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THE CITY SUED. Six Property Owners of the Twentieth Ward Are After Damages. Six suits for damages against the city of Scranton were instituted yesterday afternoon in the office of Prothonotary Pryor by Attorneys I. H. Burns and M. J. Donahoe. The plaintiffs are Undertaker E. H. Jordan, John Wiplich, property owners on Cherry street, South Side.

Each claims he is damaged in the sum of \$1,000 by the flow of surface water upon their premises from a pipe drain on Stone avenue, which the city has negligently left for two years in a tumble-down condition. After every storm the quantity of water which pours in upon their lots, filling their cellars, destroying trees, shrubs, etc., in their gardens, and endangering the health of their families by the dampness consequent, is repeated, and although the proper authorities have been notified of the facts they have taken no pains to remedy it but allowed it to exist.

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BATEMAN IN THE STAND

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TRYING TO PROVE AN ALIBI

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor L. A. Watres' Testimony Shows That It Would Be a Loss to Burn the Factory for the Insurance Money.

An unusually large amount of testimony was heard for the defense yesterday in the Luce-Bateman arson trial and it was one of the most favorable character for the two men on trial. There was very positive evidence to show that Luce and Bateman were not near the Howley building at the time when the torch was applied, and it was quite generally conceded that the other array of effects presented by the defense will succeed in acquitting the men of the crime. Bateman was on the witness stand a long period during the early afternoon and his story was told in a very straightforward manner. The first witness called in the morning was R. W. Luce, father of Mr. Luce, one of the defendants. The machinery of the Knitting factory was worth \$2,500. He made way for ex-Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres, who was interested in the factory before he was sold to Mr. Luce. The transfer of the capital stock was made on July 23, 1894, to him. Mr. Watres said that at one time paid \$1,250 in cash for some machinery and the company again purchased \$4,000 worth more. There was, however, \$750 worth of the machinery sold, but after that the factory was valued at over \$6,000. They carried \$3,000 insurance. The company sold to Mr. Luce because it was not a paying investment. He was told that Mr. Luce conducted the business at a profit. Mr. Luce bought the business for \$1,000. Mr. Watres testified to Luce's good character.

R. W. LUCE RECALLED.

R. W. Luce recalled and he testified that when the insurance carried by the company before his son bought it had expired, he issued insurance to the amount of \$2,000 on the machinery, \$500 on the stock, and \$150 on the motor. Mr. Watres testified that the value of the machinery, the witness said in his judgment the stock was worth at least \$650. On the date of the fire the defendant was at the insurance until 5:30 p. m. Alderman Fred Fuller, of the Sixteenth ward, testified that the warrant for the arrest of Luce and Bateman was issued before him on Dec. 1, 1894, upon information sworn to by Chief of Police Simpson. Joseph L. McWhorter, superintendent of the Delaware and Western iron machine shops for twenty-eight years, testified that kerosene oil is used in the shops for thinning whale oil, for cleaning machinery, and for cleaning the hands of the machinists. He has known Luce from childhood and never saw or used kerosene oil in any form. Mr. W. Luce, of Olyphant, and James J. Lynch, of the same place, testified to Luce's good reputation. Johnson, store for over ten years. Jas. Collins, of Green Ridge, gave testimony concerning the Howley building the day employ by John J. Howley putting up an addition to the rear of the building.

MRS. HOWLEY'S TESTIMONY.

Mrs. Katie Howley, bookkeeper in the office of Luce & Son, testified that the defendant was there until 5:30 in the evening, when he went to the mill. Benjamin S. Lewis swore that he inspected the second and third floors the day after the fire and could see no signs of flames. On the fourth floor, however, a part of the woodwork was charred. He has known Mr. Luce for several years and testified to his good character. Alderman John T. Howe gave testimony to the good reputation of Mr. Luce as an honest and law-abiding citizen. Court at the state took a recess for dinner and Judge Archbald announced that the case would be resumed at 1 o'clock, and court would not adjourn until 5 p. m. Mrs. Bateman, one of the defendants, was called to the stand at 1 o'clock and he was kept there for nearly two hours. The first he knew of the fire at the Howley building was when he was in bed. George Kringsmith came in and told him the factory was on fire. He was not at the building at 9 o'clock that night and at 9 o'clock he was home and asleep. He denied that at 9:05 he collided against Miss Maggie Henderson, as she testified. The witness said that she and her husband were at home in Kressler court. Miss Henderson swore Bateman came hurriedly out of the Mulberry street entrance to the building that night and later that he ran against her as she was on her way home. She said he carried a coat on his arm. Bateman denied that he wore an overcoat that night and before the fire broke out at Scranton, which was about six weeks before.

USE OF KEROSENE OIL.

He said that kerosene oil was used to dilute machine oil and to polish the engine, as well as to clean grease spots off the hands of the workmen. For a week before the fire Luce had spoken to him quite frequently about devoting an evening to going to the factory and taking a confession from him. He said that he might know what material he would have to order for a busy winter season. Bateman knew of his own personal knowledge from being familiar with the books and papers of the Knitting company that there were enough of orders on hand to keep the factory going for a long time. Speaking about his incarceration in the office of Barring & McWeeney, he said that the most improved and the latest patented devices were employed to extort a confession from him. Keighron, the detective who guarded him, offered him liquor to drink and recommended it as a fine nerve restorer. Keighron pretended to be an ex-fall bird for arson, and he went on with a harrowing recital of prison life and of the convicts were forced to labor at the stone crusher all day in the boiling sun and they are refreshed at meal time with beautiful (?) soup.

BATEMAN SAW LUCE.

When Keighron had finished his graphic account of the routine of prison life, the door of the room opened and Bateman saw Luce in the next room in charge of a keeper. Keighron said that Luce had made a statement throwing all the blame on Bateman and he advised Bateman to no longer hold back what he knew about it, but tell the whole truth. To this Bateman answered that if an innocent man needed money and influence to set aside a charge of crime against him, then, of course, he having neither, would get soaked. This is the expression Bateman said he used and not the one imputed to him, which was that, "Luce has lots of money and can get free, but I'll get soaked." The witness told of the number of girls employed at the factory. There were sixteen or eighteen knitters, six or eight menders, one forelady, and four or five others. The factory at the time of the fire was operating on a busy basis. William Harper and John Lillibridge, prominent citizens of Blakely, were sworn as character witnesses and testified to Luce's reputation as an honest and law-abiding citizen. At this stage the case assumed a most important phase. A. C. Fuller, treasurer of the Scranton Stone works, was put on the stand. He swore that about 9:10 on the night of the fire he was on his way up Washington avenue, and at the postoffice he met Luce just

ANOTHER SMALLPOX SCARE

Residents of Jessup Are Worried Very Much.

FEAR A CASE EXISTS THERE

Dr. Lee, of the State Board of Health, Discovered Symptoms Among Polish Immigrants—Some of Them Bound for Jessup.

Health Officer Mahedy, of Winton borough, received a communication a few days ago from Dr. Lee, secretary of the state board of health, imparting the unwelcome news that among a batch of Polish immigrants that landed this week at the port of Philadelphia there are symptoms of a mild form of smallpox, and that some of the newcomers were en route for Jessup. Dr. Mahedy and Dr. Wilson, of that place, paid a visit of inspection to a district called "Hungarian Flats," which is situated near the Delaware and Hudson station in Peckville, and they were informed that a lately arrived Polisher, domiciled on the second floor of Andrea Smolnick's hotel, was ill and had symptoms of smallpox. They examined him and decided to put a placard on the house; but the notice was disregarded to the extent that the hotel was open for business and there was no diminution in the trade done at the bar. The most of his customers are foreign and the notice was probably as intelligible to them as if it were written in Volapuk. President Burke, of the borough council, is quoted as having stated that as soon as it is sure that the disease from which this particular patient is suffering is small pox, official action will be taken to have the house quarantined. Meanwhile the doctors are unable to agree upon whether it is the dread disease or not.

PATIENT WAS REMOVED.

The man has since been removed from Smolnick's hotel and is now in a thickly inhabited part of the "Flats." The residents of Jessup are considerably agitated concerning the matter, and much comment is expressed because the man was not taken in charge and cared for so that the contagion will not have a chance to spread. The small pox case at Priceburg a few months ago is a thing of the past. The patient is better and the scare is over. But immediate steps were taken there to prevent a possible spread of the disease by not allowing any persons to visit the house, or any of the people of the house to mingle with the people outside.

FANTASMA LAST NIGHT.

Hanson Brothers' Gorgeous Spectacle Received With Much Favor.

Hanson Brothers' "Fantasma" was given last evening at the Academy of Music before a large audience. It will be repeated this afternoon and evening. The spectacle has many new features this year and was presented with lavish scenic display and wealth of mechanical effects which has been characteristic of the Hanson production.

BEFORE JUDGE GUNSTER.

Samuel Mahedy Acquitted of Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons. A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of the commonwealth against Samuel Mahedy, of Misook, charged with carrying concealed deadly weapons, but he was directed to pay the costs. Two verdicts of not guilty were taken, one in the case of assault and battery against John Romo and George Churogoska; the other in the case of assault and battery by Joseph Griska on Special Officer John J. Boyd. The second week of the present term of criminal court will begin Monday. Judge Edwards will preside in the main court room and Judge Gunster in No. 2. There are two murder cases on the list; one is against Charles Kosloski, alias Fisher, for the death of Michael Ruszanski at Archbald, and the other is that of Samuel Toni, of Old Forge, for the death of John J. Rafter, of Green Ridge.

MUSICAL NOTES.

One of the most pleasing numbers on the programme at the Old Folks' concert on Monday evening was the rendition of Professor T. J. Davies' new song, "Out of the Deep," which was given by Levety Jones, the baritone. "Out of the Deep" is the latest composition by Mr. Davies, and is one that should take rank with the greatest songs written for concert work. Ellen Beach Yaw, the phenomenal soprano, will appear in concert supported by a talented company at the Frothingham on Monday evening, which will be followed by a musical in the hotel parlors, in which the Elm Park quartette will take part.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.]

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Editor of The Tribune. Dear Sir—Will you kindly give a free silver advocate space to show the dishonest position of the gold men? The cry for an "honest dollar," "Sound Money" and other like phrases are used for the same reason as the thief who cries "Stop thief!" to divert the attention of the public from themselves and thereby get the innocent party in the toils. The whole currency question resolves itself down to this, is it right or honest to change a contract after it is made, without the consent of all concerned? The answer must be, certainly not. The next question is, what is money, or what is the principal function of money? Something that will discharge a debt. The United States government in 1862 (the period of the first dishonesty) proclaimed to all its people if you go in debt to the extent of \$1, or any other amount, you can discharge the debt by the payment of 3-10 grains of gold, or 41 2/3 grains of silver, 3-10 fine for every dollar of your indebtedness—free and unlimited coinage of both metals, I defy and challenge contradiction from any man or woman on the face of the earth. Now, under the circumstances mentioned, millions upon millions of debts have been contracted, both public and private, and when the creditor asks or demands anything more valuable he is seeking to take an unfair advantage of the debtor, and yet these same people who set themselves up as the apostles of honesty have the temerity to say: "If we must have silver, make the ratio 32 to 1." What is the plain English of that? It is this: "We loaned you a dollar containing 41 2/3 grains of silver, but you must now pay us with one containing 32 grains." Away with such dishonesty! Any one who wishes and who has an unbiased mind can see through their gauzy, fallacious and dishonest arguments. The silver men ask nothing unfair or dishonest. They only ask the right to pay their debts under the same conditions they were contracted, viz.: free and unlimited coinage of both metals at the ratio of 16 to 1. Any other dollar is not an honest dollar. Respectfully yours, Willis H. Lawrence, Nesquehock, Pa., April 18.

JAMES COLLINS' FUNERAL.

Interment Was Made in Hyde Park Catholic Cemetery. The funeral of James Collins, of Phelps street, who was fatally injured on the Delaware and Hudson railroad Tuesday afternoon, took place yesterday afternoon. At St. Peter's cathedral funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Malone. The pall-bearers were: Thomas Clark, Henry J. Golder, Dennis Roche, Dennis Hartnett, John Devaney and Thomas Gerrity. Interment was made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

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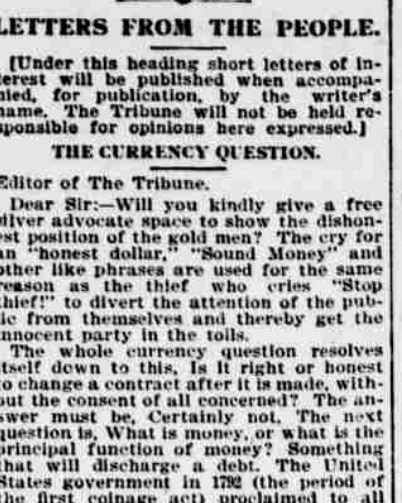
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