

# Our Neighbors Do the Waley.

## WILKES-BARRE.

The Tribune has opened a branch office at No. 22, Lancaster building, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, for the transaction of business. The publishers propose 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 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 interests of the people of Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming valley will be served by the Tribune in an efficient and entirely new way. It is the purpose of the publishers to issue a newspaper of value to the general public in the metropolitan district, and deliver it to the people throughout northern Luzerne county from three to five hours earlier than the Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.

## THE MAYOR'S HANDS TIED.

A remarkable statement made by Mayor Nichols.

Yesterday's Record contained a statement made by Mayor Nichols to a representative of that paper, that cannot fail to command the most serious attention of the people of this city. The operations and methods of Mayor Nichols in his crusade against the more prominent and notorious bawdy houses have been fully detailed in these columns. Under the peculiar charter of Wilkes-Barre the mayor has little control of the police force, the chief and his subordinates being subject to the orders of the police committee of council. Mayor Nichols alleges that in his efforts to abolish one of the worst evils in the city he has not had the co-operation of the police committee. He has been compelled to encounter the active opposition of that body, acting under the direction of the police committee of council. This is a very serious allegation, and one which cannot be ignored.

It is not conceivable that there is a single member of city councils who would uphold so great an evil as that which Mayor Nichols has been waging war against, and yet, if the mayor is correctly reported by the Record, he certainly charges that very offense against certain councilmen. Under the operations of the city charter the mayor and police force seem to be entirely divorced in their official relations. The mayor can neither appoint nor discharge a policeman. The officers must stand in with the police committee of council or they are in danger of losing their heads. Such a system is radically and fatally wrong. The mayor is helpless, however he may be, to reform evils. If the mayor desires to spot a suspicious house, or requires information as to its character, he cannot use the police, but must engage private detectives at his own expense. Such a condition of things is not only unjust, it is a disgrace to a city like Wilkes-Barre. The mayor says: "Some councilmen will neither permit the officers to report these houses nor aid me in any way in the matter." Mayor Nichols is naturally justly indignant when he finds himself hampered and interfered with by officials who ought to stand in with him in his every effort to reform a great and crying evil. A less plucky man would give up the battle in the face of such a determination is with him, and it is believed a fund could be raised to be used by him in the prosecution of his campaign if he is denied aid by council.

## A. O. H. CONVENTION.

An important gathering—Parade Tomorrow Evening.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock the state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held at the Hotel Hamilton. The delegates, J. A. Bradley, of the afternoon session will adjourn about 5 o'clock, and at 5:30 will occur the street parade. Only Ancient Order of Hibernian men will appear in the procession, in which will be represented divisions from Avoca, Pittston, Forty-Fort, Port Griffith, Inkerman, Kingston, Plains, Plymouth, Ashley, Sugar Notch, Nanticoke, Hazleton, Freeland and Wilkes-Barre, as well as from towns throughout Lackawanna county. The march will form on North river street and proceed up West Market, around the square, down South Main to Northampton, to Washington, to South, to Landmesser's hall, where the entertainment and sociable will be held. Among the speakers are E. J. McGovern, Dr. J. J. Smythe, P. M. Thornton, P. C. O'Donovan, Joseph P. Burns, William Jennings and others. T. B. Callery, of Nanticoke, will be the chief marshal, and J. J. Flaherty, chief of staff, with Captain J. J. Flaherty as commander of division and T. J. Dalton, Peter Gallagher, P. H. McDonnell and M. F. Noon as aids.

## A HEAVY SENTENCE.

Hendricks receives twenty years in the Penitentiary—Other Sentences.

Judge Woodward yesterday called upon James Hendricks, convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced him to twenty years solitary confinement at labor in the state penitentiary. The judge gave the prisoner the maximum sentence, which of itself proves that in the opinion of the court he should have been convicted of murder in the first degree, an opinion that prevails very generally. James Hendricks rejoiced and received the hearty congratulations of his relatives when the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Yesterday there was no rejoicing when, after earnest pleas by his counsel for mercy, Judge Woodward gave him the full sentence of the law. If Hendricks lives he will be released in 1915, but even then he will be only in middle life, for he is now a young man. The public heartily commends Judge Woodward for what he has done. He made no remarks before sentencing the prisoner, except to say that he refrained because three others were to be tried for the same crime. Judge Lynch sentenced Jack Savage, a boy 19 years old, to one year and five months in the penitentiary for burglary, and Mike Yansick for three months in the county jail for rape on a child. Judge Lynch had no doubt of the guilt of the latter's guilt, and for that reason made the sentence as light as he could.

## Law and Order League.

The Wilkes-Barre Chapter met in the First Presbyterian chapel yesterday morning and twenty ministers of various denominations were present. After devotional exercises and the transaction of some routine business, Rev. T. A. Mills read a paper entitled "How Far Should the Church Consider the Social Needs of Man?" The discussion was participated in by Revs. Hodge, Edwards, Morris, Wells and others. A resolution was passed providing for the

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Immediate organizing of a Law and Order League, and Dr. Hodge and Dr. Jones appointed a committee to inform Secretary Fuller of this determination.

## POLITICAL POINTS.

The News-Dealer somewhat pointedly intimates that County Commissioners Smith and Norton have made it impossible for the Republicans to elect a majority of the next board of commissioners. The two commissioners named have probably made their own reelection next year impossible, but as neither of them can be re-nominated they will not be an issue. As to which party will control the next board of commissioners will depend entirely upon the kind of men nominated. Whichever party names the best men that party will inevitably win. The Republican party of Luzerne will not be held responsible for the actions of the party commissioners now in office. The party has not sanctioned nor endorsed any of their acts in the new court house business, nor will it do so. On the contrary, if the next county convention shall be true to the party platform, it will denounce and disavow the court house jobbery.

## POSTMASTER LANDMESSER HAS A LITTLE LESS THAN ONE YEAR TO SERVE IN HIS FOUR YEARS' TERM.

He has been such an admirable official that he will not be likely to be disturbed until his four years have expired. But the several applicants for his place are not going to wait any longer than they must. Some of them are getting the machinery into working order and making themselves solid with the bosses. Isaac Livingstone, one of the old Democratic war-horses, is being urged by his friends to accept the contest, and he will be heard from when the time for action comes.

## Colonel Boyd, of the News-Dealer, has been suggested as one of the delegates to the National Democratic convention in 1896.

He is for Hill for president, and doesn't care a continental who knows it.

## Harry Carkhuff hopes to be the next Mayor of Luzerne county, but there are a dozen other equally hopeful Republicans.

The Democrats of Luzerne, in their local campaigns, will hereafter sadly ignore the contributions of Eckley B. Cox. He can't do the work more than once when the finances run low in the heat of a campaign.

## In the Mayor's Court.

A young man named Michael Kane was arraigned before the Mayor yesterday morning charged with assaulting a small boy, and also for stealing a bicycle. The mayor, who is a lawyer, found the case and sent him to jail for forty-eight hours.

## A colored shoemaker named James Jackson was charged with being drunk and with assaulting a woman.

He was fined \$5 and costs, and he himself was permitted to go with a reprimand.

## H. S. Leim and Joseph Murphy were up for fighting.

The former is out \$10, and the latter was discharged, it being a condition of things that the defendant in the fight, but on the defensive.

## Bullet in the Head.

Elmer Mertz, the Ashley boy who last April received a bullet in his head at the hands of a boy companion, is in a fair way to final and complete recovery. The bullet remains lodged somewhere in his head, the surgeon having concluded to give nature a chance. The ball is a small one and is supposed to be imbedded in the brain. The attending physicians are as greatly surprised as others at the apparent complete recovery of their patient.

## Fire at Parsons.

At an early hour this morning fire was discovered in the drug store of Dr. Mebane at Parsons, and the contents of the building utterly ruined before the flames were quenched. The doctor occupied the same building as a residence and his furniture and other household effects were ruined by fire and water. The family of E. P. Follows also occupied a portion of the building, and they had a very narrow escape, difficulty having been experienced in arousing them.

## To Make an Investigation.

Last Friday Polish woman, Mrs. Weronika Hyla, died at Nanticoke, under circumstances that raised a suspicion that she was the victim of malpractice. County Detective Eckert directed an investigation to be made, and Deputy Coroner Perkins went to Nanticoke to hold an inquest. The inquest was adjourned until this afternoon when the physicians who made the autopsy will report their report.

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## Corry Brunges' house was crushed yesterday morning by a rock which fell upon it.

He was employed as carpenter in the Coxton yard. One finger was so badly crushed by the rock, that at the hospital it was found necessary to amputate it.

## Philip Bennett, of the Junction, met with an accident yesterday morning while working on the Lehigh Valley Railroad system.

The accident occurred at the junction of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh and Northampton railroads. Bennett was working on the Lehigh Valley Railroad system. He was struck by a train and his leg was broken. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

## Miss Kate Dempsey is visiting friends in Dunmore.

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