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PERSONAL.

Dr. H. B. Ware is in Philadelphia. Colonel H. A. Coursen goes to Harris-burg today.

Miss Mary Bristol has returned from visit to New York. Rev. Dr. James McLeod will return to-day from a visit in New England. Mrs. Thomas, of the firm Leah Jones & Co., and trimmer, are in New York in the interest of the firm.

Rev. C. E. Robinson, who has been in Dansville, N. Y., attending a funeral, will return home today. Announcement is made of the engage-ment of Miss Kathryn Winton, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Winton, to Dr. G. D. Mur-ray.

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were 38 to 50 cents, now 25 cents. Mears & Hagen. Alarge Jud ment. Postmaster M. F. Corcoran, of Dur-yea, filed a judgment note of \$7,000 against his father, ex-Councilman Pat-rick Corcoran, of the Twentieth ward, in the office of Prothonotary Pryor yes-

terday and had an execution entered up. Colonel F. J. Fifzsimmons is at-torney for the plaintiff. AVOID PNEUMONIA, diphtheria and typhoid fever, by keeping the blood pure, the appetite good and the bodily health yigorous by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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IMPORTANT EQUITY Scranton Gas and Water Company is

EVIDENCE TAKEN YESTERDAY

Defendant.

Judge McPherson, of Harrisburg is the Chancellor-Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and Others Are the Plaintiffs.

Evidence was taken yesterday in one of the most important equity suits instituted in Lackawanna county. The Scranton Gas and Water company is defendant and there are three plaintifits, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company: the Esthlehem South Water defendant and there are three plaintifis, the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company; the Bethlehem South Water company, and Samuel Wallace and others, of White Haven. Judge John B. McPherson, of Harrisburg, one of the ablest jurists in the state, is presiding. The hearing began at 2.30 yesterday afternoon in No. 2 court room. The plaintiffs are represented by Attorneys William E. Doster, of Bethlehem; Samuci Dickson and George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, the latter being one of the authors of Pepper & Lewis's digest of the laws of Pennsylvania. Ex.Justice Alfred Hand, ex-Judge H. A. Knapp, and W. J. Hand, esq., appeared for the defendant. There was a number of prominent men from out of town present as witnesses.

Mr. Pepper opened the case in a comprehensive manner for the benefit of Judge McPherson. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation company was chartered in 1818, and it obtained the right to the use of the waters of the Lehigh river from its source to Paston. at which

use of the waters of the Lehigh river from its source to Easton, at which place it flows into the Delaware river. The company had the right to divert water enough from the river for canal purposes, but was forbidden to take as much as would render the Lehigh un-

much as would render the Leagh unnavigable.

Another charter right was that the company could lease at any point along the course the privilege to any person or corporation of taking, storing, or using a part of the water for any purpose such as milling, manufacturing and so forth; reaviled, however, that using a part of the water for any purpose such as milling, manufacturing and so forth; provided, however, that there would not be any interference with navigation. Two canals were built, one 42 miles long, called the Lehigh canal, beginning at Weissport and running to Mauch Chunk; the other beginning at Bristol and extending to Easton, a distance of 60 miles, and called the Delaware canal.

CONSTRUCTED A DAM. From time to time the towns along the river from White Haven to Easton began using water from either the canal or river for one purpose or an-other. Some time prior to October. 1895, the Scranton Gas and Water com-pany purchased a large tract of land along the Lebigh at Gouldsboro in this county, and in October the construction of a large dam on this tract of land was begun. It is now finished and about forty acres are submerged by water of an average depth of eight feet. The water from this dam is pumped by means of a large pumping station through a 2-foot pipe line 7,500 feet long, to the head waters of the Roaring brook down which the water is carried to this city and used in supply-ing the people of Scranton and vicinity. When the purpose of the Gas and

When the purpose of the Gas and Water company was disclosed the equity suits were instituted, first in Wayne county, in which place it was decided that this county was the proper place to bring such action. Accordingly the papers were filed here last November. The plaintiffs desired the Gas and Water company to be enjoined from taking any of the water of the Lehigh. They alleged that the legislature granted the Lehigh company the exclusive right to all the water of the river, and the taking away of a portion of it by the Gas and Water company of it by the Gas and Water company was diminishing the supply and by that causing a loss to the people along the river to Easton, who at certain periods

their use.
The Gas and Water company answered the bill of complaint by saying that they purchased a large acreage of land in Gouldsboro, and by virtue of a right that no one can deny them they built a dam upon it. That they proposed simply to have it as a storage reservoir and to fill it in time of freshet and high water, not to interfere with the ordinary and common flow of the stream. That this water which they would store in their dams would be gathered instead of being allowed to go to waste. They have a riparian right and they were only availing them-selves of it is what they claim.

WATER IS LEASED. Superintendent Ruddle, of the canals of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, who lives in Mauch Chunk was the first witness called. The testi-mony was taken by Court Stenographer H. H. Coston. Mr. Ruddle explained how the water is leased from White Haven to Easton. The town of White Haven depends largely on the river for industry and solely for water supply. A considerable portion of the men are employed in storing ice which forms on dams supplied from the river. Mauch Chunk depends upon the Lehigh for

lighting and street car service. Lehighton and Weissport derive power for lighting and for planing and lumber mills. At Parryville there are furnaces; at Catasauqua the town is supplied and so is the Crane Iron works; and so on down to Easton, the towns, and villages are dependent largely upon the water of the river. Mr. Ruddle said the water was so low in the canals a part of last year that it was difficult to carry on business.

W. F. Yarrington, civil engineer of the Lehigh company, was called to give estimony concerning the location of

the dam at Gouldsboro.

Superintendent Neyer, of the Bethle-hem South Gas and Water company, testified that the company is a lessed of the Lehigh company and there is no ther source of water supply in Bethle-

nem than the river.

A. S. Schropp, secretary of the Bethlehem Iron company for the past thir-ty-two years, was examined. He testi-fied that the works cover an area one and one quarter miles in length by a quarter of a mile wide and usually em-ploy 4,500 men. The works use 15,000,-00 gallons of water every twenty-four hours and the only source of supply is the canal or river. There is a small spring, he said, from which drinking water is piped, but the Lehigh is the only source for manufacturing pur-

OTHER TESTIMONY. Superintendent Ruddle was recalled and gave some statistics about horse-power and volume, etc. Justice Hand asked him what effect it would have on the Lchigh stream if it takes only five hours to fill the dam of the Gas and Water company during a winter flood Water company during a winter flood. iddle thought the effect would be

very slight.

Jerome Scott, of White Haven, was heard. He is 58 years old, and in his early days he navigated the Lehigh river. He was in the log business, and by means of natural and artificial floods carried his logs down sream. The noods carried his logs down sream. The volume of water has greatly diminished since then. In those days the floods were more gradual and prolonged; now they come with a rush and disappear quickly. He ascribes it to the cutting away of the forest. Then it was a wilderness of timber, now it is almost hare.

while the property of the plaintiffs, was the last witness called. He simply testified that it is essential for the people of White Haven to be supplied without any diminution from the present volume. The hearing will be resumed at 5 o'clock this morning. when the plaintiffs will offer further

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

What promises to be the most notable musical event of the season at the Academy of Music will be the appear-ance next Thursday night of the Lillian Russell Opera company in the newest consic opera success by Stange & Ed-wards, entitled "The Goddess of Truth." It is, however, not so much the opera that creates interest in this en-gagement, as is the fact that this is the first appearance in this city of the fair Lillian in a double role wherein fine dramatic ability is of almost as much importance in one character as is her great singing qualities necessary for the other. Miss Russell has been enthusiastically lauded for the merit of her assumption of two such widely dierent characters, and her singing and acting in this opera have been pro-nounced superior to any of her other efforts in kind. Miss Russell is surrounded by an excellent company, while the chorus is ample and adequate for the production.

With Patti as the last of that European quartette constellated in the musical sphere of the present century; musical sphere of the present century; with a revival of grand opera during the past few years; with Melha, Schalchi, and Calve, and other foreign talent; with the American prima donna still inchoate in the studios of France, what can we show that of all people who are among the foremost exponents, patrons—aye, executants—of the higher art. We can show this, that before the century closes America will have taken her place in the lyric world beside ev-ery other nation. The unfolding, nurtured genius in the studios of Marchesi, D'Albani, Spigliari, Massenet, Delle Sedie, and Bax, attests what American young women are destined to do in hu-man vocalization. The instance of Eames and Sanderson in opera, and Yaw in grand concert, is forceful in its suggestion of what this continent will produce as a crowning sunset to the century Miss Yaw, supported by dis-tinguished artists, will be heard in concert at the Frothing and on Friday evening for benefit of Company B.

Thirteenth regiment. At the Prothingham Saturday alget Effic Ellsler, one of the most distin-guished of American actresses, will appear as Camille. This engagement can pear as Camine. This engagement can scribely full to be an occasion of spe-cial interest. The play will be tarteful-ly mounted and the costuming unusually mounted and the costuming unusual-ly magnificeat. Of Miss Ellsjor It is unnecessary to speak. She is recog-nized as one of the greatest actrosses on the stage; quiet, yet effective; in action always natural. She gives to her impersonations on appearance of realism as satisfactory as it is artistic. The supporting company leaves little to be desired, as the following list will show: Frank Weston, Holbrook Blinn John A. Ellsler, George D. Baker, An-drew Hitchcock, E. J. Powers, J. W. Castle, William Justin McCarthy, Beatrice Dauncourt, Barbara Stannard. Marion Ruth Benson, Bessie Lea Les-tina and others.

Manager Burg-uder, of the Academy of Music has closed arrangements for the appearance of the Sages, hypnotists, at his theater. They were in Wilkes-Barre last week and gave one of the most pleasing and mystifying entertainments ever of ered to the peo-ple of that city. It is probable that the engagement of the Sages will open at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, May 17.

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W. J. Welsh Refused to Vote for Professor Howell-Salary of Superintendent Taylor Increased to \$3000. Professor Houser Promoted

Professor George Howell was yester-day re-elected to the office of superin-tendent of schools for a term of three years. He had no opposition. When Professor Howell was first elected sev-

eral months ago it was to fill the unex-pired term of Professor George W. Phillips. The meeting of the school controllers of the city to elect a superintendent was called to order at 2 p. m. by Presi-dent George Mitchell and it was found that all of the members were present, except George Carson, of the Fifth ward. F. L. Wormser moved that the salary of the superintendent be fixed at \$2,500 and this was agreed to without opposition.

President Mitchell called for nominations for superintendent and Benson

Davis, of the Fourth ward, named Pro-fessor Howell. He did not make a speech, but simply contented himself with naming his choice. A. L. Fran-cels and T. J. Jennings seconded the Mr. Jennings said that it was his privilege several months ago to nom-inate Professor Howell for the office which he has since filled with such ability. It gave him great pleasure now to second the proposition to re-elect him for three years. Professor Howell, he said, was a profound scholar, a great disciplinarian and a man who possessed the courage of his convictions. He would bring the schools of this city to a standard of efficiency second to none in the state. John Casey moved that the nominations close, and as no one evinc-

ed a disposition to name any one to oppose Professor Howell, the motion was agreed to. "How will we vote for the candidate," asked the chairman.
"Call the yeas and nays," promptly replied W. J. Welsh, the member from

ward was reached Mr. Welsh arose and said that he would probably be the only one to vote against Professor Howell, but, nevertheless, he wanted his vote recorded against him. "Vote for some one," chimed in Her-man Nets.

man Notz.
"I don't have to," somewhat warmly repiled Mr. Weish turning toward Mr. Notz. "I might vote for you, but then you'd be a very poor substitute, so I

Mr. Notz laughed, Mr. Welsh thumped the desk and with a "record my vote against Professor Howell," sat When the roll call was finished it was disclosed that all of the members had voted for the candidate save Mr. Welsh.

The meeting then adjourned. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT County Superintendent of Schools J. C. Taylor was re-elected yesterday morning for three years, and his salary was raised from \$2,000 a year to \$3,000. Mr. Taylor's election was unanimous, but the vote on the proposition to increase his salary was not unanimous and it engaged and puzzled the direct-

ors for an hour.

The law prescribes that a county superintendent of schools shall be elected every three years on the first Tuesday in May by the school directors of the districts over which he has supervision. A majorate of the directors present in convention is sufficient. In Lackawanna county the directors of Scranton. Carbondale and Dunmore are not qualified to vote in the selection of a county superintendent as each of these have district having a population of 5,000 upwards may choose a superintendent

for that district.

There are 220 directors in the county, evclusive of Scranton, Carbondale and Dunmore. All that answered to the roll call when the convention was called to order by Superintendent Taylor at 10 o'clock in the main room of the court lo o'clock in the main room of the court house, was 122, a little more than half. George W. Beemer, superintendent of the Hillside home, is president of Newton school district, and he was nominated and chosen chairman of the convention. Morgan M. Williams, of Taylor; C. D. Sanderson, of Throop; William Walker, of Mayfield; and William Repp, of Old Forge, were chosen vice-presidents. Edwin H. Ritter, of Elakepresidents. Edwin H. Ritter, of Blakely, was chosen secretary; and George E. Stevenson, of Waverly, and William Lavin, of Fell township, were chosen

SALARY QUESTION. The salary question was first taken up. Griffith T. Davis, of Greenwood, president of the Lackawanna township district, advecated an increase for the superintendent. Mr. Davis explained that the annual expenses amounts to \$500 and when this is taken from his salary it reduces it year much The solary it reduces it very much. The business of the schools has increased so much with the past seven or eight years that it is only just, he said, that a corresponding increase should be made in the pay of the officer who devotes his time to the duties.

A motion was made that the salary be raised from \$2,000 a year to \$2,500. This was amended to \$3,000. Before Mr. Beemer had time to state the

amendment there were a dozen on the floor calling for recognition and infor-mation. At length when parliament-ary usage was restored, the amendment was put and then followed a lively de-

was put and then followed a lively de-bate.

The result of the roll call showed that 69 voted in favor of the increase and 38 against it. A loud-lunged direc-tor from the rear got up and registered a vigorous kick against the vote. He said he had not voted at all, but was sure that a good many voted in the affirmative who thought they were vot-ing on the original motion. Dr. N. C. Mackey coincided with the speaker and made a motion to reconsider. Mr. Ste-venson, of Waverly, arose and said that he had not heard any of those advocate he had not heard any of those advocate reconsideration who voted in the af-firmative. The motion to reconsider was lost by the vote, 72 to 23.

MR. TAYLOR NAMED. The election of a superintendent was next in order, and J. W. Cure, of Greenfield township nominated Mr. Taylor. Dr. Mackey seconded the nomination and as there were no other names placed before the convention, the roll was called and Mr. Taylor was elected without a dissenting vote It was within a few minutes of noon, and Mr. Taylor made a speech until the clock struck twelve, in which he thanked the directors cordially. He presented an invitation to them to go out with him to dinner and the convention adjourned ELECTION AT DUNMORE.

The Dunmore school board met last evening and elected Professor Houser to succeed Professor J. E. Williams as superintendent of schools. Professor Williams tendered his resignation several weeks ago. Professor Houser has for two years been principal of the Dunmore high

school. Lost in New York Repeated. "Lost in New York" was repeated at the Academy of Music last night before a good sized audience. The excellent work of the members of the company and the entertaining specialties were received with much favor. The en-

gagement will close with tonight's per-formance. Will Be Rearrested. Alderman Millar, having failed to render his opinion in the Frothingham por-tice case within the specified ten days, will have Mr. Frothingham re-arrested today and will then make decision.

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