PERSONAL.

Misses Mamie and Jennie Kerins, of Carbondale, are visiting Scranton friends.

Miss Connell, of Railroad avenue, is entertaining Miss Nellie Powers, of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Monies, of Green Ridge, are spending a few days at Crystal lake.

Miss Anna Brown, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. Frank McDonald, of Franklin avenue.

Insurance Agent W. J. Welsh left yesterday for Milwaukee, Wis., where he will remain ten days.

Judge R. W. Archbald will leave today for Tunkhannock to take part in the Dunham-Sittser contest.

Lieutenant of Police John Davis is enjoying his annual vacation. Sergeant Dieter is acting lieutenant.

Attorney R. H. Patterson and James M. Everhart will start Friday on a trip to the Yellowstone park and Alaska.

Attorney Z. N. Ward, of Paterson, N. J., was in the city yesterday. He is a brother of ex-Judge Ward, of this city.

Misses Katie Walsh, Mary C. Barrett and Mrs. E. J. McHale, of Carbondale, spent Monday night with friends in the city.

Miss Nellie Gerrity, of Scranton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gerrity, of Pike street.—Carbondale Anthracite.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Casey will sail today from New York for Europe. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Casey accompanied them to the metropolis.

Miss Leah J. Davis is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. V. E. Crofut, at Spring House, Heart lake, accompanied by friends from Binghamton.

On Friday Deputy Clerk of the Courts Emil Bonn and Attorney F. W. Stark will leave for Erie, where they will attend United States court in the capacity of jurors.

Rev. T. F. Coffey, pastor of St. Rose of Lima church, of Carbondale, is visiting his parents in Kansas. His place is being filled by Rev. John Loughran, of this city, who was recently ordained.

Dr. James S. Kelley, a native of Archbald, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in 1893, registered yesterday in the office of Prothonotary Pryor as a practicing physician at Olyphant.

THE INEVITABLE GOSSIP.

The woman who likes to talk about her neighbors fell in on me the other day, writes Polly Pry.

I don't know why she did it, for I never give her any encouragement—no "cues," as the actors say.

She buzzed around about the weather and such burning topics for a little while, and then she hit solidly.

"That's an awful thing about Mr. H., isn't it?" she said.

"What about him?" quoth I.

"Why, haven't you heard? Gracious me, and you're a newspaper woman, too!"

"I like the word journalist better," I responded, "but let that pass."

"Why, he's been out driving every afternoon this week with a handsome woman who isn't his wife."

"Indeed!"

"Yes, indeed! Why I met them in the park and he never introduced her at all!"

I thought he was very wise in this, but held my tongue.

"His wife's sure to hear of it!" she went on.

"She is if you can arrange it," I replied—in my mind.

"Such a stylish, handsome woman, too!" buzzed the busybody.

"What does she look like?"

"Oh, she's a real golden blonde, with blue eyes and a lovely figure."

"Pink cheeks and long, tapering fingers?" I ventured.

"Exactly!" cried my visitor excitedly. "Do you know her?"

Then I laughed a long, low, rakish laugh—as near a horse laugh as I could manufacture.

"Why that's his sister," cried I, as I fairly rolled around in merriment.

The intruder's face dropped.

"Why, you don't say so! She doesn't look a bit like him."

"Gertie, his favorite sister," I reiterated. "Poor Mr. H., to be so slandered."

She didn't stay long after that, for I'd taken all the joy and sunshine out of her visit.

Of course, I'd manufactured Gertie.

For all I knew, Mr. H. would toddle sisterless to the tomb, but I thought it my duty to spoke that gossip's wheel and keep Mrs. H. from being made unhappy if I could.

NEWS OF THE SUBURBS

Events of Day on South Side, North End, Dunmore and Minooka.

BRIDGE ON MATTES STREET

Progress That Is Being Made in Its Construction—Meeting of Dunmore School Board—Election of Officers of the Junior Endeavor Society.

SOUTH SIDE.

It is interesting to watch the progress of the erection of the new railroad bridge on Mattes street, being constructed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Wstern Railroad company. The work is going on without interfering with running the trains, nor will the least delay, unless something unforseen happens, be caused henceforth until the new bridge shall be securely put in place. Many are not aware of the way the work is being done. The improvement will make the street wider and the bridge will be higher above the roadway, but that does not signify merely that the grade of the railroad tracks will be raised.

The street has already been widened several feet and the bridge that will replace the old structure is ready to be swung in place at any time. The new bridge will have its stringers above the tracks instead of underneath as it now is. The bridge can be transferred to its position in an hour. By the end of the month the work will all be completed, making Mattes street a thoroughfare of some consequence.

Shorter Paragraphs.

Dr. J. A. Manley was at Lake Ariel yesterday on business.

Thomas O'Hara, of Pittston avenue, was injured on the right arm while at work a few days ago.

The remains of Mrs. Catherine Hughes of Prospect avenue, who died Monday afternoon, were taken yesterday to Auburn, N. Y., for interment.

A meeting, followed by an entertainment in which the members were the entertainers and entertained, of the St. Aloysius society, was held last evening.

A regular meeting of Branch 85, Catholic Mutual Benefit association, was held last evening at Pharmacy hall. Three gentlemen were proposed for membership.

John Roche, of Cherry street, has succeeded C. J. Ruddy as South Side correspondent of the Republican. Mr. Ruddy left yesterday to accept his new position in New York.

The supervisors of Lackawanna township are contemplating the placing of a special tax levy of three mills for road purposes in addition to the regular road tax already provided.

Patrick Faulkner, of Fig street, was painfully injured about the head at work yesterday at the South Steel mill by being struck with a bar of steel. It required six stitches to sew up the gash.

Grand clearance sale of dry goods Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. A great reduction in muslins, wash goods, dress goods, silks, etc. See our advertisement on third page of this paper. Mears & Hagen.

NORTH END.

The concert which was given in the Providence Methodist Episcopal church last evening by the Troubadours nearly filled the church, and the vocal and instrumental music was of a very high degree of excellence. The concert was opened with the "Grand Potpourri," which was beautifully rendered by the orchestra.

The "Estrideantina," mezzo-contralto, violin and cello, by Miss Vipond, Mr. Benjamin and Professor Walkenshaw, was very entertaining. "Why Don't You Come Again," contralto, and violin obligato, by Miss Margaret Vipond, and Willard Benjamin, and the piano, four hands, "Salut'a Pesth," by Miss Green and Miss Benjamin, and also "The Golden Wand," by the orchestra, were rendered with a degree of excellence that deserves much crdit. The large audience room of the church was artistically decorated with ferns, daisies and cut flowers.

Going to Europe.

Mrs. E. J. Jones and son Alfred, Mrs. E. Williams and daughter Bessie, W. W. Thomas and wife, James Brace, Gwylim Harris, John Mitchell, David T. Jones, Isaac Jenkins, Mrs. Thomas John, and Miss Maria O'Malley left yesterday for New York City, from whence they will sail today for Europe on the Teutonic.

Junior Endeavor Officers Elected.

At the business meeting of Junior Endeavor society of the Providence Presbyterian church, Monday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Grace Williams; vice president, Bessie McDonnell; secretary, Jennie Smith; treasurer, Bruce Shotton; pianists, Alice Osterhout and Grace Atherton.

Personals and Jottings.

The Providence Conclave of Heptasophs met last evening.

Miss Blanch Halstead, of Oak street, spent Monday at Taylor.

Mrs. Barney, of North Main avenue, returned Monday evening from the Sea Side.

Miss Mollie Loftus, of Pittston, is visiting with Miss Kate Saltry, of West Market street.

Mrs. H. R. Hurlbutt, of Putnam street, entertained some of her friends at tea last evening.

The Twilight Social club held one of their entertaining weekly socials at O'Donnell's hall last evening.

Harry Protheroe, of Osterhout's store, has been confined to his home for several days on account of sickness, but is now recovering.

"The Shamrock and Rose" will be produced at Company H armory this evening by the Keystone Literary and Dramatic society.

Company H, of the Thirteenth regiment, were out drilling on North Main avenue last evening, and made a very pretty appearance.

The Lawrence band will give an open air concert Thursday evening on the lawn of the Green Ridge Wheelmen, on Sanderson avenue and Green Ridge street.

The excursion train which will convey the Green Ridge Presbyterian church and Sunday school to Lake Ariel this morning will leave the Scranton station at 8.30 and New York street at 8.40.

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The business meeting of the Senior Christian Endeavor society of the Providence Presbyterian church will take place this evening immediately after the prayer meeting. A large attendance is requested as it is a meeting for the election of officers.

The members of St. Joseph's Young Men's society are requested to meet at St. Mary's hall Wednesday, July 10, 1895, at 1.30 p. m., to attend the funeral of their late brother, John Campbell.

DUNMORE.

The school board convened in special session at No. 1 building last night with all members present. The annual statement of the secretary was read and accepted and ordered printed in two of the Scranton papers. The applications of all of the old corps of teachers were read, after which a motion was made to the effect that they be accepted, which was carried.

A number of the teachers had made application for an increase in salary, and after considerable argument and discussion it was decided to vote upon them separately. Misses Farrell and Ella Black were each granted an increase of $5 per month, while Professor Boland and Misses Duggan, Hastings, Kate McHale, Mooney and Lennon were refused.

A motion was made by Mr. Swift that janitors be hired at $10 per month for schools Nos. 6 and 8, which was lost. After considerable minor business the board adjourned.

Newsy Condensations.

Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church tonight at 7.45.

Miss Bertha Bold, of Waverly, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Kraus, of South Blakely street.

Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, Miss Jennie Osborne and Mrs. George B. Smith spent yesterday afternoon at Lake Ariel.

Mrs. Martha Chamberlain and children, of Cherry street, are enjoying the refreshing breezes of Lake Winola for a few weeks.

Mrs. G. W. Doolittle and daughter, Ethel, of Newport News, Va., are guests at the home of G. W. Frost, on Drinker street.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. P. Russell, on North Blakely street, this afternoon at 2.30.

Miss Inez Irey, of Shoemaker avenue, left yesterday morning for Boston, where she will attend the Christian Endeavor convention as reresentative of the Presbyterian church.

Arch Washer, who has driven the mail wagon for the Pennsylvania Coal company for a long time, has been promoted to the position of yardmaster at West Junction, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Scott Watrous, who has gone to Colorado for the benefit of his health.

MINOOKA.

M. J. Haley, of Greenwood, spent yesterday at Lake Ariel.

A farewell party was tendered James McDonald, of Waverly, Minn., at the residence of John J. Coyne, on Main street last evening.

The Greenwood Keg fund held a meeting last evening to make arrangements for their second annual picnic, which will be held at Greenwood grove on July 22.

TOOK A GOLD WATCH.

That Is What Some Polanders Charge Against a Fellow-Countryman.

Special Officer Weiss brought a Polander to the central station house last night, who was accussed by two compatriots with having stolen a gold watch.

They allege that in Taylorville, night before last, he relieved a drunken companion of the timepiece and skipped to Scranton.

They have been looking for him ever since, and last night discovered him in Hyde Park. Officer Weiss was summoned and took the fellow in charge.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

In 1868 gas was first employed as a fuel. Moscow was first lighted by gas in 1865.

An excellent gas has been made from resin.

In 1870 candles were first made from ozokerit.

Sydney, in Australia, was first lighted by gas in 1841.

Spermaceti candles were an invention of the last century.

The coasts of the world are protected by 6,208 light-houses.

The first gas company in London was incorporated in 1810.

Hundreds of patents have been issued to inventors of water gas.

Silver candlesticks were known in Britain as early as A. D. 659.

A ton of good coal is said to yield about 8,000 feet of purified gas.

The early Egyptian lamps were of granite, alabaster and cotta.

In many parts of the West Indies shark oil is used in the lamps.

Gas from bitumen was first made at the Woolwich arsenal in 1868.

An excellent quality of illuminating gas has been made from peat.

Ten gas companies had in 1865 a monopoly of the lighting of Paris.

Water gas was first successfully employed in metallurgy in 1890.

The Wax Chandlers company, of London, was incorporated in 1483.

There are over 2,000 miles of gas pipes underlying the London streets.

In 1889 the United States produced over 34,000,000 barrels of petroleum.

In 1879 the capital of the London gas companies amounted to £12,000,000.

The ritualistic use of candles in churches was forbidden in England in 1548.

Roman lamps were of gold, silver, brone, iron, copper, lead and earthenware.

In 1873 the complete success of water gas as an illuminant was made apparent.

Until a few years ago whale oil was the sole illuminant used for light houses.

In 1800 Sir Humphrey Davy produced the first electric light with carbon points.

In 1839 the first patent for water gas was taken out in England by Cruickshanks.

The Chinese make candles of a vegetable wax, the product of the candleberry tree.

The more atmospheric air there is in gas the greater the heat, but the less the light.

Electric light was first successfully used in photography by Van der Weyde in 1876.

By distilling it at a very high heat, wood may be made to yield a good article of gas.

Kohinoor gas, supposed to be a very superior kind, was patented in London in 1831.

Candle molds are supposed to be the invention of a Frenchman about the year 1409.

In 1876 the Jablochoff electric candle was invented and shown to the French academy.

The beautiful analine dyes are made from the refuse products of gas manufacture.

Candles were first used symbolically on the altars of churches in the fourth century.

Coal gas was described and manufactured by Dr. Clayton, of England, as early as 1739.

A Conjugal Tiff.

Husband—"I see plainly you want to get up a quarrel. And in the street, too. Wait, at least, until we get inside our own house."

Wife—"Impossible. I shall have cooled down before we get there."—La Famille.

BEER LEADS THE LIST

In the Annual Report of Twelfth Internal Revenue District.

MORE BUSINESS THIS SEASON

Since Mr. Herring Took Charge the Amount of Money Collected Has Exceeded $1,000,000—The Amounts of Collections Given by Months.

Chief Deputy S. P. Fausold, of the Twelfth Internal Revenue district, yesterday completed the report for the fiscal year ended July 1. Mr. Fausold and the clerks have been very busy for some time owing to the collection of special tax.

The report shows some very interesting figures. The total amount of collections for the year was $725,085.42, an increase of about $12,000 over last year. Collector Grant Herring took charge in February, 1894, and to date the amount of money that he has been responsible for has been $1,060,985.45.

The fiscal year began in July, 1894, and the greatest amount of business done in any one month was in June just ended. The total collections for each month for the year are respectively as follows:

July, $64,738.84; August, $73,431.94; September, $50,454.03; October, $49,615.59; November, $46,670.53; December, $49,363.19; January, $42,741.70; February, $39,266.71; March, $44,000.92; April, $51,221.60; May, $62,780.63; June, $150,799.74; total, $725,085.42.

Sale of Stamps for Beer.

The largest revenue was derived from the sale of beer stamps, the total being $427,853.14, collected each month as follows: July, $39,262.14; August, $46,608.03; September, $35,340.58; October, $33,001.73; November, $31,685.91; December, $33,644.91; January, 26,743.87; February, $26,416.95; March, $28,312.60; April, $34,619.75; May, $46,038.44; June, $46,178.23.

Special tax stamps realized from their sale the sum of $111,625.60, distributed among the months of the year as follows: July, $11,130.83; August, $1,445.56; September, $1,697.36; October, $2,096.46; November, $812.67; December, $735.65; January, $690.86; February, $1,041.48; March, $1,309.36; April, $1,740.62; May, $750.62; June, $87,974.13.

On cigar and cigarette stamps $88,297.97 was realized, the sums each month being as in the order here given: July, $6,838.11; August, $8,455.84; September, $7,477.53; October, $7,696.43; November, $7,428.31; December, $7,846.68; January, $7,251.10; February, $5,788.78; March, $7,335.04; April, $6,951.66; May, $7,526.09; June, $7,702.83.

From the Sale of Spirits.

The amount derived from spirit stamps was $47,750.57, the receipts each month being: July, $3,891.60; August, $12,716.10; September, $986.70; October, $2,064.70; November, $2,471.70; December, $3,467.20; January, $3,944.60; February, $1,961.85; March, $2,602.60; April, $3,697.10; May, $4,550.26; June, $5,396.16.

From tobacco stamps $46,619 was received monthly as follows: July, $3,555.36; August, $4,007.16; September, $3,544.23; October, $4,225.41; November, $3,952.50; December, $3,568.74; January, $4,057.23; February, $3,931.05; March, $4,163.58; April, $4,098.72; May, $4,029.63; June, $3,484.89.

The collections on lists amounted to $1,358.55 in the following amounts monthly: July, $60.80; August, $199.25; September, $173.39; October, $160.94; November, $83.14; December, $74.55; January, $29.70; February, $116.52; March, $229.54; April, $110.97; May, $65.59; June, $54.16.

Derived from Playing Cards.

Lastly the amount of $1,961.52 was derived from the sale of special stamps for playing cards, the amounts each month being as follows: July, $1,234.20; August, $370.32; September, $236.80; October, $25.48; November, $24.34; December, $10.08; January, $48.20; February, $2.78; June, $9.34.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Uncle Sam has 2,000 railway companies.

Moses Taylor lodge, No. 420, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, will run an excursion to Eldridge park, Elmira, N. Y., on Saturday, July 20.

The East Tennessee railroad, from Bristol to Chattanooga, 242 miles, has the remarkable record of only two passengers killed in twenty-five years. This road averages a dozen passenger trains each twenty-four hours.

It is estimated that the quantity of coal now loaded upon boats at Pittsburg, and waiting for a rise in the Ohio river, is 600,000 tons, equal to 20,000 car loads of thirty tons each. The boatmen fear that they may not have a coal boat rise before autumn.

As a result of the big strike last summer, 122 claims, aggregating $1,175,756, have been filed against the city of Chicago. They are made by railroads and other corporations, who assert that their property was destroyed by rioters during the strike. The Pan-Handle line wants $449,691; the Pennsylvania company, $150,899; the Fort Wayne company, $21,347, and the Illinois Central, $42,700. The smallest claim filed, $26, is in behalf of the Pullman Palace Car company.

The electrical wave that has been sweeping over the Eastern roads has struck Chicago. The Chicago and Northern Pacific has decided to change the motive power of its three suburban lines—Thatcher's park, Harlem and Chicago Central—from steam to electricity. The overhead trolley will be used and about thirty-five miles of track will be affected. If the experiment proves a success, the new motive power will undoubtedly be adopted by the St. Paul on its Evanston branch and the Illinois Central on its entire suburban system.

It is said that most of the brakemen and switch tenders on the Maine railroads wear congress shoes. The fact is brought out in connection with the death of a brakeman in North Berwick a few days ago whose foot got caught in a frog, and he, being unable to extricate it, was run down by a train and mortally wounded. It was found that he wore a lace shoe. His fellow-workmen testified that had he worn a congress shoe, according to the usual custom, he would doubtless have been able to promptly take his foot out of it when caught in the frog, and might have escaped unhurt.

"There is an old veteran," said Hon. T. V. Powderly, yesterday, pointing to the bob-tail switch engine "City Bank," which was standing near the Hyde Park crossing. "Twenty-five years ago I made the first repairs on that engine that were ever made on her. She was built in Paterson, and in being brought to this city broke down just as she was entering the yard. She was brought to the shops and I had charge of repairing her." In further conversation along the same line Mr. Powderly said a machinist of those days would not know how to approach a modern locomotive with the purpose of overhauling it. "They are not the same machine at all," said Mr. Powderly. While traveling in Minnesota during his incumbency in the office of general master workman of the Knights of Labor, Mr. Powderly was aboard a train which became stalled on account of a broken-down engine, and to the surprise of those on board he donned an overalls and jacket, and with the assistance of the engineer and fireman succeeded in repairing the break, which it was thought would totally disable the engine and cause the train to lay over in the woods until a new engine could be secured from the nearest station. Mr. Powderly is fond of referring to the days when he handled a hammer and wrench in the shops in this city and many an amusing reminiscence he has to tell of those times.