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PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. F. Hallstead is very ill at her home, on Wyoming avenue.

went to Freeland yesterday to attend the arnual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of this diocese. Dur-ing his absence John H. Blackwood will be city editor of the Times.

HIS NECK WAS BROKEN.

James Conroy, of Mauch Chunk, In- Barnum & Bailey's Show the Only stantly Killed.

Freight Conductor James Conroy, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was instantly killed in the West Lack-awanna avenue yard at 2 o'clock Mon-day afternoon. His head was caught under the beam of a deralled car and the ground and his neck was broken. It was a freight car and a force of men were at work replacing it on the track. The blocking gave way and he was caught.

Conductor Conroy lived at Mauch Chunk and is survived by a wife and one child. He was 35 years old and a very careful employe of the read. The remains were taken to Mauch Chunk on one of the afternoon trains the same

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Framing Amendments to the Municipal Act of 1889.

ELEVEN CITIES ARE REPRESENTED

The Need of Changes and Additions to the Present Law Clearly Shown by the Many That Are Suggested. Mr. Torrey's Act Approved -- Solicitors Who Are in Attendance.

Solicitors from eleven third class cities of Pennsylvania, composing a committee appointed to revise and amend the act of 1889, met yesterday in the select council chamber at the city hall and began their arduous task which will probably keep them in session two days.

This committee was evolved out of the March convention of city officials in Reading. All matters brought up beforethat convention were referred to the solicitors, who constituted themselves into a committee and arranged to meet in this city, consider the various met in this city, consider the various sug-gestions overed, embody them, or such of them as were approved of, in a sup-plemental act and present the same to a convention to be held in Williamsport in the fall, to which all city officials will be invited.

The solicitors who came yesterday The solicitors who came yesterday were C. Frank Bohan, Pittston; Aaron Goldsmith. Easton; A. A. Cochran, Chester, W. W. Brown, Bradford; R. D. Stuart, Carbondale; William D. Crocker, Williamsport; F. F. McNeer, Hazleton; T. C. Jones, McKeesport; W. K. Stevens, Reading; Frank M. Trexier, Allentown, and James H. Torrey, of this city. Mr. Torrey is chairman of the committee; Mr. Cochran, recording secretary, and Mr. Stuart, corresponding secretary.

MR. TORREY CHAIRMAN.

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The meeting—was convened at 2 o'cleck by Mr. Torrey, the chairman. Corresponding Secretary Stuart, of Carbondale, read telegrams from a number of city solicitors, some stating their inability to be present and others sending word that they could not come yesterday but would be on hand today. Telegrams were nent to these latter urging them to attend. Recording Secretary Cochran, of Chester, read the minutes of the Reading meeting and then business was proceeded with.

The first matter presented for consideration was Mr. Torrey's act providing for a receiver of taxes in third-class cities. This act proposes to establish an office in third-class cities where all taxes, city, school, county, state and poor, can be paid to one collector and further allow a rebate of 2 per cent, on all taxes paid on or before a certain date. Mr. Torrey explained the purpose of the act in detail, and it was then discussed at length by the solicitors. After due consideration, the computates expressed itself as being in

was then discussed at length by the solicitors. After due consideration, the committee expressed itself as being in hearty accord with the purpose of the measure and characterized it as a valuable act, carefully drawn.

A motion by Mr. Stuart, of Carbondale, to have Mr. Torrey's act submitte to the city officials' convention in the fall for presentation to the legislature brought in the question as to the meth-

that for presentation to the registard-brought up the question as to the meth-od to be adopted in securing the de-sired amendments, Mr. Crocker, of Williamsport, suggested three ways: Amendments, supplementary acts and an entire revision of the act of 1889, which means virtually a new act. Mr. Cochran, of Chester, advised against the last part of this suggestion, as did also Mr. Brown, of Bradford, who advised that the proposed amendments be congregated in a supplementary act. This met with general approval and the

The most important change suggested was by Mr. Torrey, who submitted an amendment to the section referring T. C. Davidow, of Goshen, N. Y., spent yesterday in this city.

James McHale, of Middletown, N. Y., was in the city yesterday.

Mes N. D. C. Davidow, of Goshen, N. Y., spent to annexation of townships or boroughs, so that it will be possible to annex a part of a borough, the absence of which provision defeated the same of which provision defeated the annexation of the Sixth ward of Dunmore some years

Visiting friends on New York street.

Mrs. L. C. Case and daughter, of Franklin avenue, are spending a few days with
friends near Crystal Lake.

R. Ernest Comegys will leave tomorrow
on a ten days' trip to New York, Asbury
Park, Atlantic City, Philadelphia and
his native home in Maryland.

City Editor M. J. O'Toole, of the Times
went to French of Atlantic City.

Several inadequacies of the law regarding this matter of annexation were
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The reviewing of the act was con-tinued during the evening session and this morning definite action will be taken on the amendments suggested.

WOMEN IN BLOOMERS.

One to Present Them.

The new woman in bloomers is now to be seen in the circus. Barnum & Bailey, with the up-to-date ideas of the only progressive showmen in the country, have reproduced the exquisite little lady and placed her on horseback, making one of the most chic and delightful equestrian acts ever con-ceived. Concurrently with this are two more novel, chaste and elegant riding acts, which are nothing less than the famous skirt dance and well known serpentine dance, all three of which equestrian acts are given at once.

The grand equestrian tournament is still another great feature, and con-tains all kinds of riding exhibitions. Twenty-four elephants are in the menageries, with fifty cages of wild beasts and the giantess gorilla Johanna. It is a grand and glorious exhibition and will come here on sixty-four railroad cars, with 400 horses, twenty-four ele-phants, twelve tents, five advertising cars, and a stupendous advance corps, and will exhibit its thousand novel features in three rings, three elevated stages, and hippodrome race track—or what is equivalent to seven rings. The big parade will take place on the morning of Tuesday, May 26, the day the show exhibits here.

THE PHŒNIX LAST NIGHT.

Produced by Kennedy's Players a

the Frothingham. Kennedy's players produced Milton Noble's famous play, "The Phoenix," at the Frothingham last night before at the Frothingham last night before a large and thoroughly pleased audience. It is a drama that furnishes an abundance of dramatic situations and as interpreted by John J. Kennedy and the members of his clever company, its full strength was brought out.

Emma de Castro and Carrie Thatcher made fine impressions by their really clever work. There are many other competent artists in the company, which is on the whole an improvement on the average reprtoire company.

on the average reprtoire company "The Phoenix" was staged in an elaborate way.

Tonight the company will be seen in "The Two Orphans."

CLOTHING STORE CLOSED.

Sheriff in Charge of Business Place of

Herman Levy. Five executions amounting to \$4,857 .of were entered up yesterday in court yesterday against Herman Levy, a dealer in clothing, etc., near the corner of Penn avenue and Center street. Deputy Sheriff F. E. Ryan levied upon the goods and closed the store. The

sale will take place on Tuesday, May 25, at 9 a. m.

Those who hold the judgments and the amounts held by each are as follows: Albert Witte, \$475; Julius Abrahams, \$400; William Schaefer, \$474, \$.,-108.05, and \$1,400.

LIQUOR IS THE CAUSE OF IT.

Mrs. Smith's Husband Prefers to Drink Than to Support Her.

Evidence was heard yesterday before Judge Gunster in the divorce case of Mary A. Smith against Alexander Smith. Court Stenographer Willis D. Coston took the testimony. Attorney A. W. Bertholf appeared for the libeli-Mrs. Smith lives in Raymond court

Mrs. Smith lives in Raymond court and has been a resident of this city all her life. She is now 24 years of age, and when she was 17, she was led to the altar by Alexander. They lived together in peace and happiness for a few months, but then the angel of discord entered their home. Alec, she swore, did not seem inclined to work, and preferred to get full and stay that way fered to get full and stay that way. She had to go out and carn her own

living.
On Feb. 27, 1895, she was forced to withdraw from his home. She testified to nothing that would warrant granting to nothing that would warrant granting a divorce except her husband's fondness for the bottle and a threat he made at one time that he would cut her throat with a razor. Frank Meyers, her brother, and Mrs. Mary Kotzman, testified that Smith loafed three-fourths of the time and is very fond of drink.

MEET AT GREEN RIDGE.

gelical Church Begin.

What will be a series of three conven-tions began yesterday afternoon in the Green Ridge United Evangelical church on Capouse avenue. That which began yesterday afternoon and will conclude yesterday arternoon and will conclude this noon was of the ministers. To-day's will be a Sunday school convention, and tomorrow's a convention of the Keystone league of Christian Endeavor. Each is of the Lewisburg district, which includes the counties of Union, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Susquehanna.

Yesterday's proceedings of the ministers began at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Buck, presiding elder of the district, was elected chairman and Rev. J. C. Reeser, of Berwick, secretary. The address of welcome was by Rev. G. L. Maice, pastor of the church, and the response by Rev. C. D. Moore, of Ber-wick. Other ministers present were Rev. C. W. Finkbinder, Lewisburg, Rev. E. B. Dunn. Washingtonville; Rev. W. J. Campbell, Sonestown; Rev. Rev. W. J. Campbell, Sonestown; Rev. D. L. Kepner, Dushore; Rev. I. E. Spangler, Lopez; Rev. J. Womelsdorf, Danville; Rev. G. W. Currin, Bloomsburg; Rev. H. Minsker, Espey; Rev. C. D. Moore, Berwick; Rev. M. J. Jameson, Nescopeck; Rev. S. S. Mumey, Nanticoke; Rev. E. E. Shafer, Ranson; Rev. F. F. Mayer, Tunkhannock; Rev. J. G. Whitmire, Scranton; Rev. S. Aurand, Zion's Grove; Rev. F. H. Foss, West Clifford; Rev. Islah Bower, Berwick, Rev. E. B. Dunn, of Washingtonville, Rev. E. B. Dunn, of Washingtonville, Rev. E. B. Dunn, of Washingtonville, discussed "The Best Means for Circulating the Evangelical." The topic, "Our Conference Offerings—How May They Be increased?" was treated by Rev. I. E. Spangler, of Lopez. Then was held a brief query-box parliament, and the afternoon session adjourned after prayer had been said by Rev. Isian Bower, of Berwick.

The devotional exercises which intro.

Islan Bower, of Berwick.

The devotional exercises which introduced the evening session were to have been led by Rev. J. O. Biggs, but he was not present and the office was filled by Mr. Spangler. "The Gospel—How to Preach It," was discussed by Rev. F. F. Mayer, of Tunkhannock, and the This met with general approval and the plan was adopted.

CONSIDERED BY SECTIONS.

The act of 1889 was taken up section by section, the secretary taking notes of any suggestions as to changes. These suggestions will afterwards be taken up and passed upon, and such as are adopted will be incorporated in the proposed supplement.

The most important change suggest—the most important change suggest—the most important change suggest—and. The Sunday school convention will begin at 2.30 o'clock.

To Preach It." was discussed by Rev. Is and the contributions was requested to send for the ballots and recount the ballots. The progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes unintentionally destroyed before they were inspected to send for the ballots. The progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes unintentionally destroyed before they were inspected to send for the ballots. The progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes unintentionally destroyed before they were inspected to send for the ballots. The progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes unintentionally destroyed before they were inspected to send for the ballots. The suit is an appropriate progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes unintentionally destroyed before they were inspected to send for the ballots. The suit is an appropriate progress of the contest it was found that it would be necessary to open the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes. Unfortunately the ballot boxes and recount the ballot box and recount th

will begin at 2.30 o'clock.

GIBBONS IS WORSE.

Condition of the Olyphant Officer Who Was Assaulted Sunday Night Is Very Critical.

Officer Patrick Gibbons, of Olyphant, is in a very critical condition, and it is feared that his death is not very faroff. The other participants in the assault have not been caught.

Lakoskey is the only one of the gang in the toils, and it is quite probable that he will have to answer the charge of murder. Dr. Kelley, of O'yphant, who is attending Officer Cibbors, is hopeful that the case may not result fa-tally, but a change in the man's con-dition last night has considerably weakened him.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Celebrated by Camp 8, Sons of Veterans, Last Night.

Camp, No. 8, Sons of Veterans, celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the organization with a free musical and literary entertainment last night in Griffin Post rooms on Lackawanna avenue. Every chair in the place was occupied, and many were obliged to stand up. It was an excellent entertainment. Attorney A. J. Colborn, jr., delivered an eloquent address to the young men of the camp, patriotic in its effect, and congratulated them on the attainment of their afteauth anniversary. congratulated them on the attainment of their fifteenth anniversary. The address of welcome was given by Comrade Joshua P. Thomas. Those who contributed to the entertainment were: Professor Charles Johnson, the blind planist. Miss Edith Dunkerly, J. A. Jones, Fred Jones. Miss Grace Goodrich, Miss Nellie Thomas. Miss Loretta Stack, Miss Fister, Miss Ada Von Storch, the Columbian quartette and the Haydn Ea jo at d Guliar club. the Haydn La jo and Gui ar club.

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JUDGE F. W. GUNSTER SO DECREED

Opinion Was Handed Down Yesterday Afternoon .- This Means That Taxpayers Will Pay About \$2,000 for Luxury of a Ward Fight Ventilated in Court -- The Opinion.

The city of Scranton will have to foot the bill for the election contest against Councilman Morgan Sweeney and James J. Manley, of the Twelfth ward. Judge Gunster handed down an opinion and an order to that effect yesterday afternoon. Just what the amount of expense is, will be deter-mined later, but an approximate estimate of it places it at not less than \$2,000. Attorneys W. Gaylord Thomas and W. W. Baylor, who acted as comand W. W. Baylor, who acted as com-missioners in the contest, and Attor-ney M. A. McGinley, who took steno-graphic notes of the evidence, have presented their bills, which amount to about \$1,260.

When Judge Archbald, on February 3 last, handed down the decree decid-ing that Messis. Sweeney and Manley had not received as many tillegal votes.

had not received as many illegal votes as to appreciably reduce the majorities shown on the face of the returns, he Conventions of the Lewisburg Districts granted a rule to show cause why the contestants should not pay the costs.

This rule was argued at the last term of argument court. Attorney John R. Edwards appeared in the interest of Henry W. Coyle and John J. Kearney, the contestants, and City Solicitor J. H. Torrey appeared for the city.

BILL WAS APPROVED. The court on Jan. 13 last made an order approving of the bill of costs, and yesterdey Judge Gunster ordered that these bills be paid without any further approval. The opinion placing the costs on the city is as follows: "This rule (meaning the one in the Manley case) and a similar one in the matter of the contested election of Morgan Sweeney involve practically the same question and were heard together. The question upon which their dispo-sition depends is whether or not the sition depends is whether or not the complaints were without probable cause. As generally defined, probable cause is a reasonable ground of suspicion, supported by circumstances sufficient to warrant an ordinarily prudent man in believing the charge or complaint. It appears that the majority returned for Mr. Manley was 13 and that the majority returned for Mr. Sweeney was 6. On the trial the complainants proved that thirty-two of the votes cast and counted for these

two candidates were illegal. PRIMA FACIE CASE,

"This made out for them a prima facie case in the contest and it is contended that that of itself is probable cause. It may be an important fact but I am not prepared to say that it is conclusive, or to hold as a matter of law that it is probable cause. Other circumstances may throw light on the question of probable cause. Then, af-ter complainants have made out a prima facle case, the respondent might easily overcome it by showing a large number of illegal votes for his oppon-

ent. "There are in this case other facts which throws light on the question. There is evidence that complainants had information that there had been a miscount of the ballots. When the returns were computed in open court, two affidavits were filed and the court

are therefore obliged to direct the city to pay the costs. And now, May 19, 1896, the rule is discharged and it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the city of Scranton pay all the costs.

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Excursion to St. Louis, Mo.

In order to accommodate those who desire to attend the Republican Na-tional convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 16th, the Eric Rali-road company have arranged to place on sale special excursion tickets to St. Louis and return, at the rate of fare one way for the round trip. These tickets will be good for return passage on or before June 21. The Erie is the natural route from this section of the country to St. Louis, and their accom-modations are superior in every re-spect to all others. Be sure your ticket reads via this popular line.

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TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE.

Burgess for La Plume and Supervisor for Clifton Named.

for Clifton Named.

Charles Kessler was yesterday appointed supervisor of Clifton township to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Jonathan Spotts, who was elected to that office, to qualify.

F. M. Loomis was appointed burgess of La Plume. He was regularly elected at the election held last February, but a question has arisen with regard to the validity of the election and he resigned. Both appointments were made by Judge Archbald.

Chronic Rheumatism Cured. Dr. B. H. Hettinger, Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. B. H. Hettinger, Indianapolis, Ind., says: "For several months after spraining my ankle I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism. I finally tried Detchon's 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and in 4 days could walk without my cane; two bottles cured me sound and well. I take great pleasure in recommending the 'Mystic Cure' to all who are afflicted with Rheumatism." Sold by Carl Lorenz, Druggist, 418 Lackawanna avenue, Scranton.

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