

# 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 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 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 have in the Tribune a general public, and the metropolitan dailies, and deliver it to the people throughout northeastern Pennsylvania from three to four hours earlier than the Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.

## ST. ANN'S ACADEMY.

Annual Commencement Exercises Yesterday.

The annual commencement exercises at the Malinkoff convent were held at the convent building yesterday afternoon, and at 2:30 o'clock the concert hall was crowded with guests. The first number on the program was a song of welcome to Bishop O'Hara, who was present and seemed to greatly appreciate the tribute.

The trio "Les Trois Amateurs" by Czerny was beautifully rendered by the Misses E. Seifert, A. Kramer and J. Wirtz. The next number was a delightful combination of two violins and four zithers, the Kaiser Parade March, by Misses E. Fleckenstein, G. Langer, M. Kutzmayer, E. Nissen, M. Moran, J. Krueger.

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Vocal solo, "Ave Maria," by Miss M. A. Menstrup, accompanied by Miss R. Cavanagh. Recitation, "Le Voyageur Re-quellet par la Religion," by Miss E. Seifert.

Trio, "Jubelstern," by Misses M. Leonard, R. Lantier, Marcia, her maid, Miss J. Fleckenstein, and a play, "The Three Amateurs," by Misses M. Leonard, R. Lantier, Marcia, her maid, Miss J. Fleckenstein.

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Concealed in the bank were Sheriff Frank Bowers and a number of his deputies, all armed to the teeth, while on the opposite side the street and nearby were plenty of officers to assist. The robbers were quickly covered with guns and surrendered.

Kennedy had been stationed outside to scout any danger coming, while McFarland was in charge of a fast team of horse and a light wagon, in which the robbers intended to escape after securing the booty.

DEFENSE OF GENTRY.

Disgracing Methods Pursued by the Murderer's Lawyers to Save the Prisoner's Neck.

Philadelphia, June 20.—Sensational rumors have come to light that there will be a change in the trial of James H. Gentry for the murder of actress Madge Cooke. It is hinted that the defense will endeavor to show that Gentry killed the girl because he believed that her love for Miss Lida Clark, her actress friend and companion, was of a morbid and unnatural character similar to that shown to have existed in the Freda Ward and Alice Mitchell case.

These rumors have reached the ears of Miss Clark, who is now in this city, and she today sent a note to an afternoon paper declaring that she has been informed that her character and that of her dead friend is to be besmirched by Gentry's lawyers, and denouncing the rumors as outrageous slander and asserting that her relations with Madge were those of pure and disinterested affection.

Miss Clark was the only witness to the murder. She today indignantly denied that she was favoring the defense to avert an attack upon herself. "I am heart and soul against Gentry," she said, "and my plain story of the murder as I shall tell it on the stand ought to be the means of hanging him. There was no provocation whatever for the murder. No purer girl than Madge ever lived, and I only wonder that she could have fallen so desperately in love with the man who took her life."

One Hundred and Nine Vessels Pass St. Mary's Falls Canal in Day.

Washington, June 20.—Colonel O. M. Poe, corps of engineers of Detroit, advised the acting secretary of war today that on Tuesday, June 11, 109 vessels passed through the St. Mary's Falls canal in twenty-four hours, 107 having been the highest previous record for the same time. The advance estimate of the ultimate capacity of the lock was ninety-six vessels in twenty-four hours, or one every fifteen minutes.

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Scranton, June 20.—James Haskins died in August, 1894, leaving a will bequeathing his estate to his widow, Elizabeth Haskins. The will was duly admitted to probate last September, when the attorneys for Charles L. Fair passed through the St. Mary's Falls canal in twenty-four hours, 107 having been the highest previous record for the same time. The advance estimate of the ultimate capacity of the lock was ninety-six vessels in twenty-four hours, or one every fifteen minutes.

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