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PERSONAL. J. G. Hohan, of Wilkes-Barre, was in the city yesterday. Fred Mason, of Sanderson avenue, is entertaining Walter Ward, of Honesdale. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snyder, of Washington street, spent yesterday in Carbon-dale. Miss Cord and Hollie Summers have returned to their home in New York after visiting Mrs. William Stanton. Miss Mary Flanagan, of Greenwood, Susquehanna county, is the guest of the Misses Larkin, of the West Side. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foreman, of 811 Myrtle street, have been called to Monticello, Pa., to attend the conference of the Lutheran church, in session from Monday to Wednesday. Judge Alfred Hand and Colonel H. M. Poles leave today for Washington, D. C., as representatives to the International Arbitration convention, which holds its session from April 22 to 27. W. M. Barrett, general manager of the Pennsylvania department of the Adams Express company, and H. E. Huff, assistant superintendent of the same company, are at the Hotel Jermyn. F. O. McGeorge has returned from Atlantic City, where he spent Sunday. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fulton, of S. Mulberry street, was brightened yesterday by the arrival of a son. Pillsbury's Flour mills have a capacity of 17,500 barrels a day.

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THE FISHER MURDER TRIAL

Defendant Killed Michael Rotoski With a Chair.

THE CASE BEGUN YESTERDAY

It Is On Before Judge Edwards in the Main Court Room—A Sister of the Dead Man's Wife Describes the Blow.

Charles Kosloskie, alias Charles Fisher, was put on trial yesterday in the main court room before Judge Edwards for the murder of Michael Rotoski at the "Ridge" Archbald borough, on Monday, February 16, last. The charge against the defendant is the murder of the deceased with a chair. The case is being prosecuted by the commonwealth and attorneys W. Gaylord Thomas and C. C. Ballentine represent the defense. A month or so after Fisher was committed to jail he sent for Attorney John T. Martin and asked him to take charge of the defense. Mr. Martin came into court a week ago and said he could not be expected to undertake the case without compensation. The court allowed him to withdraw his appearance for Fisher and attorneys Thomas and Ballentine were assigned to look after the defendant's interests, as he has no money to engage counsel.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the task of selecting a jury was begun and it took until 2:30 in the afternoon to agree on twelve men who were opposed to capital punishment if it is warranted by the evidence. The jury is as follows: S. N. Benjamin, druggist, Scranton; Alexander Simpson, Jr., merchant, Scranton; Bennett King, farmer, North Abington; James H. Hopewell, merchant, Scranton; Howell G. Reese, miner, Scranton; Richard Merritt, farmer, Greenfield; Peter Flannely, laborer, Carbonade; Edward R. Price, gentleman, Scranton; John Conroy, miner, Carbonade; Timothy Holmes, engineer, Scranton; J. T. Evans, laborer, Scranton; Harry G. Dunham, cashier, Scranton.

KILLED WITH A CHAIR. At 12:25 District Attorney Jones opened the case to the jury and stated plainly and in a very simple manner what he expects to prove by the testimony of witnesses. He believed that it would be shown that the killing was willful and deliberate and a verdict of murder in the first degree is warranted. The wound which caused Rotoski's death was a fracture of the skull, inflicted with a chair. The blow was so violent that the bone was imbedded in the brain and the man died at 4 o'clock the next day. The story of the killing was told by three witnesses. Mrs. Mary Shamburskie was the first to testify. She is the widow of the dead man's wife. The house where the murder was done is a double tenement dwelling. She and her husband and family live in the part of the house on the other part. On the Sunday before the murder there was a christening at Valvok's and it continued until 4 o'clock and the liquid refreshments were consumed, but on Monday there was peace and quiet until Rotoski came in. Charles Fisher, the defendant, and his brother Michael and a few others were present. Rotoski had been in but a short time when his wife called for him to go and advised Rotoski not to heed her, that if his wife came after him like that he would immediately instruct her to return, or if she didn't he would proceed to show her that it would be to her interest to go. Rotoski was wavering, not knowing whether to go with his wife or stay. The defendant, who had remained in the background up to this point, came forward with an uplifted chair and struck Rotoski on the head and fractured the skull. He was hindered from continuing the attack when he got on the street he picked up a club and was going about like a roaring lion for a time.

THE DEAD MAN'S WIFE. Mrs. Rotoski, the dead man's wife, was next brought in to give testimony. The commonwealth's witnesses are not permitted to hear the testimony of one another to remove from them the temptation to make their stories dovetail. Mrs. Rotoski said she followed her husband to take him away from Valvok's house. When she went in and bade him come home Michael Fisher interposed and would not allow him to go with her. She did not remain more than a few minutes. In a short while thereafter the news reached her that there had been a shooting in which her husband had been struck by Charles Fisher. They brought her husband home and he died the next day at 4 o'clock.

CHAIR MIGHT HAVE DONE IT. Dr. Longstreet's opinion was that the blow by a blunt instrument and a chair such as was exhibited in court could have done it. The case will not occupy much time as the commonwealth's case is closed today. The chair is an ordinary house chair. On its legs are blood stains. District Attorney Jones showed the chair to Dr. Longstreet and asked him if the stains were those of human blood. He said they looked to be, but would not be positive without making a microscopic examination.

JURY HAS NOT AGREED. Luce-Bateman Jurors Still at Variance at Midnight. The Luce-Bateman arson case went to the jury at 5:30 yesterday afternoon and as the twelve men were retiring Judge Archbald said he would come in tomorrow to the tolling of the court house bell if they should arrive at a verdict before midnight. Up to that hour they had been unable to agree and they went to sleep. When court convened in the morning Attorney John F. Scragg began his argument for the defense. He dwelt upon the assumption that there could be no motive for the defendants to set fire to the factory for any benefit in the shape of insurance. While he spoke in his commendatory strain of the ability of Detective McSweeney, he roundly scolded him for the methods adopted in his investigation of the Howley fire, so far as his work of implicating the defendants was concerned. Attorney George S. Horn followed with the closing argument for the defense and he made an elaborate plea for acquittal. He went over the evidence offered by the defense in a skillful way and presented in a forcible style the story of the defendants.

ATTORNEY O'BRIEN'S ADDRESS. Attorney Joseph O'Brien argued last for the commonwealth. He took up the thread of circumstantial evidence and wove it into a fabric of guilt. One point he emphasized, and it was that

in no way could Luce and Bateman be ignorant of the preparation made to destroy the factory, for they admitted that they were at the factory until a few minutes before 8 o'clock on the night of the fire. The second and third floors were fixed up in elaborate style for a fire, and this could not have been done without the time Luce and Bateman left the factory and when the fire was started. Mr. O'Brien scoffed at the explanation made for the purchase of kerosene, Louis Storms, a boy employed at the factory, testified that he was never sent for this oil before and that the can he took to get it was the same one that he had often got machine oil in before. Mr. O'Brien said the only consistent explanation in the light of all the circumstances, for the use of the kerosene was that it saturated the waste which was stuffed in the holes in the floor.

CHARGE TO THE JURY. Judge Archbald occupied an hour and thirty minutes in his charge. He passed upon a number of law points submitted by the defense and told the jury that the testimony of good character was good evidence for their consideration. The charge was a model one. It comprised everything that the law and justice demanded in the case set forth clearly and logically and with an entire absence of technicality. No point was overlooked or so strongly pressed as to bias the minds of the jurors for or against the defendants.

FIRST COMMENCEMENT. Will Be Held at the John Raymond Institute on April 23. The first annual commencement of the John Raymond institute will occur on Thursday evening, April 23. A splendid programme of music has been arranged. E. B. Sturges will give a short address and the students who have passed a grade of 75 per cent. in scholarship and attendance will receive certificates. In connection with the exercises there will also be an exhibit of the work done by the students in all departments, which will be a revelation to many of our citizens. The public generally, both men and women, are cordially invited to attend these exercises, and to examine the work of the students.

AN ATTRACTIVE FEATURE of the evening will be the social hour, during which C. E. Douglas, the well-known ventriloquist and prestidigitator will entertain the students and their friends with some skillful exhibitions of his powers. Introducing some startling feats of magic, whistling, sawing and other duet at the same time. The musicians who will take part in the programme are Runyon Croft, Holcomb Dreyer, the Misses Black and Garagan and Messrs. Hanley and Allen. The full programme is as follows: PART I. 1. Sixty Minutes of Pleasure and Profit. 1. Male quartet. Messrs. Croft, Runyon, Dreyer and Holcomb. 2. Remarks by E. B. Sturges, esq. 3. Violin duet. Messrs. Hanley and Allen. Accompanied by J. M. Chance. 4. Presentation of Certificates and Gold Prizes to students. 5. Duets. Miss Black and Miss Garagan. PART II. 1. Sixty Minutes of Mirth and Magic. 1. Exhibition of Work done by Students. 2. Social Hour.

THE JURY'S VERDICT. Pliger Died from a Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound. Coroner Longstreet yesterday morning conducted an inquest on the body of William Pliger, who Sunday was found in a bed room in his house on Riecht street with the top of his head blown off. A verdict was returned that Pliger died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. There was no evidence to the contrary. The jury were: George Farley, 29, clerk; William H. Thayer, Fred Beaver, James Schultz and John Christ.

IN POLICE CIRCLES. Andrew and Annie Lodika and Mike McTabbage, the trio captured in the raid on "The Hotel" Sunday night, were each fined \$10 in police court yesterday morning, which they paid. Patrick Quinn, for raising a disturbance and breaking windows at 229 Broadway, was fined \$3 to Alderman Fuller in police court. A drunken man with a large cobble stone in his hand was chasing two little children on Frank's street yesterday afternoon, when Officer Dwyer chanced along and seeing the chase put spurs to his horse, overtaking the fellow as he was about to throw the stone. He was placed under arrest and locked up. To the officer he stated that the children had been tantalizing him and he would have killed them if he had caught them. James Boylan and "Cyclone" Kate" were given thirty days for their part in the Sunday morning fracas at Kelly's Patch. Michael Fallon is being held, as it is the intention of the child saving committee of the board of charities to bring him and his wife before the courts for neglecting to give their children any care.

RELIGIOUS WORK. The religious work has been successfully conducted during the past year by the several committees having it in charge. The Sunday meeting is usually addressed by some minister or prominent lay worker and occasionally it is conducted by the railroad men themselves. The Railroad Male chorus, under the leadership of Professor W. W. Jones, has rendered valuable service in these meetings and the association is under obligations to them. The most encouraging fact in connection

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. [Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied by publication by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.] A Card from John T. Watkins. Editor of The Tribune. Sir: On the eve of my departure for the Royal Academy of Music, London, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the friends in Scranton and throughout the county for their kind and substantial assistance in my behalf. I hope that my aspirations in the direction of a higher musical education and the expectations of my friends will not be disappointed. I will endeavor by hard and constant work to merit the confidence of the people. John T. Watkins. Scranton, Pa., April 20, 1896.

Card of Thanks. Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Through your paper I desire to return my sincere thanks to the many friends who assisted me by many acts of kindness after the death of my brother, Rudolph Myrshofer. In a special manner I must thank you for the independent Home company, of Dunmore. Mrs. Mary Hanaford. Scranton, Pa., April 20, 1896.

Not the Victim of Highway Men. Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There is no truth in the report published in this day's issue of The Tribune that I was "held up" at Continental and lost \$27. I have lived in the neighborhood twenty-nine years and never was "held up" nor robbed of any amount. Martin Joyce. Scranton, Pa., April 20, 1896.

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Anniversary of Railroad Young Men's Christian Association.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME GIVEN

Addresses Delivered by F. S. Goodman and G. A. Warburton, of New York. Annual Report of Secretary F. W. Pearsall.

Fifteen years ago yesterday the Railroad department of the Young Men's Christian association was formed and last night the anniversary was fittingly celebrated. The report of Secretary F. W. Pearsall, printed below, shows that the association is progressing in a gratifying and flourishing manner. The programme last night was an excellent one. The platform was decorated with potted plants, behind which sat the presiding officer, A. H. Masters, and General Manager W. F. Hallstead and Freight Agent William Frink, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. A. W. Dickson, of the guests of honor. The hall was filled with members, their wives and daughters, and many invited people. Baur's orchestra rendered an overture as the beginning of the celebration, and an anniversary hymn was sung afterward. A. W. Dickson offered prayer, after which the male chorus, consisting of W. Jones, F. D. Gloraz, J. H. Hartman, William Whitman and John Jones, sang "Annie Laurie." There was another selection by Baur's orchestra and the chairman introduced F. S. Goodman, secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association of New York city. Mr. Goodman presided in charge of the different departments and delivered an earnest and thoughtful address, encouraging the members and unfolding to them the advantages of being on the right side. A selection by the orchestra preceded the introduction of F. S. Goodman, general secretary of the New York State association.

His address was an appeal for uprightness and was interspersed with pleasing anecdotes. The choir sang "The Lights at Home," and the programme concluded with the Doxology. The hour was devoted then to the enjoyment of refreshments.

THE ANNUAL REPORT. Secretary Pearsall's report for the year ended is a careful review and is very interesting. It is as follows: The record of the year just ended is a record of work faithfully done by the committee in charge of the different departments. Much of the work has been done under difficulties which have been rendered more onerous by the efforts of our workers. Notwithstanding this, our workers show several encouraging facts. The hall used as a room for the year is better than during any previous year in its history. Two hundred and nineteen thousand five hundred and thirty-two dollars were received for the year, an average for every week of six hundred and thirty dollars. The membership for the year ended on December 31st, 1895, was three hundred and twenty-seven (327). Together with this increase in the six months of the year just ended, an increase of one hundred and eighty-one books in the use of the library from which 1,154 books were drawn last year and 1,231 this year, an increase of 77 per cent. The library was used by 294 of our members. The figures also show a slight increase in the number of the Sunday meetings and at the member's rallies. It began the year with 57 members and that number was gradually increased until on Dec. 1, 1895, we reported 52.

NEED OF A BUILDING. Probably two hundred of these men joined with the expectation that the Railroad department would secure a new building to accommodate its large membership. In this they were disappointed and from the first of December, 1895, the membership has fallen to three hundred and eighty-two. The normal membership for a building such as we now occupy is not over three hundred and it will not be surprising if the membership drops to that figure unless a new building is forthcoming. It is not surprising that men who joined to secure the privileges announced in our printed matter should fail to renew their membership when it is often impossible to get a seat in our reading room and social room on Saturday for two tub baths and one shower are entirely inadequate to supply the demand upon them. Lack of accommodations is largely, if not entirely, responsible also for the falling off in the attendance at the educational classes. The room was used as a class room during the winter and it has been necessary many times to ask the members to leave their names in order to begin the class exercises. Of course such conditions are not favorable to growth and the result is shown in a decrease of about 40 per cent. from last year's attendance when the classes were held in the large room which it has been necessary to use for other purposes during the past winter. The work done by the classes has helped to make the pupils better employees and those who have attended have testified their appreciation of the tuition given. A former member of one of the classes expressed a high appreciation of the value of the instruction given in the mechanical drawing class and said that those of his men who took the course were made better workmen and that he noticed the difference in the work done in his shop.

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with out work at the present time is the increasing number of railroad men who have been led into active Christian service and who are giving of their time and talents to increase the efficiency of the work of the Railroad Department among their fellow railroad men and in the work of these men and of our committee members generally which has achieved a measure of success during the past year. Early in the year apparatus was secured and a class organized in physical culture. The large hall was used for class work and a competent leader was secured. The attendance at fifty-three class drills averaged fifteen. This experiment with our apparatus and under unfavorable conditions has shown conclusively that with a fairly equipped gymnasium a strong physical work could be conducted.

TO WHOM THANKS ARE DUE. The finances of the association are in good condition. The year began with a balance of \$23.84. The year closes with all bills paid and \$554.62 balance in the treasury. The thanks of our association are due to the management of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad for their continued support of our work, to the ministers and lay workers of the city who have rendered such valuable assistance in our religious meetings, the ladies who served as patronesses of the oratorio that was given on April 6, George H. Clark, Aaron V. Howe and many other friends to whom we are so largely indebted for favors rendered. The need of our work is pre-eminently a new building. The work has suffered during the past year because of the poor accommodations in which we have been given much that has been gained in the past two years will be lost. We give our hearty thanks to the giver of all good gifts for the blessings of the past year and look to Him for the aid that is so much needed at this time.

WEBB-MOORE MARRIAGE.

Groom is a Scrantonian and the Bride is from Glenburn. In the North End last evening the marriage of Miss Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, of Glenburn, formerly of Scranton, to William Webb, a clerk in Brown's Bee Hive, was solemnized. It was a very quiet affair. Mr. and Mrs. Webb left on the night train for Philadelphia on their wedding tour.

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