

Our Neighbors Down the Valley.

WILKES-BARRE.

[The Tribune has opened a branch office at No. 3 Lanning building, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, for the transaction of business. The publisher proposes to extend the circulation of the Tribune in Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding towns, and to that end will present a very complete department of Luzerne county news. For success in this undertaking confidence is placed solely upon the superiority of the Tribune as a purveyor of all the news of the district, and its long commercial and financial. The general interests of the people of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming valley will have the benefit of an earnest advocate, editorially and otherwise. It is the purpose of the publisher to have a complete department of Luzerne county news, and to have it as complete as the metropolitan dailies, and to deliver it to the subscribers throughout the Pennsylvania from three to five hours earlier than the Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.]

THE MAYOR IN EARNEST.

He Causes the Arrest of a Hotel-keeper on a Very Serious Charge.
Great consternation was occasioned at a late hour on Monday night, when a detachment of police, acting under the instructions of Mayor Nichols, made a descent on the Central hotel, located on East Market street and arrested the proprietor, Fred C. Price. The officers also invaded the sitting room and a number of the bed-chambers, with a view to securing evidence to support the charges in the arrest of the proprietor was made. At midnight Landlord Price was taken before the mayor and arraigned on the charge of maintaining an accommodation house. The mayor held him in \$1,000 for a further hearing yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

No one doubts, after this step by the mayor, that the city's chief magistrate is a careful investigator to be made before he took the decisive step on Monday night. It is said the mayor has his eye on a number of other places on which suspicion rests. The mayor is in earnest in this crusade.

At the hearing yesterday afternoon a large number of witnesses appeared and made out an overwhelming case against Price. According to the evidence of a score of men and women, the Grand Central, 12 years of age, is one of the most prominent streets of the city, has for more than a year been a den of vice and iniquity. The mayor very properly held Price in \$1,000 to appear at the court of quarter sessions. A clearer case has never made out against any person at a preliminary hearing. Some pitiful incidents occurred in the mayor's court yesterday. One of them was a verdict given from the country, 12 years of age, with tears confessed that she was taken to Price's hotel, drank liquor there and was ruined. A boy only 19 years old confessed that he had been a frequent visitor there for immoral purposes. Unless all the witnesses were permitted perjury Price deserves severe punishment and it is hoped he will get it. Mayor Nichols is on the right track; let him follow to the end the policy he has adopted.

A SMART LOST BOY.

He Comes to Wilkes-Barre and Claims to Have Walked from Carbondale.
Late on Monday night the police found a small boy, aged 10 or 11 years, wandering aimlessly about the streets, and took him to the station house to secure, if possible, all the information himself. He remained at the station house during the night and yesterday morning the mayor undertook to learn his story. He was a rather bright, sharp lad, and said his name was Roger O'Malley, and that his home was at Carbondale. He further stated that he left Carbondale on Thursday last and walked the entire distance to this city, that at night he slept in the fields, a story which was not borne out by his general appearance, his clean, neat and clean, and giving no evidence whatever of exposure. The boy added that his parents are dead and that he has been living with the family of Michael Surveley. He wears a neat dark suit, black stockings, white shoes, laced shoes and a fur cap. The mayor was yesterday endeavoring to get track of the boy's friends with a view of sending him home. The lad was probably not telling the truth, but the mayor will do the best he can for him.

Memorial Day.

Evening Leader. "The veterans parade on May 30 or do they not? Can it be possible that a Republican legislature in a state fertilized by the blood of heroes as Pennsylvania, has so tied their hands that they dare not as an organization, place flowers on the graves of their brethren in an unpatriotic and consequently unjust."
A goodly number of Grand Army men who read the above in last evening's Leader would like to know what under the canopy the writer was driving at when he wrote the above. It is to be hoped that the legislature will do with it.

For West Point.

This afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock the board of physicians designated by Congress to examine the candidates for the West Point cadetship at the disposal of Mr. Linsenring. The board will sit at the Republican league rooms and all candidates are requested to appear promptly. They will be examined only as to their physical qualifications and only those who are declared eligible will be permitted to appear at the later examination as to their mental and educational attainments.

An Unlucky Boy.

Some time ago a benevolent lady, Mrs. Worthington, of Plymouth, took a young lad from the orphan's home for the purpose of adopting him. The kind old lady has had constantly troubling with the lad, who seems not to appreciate the kindness shown him. On Friday he asked his benefactor for money to visit the Buffalo Bill show and was refused. In some way he managed to steal money enough for the purpose and went to the show. Mrs. Worthington had him arrested and

sent to jail. The lady does not care for the boy as sustained, but seems to think he is a case demanding drastic treatment, and she is probably right. He is a bad boy and the better plan will be to return him to the stricter discipline of the orphan's home.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The Case of Hendrick Will Go to the Jury Today.
Yesterday was devoted to the speeches of counsel in the celebrated Barney Reick murder trial. Court opened the much talked about register of the Hoboken Young Men's Christian association was offered in evidence. It showed that Robinson was registered on Nov. 15, 1893, but it was not denied that Robinson was in Hoboken on that day, not much importance attaches to the register.

Attorney Shea for the defense resumed his speech and continued to address the jury at great length, going very thoroughly over the testimony and making the most of it. He was followed by Attorney O'Boyle, also for the defense, who made a very strong plea on behalf of his client. He is a young lawyer of great promise, and is particularly strong when addressing the jury. He closed at 2:45 in the afternoon and was immediately followed by John T. Lennahan for the commonwealth. No able argument has been heard in the court house in many years. Mr. Lennahan signed the evidence in detail from the beginning of the trial and also in the hands of the jury. His marvelous memory never showed to better advantage. He never referred to notes, but had every detail in his mind. Mr. Lennahan spoke with unusual facility for two hours, when court adjourned. He will complete his plea this morning and will probably close before dinner. Nothing will then remain but Judge Woodward's charge to the jury, which will probably consume several hours. In any event, the case will be in the hands of the jury some time today. There has been such an unusual amount of contradictory evidence (and probably more perjury) that all manner of predictions are heard as to the verdict.

They Went to Blahamston.

A romantically-inclined young couple—Samuel Sabberg and Carrie Reinberger—suddenly disappeared without the knowledge of their friends on Monday night and reappeared at Blahamston with all speed, where they were married. Yesterday the father of the bride, Max Heimbarger, received a dispatch from his son-in-law asking forgiveness, which was at once granted. The young couple returned to the city yesterday afternoon and at once proceeded to the residence of Mr. Reinberger, on South Main street. Such incidents may appear very romantic to the young people, but the average parent does not enjoy it at all.

A Free Fight.

A lot of Poles and Hungarians became involved in a free fight in a saloon on West Main street on Monday night, when Officer Drake was called in to preserve the peace. He arrested John Bingham and Andrew Baisow, and lodged them in the lock-up. Yesterday morning they were committed to the county jail. The incident testified that Halsey had struck him a vicious blow, for which his honor required him to pay \$30 and costs. The other fellow got off with a fine of \$5.00. The mayor shows no mercy to fellows who assault his officers.

Funeral of Eckley B. Cox.

Notice was received here yesterday that the funeral of the late ex-Senator Eckley B. Cox would occur at Drifton on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. By his own request the deceased will be buried in the beautiful cemetery at Drifton which was his own gift to that community and in the beautifying of which he expended many thousands of dollars. A large number of the people of this county, this city and valley will attend the funeral.

All Eyes on Harrisburg.

The opponents of the Quay county bill will today await news from Harrisburg with a good deal of anxiety. The final vote on the Quay county bill is expected to be taken. Considerable telegraphing was done between the two points yesterday, and some who claim to be well informed say they have assurances that the bill will meet with defeat.

Death of Mrs. Sterling.

A. A. Sterling, cashier of the People's bank yesterday received the intelligence of the death of his mother, Mrs. Susan T. Sterling, at Meshoppen, from injuries received by falling down stairs. The deceased lady was well known in this city and was of New England stock, and a relative of Rufus Choate. The funeral will take place at Meshoppen tomorrow.

Y. W. C. A. Quarterly Meeting.

The Young Women's Christian association held its first quarterly meeting for the year in its home last evening. There were about seventy-five people present. A short programme was given and the general secretary, Miss Codding, gave a brief and interesting account of the international Young Women's Christian association convention recently held at Pittsburg. After the exercises, ice cream and cake were served and a social time was participated in by those who availed themselves of the general invitation to be present at this meeting. A number of improvements have been made recently at the rooms, 9 South, Franklin street, the principle one being the removal of the partition between the two rooms on the lower side of the house. The dining and audience room which will accommodate about 100 people.

PERSONALS.

City Editor White, of the Times, has been confined to his home by illness for several days.
George Miller, of this city, who is managing the Carbondale baseball club, was in town yesterday.
W. S. Agars, is home from Lehigh University for a brief visit, and is accompanied by Mr. Clark, a classmate.
Loren M. Luke was yesterday admitted to the bar of Luzerne county on the motion of Thomas H. Atherton.
T. K. Sturdevant has sufficiently recovered from an attack of typhoid fever to return home from Atlantic City.
Mayor Nichols is a resolute little man and is winning golden opinions from the moral portion of the community.

Among the other kind he is less popular.

Ira C. Atherton was yesterday appointed by Judge Ilse a director of the Ransom poor district, to fill a vacancy.

Attorney Edwin Stortz has been spending a few days at his farm near White Haven, looking after the planting of crops.

T. R. Ryder, of the Record, is the new president of the Wilkes-Barre Press club and will honor and dignify the position.

The funeral of Honorable Eckley B. Cox, at Drifton, will be attended by a large number from this city, who were his personal friends.

Seven grown up sons survive Mrs. Amelia Sauer, who died at her home on Scott street on Monday evening, all but one of them residing in this city.

Honorable James S. Halsey, one of the prominent attorneys at the Luzerne bar, makes the trip between his office in Wilkes-Barre and his home in White Haven, regularly six times a week.

Charles D. Linkfield delivered his lecture on "Lands Beyond the Sea," last evening in Zion Methodist church, Episcopal church. Mr. Linkfield is always interesting and entertaining.

The amusement season will close at the Grand Opera house on Saturday evening.

The First National bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, paid to its stockholders.

Dallas has its first notable public, the governor having appointed William J. Honeywell, Dallas is putting on airs.

Deputy Register Bristol yesterday issued a marriage license to H. H. Carey and Elizabeth A. Carey, both of this city.

Reserved seats for the Concordia concert tomorrow evening were rapidly taken yesterday and in a few hours desirable sittings were scarce.

A man who was perpetrated at Shickshinny a few days ago, Charles Haines was across the river attending a funeral when some thief entered his residence and stole \$300 in cash.

The support of brook trout in the market has not been equal to the demand in this section. The streams have been too low for successful fishing, but the recent rains have remedied this.

The Wilkes-Barre Odd Fellows will participate in the dedication and dedication in Philadelphia on Monday next. Special trains and low rates of fare will be the order of the day.

The work of remodeling the interior of the building occupied by the Times is progressing rapidly and will soon be completed. In the meantime the Times is published under more or less difficulty.

The cold wave and rain have delayed the fitting of a large number of Wilkes-Barre families to their summer resorts on the mountains and at the lakes.

The next hot wave will see them all moving.

A convention of the German Catholic societies of this state will be held in this city on June 1st and continue for a number of days.

The survey of Grow county is nearly completed and there is some apprehension that the territory embraced will yield the requisite 400 square miles. It will be a close shave in any event, according to the statements of those who claim to know.

In his plea to the jury yesterday in the Hendricks murder trial, Attorney O'Boyle raised a laugh by excitedly exclaiming: "Better that one hundred innocent escape than that one guilty person be punished." One of his associates quickly corrected him.

Some time ago a strip of few wide was laid out on the asphalt on the south side of the square the entire distance to lay pipes of some kind. The work of restoring the pave was a disgraceful blotch that should not have been permitted. The pave on that side of the square is badly ruined.

An accident occurred at the Keystone hotel, corner of Canal and Northampton streets, yesterday afternoon. A fellow giving his name as John McGuinness, of Philadelphia, refused to pay for three days' dinner at the property of Hoffmeyer, proceeded to "take it out of his hide." From the fact that McGuinness was shortly thereafter in a neighboring drug store having his wounds dressed, it is inferred that Landlord Hoffmeyer gave him a "receipt" for the two dinners.

AVOCA.

At a regular meeting of the St. Avoca regular held on Sunday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, D. J. Burns; vice-president, E. J. Reilly; recording secretary, W. J. Doherty; financial secretary, C. A. Reilly; treasurer, F. Trechow; marshal, M. F. beyond; sergeant-at-arms, J. J. Thomas; stewards, West district, Philip Clifford; Brownville district, Patrick Dougher; Man district, James J. O'Boyle; Middle district, M. F. Noone, E. F. Reilly and J. J. Buckley were elected delegates to the diocesan convention, to be held at Carbondale, May 15.

TAYLOR.

The Taylor, Pyne and Holden mines were sold yesterday. It was a very small pay, as the mines worked only a few days.

Lumber has arrived for the new mill and operations will soon be commenced on the farm work.

The election will play the second team of the Young Men's Christian association a game of ball this afternoon in Scranton.

James Evans, of this place, accepts the challenge of Michael Joyce, of Minors, to a fist-fight for any number of yards and any sum of money which Joyce can secure.

Professor Du Frane gave another performance in the rear of Olenford's hotel last evening. His exhibition of his extraordinary strength are marvelous, and pleasing to witness.

Passenger trains were run over the Lehigh Valley railroad to the Austin Heights for the first time on Monday.

PITTSSTON.

The board of trade held an important meeting last evening at their rooms on South Main street. The committee on furniture was authorized to purchase new furniture, including revolving chairs. It was also decided to remove the books of the Pittston library from the postoffice to the board of trade rooms. Five important committees were appointed as follows:

Manufacturers—George B. Thompson, J. A. Brown, J. A. Kelly, J. H. Poy, R. J. Armstrong, C. R. Patterson and D. J. Llewellyn.

Legislature—Theodore Hart, Thomas Mangin, J. K. Ross, D. G. Lercour, Theodore Strong.

Transportation—W. G. Thomas, M. Schlosser, William Drury.

Finance—F. H. Banker, Alex Bryden, A. A. Bryden.

Municipal Control and Improvement—M. N. Donnelly, Joseph Langford, Dr. J. C. Rees.

Meeting hereafter will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. New members were elected as follows: V. M. Carpenter, John Llewellyn, R. N. Hughes.

The action of Corcoran Bros., saloon keepers, in naming the "How Frank Knapp Sang Just Over the River," written years ago and read at a meeting of the Good Templars' lodge at Falls, before his marriage. It was dug out of the old archives by Mrs. Decker, of Falls, and sprung upon the general sheriff without his knowledge or consent. He made no protest, however, and apparently enjoyed it as well as did the company. Guests were warmly congratulated upon the occasion. An elegant lunch was served, and among the informal diversions was the reading of the "How Frank Knapp Sang Just Over the River," written years ago and read at a meeting of the Good Templars' lodge at Falls, before his marriage. It was dug out of the old archives by Mrs. Decker, of Falls, and sprung upon the general sheriff without his knowledge or consent. He made no protest, however, and apparently enjoyed it as well as did the company. Guests were warmly congratulated upon the occasion. 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