. The contract reads, "two or more wells." The mayor returned approved the resolution to drive new wells; to transfer \$10,000 to special street improvement fund; to issue \$20,000 assessment bonds for grading and sewers \$10,000 bonds in anticipation of 190 taxes; the contract to furnish the city with new fire apparatus; resolution relative to Smith street sewer.

The United States Mortgage & Trust Company was requested to deliver to the city treasurer the \$80,000 issue of water bonds.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital Association was granted permission to erect a booth in the City Hall park to receive donations for the hospital and to sell ice cream.

The special committee to visit the Central railroad officials concerning bridge over north shore branch at the new Baritan river bridge, reported that the officials would look into the matter.

## TO REPAIR MC CLELLAN HOSE HOUSE.

Aldermen Take Action at Meeting Last Night--Said it Would Soon Fall Down.

## TO PAINT APPARATUS.

George B. McClellan Hose Company received consideration by the Board of Aldermen last night. The council ordered that the carriage be painted and that it be furnished with a new pole. When this had been passed Alderman Donovan called attention to the condition of the house in which the apparatus is kept.

Mr. Donovan said the structure was in bad shape and that it would fall down if not attended to pretty soon. He doubted if it would withstand the storms of the winter if repairs were not made. His motion that the council get estimates as to the cost of putting the building in repair, was carried. Some of the aldermen wanted to know where the money was coming from, but that question was passed without further comment.

## COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION.

The County Board of Elections met at the Court House yesterday to fill any vacancies existing in the District Election Boards. There were none. The Board sat on Saturday to add names to the registry lists for the special constitutional amendment election. No one applied for registration. The Board meets tomorrow all day for the same purpose and on a week from today to canvass the returns for tomorrow's election.

For real estate see page 2.

**Soft Shell Crabs**  
**Deep Water Rockaway Oysters**  
**Connecticut Little Neck Clams**  
**WORELL'S, 46 Smith Street.**

## WAS WORKING ALOFT WHEN LOST HOLD.

Sailor on Steamship at American Smelting & Refining Co. Dock Meets With Accident.

## INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.

Crew Thought Him Dead but was Able to sit up--Doctor Summoned, and Found no Bones Broken--Will be All Right in a Few Days--Was at Work in the Rigging.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a West Indian sailor on the big Swedish steamship Svealand, now unloading copper bullion at the American Smelting & Refining Company's dock, in this city, fell from the mizzen mast to the deck. How he escaped death is a wonder to the crew. Dr. W. E. Ramsay was called and found that although the sailor was badly shaken up, he was not severely injured, and after giving him treatment, he ordered that the fellow be kept quiet for a few days then he would be all right.

The sailor had been sent aloft to fix the rigging on the mast and in crawling out on the cross tree he lost his hold. Before he struck he turned over in the air, landing on his back. The members of the crew thought the fellow had been killed and were astonished to find him able to sit up. The captain, thinking that the man might have received internal injuries, had the doctor called. When the steamship sails away, it is expected that the sailor will be all right.

## TRUST COMPANY WILL DISPOSE OF BONDS.

Offers to Handle the \$55,000 Un-sold--Water Bonds for the City.

The Perth Amboy Trust Company has agreed to dispose of the remaining \$55,000 worth of water bonds for the city at the regular commission. The offer was accepted.

Several weeks ago the city tried to sell \$80,000 worth of water bonds to lay the water main from Runyon to the south side of the river. It was during the unsettled condition in the financial market and no bidders were present. The city then decided to buy \$25,000 worth. This was done so that the work might be carried on. This left \$55,000 still to be sold. Alderman Runyon announced last night that the trust company would dispose of them and the offer was accepted.

## BOYS STONED TRAIN BROKE CAB WINDOW.

Engineer had Narrow Escape from Being Seriously Hurt--To Invest gate.

Central railroad officials have again complained to the local police that boys on the Hall avenue bridge are again stoning the trains.

The complaint says that on Saturday train 316 with engine 572 was stoned, one of the missiles breaking the cab window where the engineer was sitting, narrowly missing the engine driver. That such a practice is exceedingly dangerous is admitted and no efforts will be spared to catch the boys.

Read the real estate advertising column on page 2, today.

**WHY every man should insure in The New York Life.** Because: It is the strongest company in the world. Because: It has over \$322,000,000 in assets. Because: It has over \$34,000,000 in Special Reserved Fund account. Represented in Perth Amboy by  
**Nielsen Bros., 122 Smith St.**

**CHARLES PETERSON.**  
**BACCAGE EXPRESS.**  
Orders left at Sexton's Pharmacy, 70 Smith Street, receive prompt attention. Telephone 647.

## BOARD OF EXCISE TO BE CHANGED.

Ordinance Introduced at Meeting of Board of Aldermen Last Night.

## FOR FIVE MEMBERS.

Passed First Reading and will be Printed--Outgrowth of the Excise Board Muddle in Which the Mayor has Refused to Recognize the Present Board--Test Case Halted.

In an effort to settle the excise muddle, which has existed here for the past year, during which time Mayor Seaman has refused to recognize the present board, an ordinance was introduced by Alderman Toft at the council meeting last night entitled "an ordinance to amend an ordinance to establish an excise department in the city of Perth Amboy, approved March 5, 1888."

The new ordinance is as follows: "Be it ordained by the City of Perth Amboy that Section 1 be amended to read as follows: That there shall be and for the City of Perth Amboy a Board of Excise Commissioners to consist of five members to serve for the term of three years, which board shall be elected on a general ticket at the charter election in the City of Perth Amboy next after the passing of this ordinance, in the same manner as other officers and in accordance with an act entitled: 'An act to establish an Excise Department in cities of this State approved April 8, 1902.'"

The ordinance was declared to have had its first reading and was ordered printed.

Whether or not the present Excise Board was a legally constituted body has been a question in this city for some time. An attempt was made to test the legality, but the case has been tied up in the courts. The board has continued to transact business, but it will go out of office January 1. The ordinance introduced last night is intended to straighten out matters.

## MARIONS TO PLAY ALL HOBOKEN TEAM.

Will Meet on the Enclosed Grounds Composed of First Class Players.

The Marions will play the All Hobokens next Saturday at the enclosed grounds. The visiting team will be composed entirely of players from the minor league who reside in Hoboken.

Carl Traeger, who has just returned from the Northwestern league, is getting the team together and he promises to bring some crack players. Traeger played with the Marions last year and led the team in batting. He has Pete Mehl, of the Fayo team, to pitch, McAndrews, of the Holyoke team, at short, and Dede McCormick, of the same team, at third. "Mike" Rochford will play in the outfield and Smithson at second. All of these men with the exception of Mehl played with the Marions. The grounds will be placed in good condition and a good game can be expected. The game will be called at 3.30.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church, held a meeting in the chapel, on Fayette street, yesterday afternoon. Last night there was a special meeting of the trustees at 8 o'clock to talk over very important matters.

The next dollar roll call will be held on Thursday evening.

The Evening News makes a specialty of real estate.

## BEEF, IRON AND WINE

W prepare a Beef, Iron and Wine which is composed of the richest, purest extract, beef, a fine quality of wine and the most digestible form of iron. This is a splendid tonic, containing the three elements which every tonic should possess. Price 50 cents a large bottle.

**Parisen's Prescription Pharmacy**

## LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN HERE IN SPECIAL ELECTION.

Few Votes are Cast--Little Observed but Hebrew Holidays Make The Appearance General--Banks Closed at Noon--Amendments are Important--The Poll at Noon was Away Below Normal.

## WILL MAKE BUT SLIGHT CHANCE HERE.

Court Declared School Law Un-constitutional--Return to Old System.

## MR. SHULL'S REMARKS.

Nearly every resident of this city, who is interested in Public School work, will read with surprise that the Court of Errors decided yesterday the McKee School law to be unconstitutional. It was passed by the Legislature two years ago and was amended last year to obviate constitutional objections then found by the courts.

It sought to make uniform and codify the many school laws and was supported by the State Board of Education. The act was sustained recently in a suit before the Supreme Court, but the higher court reversed yesterday the court below. It is held the act is unconstitutional in that it is special legislation, certain districts having been excepted from its provisions.

The court filed only a memorandum and announced that the opinion of the court would be filed in a few days by Justice Pitney.

The decision will affect nearly every school district in the State. These districts will now be conducted under the lines of the old school laws.

Several school districts during the past few years have been unable to borrow money on account of the doubt surrounding the authority to do so under the McKee law.

When Prof. Shull, superintendent of the Perth Amboy schools, was seen by a News reporter, this morning, he said that he did not think it would effect the local public schools very much if they did have to go back under the old law, although the McKee law, he thought, was the best. The only trouble that might result by going back to the old law would be regarding the State's allowance in proportion to number of school teachers. Under the old law, Mr. Shull said, the city of New Brunswick had sixty-five teachers and received yearly about \$18,000. Perth Amboy had fifty-two teachers at that time and received \$12,000. If the new law is done away with and the old law comes back into force, and we are rated the same as before, we will receive about \$18,000 because we have sixty-seven teachers at the present time. As this is about what we are getting now, it will not affect us very much.

By this amendment Vice Chancellors would be invested with full power to hear, determine and enter final decrees in causes properly coming before them, without resort to the Chancellor. At present, while the Vice Chancellors do, in fact, hear motions and causes on final hearing, the Constitution requires that to give validity to them all decrees must be signed by the Chancellor.

Carpenters wanted--A few good carpenters. Emil Koyen, 173 Elm street. 9-11-11

The forecast received at the local Signal Station is for clear and cooler.

## WEATHER.

**HOSPITAL DONATION DAY  
ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH  
IN CITY HALL PARK.**

The ladies of the Hospital Association will have a booth in the park on Thursday afternoon to receive donations of money, groceries, fruits, preserves and jellies, also of all articles which can be used in a hospital. Ice cream will be on sale at this booth.

The benefits to the sick and wounded which our hospital has dispensed since its organization and its necessary needs to maintain it should appeal to every charitable citizen both old and young, even the children's nickels will be gladly received and have its part in this great and good work.

Mrs. C. W. Sneath, Secretary.

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Successor to L. Albert & Co.

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Everything in Portrait, Landscape and Interior Photography.

P. O. Building. Perth Amboy, N. J.

A very light vote is being polled in this city today on the constitutional amendments. The reports from all parts of the State show that very little interest is being taken. It is probable that this indifference may defeat the amendments for those opposed to them will vote before tonight. Today has been pronounced a holiday by the Attorney General, but it is not generally observed here. The banks were open this morning, but they closed at noon. The fact that all the saloons have shutters drawn owing to the election and all the Hebrew stores are closed because of their New Years, the city has a real holiday appearance excepting that the schools are open as usual.

At noon the following number of votes had been cast: First ward had thirteen; Second had eight; Third had four; Fourth numbered twelve; Fifth ward ten, and Sixth ward five.

The amendments being voted upon are good and should be passed. It is freely admitted that they are not of the best, but they are an improvement on the present system and have been endorsed by the brains of both political parties. There is therefore no politics in them.

By far the most important of the proposed amendments relates to the Court of Errors and Appeals, the court of last resort of the State. As now composed this court consists of sixteen judges, all of whom, with the exception of six who are specially appointed by the Governor to that court, are likewise judges in other courts.

The amendment provides that the Court of Errors and Appeals shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, or any four of them, none of whom shall be members of any of the several courts appealed from.

The jurisdiction and functions of the various courts would not in any way be altered, but the work of final review will be committed to judges specially appointed for that purpose.

The only radical change proposed is that of making a Vice Chancellor a constitutional officer, and providing for his appointment by the Governor. In the same manner as other judicial officers are now appointed.

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## HIGH TIDE.

SEP.	A.M.	P.M.	SEP.	A.M.	P.M.
22	8 27	8 40	25	10 44	11 04
22	9 14	9 34	26	11 32	11 49
24	9 50	10 18	27		12 21

## SEXTON'S PUZZLE.

This picture represents the name of a City. Can you guess it? The winner of yesterday's prize was Mrs. A. Len 237 Madison ave. The answer to yesterday's puzzle was Denver



## GRAND PRIZE OFFER.

The prize for to-day will be 1 BOX HURLBURTS WRITING PAPER.