

Our Neighbors Down the Valley.

WILKES-BARRE.

The Tribune has opened a branch office at No. 29, Lanning building, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, for the transaction of business. The publishers propose to extend the circulation of the Tribune in Wilkes-Barre and surrounding towns, and to that end will present a very complete department of Luzerne county news, for success in this undertaking depends in placed solely upon the superiority of The Tribune as a purveyor of all the news of the domestic, foreign, local, commercial and financial. The general interests of the people of Luzerne county and the Wyoming valley will have in The Tribune 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 the people throughout northeastern Pennsylvania from three to five hours' ride from Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.)

COURT HOUSE SCANDAL.

No Important New Developments but a Great Deal of Silence.

It was not denied in court house circles that the James M. Norris, chief clerk of the county commissioners, had made a confession substantially admitting corrupt collusion between Architect Meyers and the commissioners' office in the division of \$2,000 paid out of the treasury as an advance commission to Meyers. The one thing that occasioned surprise was that Norris should have compromised himself in the manner he did. The commissioners are not very happy over the situation, but they are in the most emphatic terms of the statement that the commissioners received any portion of the money. They are also very severe in their denunciation of Norris, and unhesitatingly allege that he is not responsible for any statement he may make.

Whatever may be the outcome of the scandal, no one doubts that the end of the new court house matter is at hand. The whole business will now collapse. It was yesterday confidently expected that Architect Meyers will endeavor to collect the second instalment of \$10,000 under his contract with the commissioners, and if he succeeds in getting the money, that will be the last heard of him. At some time in the future, after a new board of county commissioners shall have been elected by the people, a new court house will be erected, and everything done in a sensible and business-like manner. Fortunately, the controversy is now being conducted by attorneys who will probe the present scandal to the very bottom, and if guilt can be established the people can rest assured that prosecutions will speedily follow.

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But one thing is almost certain, if the new county materializes Congressmen Leisenring and the representative nominated next year without the strong kind of opposition. There will be a demand for the nomination of a Luzerne county man. County pride, rather than antagonism to Mr. Leisenring, will be the motive for cutting the present representative off with a single term.

MAJOR BRODHEAD'S FUNERAL.

Buried with Military Honors—A Large Attendance.

Yesterday afternoon all that was mortal of Major William H. Brodhead was consigned to its last resting place in Hellenbach cemetery. The Ninth regiment field, staff and line officers and the non-commissioned officers were in attendance, as was a large number of the members of the military societies, attended. The funeral cortege assembled at the late residence of the deceased, on Park avenue, where the services were conducted by Rev. Henry L. Jones, pastor of St. Stephen's church of this city, assisted by Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, of Berwick. The music was rendered by the St. Stephen's church quartette.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The school board met last evening in regular session, and President Guthrie presided. The following committee was appointed: First named of each committee to act as chairman: Teachers—Weaver, Mackin and Hauser; property—Mackin, Weaver and Smyth; discipline—Butler, Hauser and Butler; finance—Smith, Weaver and Butler.

FLOODING THE PORT BOWLEY MINE.

A big drilling machine was set up at Dorchester yesterday and will be used for drilling a 4-inch hole near the residence of F. L. Space, to allow the gas in the Port Bowley mine to escape, so that it can be flooded easier. Four pumps are now at work.

FOR BABY'S SKIN Scalp and Hair.

USE CUTICURA SOAP.

The most effective skin purifying and beautifying preparation known. It is a simple, sweet and delicious for toilet, bath, and nursery. For dandruff, itching, eruptions, pimples, blackheads, irritations of the scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, red, rough hands, chafing, and simple rashes and hemishes of childhood, it is absolutely incomparable.

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PITSTON.

Workmen on the Scranton Suburban and Pittston Street railway commenced operations on Broad street yesterday morning. The property holders applied to Chief of Police Loftus, who stopped them. A very enthusiastic meeting of property holders was held at the stove foundry Saturday night, at which a resolution was passed calling for paving of street inside of track as rails were laid and planked until such a time as the street is paved. It is stated that the resolution was adopted by a large majority. The property holders have applied for an injunction which will serve on the company sheets of the street again being operations. Anna, 4-year-old daughter of Thomas Hines, fell from a hammock Sunday evening and received a broken arm.

PERSONAL.

Lieutenant Governor Watres, of Scranton, was in the city yesterday attending to legal business.

Arthur Hitchcock, general agent of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company, was in town yesterday.

John Higgins, of this city, has been graduated from the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, with first standing. He has been appointed resident physician of St. Mary's hospital, to go into effect on July 1.

PLYMOUTH.

Charles Goodman, who has been the guest of friends and relatives in town for the past fortnight, returned to his home at Richmond, Va., yesterday. Mr. Goodman was for many years a resident of this town.

John R. Powell returned yesterday from a week's business trip at Pittsburg.

Leo Freeman, who has been at Crystal Lake for the benefit of his health for the past few weeks, returned home yesterday morning.

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