PERSONAL.

Frank J. McCann went to Freeland yesterday on a business trip.

Miss Teresa Keating, of Dover, N. J., is the guest of Miss Mary Duffy, of Price street.

Miss Bessie Green, of Wilkes-Barre, is in the city to attend the Henshaw-Price wedding and during her stay here is the guest of Mrs. C. W. Fulton.

Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon, of Pittsburg, and ex-Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres, of Scranton, were guests at the Stratford yesterday.—Philadelphia Press.

James Gaynor, of the West Side, will leave next week for Denver, Col., where he will attend the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Young Men's Institute. At the sessions of the Grand Council of the Eastern jurisdiction in Indianapolis several months ago Mr. Gaynor was chosen as one of the twelve delegates to represent the jurisdiction in the Supreme Council. The meeting of the latter will be of great importance to the Young Men's Institute and the probabilities are that the sessions of the council will extend over a period of three weeks. The delegates of the Eastern jurisdiction will assemble in Chicago, where they will be tendered a banquet by the local councils of that city. From Chicago to Denver the delegates will travel together.

REYNOLDS, THE MESMERIST.

He Experimented with Sixteen Newspaper Men Yesterday Afternoon.

A small audience caused an unexpected termination of Professor Reynolds' mesmeric entertainment last night at the Frothingham. He unsuccessfully pleaded for subjects, the small number responding making it impossible for him to select more than two who were susceptible to his influence.

After continued requests for volunteers, Professor Reynolds conferred a moment with Manager Jones in the stage wings and the result was the announcement that the entertainment must terminate. Checks good for tonight were distributed at the entrance.

It was proved at the performances of the first two nights that the mesmerist can mesmerize, and his entertainments were productive of no little amusement. If tonight's audience is sufficiently large those present are sure to be pleased. Professor Reynolds does not claim to do impossibilities; he claims to gain mental and physical control over certain subjects and to puzzle and amuse them as well as the audience. He received sixteen newspaper men at the theater yesterday afternoon and out of this number was able to partially control four.

ASSESSMENT OF SCRANTON FOR THE YEAR 1896.

The board of assessors yesterday completed the 1896 assessment. Below will be found the result of their labors compiled in tabular form.

It shows the number of houses and assessed valuation of property in each ward; the number of horses, cows and dogs, and much other interesting data.

The total assessed valuation of the city is shown to be $20,182,681, an increase of $381,377 over last year. The whole number of houses in the city is 12,627 in which item the Fourth ward heads the list with 1,341. Many other interesting comparisons can be made from the table.

The law directs that the assessment should have been completed before January 1, but having been handicapped by the refusal of the board of revision and appeals to allow them the use of the 1895 books for making comparisons, the assessors say that their work was made much more difficult and hence the delay. However, as the law is not mandatory no serious consequences will result on that score; and as there is ample time for the preparation of the duplicates before the specified time, April 1, the affairs of the city will not be disconcerted to any appreciable degree.

With the completion of the assessment the board announces that as far as it is concerned the cruel war is over.

"Having completed the books, as far as it is in our power," said one of the assessors to a Tribune reporter, "we stand ready to hand them over to the board of revision and appeals at any time that board chooses to accept them."

This action will probably bring about an immediate meeting of the board of revision and appeals for the appointment of appeal days. The assessors will then send out their notices and the wheels of the municipality will once more revolve with their accustomed regularity. The details of the assessment by wards are as follows:

RESIDENCE.			PERSONAL PROPERTY.						IMPROVEMENTS.					EXEMPT.		
WARD.	Number of Assessments.	Occupation Valuation.	Number of Horses.	Value.	No. of Cows.	Value.	No. of Dogs.	LAND.	No. of Houses.	Valuation.	No. Barns and Outbuildings.	Valuation.	TOTAL.	Land.	Houses.	Total.
First ward	3,182	69,390	214	12,880	24	610	301	648,340	975	389,725	139	29,015	1,149,860	11,250	166,000	177,250
Second ward	3,125	39,055	439	25,880	42	620	349	450,976	1,080	417,138	239	90,505	1,072,144	8,475	46,500	54,975
Third ward	1,097	23,215	117	8,220	49	735	150	242,132	459	91,470	127	27,165	409,937	270	1,000	1,270
Fourth ward	2,459	75,340	64	3,720	1	15	72	344,977	1,341	450,600	90	4,290	878,912	7,460	56,300	63,760
Fifth ward	2,401	92,775	283	17,180	14	210	164	413,952	392	515,211	118	52,540	1,091,898	11,996	85,525	97,521
Sixth ward	1,119	33,950	135	8,100	10	150	74	132,686	544	163,095	45	1,260	329,241	851	16,600	17,451
Seventh ward	890	26,470	156	9,360	10	150	60	183,250	348	172,835	46	11,050	403,105	2,780	11,700	14,480
Eighth ward	1,583	97,305	220	15,280	1	15	50	1,419,315	450	1,632,225	55	38,405	3,202,545	158,775	278,100	437,875
Ninth ward	1,929	106,385	289	18,100	15	225	132	947,017	595	767,650	89	36,890	1,876,267	212,400	249,000	461,400
Tenth ward	1,471	24,115	35	2,100	17	265	93	305,409	399	116,230	46	2,025	450,164	3,300	8,500	11,800
Eleventh ward	1,642	64,770	193	14,530	13	195	134	232,904	641	331,450	162	24,660	665,539	8,850	48,000	56,850
Twelfth ward	878	16,510	31	1,860	8	120	72	89,479	353	69,340	18	655	177,904	350	1,500	1,850
Thirteenth ward	2,168	72,655	305	18,500	20	300	188	556,232	772	575,095	90	13,510	1,236,892	21,825	82,500	104,325
Fourteenth ward	1,232	56,080	211	12,720	2	30	56	270,675	662	263,030	68	20,810	723,345	20,550	18,000	38,550
Fifteenth ward	1,589	49,135	136	8,115	15	225	201	316,626	192	227,580	76	14,626	612,207	5,100	42,000	47,100
Sixteenth ward	1,411	80,165	275	19,320	12	195	62	673,171	468	633,593	74	37,800	1,443,954	52,510	84,500	137,010
Seventeenth ward	1,881	89,005	250	17,880	15	225	112	881,175	550	796,425	138	351,290	2,016,090	23,450	125,000	148,450
Eighteenth ward	526	22,170	35	2,100	1	15	34	57,253	267	88,050	28	1,065	171,621	725	15,000	15,725
Nineteenth ward	2,694	59,920	123	7,140	42	630	214	227,180	1,067	284,070	172	6,375	585,315	2,800	15,500	18,300
Twentieth ward	2,558	37,395	123	7,380	11	165	102	316,958	829	229,080	59	254,775	836,743	16,100	14,300	30,400
Twenty-first ward	1,274	26,015	265	15,980	71	1,005	72	623,541	393	79,020	123	72,325	817,946	1,400	27,860	29,260
Total	37,118	$1,212,860	3,889	$243,315	404	$6,060	2,671	$9,338,208	12,627	$8,291,192	2,007	$1,091,046	$20,182,681	$571,297	$1,394,385	$1,965,682

VERDICT AGAINST THE CITY

Jury Finds It Liable for the Overflow of the Pine Brook Sewer.

MRS. WALSH GETS DAMAGES

Defendant's Side of the $50,000 Trespass Suit Was Opened by Attorney W. H. Jessup, Jr.—Testimony of Engineer Gritman, Who Ran the Train.

A verdict of $462 for the plaintiff was rendered yesterday in the suit brought by Julia Walsh against the city of Scranton for damages to her property by the overflow of the Pine Brook sewer in July, 1892. There are several other property owners having suits against the city for the same cause, and the outcome of the Walsh case, which was the first one tried, was awaited with a good deal of interest. The plaintiff alleged that his property was damaged by the water to the extent of $600.

Before Judge McClure in No. 2 court room the defendant's side of the case in the $50,000 trespass suit of David G. Jones against the Delaware and Hudson Canal company was opened yesterday. The engineer, Mr. Gritman, of Wilkes-Barre, who was in charge of the locomotive of the train that caused the accident, was on the stand when court adjourned, and he was being cross-examined by Major Everett Warren.

He will be recalled this morning for further cross-examination. The story told by him shows the line of defense. He maintains that the train was moving along slowly when the carriage containing Hughes and Jones was struck and that he succeeded in coming to a full stop the length of a caboose below the crossing. The last stop he made was at Green Ridge before coming to the Carbon street crossing and the engine was not using any steam coming down after making that stop, as it is down grade.

He Whistled for Brakes.

He did not see the carriage until the engine was on the crossing. The dome and sand box would obstruct his view in the direction of the north bound track. His fireman and the head brakeman of the train were riding in the cab and one of them shouted to him. He immediately reversed the engine and whistled for brakes. There were no air brakes on the train and it was made up of eighteen cars besides the caboose. After leaving Green Ridge the train was not to stop that night until it reached Mill Creek. The trip from Carbondale to Green Ridge was made in an hour. These facts were brought out on cross-examination.

The witness has been a freight engineer on the Delaware and Hudson road since 1888; before that he was a fireman and has been in the employ of the company since 1876 or thereabouts. He is perfectly familiar with all the crossings at grade between Wilkes-Barre and Carbondale, and in answer to a question by Major Warren, he admitted that the Carbon street crossing is the most dangerous along the entire division; that is when a person is traveling from the central city to the North End. The defense has twenty more witnesses to be heard.

Suit Over a Beer Bill.

In the main court room before Judge Gunster the assumpsit suit of H. Koehler & Co., of New York, against D. F. Kearney, of this city, is on trial. It was called when court convened in the morning. Attorneys Watson and Diehl are in the interest of the plaintiff and Attorneys T. P. Hoban and J. Elliot Ross represent the defendant.

The suit is brought to recover $3,000, alleged to be due as an unpaid balance for beer, ale and porter furnished to the defendant. Mr. Kearney contends that they are asking him to pay for goods that were not fit to be sold and which he could not dispose of. He admits owing part of the bill, but refuses to pay for 332 tons of ice he is charged up with at the rate of $2 per ton. This, he said, the company agreed to let him have gratis. The case will take up today and part of tomorrow.

In No. 3 before Judge Edwards the suit of A. B. Munn against Sarah Griffin was tried and given to the jury, but a verdict was not rendered at adjournment. Attorneys S. B. Price and H. M. Hannah represented the plaintiff and Attorneys J. Alton Davis and John B. Collings were for the defendant. About twenty-five years ago Aaron Griffin confessed judgment to the plaintiff and he afterward became a bankrupt. This cancelled all debts against his personal estate. He died in 1883.

Began an Action in Ejectment.

After his death his heirs began action in ejectment against Ambrose Mulley and others for a certain tract in the North End. The plaintiffs won and thereupon Mr. Munn tried to revive the judgment and collect it out of the property to which title was newly established by the ejectment suit. Judge Edwards ruled that the bankruptcy proceedings divested the judgment of its validity and he instructed the jury to find a verdict for the defendant. A rule for a new trial was forthwith granted and it will be argued before the three judges.

The suit of S. Armello against J. Arigoni and others was called next before Judge Edwards. Attorney R. A. Zimmerman represents the plaintiff and Attorney John F. Scragg, the defendant. The plaintiff had a check for $168 on Arigoni Ferdinando's banking institution and wanted to send the amount to his friends in Italy. He got $40 in cash and ordered a draft for $140 to be sent across the water. The draft never crossed the deep blue sea. Ferdinando's banker departed and converted the money to his own use. The case will go to the jury this morning.

THEY TOOK A VACATION.

Members of Estimate Committee When Brought Face to Face with the Statement of Estimated Expenditures Take a Few Days to Think.

The estimates committee organized last night by electing Charles F. Wagner, of select council, chairman. There were present besides the members of the committee City Controller Widmayer and City Clerk Lavelle.

The estimate of expenditures as presented by the city controller, was distributed in printed form by the city clerk. The committee decided to take some time to look into the estimates and so adjourned until next Monday evening without making any move to frame the appropriation ordinance.

The only new matter that came before the committee was a suggestion by Mr. Lauer that the proposed levy of thirteen and six-tenths mills be slightly increased by a special levy to provide for the purchase of the Reynolds and Canavan tracts adjoining Nay Aug park, upon which the options secured by the city expire in the spring. His suggestion did not meet with favor, however.

Mr. Keller expressed the opinion that there were more necessary demands than an addition to the park, and furthermore he stated that it would be better to improve the land that is now comprised in the park than to buy more. At all events the proposed addition can be secured at any time by condemnation proceedings, he stated, and possibly at a better figure than that at which it is now offered. His sentiments met the approbation of the members, who expressed themselves and Mr. Lauer himself did not further insist on his suggestions after the pulse of the committee was ascertained.

In regard to Tripp's park, Mr. Lauer said in answer to an inquiry of one of the committee that he had given up hopes of securing it this year. The trustees of the estate have promised to reserve the tract which Mr. Lauer designs for a park and will give the city an option on it in the near future.

DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS

Located in the Odd Fellows' Building on Wyoming Avenue.

The Democratic city committee has engaged two rooms and established a campaign headquarters on the second floor of the Odd Fellows' building on Wyoming avenue. The rooms will be open each day and evening until after election.

A Tribune reporter found the headquarters occupied by about twenty-five prominent Democrats at 8 o'clock last night. It had been announced that the gathering would be a conference of the executive and auxiliary committee and that the latter had been chosen Tuesday night in the office of C. G. Boland, the treasurer candidate. Mr. Boland and Mayoralty Candidate Bailey told the reporter that the names of the auxiliary committee could not be made public, as the list was not complete, and several changes would be made. They were unable to answer positively a question relative to whether the Democrats will conduct a speechmaking campaign; that, they said, would not be determined for several days.

Last night's conference was almost entirely devoted to giving suggestions and information to ward workers, and appearances indicated that the organization is well perfected.

STOLE A COBBLER'S SIGN.

James Conway Selects an Odd kind of Booty.

Some weeks ago James Conway, of South Seventh street, stole Cobbler George Phillips' sign from in front of his shop on South Washington avenue and sold it to an Italian mender of soles for 30 cents. The sign was recovered and a description of Conway secured from the Italian. A warrant was sworn out and last night the culprit was arrested and arraigned before Alderman Millar, who held him in $300 bail for his appearance at court. In default he was committed to the county jail.

He was locked up over night in the police station at the request of his father, who said he could secure bail in the morning.

Meeting of Elks.

A regular meeting of Scranton Lodge No. 123, B. P. O. E., will be held this evening at eight o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

W. S. GOULD, Secretary.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Pitiful Story of Suffering of a Young Married Couple.

TRAMPED FROM BALTIMORE

Begged Food, Slept in Barns and While Stricken Down with Fever the Husband Drinks Lackawanna River Water in Large Quantities.

The police station is a channel through which many a pitiable story is brought to light but it is seldom that a sadder one is related there than that which was told yesterday afternoon by a young married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks, who arrived there about 3 o'clock seeking shelter and care.

The husband is a strongly built, honest looking man and the wife is good looking and of a refined appearance. Both tell a straightforward story and gave no cause for the slightest suspicion that they were exaggerating.

During the big strike in Chicago there was a lull in the bridge building trade which Brooks followed, and having put by a little money he decided to strike out to better his fortunes. He went first to Steelton and then to Baltimore. He worked at his trade in the latter city until he lost his job through the dullness of the times and then having spent his savings, went to work on an oyster boat. Five days of this hard life was all that he could stand and finally, without money or friends, in desperation he and his wife started to walk to their home in Chicago.

Two weeks ago they left Baltimore, and with the exception of a few lifts along the road by kind hearted wagoners they walked the entire distance, begging food wherever they could get it and sleeping in barns at night.

Unable to Go Any Further.

The husband contracted a heavy cold while working on the oyster boat and the exposure of the journey threw him into a fever. The wife's limbs become swollen from the tramping and she also took a heavy cold and on Monday night they found themselves about four miles below here unable to go any farther.

They applied to a party living along the road for permission to sleep in his barn but he told them to go to Scranton and see the poor authorities. This to them was a physical impossibility so they sought shelter in a tool shanty on the railroad which according to their description must be in the neighborhood of Taylor. Here they were found yesterday by a party of young men who were going skating who did everything in their power to alleviate their sufferings and helped them to an electric car and paid their fare to the city.

Arrived at the station house the husband utterly collapsed and was seized with violent vomitings. Mrs. Duggan hastily summoned Dr. Fulton, the police surgeon and he directed that the man be taken to the hospital as soon as possible and advised that the woman be given care and nourishment. The husband had a high fever which the doctor easily explained after his diagnosis, but the extremely violent vomiting and retching with which he was constantly subject to puzzled the doctor until after some questioning he learned that the man in order to satisfy his feverish thirst had on the previous night drank twelve pints of water which his wife carried to him from the river. As it was unmistakably the Lackawanna river to which they referred the doctor easily understood the tumult in the poor fellow's stomach.

Taken to the Hospital.

Brooks was taken to the Lackawanna hospital and his wife was cared for by the Girls' Friendly society.

Neither one of them had eaten anything substantial in four days. They said that they could not have eaten anything even if they had it and when a sympathetic officer offered to go out and secure some food they stayed him with the remark that they were too sick to eat.