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CITY NOTES.

The city schools resumed yesterday morning.
 The training school for teachers will reopen Thursday morning.
 There were fourteen burial permits issued at the board of health rooms yesterday.
 William Duggan, of Pittsburg, was fined \$5 by Mayor Council last evening for being drunk and disorderly.
 Fracture in a toe of a member of health. An official of the town was in the city yesterday looking after the necessary stationery.
 The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held today at 9 a. m.
 The coroner's jury in the case of the death of John Squier, who was killed last Thursday evening, will take testimony at the court house this evening.
 The George A. Baker Opera company will present "Fatinitza" at the matinee at the Academy today. "The Black Hussar" will be the attraction this evening.
 There was a large and spirited rental of pews at the Elm Park church last evening. The rental will be resumed this evening at the close of the prayer meeting.
 Ex-Councilman P. W. Gallagher made application at the court house yesterday for blank nomination papers. He will be a candidate for common council in the twentieth ward.
 The Mutual Aid society of All Souls church will meet this afternoon and evening with Mrs. J. T. Barber, 120 Thompson street, Park Place. A full attendance is desired as business of importance will be transacted.
 C. H. Higgins, of Jersey City, is in town. Mr. Higgins has organized a troop of African tribes singers, which he will take out on a concert tour in a short time. The first concert will be given in one of the churches of this city.
 The concert to be given by the Syracuse University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs at the Elm Park church on Friday evening will be one of the interesting musical events of the season, and will undoubtedly be largely attended.
 A Wilkes-Barre dispatch says that E. C. Perkins, Halstead, of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western railroad company, has notified fifty men there that they were discharged because they would not say bills contracted by them.
 The committee, through Mrs. H. J. Crossley, chairman, in charge of the reception at the Young Men's Christian association wishes to extend thanks to the people of Scranton for their very generous response to their request for refreshments, to the members of the Sacred Music society and also to the Economy Furniture company and Consumers, Clemons & Co. for the loan of dishes and various articles for the occasion.
PERSONAL.
 Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Ware have returned from their wedding trip.
 Mrs. Geo. Wegge and son, Eugene, of White Mills, are visiting Mrs. Annie Malone, of Mulberry street.
 Walter H. Dickson, was entertaining his cousin, Thomas H. Dickson, of the "Black Crook" company, yesterday.
 Henry H. Reddoe, of Plymouth, has secured the position of mine foreman at the Green Ridge colliery of the Lackawanna Coal company.
 We call our readers attention to the advertisement of C. W. Freeman, the jeweler. Mr. Freeman carries a very large and fine stock which, notwithstanding his large sales for the past month, is still the largest in the city, and he is desirous of closing out such as possible and offering superior inducements.
 Anheuser Busch Beer, Louis Lehman's, 508 Spruce st.

WILL THE ACT STAND

Anti-Annexationists Think That It Is Un-constitutional.
 REASONS THAT THEY ADVANCE

Say That the Act of 1889 Is Special Legislation of the Broadest Kind. The Title They Claim Is Fatally Defective—The Upsetting Act Would Lead to Serious Complications.

Those who oppose the annexation of a portion of Lackawanna township to the city say that the project will result in a general upsetting of city affairs. They are confident that the courts will declare unconstitutional the act of 1889, under which the city is at present operating.

It would be necessary to go back to the act of 1874, under which the city was governed prior to the passage of the act of 1889, and lead to complications and mixing up of affairs calculations to make a general survey who tries to solve the problem of where we would be at.

Scranton has had some unpleasant experience in the past with legislation that was declared invalid.

When the act of 1889 was passed it legislated some of the city officials out of office. This act changed the term of many city officers and it would require considerable figuring now to ascertain just who are entitled to conduct city affairs in case the theory of the anti-annexationists should prove correct.

They declare that the act is unconstitutional, for the reason that the principal one being that it is class legislation of the most vicious and violent kind. Such class legislation as the supreme court has repeatedly condemned and declared null and void and to stamp out which the constitution was amended.

If the courts do not think the act special legislation they will have a number of alleged laws in it to deal with.

COURT WINKED AT IT.
 It is maintained that the supreme court has been called upon several times to pass upon the act but that in each case the question at issue was disposed of by the learned justice without dealing with the question of constitutionality. The anti-annexationists say that the action of the highest tribunal of the state shows that it is aware that the act is weak, constitutionally, but it hesitates to tamper with it on account of the trouble and complications that would result in all the cities of the state operating under the act. It is asserted that the justices do not want to pass upon the constitutionality of the act unless forced to do so and therefore the foes of annexation propose to raise that issue squarely.

GRAND JURY CHARGED

Judge Archibald Tells the Jurors What They Are Expected to Do.

The first grand jury of the year met yesterday in the main court room at 1:30 and were sworn to faithfully perform their duties. Constable George C. Wilson was appointed foreman by Judge Archibald, who instructed the jurymen as to the nature of their duties.

It was a very explicit charge that a carefully given over every possible phase of duty that the grand jury would be called upon to perform.

At 2:30 the jury retired to its room and took up the Winton murder case for consideration. A true bill was returned before the grand jury is discharged the district attorney will present a new indictment in the case of the commonwealth against William Degan, who attempted to shoot E. A. Simons in Roaring Brook township on Aug. 21. The case was called up for trial last week and the first indictment quashed on a technical point raised.

The district attorney will ask permission of Judge Archibald to draft a new indictment as he does not want to proceed with the trial of Degan on the second count of the indictment.

There are not the usual number of cases to come before the grand jury this week, the January term being usually the highest of the year.

CONSTABLES MAKE RETURNS.
 The constables of the county made their reports to court yesterday and there were the usual stories of careful research after violators of the liquor law and failures to find them.

Constable Jonathan Vinson, of the First ward of Archibald, returned Henry Art as the keeper of a tipping house on Main street.

Constable William Davis, Second ward, Oliphant, returned Joseph Dolphin for selling liquor on Sunday. Constable James Hsieh, Third ward, Jersey, reported the bridge in his bailiwick in bad condition, and Constable J. E. Heizer complained that the Coburn road in Jefferson township is in bad condition.

CHURCH DEBT CANCELLED.

John B. Smith's Generosity toward the Duaneum Presbyterian Church.

Last night witnessed the cancellation of the debt on the new Duaneum Presbyterian church and a meeting for the mutual congratulation of the members was held at the church.

The paying off of the debt, which amounted to about \$12,000, is due to the generosity of John B. Smith and to the trustees and congregation. At the time of the dedication, there remained a debt of \$9,000. Since that time adjoining property has been purchased which was mortgaged for \$3,000.

Mr. Smith, who has already made large contributions for the support of the church, was anxious to see the debt cancelled, and about two weeks ago he offered to donate \$5,000 toward liquidating it, with the understanding that the congregation contribute the remaining \$4,000 before January. The trustees set immediately to work, and at the time specified had raised the necessary amount.

Mr. Smith purchased the mortgage held on the adjoining property and presented a clear deed and \$5,000, and today the handsome edifice which faces Chestnut street is free from all encumbrances. Last night's meeting partook of the nature of a jubilee, also giving the trustees and members the opportunity to thank the donor of their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Smith. Henry Beyer representing the trustees in a neat little speech thanked Mr. Smith for his munificent gift. A statistical report showing total debt, expenditures, etc., was read by Joseph Comstock. The report also included Mr. Smith's gift and the contribution of the congregation, balancing the account.

After a short address by Rev. J. W. Williams regarding the general prosperity of the church, refreshments were served and an opportunity given for an enjoyable social time, in which the individual members offered their congratulations to each other and enjoy the good fortunes which had befallen them.

SINGING OLD TIME CAROLS.
 Enjoyable Holiday Exercises Observed by Old Forge Residents.

An old country company of more than ordinary intelligence sang their Christmas and New Year carols at the hotel of John Hanaban yesterday. Contractor Thomas Stevens led the choir of five voices, and all the old Christmas carols of long ago in the old, though abandoned, country were sung with a gusto rarely to be met in this their adopted country, and many a silent tear was wiped away as old time recollections came up. Mr. Stevens led off with a beautiful old time song descriptive of the sea. Cavil Jay, then sang "The Good Bye to the Door." Charles Harding then rendered "White Snowdrops Watch," then John Bunnell sang "Never Push a Man." John M. Coyne then sang "Beautiful Isle of the Sea."

After a short refreshment all joined in a united chorus, singing the old time carols the while. A better time was never held in old Carbon Hill, or as it is more properly named, "Old Forge."

TOUCHING SCENE IN COURT.

Grief of Mrs. Nellie Viudever Upon Being Separated from Her Two Little Children.

There was a touching scene in court yesterday morning when the aid of the law was called in to separate a mother from her children. There was weeping and lamentation on the part of the mother and one of the children, but they were unavailing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bunnell formerly lived in this city, but in 1886 they went to California. There the conduct of Mrs. Bunnell was such that her husband refused to appear at it, and in 1889 she deserted him and secured a divorce. He has since married, as is his divorced wife, who is now Mrs. Nellie Viudever. While the divorce proceedings were pending it is alleged that Mrs. Bunnell stole her two children, Etus L., aged 9, and Alvirah, aged 5, from the custody of her husband, left San Francisco and some time later came to this city, having in the meantime married Mr. Viudever, with whom she is now in Kentucky and Mrs. Viudever has only awaited the disposition of the habeas corpus proceedings that Mr. Bunnell began to recover possession of the children to join him in the blue grass region.

Mr. Bunnell came from San Francisco to regain possession of the children and was able to show such good reason why he should have charge of them that the court gave them into his custody.

Mrs. Viudever denied having stolen the children. She claims that they were given over to her while the divorce proceedings were pending in consideration of her having signed a paper agreeing not to ask alimony. She admitted having taken the children when her husband was not present.

When the decision of the court was announced she wept violently, her little son also giving free vent to his grief at being separated from his mother. The little girl did not manifest much feeling.

The children will go back to San Francisco with the father. Mrs. Viudever has the permission of the court to visit the children at reasonable intervals.

COLLEGIANS WILL ENTERTAIN.
 Syracuse Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs to Appear Here Friday.

The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs of Syracuse university, will give a concert in the Elm Park church on Friday evening.



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WANTED TO KILL HIS MOTHER.

A Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Will Go to the Reformatory.

Frank McVitte, a fifteen-year-old boy, was before the mayor in the police court last evening on a serious charge for one so young. He was charged by his mother with threatening to kill her with a butcher knife.

When questioned by the mayor young McVitte claimed that he was fighting with his brother over a pair of skates when his mother interfered and belabored him with a chair. In the general melee which followed his mother was struck with one of the skates. McVitte was remanded, and will probably be sent to the reformatory.

CLAIM DEATH WAS SUSPICIOUS.
 R. E. Squier, of Springville, Inquiring Into His Brother's Death.

R. E. Squier, of Springville, Susquehanna county, was in the city yesterday making inquiries in regard to the death of his brother, John Squier, who was killed near the Wyoming avenue crossing of the Delaware and Hudson on Thursday night last.

Mr. Squier thinks it very peculiar that his brother was reported as being in a state of intoxication. His brother was not a drinking man. He was seen as late as 9 o'clock on the night of his death by a Mr. Utner, who was with him, and at that time he had not been drinking. The bottle of gin which he had when killed was purchased for family use. Mr. Squier told a TRIBUNE reporter that his brother was a very upright man with pronounced views on the religious and temperance questions.

At the inquest tomorrow night they will try and bring forth evidence that will be a surprise.

ARRESTED FOR STREET WALKING.
 Man and Woman Severely Lectured by Mayor Connell.

Mrs. Taylor, of the West Side, and John Mellon, of Tobyhanna, were arrested at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning for street walking. They had been seen near the old rifle range early in the evening by Officer Feeney.

When the pair appeared at the bar of justice they claimed that they had missed the last car to Hyde Park and were walking home when arrested. Mayor Connell lectured them both and told Mrs. Taylor she had better be home taking care of her family than walking the streets. Both were discharged with a promise of thirty days if they were again arrested.

The great people of this country who accomplish so much in the affairs of life have the peculiar fashion of executing their business as they come to them in the line of action on the spot. There is that pile of Harper's, Frank Leslie's, McClure's, Review of Reviews, North American, Century, etc., that you have read. They are a joy forever, but not a thing of beauty. Our Mr. Schwenker can transform them so that they will become the brightest and hand-somest volumes in your library. As soon as you read this will you not get all the numbers together, before they are lost or soiled, and bring them to THE TRIBUNE binders? A few cents will give you some beautiful books that will take the place of those rough and ragged magazines.

THERE will be a caucus of the Republican voters of the First and Second districts on the 25th inst. at 7 o'clock at Alderman Post's office, 54 Lackawanna avenue, on Friday evening, Jan. 5, between the hours of 7 and 9, for the purpose of placing in nomination a school controller and other ward officers. By order of Vigilant Committee.

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