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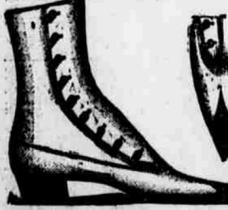
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PERSONAL.
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James McLeod are in New York.
Dr. C. L. Frey has returned after a few days' visit in Philadelphia.
Mrs. Helen T. Clark, of Northumberland, is spending a few days in the city.
Miss Susie Kitchen, of Nanticoke, is visiting Mrs. D. S. Cobb, of Marion street.
Mrs. William Kellow has moved to New York, where she will make her home in future.
William Freeman and Clem Marsh leave today for a fishing excursion along the Lehigh.
Rev. J. P. Moffatt, of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, spent yesterday at Weatherly.
Frederick Paulding and Mrs. J. Paulding Dodge, of New Rochelle, N. Y., were guests at the Wyoming yesterday.
Misses Hannah and Stella Magrann, of Binghamton, who have been the guests of Miss Lizette Reedy, returned home yesterday.
John James, a western journalist, now traveling representative for the Salt Lake Herald, is in the city and is viewing the attractions of the valley of black diamonds in company with his friends, T. J. Davies, Mrs. Bae, and Professor Hayin Evans. In addition to his work in newspaper fields Mr. James takes great interest in musical matters, and an secretary of the Salt Lake orchestra, at which Professors Davies and Evans acted as adjudicators last August, was practically at the head of the great musical event. This is Mr. James' first visit to the Lackawanna valley and he seems to have been very favorably impressed with the thrift and enterprise of the Electric City.

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ARSON CASE IS ON TRIAL

John S. Luce and W. G. Bateman Arraigned Before Judge Archbald.
TESTIMONY THAT WAS HEARD
Offered on the Part of the Commonwealth and is of a Circumstantial Nature. Prosecution Has Twenty Witnesses Yet to be Heard.

John S. Luce and W. G. Bateman were put on trial in court room No. 2 yesterday morning before Judge Archbald. The charges against them are an attempt to commit arson, and the case is the one growing out of the fire in the Howley building on the corner of Penn avenue and Mulberry street on Monday night, Oct. 22, 1894. Assistant District Attorney John M. Harris, Hon. John P. Kelley and Joseph O'Brien are conducting the case for the commonwealth and the defendants are represented by Everett Warren, Attorney A. J. Colborn, Jr., Attorney George S. Horn, Attorney John F. Scragg and Attorney J. C. Durbin, of Harrisburg.

The work of selecting a jury was begun at 10:30 and it took an hour before the following twelve were agreed upon: D. G. Miller, farmer, Covington; Charles Noack, farmer, Madison; A. L. Storm, farmer, Covington; Michael Mullen, laborer, Scranton; James E. Evans, salesman, Scranton; George P. Normie, fireman, Scranton; Christ Knutson, contractor, Scranton; Fred Schuman, salesman, Scranton; Oscar P. Stoll, salesman, Dalton; William George, Carbondale; Isaac Meade, farmer, Madison; E. N. Swartz, engineer, Scranton.

Mr. Kelley opened the case for the commonwealth with a recital of the facts and John J. Howley, who owns the building, was the first witness called to the stand. He described it as being a brick, three stories high, with basement and an attic. He leased the second and third floors to the Scranton Knitting company in August, 1894. The negotiations having been with Mr. Luce, who was general manager of the company, Bateman, Mr. Howley knew, was a foreman in the employ of the company, or at least was supposed to be such. He was not long on the stand when court adjourned.

JURY CANNOT SEPARATE.
At the noon adjournment the jury was placed in charge of Tipstaffs Ritter and Tierney, and they will not be allowed to separate until the case is disposed of. Arson is a common law felony, and one of the high grade crimes.

Thomas Norton, the one who first saw the fire, was put on the stand in the afternoon. He testified that his home from the Crystal Engine house at 9:30, and when he got close to the Howley building smoke was issuing from the upper windows. He retraced his steps to the engine house and prepared with others who were there to get the engine out. In his opinion the fire was burning but a very short time when he discovered it.

D. J. Newman, of the Crystals, was sworn. After the fire was extinguished he inspected the upper part of the building to make sure that the flames were not smoldering and he saw that the gas jets were turned on. He found cotton waste stuffed into holes in the floor. Chief Engineer Ferber, of the fire department, was the next witness. He gave an account of the second and third floors after the fire was extinguished. There was a hole in the floor into which was stuffed cotton waste; the gas jets were open and the gas was escaping. On the second floor the fire was burning in the wainscoting on the Mulberry street side of the building near the gas meter, and while some of the firemen were out the woodwork, some one from behind removed a large dry goods box from its position on the floor about fifteen feet away from the side of the building. Under the box was a hole about eight inches by two feet, and into it was packed a heap of cotton waste saturated with kerosene oil. There was another hole covered with the same under the stove and a large heap of cotton waste was in this also.

WASTE OFFERED IN EVIDENCE.
The chief removed the waste, put it in a bucket and gave it in charge of Chief of Police Simpson. The stuff was examined and identified. Mr. O'Brien then offered it in evidence.

Harvey R. Long, of the Crystal company was called after Chief Ferber. He was sworn and testified that he saw the fire and was the first to enter the building. On entering the Mulberry street door which led to the Knitting factory he found his progress along the stairway and the doors leading into the second and third floors barred and had to force his way in to get at the fire. Some of the pipemen used an ax to batter in the door. Mr. Long described the fire and the open gas jets, as well as the holes in the floor filled with oil saturated cotton waste.

Engineer J. W. George, of the Chemical company and Permanent man Thos. Conlon of the Hook and Ladder company, were on the second and third floors after the fire was out and they testified to the condition of the place and the unmistakable evidence of an attempt to burn the building.

A. J. Brown, of the firm of Howley Brothers, was the last witness of the day. He testified substantially to what was already told about the case and said that he went with Martin Handley to Mr. Luce's house in Green Hill street the last car that night to see him about the occurrence. He came down with them to the police station and was considerably agitated. He denied all knowledge of the fire and affected to be surprised when he heard about it. Mr. Howley gave a thorough description of the stairways and floors of the building so that the jury could understand how it was laid out. He said it is somewhat different now, as the fire necessitated a remodeling and the upper floors were used as a factory at that time, now the second floor is used for a kindergarten school.

THE CASE WILL LAST ALL WEEK.
The case will not go to the jury before the end of the week. There are upwards of twenty witnesses yet for the commonwealth, among them being several girls who were employed in the factory. The evidence of the commonwealth is entirely circumstantial.

A. S. Taylor was tried in the main court room for breaking a fence owned by Justo Rodriguez. They are neighbors and live on Webster avenue. A verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury and the costs were placed on the prosecutor.

Patricia Egan, Maggie Sullivan, and Catherine Sullivan, charged with assault and battery on Patrolman Thomas W. Jones, were acquitted upon payment of costs. Verdicts of not guilty were also taken in the two cases where the first named defendants was charged with assault and battery on Dorothy and Annie Walters.

Two cases of embezzlement against James S. Drake were nolle prossed. The prosecutor was Samuel Leach. A verdict of not guilty was taken in the case of felonious wounding in which Michael Walsh was defendant and William Mulchrone prosecutor.

THIRTEEN PARCHMENTS.
Commissions of That Many Aldermen and Justices of the Peace.
Recorder of Deeds Charles Heuster received yesterday from the executive department at Harrisburg the commissions of thirteen aldermen and justices of the peace who were elected last February. Mr. Heuster desires the gentlemen to come forward and receive their commissions.

The thirteen commissions are for the following: John T. Howe, alderman of the Seventeenth ward; Frederick Fuller, alderman of the Sixteenth ward; John J. Ruddy, alderman of the Twentieth ward; George F. Kellow, alderman of the Fourteenth ward; Charles Beers, justice of the peace of Jefferson township; William Williams, justice of the peace of Carbondale township; E. J. Feeley, justice of the peace of Wayne borough; S. A. Reed, justice of the peace of Ransom township; Curtis E. Helmes, justice of the peace of Jermyon borough; John McCafferty, justice of the peace of Mayfield borough; J. L. Tinkhous, justice of the peace of Dalton borough; Gould Whitlock, justice of the peace of Newton township; and L. I. Bunnell, alderman of the Fifth ward of Carbondale.

Their terms will begin on the first Monday in May and are for five years.

COLBORN AND SCHEUER

Chosen to Represent Second District Republicans at the Convention.
QUAY'S CANDIDACY ENDORSED
Representative A. T. Connell Was Strongly Commended for His Good Work in the Legislature—Third District Convention.

At a convention of the Republicans of the Second legislative district held in the arbitration room of the court house yesterday afternoon A. J. Colborn, Jr., and John Scheuer, Jr., of the South Side, were chosen delegates to represent the district at the coming state convention at Harrisburg on April 23, and W. T. Hackett and Jacob Hans were named as alternates. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the candidacy of Senator Quay for the presidency and commending the work of Hon. A. T. Connell, the district's representative in the legislature.

It was 2:15 when Alderman W. S. Miller, chairman of the district committee, called the convention to order, and in the absence of the regular secretary, C. S. Seaman, named Emil Bonn as secretary, pro tem. Mr. Bonn read the call of the convention and the list of election districts. As he did so the delegates presented their credentials, showing that the following were present: Seventh ward, Third district—J. A. Winters, Eighth ward, First district—W. S. Miller, Second district, H. S. Post, C. C. Ferber, Ninth ward, First district—J. H. Hopkins, Tenth ward—Edward H. Wenzel, Jacob Hans, Eleventh ward, First district—Jacob Balbus, Emil Bonn; Second district, William Neegell; Third district, August Schmidt, Twelfth ward, First district—Louis H. Follen, Thirteenth ward, First district—T. B. Jackson; Second district, William Trip, Charles E. House; Third district, S. M. Sloat, Fourteenth ward, First district—A. E. Burdick, Charles Croham; Second district, W. A. St. John, Seth Bonney, Seventeenth ward, First district—George A. Hightower, M. J. Andrews; Second district, W. T. Hackett, G. H. Birdsall, Joseph Speicher, Nineteenth ward, First district—Charles Helm; Third district, George Imeldhof, Valentine Hoffman, Twentieth ward, Second district—Matthew Gard; Third district, James Shotten.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.
There were no contests and after the list of delegates had been read a committee on resolutions consisting of W. T. Hackett, J. H. Hopkins and J. F. Baumister was appointed. A recess of five minutes was then taken to allow the committee to prepare its report. The following resolutions were presented by the committee as its report and were unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the Republicans of the Second legislative district, in convention assembled, hereby endorse for president of the United States, the candidacy of William McKinley, Republican, Matthew Stanley Quay, as Pennsylvania's choice for the presidency.

Resolved, that the delegates elected at this convention be and are hereby instructed to endorse the candidacy of the state convention to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., April 23, 1896.

Resolved, that we express our hearty approval of the conduct of Hon. Alex. T. Connell, who represented this district in the legislature of Pennsylvania during the last session. His strong, fearless action in behalf of the interests of the district and this county call for special commendation on our part. His indefatigable efforts in favor of honest and necessary legislation and his many independence in opposing what was pernicious demonstrated better than any words of ours could the fact that in honoring him this district has honored itself. He is one of the most able, industrious and honest representatives which this county ever sent to the legislature.

STATE DELEGATES CHOSEN.
The next business the chairman announced was the nomination of delegates to the state convention. J. F. Baumister named A. J. Colborn, Jr., and Emil Bonn, on behalf of the South Side delegation, placed John Scheuer, Jr., of that part of the city, in nomination.

No other candidates were named, and Messrs. Colborn and Scheuer were chosen by acclamation. W. T. Hackett and Jacob Hans were named unanimously for alternates and then the convention adjourned.

On Thursday the Republicans of the Third legislative district will hold a convention in the court house. The primaries in that district were held yesterday between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m.

IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.

Result of the Primaries Above the Mountain.
At the primaries of the Third Legislative district yesterday T. H. Watts made a clean sweep of all townships above the mountain as candidate for delegate to the state convention over his opponent Willis Reese. The delegates elected in that part of the district were as follows: Waverly borough—Edward Parker, Albert Johnson, Dalton—Henry Decker, Samuel Shoemaker, Glenburn—John Northrup, Newton—Henry Van Camp.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Robert Downing and his company of artists headed by the incomparable leading lady, Edna May, will be seen at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening in the Saumet version of "The Gladiator" and his coming party will give the students an opportunity of seeing a production of Wallack and McCullough made their names in, and seeing it under circumstances which will be of the highest order that are the marvel of the leading critics of the country.

For some years past one of the most welcome attractions at our best play houses has been the Hanlon Brothers' startling spectacular play "Fantasma." It returns to the stage at the Academy of Music in a new dress, and with many new features. In the way of surprisingly new tricks, new mechanical devices and entirely new scenery, and with a magnificent company among whom are George H. Adams, the famous clown, Miles Rose Newham, who so ably plays the fairy queen and Miss Pauline Glidden, a most accomplished cornet soloist. "Fantasma" will be seen at the Academy Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Morris, whose production of "Michael Strogoff" will be given at the Frothingham on Saturday afternoon and evening never slights a city where only one performance is to be given and which in the theatrical parlance is termed a one night stand. He believes that an audience compliments an actor by attending his performance, and consequently the play should be as well done as it would be on the stage of a Broadway theater. Special prices of 25 and 50 cents will prevail for the matinee.

Augustus Piton's production of "Madame Sans Gene" in its English version will be given at the Frothingham Monday and Tuesday nights, April 20 and 21, with all of its original and costly scenery, elegant properties, empire furniture, brass-brace and hand-made tapestries. The production may be fairly credited as being one of the most important dramatic events of the present season. In the arrangement of the series of episodes which constitute the play, in the striking and glittering stage pictures and the cleverly conceived dramatic effects, the workmanship of that master of stage craft, M. Sardou, is apparent.

We are promised a really good variety show by the "Albion's New Meteors" and Si Hassen Ben Ali's troupe of Arabian acrobats, during the last half of this week at the Grand Hotel. The company is now at the Bijou theater, Binghamton, and is winning the most favorable notice of the papers and the community. The troupe of high-class comedy, specialties and great acrobatic work are the feature.

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