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PERSONAL.

Lieutenant of Police John Davis and his family are at Astory Park.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Ware left yesterday on a trip to Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goffrey and Miss Terry are sojourning at Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Nowhart, of Detroit, are visiting old friends in this city.

Miss Stevens, of Adams avenue, is entertaining Miss Nealon, of Carbondale.

Attorney and Mrs. A. A. Voshurg are home from a trip to Queen George and Astory Park.

Miss Rose McElaine, of Archbald, is being entertained by Miss Anna Kelly, of Erie street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hand left yesterday for Nova Scotia, where they will spend several weeks.

Miss Alice Connors, stenographer for C. G. Boland, is spending her vacation at Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. S. Machette and Miss Grace Conley, of Wyoming avenue, went to Atlantic City yesterday.

Miss Alice Denker, clerk to Secretary Briggs of the board of health, yesterday began a ten-day's vacation.

Miss Alice Warner, of 526 Mulberry street, left yesterday for Schenck's Head, Connecticut, for a three weeks' visit.

A. J. Duffy, the treasurer at the Frothingham, left yesterday for New York and Philadelphia, where he will spend his vacation.

Miss Grace Leonard, of Port Jervis, and Mrs. A. G. Rowland, of Rowland, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Bernstein, of Webster avenue.

Andrew Conlin, foreman of the Traction company's busmen, was called to Fall River yesterday by the death of his mother.

The Messrs Kathryn and Nellie Coniff, of Prospect avenue, and Miss Irene Conwill, of New York, left yesterday for Atlantic City.

Mrs. E. Moses and daughter, Esther, and Fred Moses left for Astory Park yesterday, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

The announcement that Dr. G. E. Dean has gone to Europe is incorrect. He will spend three weeks in the Adirondacks, leaving for the mountains today.

Mrs. Rufus J. Foster and Master Taylor Porter, of Madison avenue, will spend the month of August at Atlantic City, where they are registered at The Seaside.

Miss Ethel May Derby, of Mt. Carmel, Pa., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derby, of Price street, for three weeks, returned home yesterday.

DONATIONS FOR THE MISSION.

Received by the Board of Managers During July.

The board of managers of the Florence Crittenton Mission, No. 197, Spruce street, beg to acknowledge most gratefully the following donations received at the home during the month of July:

Consumers' ice company, Zeidler's bakery, Franklin avenue; Mrs. Archer, Hyde Park; Huntington's bakery, North Washington avenue; Aylesworth's meat market, Wyoming avenue; W. H. Pierce, vegetable market, Penna avenue; Miss Minnie Schuler, city; D. E. Marberger, meat market, Lackawanna avenue; Children's Sewing society, Presbyterian church, Dunmore; Mrs. Diehl, Jefferson avenue; Miss Hastie, Aveoca; Carr & Son, meat market, Washington avenue; Miss Eva Smith, Honesdale; Miss Blanche Dolph, city; Armbrust's meat market, Penna avenue; Mrs. Adams, Chinchilla; Mrs. George Mahy (per Miss Reynolds), city; People's meat market, Lackawanna avenue; Mr. E. J. Fiddler, city; Mr. Wade M. Finn, city.

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Pillsbury Flour mills have a capacity of 17,500 barrels a day.

INSTRUCTIVE FACTS ABOUT THE ELKS

Growth and Principles of This Highly Popular Organization.

SCRANTON LODGE'S FINE QUARTERS

They Are Not Surpassed on the American Continent--The Recent Grand Lodge at Cincinnati--Interesting Communication from ex-Grand District Deputy C. Ben Johnson.

I promised you, a night or two ago, an article on Elksism and proceed to redeem the promise. The order has been very much in evidence in Scranton for some days, and I think it is creditable that of the city. In Elksism Scranton stands out distinctly as the owner and occupier of the finest club and lodge rooms in the country. Here, as in every other connection, Scranton does nothing without doing it well. The best thing that can be said for the Order of Elks is that it practices, rednecks to visible fact, what other good people merely preach. When, some months ago, the lodge tendered a reception to Superior Court Judge P. P. Smith, being pleased that one of its members had been elevated to so distinguished a position, Judge Willard was present and one of the speakers. The judge said--I quote from memory and, though possibly departing from the words, am true to his meaning--"I am a loyal Scrantonian, ready at all times to sound our city's praises and exalt its works. I thought I had seen everything here that was worth seeing. But I find that I had not seen this finest of all her association halls, and I am more deeply impressed than I can say with the telling fact that here Republican and Democrat, Jew and gentile, Catholic and Protestant, native born and emigrant meet in complete fraternity. Here and, so far as my observation has gone, here only, you have, to your own joy and great advantage, fully exemplified the basic principles of Democratic-Republicanism."

CINCINNATI SESSION.

The Order of Elks has recently been in national session at Cincinnati. Here our townsmen, Dr. P. F. Gunter, chosen district deputy grand exalted ruler for Eastern Pennsylvania, and as such will be the official head of the boys in this section for the ensuing year. No better choice could have been made. The doctor's professional ministrations are deemed essential in many households and he is in consequence a very busy man, but he is devout as an Elk, a patriot to its principles, posted in its history, and a sympathizer with its ambitions and aims. In some ways, to give all the time to the place that its duties may demand.

As illustrating the esteem in which Elks are generally held, it may be remarked that at Cincinnati the delegate did not carry a briefcase, but a valise. Offering his local tender for either solid or liquid refreshment, for a seat in a theatre or a ride on the street car, he was met with the announcement that the official badge he wore was an open sesame to the best Cincinnati could give for honored guests.

Reports read at the convention show that the Order of Elks has a total membership of 30,447, and the only secret of the order is its clarity, for no Elk may say who he is and how much is given. Jesus, of Bethlehem, commended this rule. The grand exalted ruler--let by the way, the only quarter I have with the order is on the score of those absurdly high-sounding titles is Meade D. Detweiler, the eloquent district-at-large for this county. There was a faction in the order a year ago. The members obliged to live with each other in proper deference, were divided into two hostile camps. Detweiler, honored by the order for his leadership, threw his great influence into the scale for reconciliation and peace and, thus demonstrating his fidelity to the grand principles of the order, fairly won the high position he has achieved.

THE ORDER'S STRENGTH.

The great strength of the Elks abides in the fact that in its creed all men are men, regardless of all or any religious, political, sectional or other differences. Manhood is the measure of man; good fellowship a stepping-stone to the order's most coveted privileges. But no little of the high standing of the order is owing to its rule that no matter how big the city, no city can have more than one lodge, and no lodge can admit to membership a person coming within the territorial jurisdiction of another lodge, without that other lodge's consent. Members of other orders not thus protected will realize the great advantage that comes from this rule.

For one I think the greatest need of the order is better grand lodges. The body has become too big to be safely governed by one central authority. Biennial reunions, under the auspices of a supreme lodge, and annual convocations in each state, would bring what is already the only distinctive American order into greater harmony with the American system. The central virtue of the American plan is in the municipal subordination to the state, and the state subordination to the union. Had secession prevailed we should have had as many warring governments as we now have harmonious states. If slavery had made a southern confederacy, free silver would have made a confederacy of west and south. What is true of us as a whole people, is true of those of us who are Elks. We need the wholesome restraint of an authority between the municipal and the national that is farther away than those we meet every day, and yet not so far off as San Francisco is from Bangor.

THE HEARING CONTINUED.

Providence Lithuanian Church Matter Will Come Up in September.

The time appointed for a hearing in the equity suit brought to restrain certain members of St. Joseph's Lithuanian Catholic congregation from barricading the church on North Main avenue and keeping Rev. Michael Peza, the pastor, from saying mass, was fixed for yesterday before Judge Gunster in chambers, but by consent of attorneys on both sides it was continued until Monday, September 14, when equity court begins.

In the meantime the preliminary injunction will remain in force, and the men who were active in nailing up the doors will have to restrain themselves.

LED AWAY AND ROBBED.

Drunkard Brickmaker from Sayre Fell Among Scranton Thieves.

An all around bad man who came here from Hazleton and has come in contact with the Scranton police before, was arrested yesterday morning on suspicion of having robbed a drunken brickmaker the previous night. A second party who had a hand in the job has not been arrested.

About 6 o'clock Tuesday evening pedestrians on Lackawanna and Penna avenues saw a drunken man led out of the "White House" by two sober companions. The drunken man was taken to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western "Y" and put in an empty box car. An hour later some one found the brickmaker asleep. His pockets were rifled and were turned wrong-side out.

From a description furnished the police William Casey was arrested yesterday morning on Lackawanna avenue by Patrolman Day as one of the companions of the man who was robbed. Casey is married and has two children. He lives at the corner of Lackawanna avenue and Chestnut street. He denied his guilt.

The victim hesitatingly gave his name as "Chompa" Thompson. The name is thought to be fictitious. He said he came here from Sayre and that he is a brickmaker.

POLISH EDITOR SUED FOR LIBEL

Rev. B. Iwanowski, of Priceburg, is the Plaintiff.

EMPLOYE OF EDITOR ALSO SUED

Damages in the Sum of \$10,000 Asked from J. A. Lipinski and Daniel Langowski, of the Tyrondik, a Polish weekly published on Prospect avenue, South Side. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 are asked from each of the defendants.

Rev. B. Iwanowski, of St. Mary's Polish Catholic church, Priceburg, instituted proceedings in court yesterday for libel against Joseph A. Lipinski and Daniel Langowski, of the Tyrondik, a Polish weekly published on Prospect avenue, South Side. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 are asked from each of the defendants.

SCHOOL IS NOT NEEDED.

Court Asked to Restrain Members of Winton School Board--Preliminary Injunction Issued.

Business in equity court is booming these days, and the most of it comes from the northern section of the county. James Bell, of Winton, by his attorneys, Warren & Knapp, commenced an equity suit yesterday against James McAndrew, B. J. Cummings, John Ward, Eugene Taylor, J. H. Schnerer, John J. Lawler, and the Peck Lumber company. Judge Edwards granted a preliminary injunction and fixed Monday morning, August 10, at 9 o'clock, for a hearing. Deputy Sheriff John J. Fahey went to Winton in the afternoon and served the papers on the defendants.

Mr. Bell says that he is a resident and citizen of the borough of Winton, is a taxpayer of the Winton school district, which is extensive with the borough, and he is interested in its welfare and good government and in the legal and proper expenditure of its money and revenue. The officers of the school district are: President, William Judge; secretary, John F. Barrett; treasurer, John F. Dunne. The other members of the board are James Mullett, J. Fletcher, John Ward, James McAndrew, B. J. Cummings and J. H. Schnerer.

MADE A CONTRACT.

Mr. Bell alleges that Messrs. Ward, McAndrew, Schnerer and Cummings, and one Eugene Taylor, on Thursday evening, June 30, 1896, purporting to be the Winton school district did enter into a contract in the name of the district with James J. Lawler, one of the above-named defendants, for the construction of a foundation for a school building on the property of the district near the village of Winton, and on the road leading to the Carbondale and Providence turnpike, and with the Peck Lumber company for the erection of a school building on the said foundation.

In pursuance of such contracts the school is about to be constructed, although there is no necessity for a school at the place designated, and that all the school children in the locality are amply provided for by the present facilities.

That the defendants have levied a tax to meet the proposed indebtedness and the duplicate has been placed in the hands of the collectors, and he is about to collect from the plaintiff as well as from all other taxpayers of the district, although the levy is illegal and without warrant of law, for the reason that it was never authorized by the proper authorities of the district.

NO RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

That no resolution has ever been passed by the directors of the district fully convened, authorizing such contracts nor have the contracts been approved or voted upon by a majority of the board.

EXPPELLING THE GAS.

That Work is Still in Progress at the Twin Shaft--Board of Trade Fund to Date.

Good progress is being made in forcing the gas out of the Twin shaft at Pitston, but the mine is not yet in a condition to allow the workmen to go down into it and resume the work of clearing up the slope leading to the place where the men are entombed. There was a tremendous quantity of gas in the old workings and it will take some time to expel all of it. The Pitston team has the following:

"There is one thing in connection with the mine cave that has heretofore escaped notice, and that is the fact that the miners employed at the shaft have suffered the loss of their mining tools. Each miner's outfit contains the following articles, with their prices at the minimum figures: One machine drill, \$7; one hand drill, \$1.50; one scoop, 45c; needle, 6c; scraper, 6c; pick, \$1; oil can, 50c; axe, 75c. Many miners have other tools in addition to the above. Some of the men at the Twin shaft had just taken in a supply of powder, which costs them \$2.75 a keg. Each miner's loss was therefore at least \$12.50. As there were about 200 places in the part affected by the fall, the surviving miners lost at least \$2,500.

TWIN SHAFT FUND.

The third payment from the Scranton board of trade's Twin shaft fund to Theodore Strong, president of the First National bank of Pitston, will be made today by Secretary Albertson of the board of trade. Previously he has handed over \$4,880.75, \$5,942.04 and \$50, for all of which he has vouchers. Today's payment will amount to \$2,945.65, which, with the previous payments, \$445 uncollected and yesterday's contribution, shows a grand total of \$12,368.44. Up to last night the fund was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes entries for 'Previously acknowledged', 'Through Simpson & Watkins', 'M. N. Frelkoff & Sons', 'J. A. Robling's Sons Co.', and 'Trenton'.

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At the price you want to pay. At the price you can pay. You've wanted a watch for some time. Felt that you couldn't afford it. Don't blame you. Your jeweler certainly did ask you a pretty high price for such a watch as you want. Here it is within your reach. Reach for it.

Gentlemen, For This

A 14k., gold filled case, guaranteed to wear for 20 years, with a fine full jeweled Elgin movement, \$9.90

Ladies, for This

Gold-filled case, warranted for years, first-class American movement, fully guaranteed, \$8.90

Boys, for This,

Nickel Watch, stem wind, American movement, guaranteed, \$2.50

We have watches for every age and taste, at prices for every pocketbook.

REXFORD'S

303 Lackawanna Ave.

ASK YOUR DEALER

for McGarrath's Insect Powder, 25 and 10-cent boxes. Never sold in bulk. Take no other.

JUST FOR A FLYER

During This Warm Weather.

A Cut Glass Salt or Pepper, Sterling Silver Top, for 50c.

Large line Cut Glass Syrup Cans, best silver plated top, 75c.

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Advertisement for 'BROWNIE' BIB Overall. Includes illustration of a boy in overalls and a dog. Text: 'BROWNIE' BIB Overall. Makes the Boy Proud. He Can Play in the Dirt. FOR SALE BY COLLINS & HACKETT, 220 Lackawanna Ave. SCRANTON.

Advertisement for 'We Have On Hand THE BEST STOCK IN THE CITY'. Includes illustration of a woman in a dress. Text: 'We Have On Hand THE BEST STOCK IN THE CITY. Also the Newest, Also the Cheapest, Also the Largest. CLOCKS IN ALL FASHIONABLE STYLES. Porcelain, Onyx, Etc. Silver Novelties in Infinite Variety. Latest Importations. Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds. A. E. ROGERS, Jeweler and Watchmaker, 216 Lackawanna Ave.

Advertisement for 'WELSCH'S SUPERIOR FACE BLEACH'. Includes illustration of a woman's face. Text: 'COMPLEXION BLEMISHES May be hidden imperfectly by cosmetics and powders, but can only be removed permanently by WELSCH'S SUPERIOR FACE BLEACH. It will positively remove freckles, tan, moth, sallowness, and cure any disease of the skin, such as Pimples, Acne, Blackheads, Oiliness, and renders the skin soft and beautiful. Price \$1 per bottle. For sale at E. M. HETSEL'S, 330 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, Pa.

Advertisement for 'AYLESWORTH'S MEAT MARKET'. Includes illustration of a man in a suit. Text: 'AYLESWORTH'S MEAT MARKET The Finest in the City. The latest improved furnishings and apparatus for keeping meat, butter and eggs. 223 Wyoming Avenue.

Advertisement for 'THE KEELEY CURE'. Includes illustration of a man in a suit. Text: 'THE KEELEY CURE Why let your home and business be destroyed through strong drink or morphine, when you can be cured in four weeks at the Keeley Institute, 729 Madison Avenue, Scranton, Pa. The Cure Will Bear Investigation.

Advertisement for 'DISSOLUTION SALE'. Text: 'We have never had such a sale and would not now if we were not compelled to do so to get back just what the goods cost us. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY. Will sell every pair of Ladies' Russet, Tan or Black Oxford Ties, formerly sold for \$2, shall be sold for \$1.25. All Ladies' Tan Shoes, button or lace, good styles and colors, must be sold this week \$1.98. All Men's Tan and Russet Shoes, all shape toes and sizes, and widths to fit, \$1.89. Our Best Men's Patented Leather Shoes, every shape toe there is made, sold for \$5.00. Our price, \$3.75. ALL GOODS SOLD DURING THIS SALE ARE STRICTLY CASH. SCHANK & KOEHLER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.