

Our Neighbors Down the Valley.

WILKES-BARRE.

[The Tribune has opened a branch of... at No. 29, Spring 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 dependence is placed solely upon the ability 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 an earnest, accurate, and reliable publisher. 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 northeastern Pennsylvania from three to five hours earlier than the Philadelphia and New York papers can reach them.]

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Matters of Varied Interests Disposed of Yesterday. In the case of Michael Minnick and John Solovonis against Andrew Ditcher and John Hartich for felonious wounding and assault and battery, the jury found Andrew Ditcher guilty and John Hartich not guilty in both cases. The two cases of Albert Walker and James Meehan against Simon Levitsky and Peter Drechomovich for aggravated assault and battery, the defendants were found not guilty in both cases, the defendants to pay two-thirds the costs, and Walker, the prosecutor, one-third, in one case, and Meehan, the prosecutor, to pay one-third and the defendants two-thirds in the other case. The case of Harry Hadden against Frank Mumroe and A. P. Cole for aggravated assault and battery was on yesterday afternoon before Judge Albright. Attorneys B. R. Jones and T. D. Shea are for the prosecution, and Attorney M. Fuller for the defense. The Pennsylvania officials to hold the 10.15 train to Harrisburg until the Judge got in which they agreed to do. Judge Rice, however, did not know of this arrangement, and left the Valley train at Bennett's Station and took the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western for Harrisburg. There is a growing sentiment among the members of the bar in favor of Ex-man H. Bennett as Judge Rice's successor. Mr. Bennett is a well known politician, and was the Republican nominee against Judge Lynch some years ago. Whether Mr. Bennett would accept or not, is not known, but it is certain that he would grace the bench and would fill the position with credit and dignity. Like Judge Rice, Mr. Bennett is not a politician, and would not have anything to do with any political schemes, being about his appointment. But this appointment, should it be made, would be ratified by the Republican convention, and again sanctioned by the people at the polls next November.

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There are a number of other men spoken of, in this connection, among them being H. A. Fuller, H. W. Palmer, Alexander Farman and Frank Wheaton. It is not thought that Mr. Farman or Mr. Palmer would take the appointment if offered to them. Mr. Farman could have readily had a nomination for Judge by going before either of the conventions that have been held since 1890, but both times he declined in very positive terms to allow his name to be used. Both Mr. Palmer and Alexander Farman are men who have practiced of such size that considerable pecuniary sacrifice would be involved by accepting such an appointment. Mr. Wheaton, of the firm of Wheaton, Darling & Woodward, is the most prominently spoken of among the younger lawyers. Mr. Wheaton has never been prominent in politics, but it is from his own ambition, and should the governor see fit to let Judge Rice's position be given to a representative of the younger attorneys, he could find no better man than Mr. Wheaton. All the gentlemen whose names have been suggested for the position are men of remarkable talent and ability, and who have been recognized among their fellow members of the bar as men well versed in the technique and practice of the law. There has been no step taken yet in the matter, and probably the governor will not make the first move. It has been said that it is possible that the governor will wait until after the parties have held their conventions before submitting the appointment, which could easily be done, as court will adjourn next week until September. There is no bar in the state that has an array of brilliant lawyers equal to the Luzerne county bar, and the selection, when made, will be a man satisfactory to both parties.

Sam Kee's Funeral.

The funeral of Sam Kee, from St. Mary's church yesterday, marked a strange event, as he is the first Chinaman in this city who died a Catholic, and so far as is known, the first to be buried with Christian ceremony. A requiem mass was celebrated by Father O'Rourke, who also preached a brief and fitting funeral sermon. The pallbearers were James A. Keating, Hugh Sharpe, Frank Murphy and William Dougher, and interment was made in Hanover cemetery.

For Illegal Selling.

"Yankee Tiche and August Miller, two well-known men on East Market street, appeared before Judge Thomas last evening, charged with illegal liquor selling. The prosecutor, John McGuigan, did not appear, however, and the two defendants were discharged."

Hurt at Nanticoke.

Frank Matembowski, a Hungarian miner in No. shaft, at Nanticoke, had his leg broken yesterday at noon by a fall of coal. He was taken to his home in Nanticoke and his injuries treated.

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OLD FORGE.

William Drake and sister Ella are visiting their brother at West Point. The Sons of Temperance of Duryea attended the services at the Brick church in a body on Sunday, and Rev. E. L. Santee delivered a very fine sermon. Professor L. B. Brodhead attended the commencement exercises at the Blooming Brook Normal school this week. Mrs. G. K. Drake and Mrs. T. J. Steward were visitors to Scranton on Friday. Charles Evans has purchased the store formerly run by John F. Dilis. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of Glenwood Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at their hall on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected: C. C. John Maslin, V. C. E. C. Kellum, M. A. A., William Lugg, M. of E., Harry Stevens, M. of F. S. Brodhead, Jr., K. of R. and S. J. James Morgan.

Pittston.

[The Pittston office of the Scranton Tribune has been opened by H. W. Cruser, agent, at No. 1 Williams street, where contributions of news, complaints of non-delivery, orders for job work of all descriptions should be performed by Rev. Dr. Farley at his home. The newly wedded couples were tendered a reception at their home, on Warren street, the brides are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, of 23 Frothingham street. Mr. Dampman and Mr. Roberts are both highly respected young men of this place. The former is a faithful employee of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company. A Polisher named Barney Soudski, employed as outside hand at the Exeter shaft, was instantly killed yesterday morning. He was caught between the breaker and a moving gondola car and squeezed to death. He was about 24 years old, and lived with his wife on Damon street. The most interesting game of base ball of the season will be played this afternoon at the fair grounds, between the West Pittston and Wilkes-Barre teams. Manager George Dewey, of West Pittston, has engaged a strong team, and is confident of success. Should Wilkes-Barre fail to appear, the East and West Side teams will play. Mrs. Eugene Henley, who has been ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Shiffer, on River street, is able to again enjoy the bright open air. For security household goods, call on Wright & Co., 235 Main street. Goods exchanged, bought or sold. Rev. S. J. Arthur, of the Luzerne Avenue Baptist church, will address the men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association Sunday afternoon. Subject, "The Making of the Man." The choir of the Water Street Baptist church will furnish the music. John Morgan, of Avoca, and Miss Jennie Craft, of Maltby, were married at the bride's home on Wednesday evening by Rev. Mr. Jones. They will reside in Pittston. Miss Maggie Kearney, principal of Welsh Hill school, and one of Pittston's leading vocalists, was a Scranton visitor yesterday. Ed. Rutledge, who has been making his home in Scranton for some months past, has made arrangements to take up his residence in West Pittston after July 1. John J. Polles, formerly of Pittston, and now living in Berkeley, N. Y., has invented a safety gate for railroad crossings which he has patented and which is likely to strongly commend itself to railroad companies. Mr. Polles is endeavoring to enlist some of Pittston's capitalists in this invention, and a number of our moneyed men will probably assist in placing it on the market. E. W. Davis, a miner at the Clear Springs colliery, was severely injured by a fall of rock, yesterday morning. Davis is a married man. Though his injuries are of a very serious nature it is hoped they will not prove fatal.

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