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PERSONAL.

Julson Mott, of Monroe, has returned home after a visit with relatives on the West Side. Miss Annie Davies, of Twelfth street, has returned home from a visit with friends in Shenandoah. Ziba Scott, the well known trapper and hunter of Spring Brook township, was in the city yesterday with proofs of his skill with the gun. Colonel Ripple, of the Thirteenth regiment, was one of the handsomest men in uniform at the inaugural parade, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. Captain John C. Delaney will succeed Major Leckhart as superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and the bill now pending making the superintendent general custodian of the hill at Harrisburg will increase his salary to \$2,000. His term will be fixed at three years.

ARGUMENT IN BEZEK CASE.

It Will Be Heard by the Supreme Court on Feb. 25—Form in Which It Will Be Taken Up to That Tribunal. On Feb. 25 the state supreme court will hear argument and be asked to reverse the court of this county in refusing to grant a new trial in the case of Franz Bezek. After the trial of the case before Judge Edwards and the conviction of the accused of murder in the first degree an application for a new trial was made by Attorneys George M. Watson and A. J. Colburn, Jr., who were directed by the court to defend Bezek. The request for a new trial was refused and it was resolved to take the case up to the supreme court. The rules prescribe that a book containing the evidence, record of the court and charge of the trial judge shall be prepared in each case that goes to the supreme court, and as such a book in the Bezek case would cost several hundred dollars, the consent of the supreme court had to be obtained to waive that rule and take the case up in the form prescribed for paupers. Attorney Watson made an argument before the supreme court Monday with that end in view and was successful in obtaining the permission of the court. Time for hearing the argument was also extended from Feb. 18 to Feb. 25. As the case now goes up the supreme court will pass upon it directly from the stenographer's typewritten notes of the evidence and charge of the court, and from the actual records of the proceedings without going to the expense of having them reduced to type and printed.

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Final Report of Grand Jury as Presented to the Court.

SOME CHANGES SUGGESTED

Pointed Reference to the Manner in Which the Liquor Law Is Violated. List of True and Ignored Bills Presented to Court.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the grand jury made its final return to court and presented a list of the true and ignored bills that came before it during the term. In a part of its recommendations to court the report read as follows:

Judging from a certain class of witnesses and much of the evidence brought before us during our deliberations as members of the grand jury, and having some knowledge of the criminal affairs of the county, it is our opinion that much of the crime is due to the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors at the places where licenses are granted. We also believe from good reasons that the peace officers of the several city wards, boroughs and townships, are not all as thorough as they might be in detecting violators of the liquor laws of the commonwealth. We therefore respectfully suggest that the court, so far as is consistent and within the power of the judiciary, devise some means whereby the facts may be ascertained as to the above so that the law may be complied with and enforced so that the amount of crime, poverty and trouble may be diminished in Lackawanna county.

Other Recommendations Made. The remainder of the recommendations are herewith summarized. The thanks of the grand jury are given to Mrs. Arabella E. Saxton, matron of the Florence mission, on account of the noble work she is doing in behalf of morals and society in her efforts to elevate fallen women. Court is recommended to select a lady of Christian character and appoint her matron in charge of female prisoners at the county jail. Other recommendations are that the sign, "Coroner's Office," should be removed from the transom over the door of the license parlors of the clerk of the court's office; that a door is needed to admit a person from the district attorney's office to the grand jury room, and that an iron gate shall be made to replace the old wooden one in the jail yard at the county prison.

District Attorney John R. Jones was given a vote of thanks and the jury wound up by requesting the court to review some motions by which aldermen could be restrained from sending in so many petty cases for prosecution and entailing so much unnecessary expense on the commonwealth. A list of the indictments returned is as follows:

The True Bills Returned. John S. Luce and W. G. Bateman, entering with intent to burn building; W. T. Simpson, pros. E. C. Lathrop, William M. Lathrop and C. E. Lathrop, libel; H. J. Brennan, pros. Ivan Sumrat, Majk Sumrat, Henry Sumrat, Ritz Sumrat, Stefan Jokosky, Alex. Knass, Wassail Mossback and John Prank, assault and battery; William Crofton, pros. Jacob Gerstki, entering a dwelling house with intent to commit a felony; John Stius, pros. John Gerstki, entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony; John Stius, pros. Max Kohler, entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony; John Stius, pros. Joseph Gerstki, entering a dwelling with intent to commit a felony; John Stius, pros. John Schawler, obstructing the execution of legal process; J. F. Woelker, pros. James Boland, obstructing the execution of a legal process. Bernard Koerner and Henry Koerner, assault and battery with intent to kill; William Middle Miller, pros. Robert Alexander, aggravated assault and battery; Lena Dickelink, pros. Samuel Davies, aggravated assault and battery; Martin Lusk, pros. James Boland, aggravated assault and battery; Joseph Pool, pros. Richard Richards, assault and battery; Michael Cassidry, pros. Peter Leutes and John Schamber, assault and battery; Catherine Bacht, pros.

Big Batch of Defendants. Ivan Sumrat, Majk Sumrat, Harry Sumrat, Ritz Sumrat, Stefan Jokosky, Alex. Knass, Wassail Mossback and John Prank, assault and battery; William Crofton, pros. Thomas Crofton, assault and battery; Ellen Crofton, pros. Evan Davies, assault and battery; Paul Dickelink, pros. James and Mary Palford and Jane Boland, assault and battery; Joseph Carl, pros. Martin Moran, assault and battery; Joseph Hudl, pros. John Farnold, assault and battery; Samuel Reynolds, pros. Michael Lynn, assault and battery; Mrs. W. H. McCallum, pros. John Blazes, carrying concealed weapons; Max Rosenblut, pros. John R. Heese, matulating show bills; Arthur Freidman, pros. E. Edwards or E. Cooper, defrauding boarding house keeper; F. R. White, pros. E. Edwards, otherwise E. Cooper, larceny by bailor; W. T. Simpson, pros. Michael Gost, larceny by bailor; Samuel Hadamack, pros. Fred H. Jenkins, larceny by bailor and embezzlement, separate indictments; R. T. Howells, pros. E. Edwards, also known as E. Cooper, larceny and receiving; W. T. Simpson, pros. Mary Poy, larceny and receiving; Michael Hennehan, pros. Hugh Maloy, larceny and receiving; W. T. Simpson, pros. Michael Padden, larceny and receiving; James Rutherford, pros. John Blazes, malicious mischief; Max Rosenblut, pros. John Jennings, senior and junior, selling liquor on Sunday; Patrick O'Brien, pros. Margaret Barry, selling liquor without a license; Hannah McDonnell, pros. Margaret Barry, furnishing liquor to minors; Hannah McDonnell, pros. E. Baker, pros. Peter Jones, criminal assault; Mary Burka, pros. Susan Burgess, adultery; H. F. Washburn, pros. Philip Hensley, bigamy; William Reagley, pros. Joseph Maglin, perjury; John Merstky, pros.

List of Ignored Bills. Cases that the jury believed should not have been sent into court are subjoined: Assault and Battery—Simon Constanovick, Alex. Shlanto, John Fy. John Banko, Jozef Joralfort, Jozef Smith, Alex. Musha, Joseph Madusa, John Pip-laddi, Alex. Melle, Matthew Pascky, Caesar Massi, Jacob Muscovite, J. Muscovite, Thomas E. Richards, Hannah Richards, Hannah Harris, George Fox, James Clayton, J. Clayton, Thomas Jones, Michael Lagman, Sarah Mulchrone, James H. Redly, Michael McDonnell, Ellen Noon; prosecutors to pay the costs in each case. In the follow-

ing the county will pay the costs: Oscar D. Ehrgood, Jennie Alexander, Alex. Kohler and Hugh Harrington. Forcible Entry and Detainer.—The county to pay costs in each case: Theodore Carpenter, James and Mary Jordan, C. W. Lott, William Reynolds, Charles Alexander, William Reynolds, Larceny and Receiving—Ida and Malvina Mikel, Joseph Ezenmyer, Jacob Hulka, John Shamboski, William Kroschbaum, Edward Wright, Joseph Stone, Bert Anderson, Jane Hamon. Larceny by Bailor—Ellen Hawley, Olena Kost, Moestro Lado, Louis Feldman, pros. False Pretenses—Mike Entrovski, Charles Orkusky, Giovanni Zachario and Patrick Dempsey. Robbery—John Koskowi, William Radey, William Radey, Kate Mulhern and Mary Peeney. Perjury—John Buck, Louis Malkoski, J. Buck, Louis Feldman, Samuel Kille. Did Not Sell Liquor. Selling Liquor on Sunday and With-out License—Anthony Roth and Michael Faloski. Nuisance—James W. Smith, John Lill-bridge, William Harper, D. J. Berry, W. R. Stovick, William Wallack, William H. Davis, James J. McAndrew, James O'Brien, John J. Flynn, William Adair, P. W. Padden, Dominic Howard, A. F. Gilbert, James McLaughlin, county to pay the costs. Miscellaneous Counts—Evan Richards and William Lewis, defrauding boarding house, two indictments; Mrs. William Martin, pros. to pay the costs. John T. Nallin, embezzlement by agent; D. W. Burr, pros. William Kirschenbaum, embezzlement by agent; Samuel Kline, pros. Jozef Smith, malicious mischief; Abraham Guder, pros. to pay costs. Ludwig Luminski, pros.; Thomas J. Glibson, pros. Michael Obriski, harboring escaped felon; John McHale, pros. James O'Boyle, hunting rabbits with forest, Lantz slitter, pros. John Williams, forcible entry and detainer; Ellen J. Madigan, pros.; county to pay costs. Tony Barr, breaking into dwelling house; Adam Kijalate, pros. Margaret Barry, receiving stolen goods; Hannah McDonnell, pros. Margie Jones, common scold; William Gienyke, pros. to pay costs.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.

J. M. Manchester, painter, who has been suffering from a severe attack of the grip returned to work yesterday. Henry Villard announces his intention of not returning to the United States to live. He has taken up his residence in London. William Stibwell, painter at the machine shops, who is now at the Moses Taylor hospital, is reported to be progressing very favorably. Probably all the local railroaders are not aware that the admission to the gallery on the night of the Grand Jury road concert on Jan. 21 has been reduced to 50 cents.

General Auditor Davis has succeeded S. R. Calloway as receiver of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City. Mr. Calloway has already assumed his new duties as president of the Nickel Plate. Frankman George Pulin, who fractured his arm recently by falling off a car, is so far recovered that he was able to be out yesterday. He looks well despite the hard shaking up he received, and his friends congratulated him accordingly. Tonight the Ladies' Auxiliary society will surprise their friends by a splendid oyster supper to be followed by a first-class entertainment. The vocal talent will be of the best order and the instrumental selections have been well arranged. A large audience is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drochmer have returned from their wedding tour and have commenced housekeeping at 423 Rebecca avenue. Arthur is one of the popular boys of the machine shop, and the way he was kept busy engaged receiving congratulations in a solid proof that he is liked all around. Mrs. A. H. Masters and Mrs. W. A. Berry have presented a handsome banner bearing the motto, "The Railroad Men for Christ," to the association. Taking the increasing membership and the numerous presents, the room, already so small, will become more than inconspicuous at a very early date. Secretary Pearsall and a contingent from the machine and car shops will conduct the evangelistic meeting at the Second Presbyterian church this evening. Rev. Dr. Robinson expects a great meeting inasmuch as all services promoted or conducted by the railroad boys are always successful spiritually and temporally. A special invitation is extended to the employees of all railroads in the city to make an effort to attend.

Yesterday's noon meeting at the machine shops was a great success. W. W. Adair of Great Bend, addressing over 270 men, who were greatly interested in the practical talk of the popular secretary of the Bend association, Mr. Weedon gave several excellent renditions which were much appreciated. It was expected that Miss Middle-wood would be present, but she was detained in New York by sickness. The Lackawanna Bell for January has just been issued and rings out its usual merry and acceptable news. Among other news items is the stirring adventures of Motts Ham with Bill Luther of the Christmas tree. The well known saying of "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," did not apply to this case, but at the same time "Mr. Ham" did not deserve the "roast." However, Secretary Pearsall supplied a good paragraph.

The evangelistic services at the Second Presbyterian church were attended by a very large number last evening. At the close of the meeting several of the audience requested the prayers of those present in their behalf. This evening F. W. Pearsall, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, will have charge of the meeting. Several converts from the machine and car shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad have promised to assist in the meeting.

In July, 1894, a ten-ton locomotive for burning anthracite coal was built at the Lehigh Valley shops at South Easton, under the supervision of John I. Kinsey, superintendent of the shops. After the engine was completed it was placed on the Easton and Amboy division and it showed such good results that the general superintendent ordered it on the Lehigh Valley line. It is now running the heavy passenger trains with ease on a portion of the line where the grades are very heavy. There are now two more of this same style of engines under way at the South Easton shops. They will be completed in a short time. W. F. Kressler, the winner of the gold medal contest, has not yet been invested, but the interesting ceremony will probably take place today. Mr. Kressler, who is one of the foremen at the machine shop, is reckoned to be the best story teller among local railroaders. Whenever he speaks in public moments' rest, he is certain of an audience to listen to his humorous recitals. In responding to the presentation of the medal, a witty speech is expected, and the boys are confident that they will not be disappointed. Mr. Kressler is also an ardent member of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association.

THE YOUNG MAN STRANGER

Hundreds of Them Arrive Yearly in the City of Scranton.

SYSTEM OF PROTECTING THEM

An Existing Agency Which Seeks Out the Young Man Stranger and Watches Him—Receives Information from Country Towns—Methods Used.

Outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh probably no city in the state had in the past few years sheltered more men and boys in search of work and fortune than Scranton. It is a matter of fact that such a condition always accompanies the advent of a new and thriving city, and in Scranton it has been particularly the case. For ten years there has been pouring into the city large numbers of young men, some found work and remained, and others departed, while many have had poor luck and have knocked about from pillar to post since their residence here. Away from home influences and old friends it is not surprising that many young men have become blinded by the glitter of city life and have gone to the bad; and yet an equal number who would have followed the path of their fellows have been halted and persuaded to be men. Thoughtful people have probably had the condition of the young stranger in their mind frequently; they hear of the downfall of one and the safety of another, and in the latter case wonder what agency has been at work.

A Far-Reaching Agency. There is a far-reaching agency, whose purpose and anxiety is to seek out the young man stranger as soon as he reaches Scranton and put him on the road to business prosperity and a comfortable home life. That agency is the Young Men's Christian association, and the methods it employs are full of interest. Thousands of young men acquire ruinous habits and form evil associations, not because of any strong propensity for evil, but because of a natural desire for companionship and fear of solitude. A young man who came from a pleasant home in a country town to a city boarding house illustrated the truth of the above statement in a characteristic reply to an anxious letter from his mother. She had asked him to spend the evenings in his room and not to go upon the streets. He replied: "Mother, if I stay in my room I'll have to stay in bed, for my room is only 6x8."

How They Find Him. The question will naturally suggest itself to the thoughtful man, where will the association find a cold and poorly lighted lodging house room spend the long winter evenings? The practical answer was given several years ago by the erection of the Young Men's Christian association building, with its open doors and its invitation to young men to "come in." An interesting study is that of the system which the association works as carried into the remotest hamlets, so that on the very threshold of his new career the youth starting for the city is furnished with reliable information and armed with letters of introduction.

The System Employed. Through the agency of state and district committees the association appoints in these small places corresponding members, who are furnished with blank letters of introduction and whose duty it is to furnish every young man who leaves his neighborhood with a properly signed letter introducing him to the secretary of the association in the town to which he goes. At the same time the secretary is notified that "Mr. —" is expected to reach at a certain date, to live at No. — street, and to engage in business with — etc. There is thus a double chain of influence, calculated at the start, to bring the young man to the association building.

Arriving there he finds provision for his needs, a convenient washroom where the travel stains can be removed and the outer man made presentable, a place to store his baggage and a chance for a breathing spell before going out in search of a home. It will thus be seen that at the outset many a young stranger is protected from the moment the steps from the car platform in a Scranton depot. These few facts briefly explain why some of the new arrivals are prevented from "going wrong."

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