

Our Neighbors Down the Valley.

WILKES-BARRE.

The Tribune has opened a branch office at No. 23, Lanning building, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, for the transaction of business. The publication of the Tribune is extended to the surrounding towns, and to that end will present a very complete department of Luzerne county news. For success in this undertaking dependence is placed solely upon the superiority of the Tribune as a purveyor of all the news of the day—domestic, foreign, local, commercial and financial. The general interests of the people of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming valley will be served by an earnest advocate, editorially and otherwise. It is the purpose of the publishers to issue a newspaper as valuable to the general public as the metropolitan dailies, and deliver it to the people throughout the territory. Every volume from three to five hours earlier than the Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.

THE HENDRICKS CASE.

His Counsel Are Confident He Will Be Acquitted.

Another large crowd sweltered in the close atmosphere of the court house yesterday to hear the evidence in the case of Hendricks, one of the alleged murderers of Barney Relek. The attorneys for the defense are now more hopeful than ever of the acquittal of their client. The evidence of Fisher, one of the other accused, on Monday, has been so fully corroborated by credible witnesses that an alibi so far as he is concerned appears to be established. While this does not touch the question of Hendricks' guilt, it goes far to break down the theory of the prosecution. Fisher, who was arrested at the same time as the man who went to Barney Relek's house and lured him to his death in the railroad company's freight yard, Fisher has proven beyond a question that he was not in the city of Scranton in the evening, and that he was somewhere else at the time Relek was lured to his death. In a general way this Fisher alibi will help Hendricks.

A great number of witnesses were called by the defense in the prosecution. Michael Kearney, another of the defendants, was placed on the stand yesterday, and he also told a story which, if corroborated, will establish an alibi in his case. Things yesterday looked decidedly more hopeful for Hendricks. The case for the defense has certainly been handled with a good deal of cleverness by the three young attorneys, and they are receiving a good deal of praise for what they are doing in a professional way.

THE QUAY COUNTY BILL.

Final Action in the Legislature Today.

The representatives at Harrisburg will today finally dispose of the measure known as the Quay county bill which a good deal of interest in Wilkes-Barre, but not so much as at Hazleton. The bill, as will be remembered, failed to command the constitutional majority on final passage, but the action of the house was reconsidered in order that another vote might be taken when none of the members were unavoidably absent from their seats. On the previous vote the supporters of the bill were short eleven, and some fear was expressed yesterday that the new counties may have been able to secure the requisite number and today pass the bill. The Hazleton faction is now active and a strong determination is now at the state capital working for the success of their pet bill. What measure of success has attended their labors will be known when the vote is announced. Assurances were given in the city yesterday from supposed real-estate sources at the state capital that the bill cannot possibly command more votes than it received before when it failed.

These reports have quieted apprehensions, but still there are many timid ones who fear that the Quay county boomers from Hazleton have been doing something reckless and that the bill may pass. There would be such a change of opinion, as has not been heard in Wilkes-Barre since the announcement came some years ago that the Lackawanna county bill had passed. Wilkes-Barre groans with anguish every time she gives birth to a new county.

THE LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

They Claim That They Have Not Had a Fair Chance.

There are in this city a number of contractors and builders who claim to be able to do as good work and on as extensive a scale as men elsewhere in the same line of business. Some of them allege that Architect Myers is standing in with contractors from other cities and that these will be allowed advantage over local competitors in bidding for contracts on the new court house. How much or how little foundation there is in these suspicions is wholly conjectural. Popular prejudice against Architect Myers and the county commissioners is so pronounced that doubtless injustice is done them in many instances. There is an overwhelming demand that the new court house be built, Luzerne county men shall have at least an equal chance for work on it if outsiders desire to do so. Under the rules of the contractors, there will be no just cause for complaint. If the new court house is built the people of Luzerne county will have to pay for it and it will be in the interest of all that as much of the money as possible be retained in the community. Give the local contractors a chance!

The County Chairmanship.

But Chairman Robinson says he has no intention of resigning. Did not the Wilkes-Barre correspondent of The Tribune read in Robinson's resignation story some time ago? Probably The Tribune man knows of no plot to force Robinson "blow" out of the place.—News-Dealer.

The Wilkes-Barre correspondent of The Tribune knows nothing about the resignation of Chairman Robinson, nor of any "plot to force the general 'Bob' out of the place." Under the rules of the Republican party of Luzerne the term of the chairman of the county committee expires by limitation annually. When a county convention has been held the candidates nominated meet and select the chairman whom they desire to conduct the campaign. This system has worked well and is a good one. The candidates are most directly interested in the conduct of the campaign, and it is right they should elect the man for the chairmanship.

Sheriff Robinson has made an excellent chairman. Some time ago it was that he had a desire to conduct an

other campaign. When the proper time comes to select the chairman the candidate on the ticket will say whom they desire for that responsible position. Perhaps they will request Chairman Robinson to serve once more. That will be the proper time for him to accept or decline. There is no occasion for a resignation, he was to resign when his successor could not be chosen at this time. This talk about a "plot" to force Mr. Robinson out of the place is the veriest nonsense. The News-Dealer seems to have forgotten under what system the chairman of the Republican county committee is selected in Luzerne.

MAYOR NICHOLS' METHODS.

He is Criticized for Making an Attempt to Stamp Out an Evil.

Probably nearly every Mayor Wilkes-Barre has ever had has made more or less effort to abolish the bawdy house—that evil which afflicts every city in the world, and of which Wilkes-Barre has, possibly, a little more than its due proportion. No mayor of any city of considerable size ever yet attempted to or even materially diminished this evil. Mayor Nichols is an earnest and doubtless a conscientious man. He has heretofore made things uncomfortable for the keepers of bawdy houses, but he has not apparently succeeded in reducing the number of such houses. Recently he has adopted a somewhat novel policy of dealing with such places. Instead of organizing a police raid on them in the dead hour of the night, he has simply ordered the keepers of such houses to appear before him at a stated hour and then imposes a heavy fine and costs on them, at the same time warning them to abandon their lawless occupation. The mayor should do this at regular intervals, say once a week, his plan of operation might be more effective than raiding the houses and binding the keepers over for appearance at court. The new policy adopted by the mayor will be watched with great interest, and mayors will probably adopt it. Mayor Nichols is particularly desirous of breaking up those bawdy houses that have been flourishing in localities where respectable people reside and are outcasted by their disreputable neighbors. The mayor does not deserve the adverse criticism to which he is subjected. He is dealing with a troublesome problem and doing the best he can.

COURT BUSINESS.

The following business was recorded in court room No. 2 yesterday:

Commonwealth vs. John Wood. Jury finds the defendant guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Smith, malicious mischief. The jury finds the defendant guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Anthony Serravallo, assault and battery on police officer. John Connell, prosecutor. Jury finds the defendant guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Kathleen Ginter, et al., for breaking freight cars; defendants found guilty.

Real Estate Transfers.

The Diamond Coal Land company to Albert Zboray, land in Hazleton for \$250.

H. G. Merrill and wife to Isaac M. Thomas, land in Hazleton for \$400.

Susquehanna Coal company to James Flannery, land in Nanticoke for \$250.

Q. A. Gates and wife to Lorenzo D. Huntington, land in Ross township for \$150.

Benjamin A. Hildaek and wife and Mordcaire Earl and wife, to Paul Palmer in trust and Bertha F. Palmer, land in Huntington township for \$500.

Samuel J. English and wife to Samuel Atherfield, land in the borough of Wyoming for \$200.

Sophia Stroos to John Donaker, land in Denison township for \$15.

Sam H. Johnson to John B. Ballach, land in Wilkes-Barre for \$50.

Stephen A. Detrick to Melton F. Williams, land in Nesquehock township for \$800.

Appeal from Auditor's Report.

E. A. Oberlander and Henry E. Sweeney, taxpayers of Hazle township, filed an appeal from the report and settlement for the year ending March 4, 1895, of the accounts of Patrick Sharkey and Daniel Connor, supervisors of said township.

Attorney A. H. McClintock represents the appellants.

Will Probated.

The will of John Vreack Spencer, late of Dallas township, was probated yesterday. He bequeaths to Clara L. Harris \$200, to Joseph Nevel \$50, to Peter Spencer the residue of his estate, to be paid in Dallas township. All the balance of the property, real and personal, to his wife, Catherine G. Spencer. His wife, Catherine G. Spencer, and J. H. Ide are appointed executors. The estate is valued at \$14,690.

BRIEF NOTES.

On May 15 the Ninth Regiment band will appear on the streets in their new uniforms.

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