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CITY NOTES.

Dr. W. H. Pierce will preach the anniversary sermon at Elm Park church Sunday morning.

A marriage license was granted yesterday to Alfred and Louise A. Nylander, both of this city.

Mrs. Nellie Lewis, the general secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, will address tonight's Rescue mission school meeting.

All parties taking part in the production of the story of the "German Revolution" will meet for rehearsal at the Lyric on Adams avenue this evening at 7.30.

After prayer meeting in the Second Presbyterian church last night the choral society held a rehearsal, at which the music for the Christmas services was studied.

August Haas died at his residence yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's German Catholic church.

Joseph A. Cassano yesterday obtained a writ of replevin to recover two gray horses and one set of double harness and one lumber wagon, which, he says, are unlawfully held by Louis Romano, of Carbondale.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Price yesterday sold the stock of the late Dugan & Kennedy, wholesale grocers of West Lackawanna avenue, E. Beardon and others were the purchasers. The sale brought \$88.50.

The Delaware and Hudson paid its employees at the White Oak colliery at Archbald yesterday. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western paid yesterday at the car shops and the Cuyaga and Bristol mines.

W. D. Spencer, of Waverly, was yesterday appointed guardian of Bertha, Vera and William, minor children of the late Parson Covey, of Waverly, who was killed last Saturday by the collision of his horse on Barker's Hill at Waverly.

Tonight the Bartenders association will hold their third annual dinner in the hall. The hall will be elaborately decorated by S. J. Fuhrman with flags, bunting, etc., and putted plants will be liberally used. The committee in charge of the hall is John Barford, Thomas Roche, Thomas O'Brien, F. J. Moran, John Keenan, Joseph O'Malley, George Callahan, Thomas May, Joe Dwyer, F. E. Martin, James O'Rourke and Harry Smith.

On complaint of F. L. Randall, of Pigeon court, Alderman Miller yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of Charles J. Bunker Hill, Dunmore, on the charge of defrauding a local housekeeper. Gage came from Binghamton four weeks ago and secured a job at the house of Mrs. Randall and didn't do any work or look for any. He was sent to jail in default of \$200 bail. Gage, of Bunker Hill, Dunmore, was arrested for drawing a revolver and threatening to shoot Louis De Pigeon, of the same street. He waived a hearing and entered bail.

Colonel Ezra H. Rhode will deliver a most interesting lecture on "The History of the War" at 8 o'clock at the Green Ridge library, on "Prison Life During the War." Colonel Rhode was in the most graphic manner his experiences while in Andersonville prison. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides. The ladies of the Providence Presbyterian church held their annual fair and festival this evening. Turkey supper, Christmas goods, candy and ice cream are included in the occasion.

Dr. McDowell, dentist, 240 Adams avenue. Gaze at the sign on Hotel St. Denis.

DRIVER BOY KILLED. David Phillips Crushed to Death in the Continental Mine.

David Phillips, aged 19, was instantly killed about 11 o'clock yesterday morning while at work as a driver boy in the Continental mine. Phillips was seated on the front end of a trip of cars, when in some manner he was thrown under the wheels. When another boy, who saw Phillips lamp light go out, hastened to the spot, he found the young man crushed and dead. The body was taken to the home of the boy's mother at 194 Washburn street.

The deceased was an attendant at the Plymouth Congregational church and was a member of the Junior Christian Endeavor society of the Sherman Avenue Mission. The funeral announcement will appear later.

FOOT BALL NOTES. The Star foot ball team will play the Brown team of the South Side on the Stillwater grounds, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, at 2.30 sharp. The teams will line up as follows:

Star: Brown, C. Comer, right tackle, A. Dougherty, P. Walsh, right tackle, E. Hanna, E. Franz, right guard, E. Crane, J. O'Hara, center, M. Mulla, left guard, J. P. Kelly, left tackle, J. Kennedy, J. Kelly, left end, J. O'Donnell, T. Komey, quarter back, J. Dougherty, J. Kelly, right half back, J. McIntyre, J. Murray, left half back, F. Ham, J. McCourt, full back, J. Mahon.

The Stars will play the Browns a return game on the Brown's grounds on Dec. 20.

Headquarters for Cigars. Leave your holiday orders early. We will hold until Christmas. E. G. COURSEY.

The Griffin art store will be open evenings until Christmas, and it is now a good time to select your pictures or anything in the art line.

NOW SUPT. HOWELL HAS HIS INNINGS

Answers Mrs. Booth's Charges Before the Board of Control.

IT DEVELOPED A BRISK FIGHT

Only After Long Debate Was the Superintendent's Request Granted That the Star Chamber Testimony Be Made a Part of His Last Night's Statement—Three Attorneys Take a Hand—Testimony to Be Read Tomorrow Night.

"My complete justification is in the publication of the testimony in the case, I know that much of it is unfit for publication, but whether it is unfit, Mrs. Booth's own admissions and Mr. McGinley's testimony will fully vindicate my official action."

The foregoing words are those which closed the address last night of George Howell, superintendent of Scranton's public schools. The address was read before a board of control meeting specially convened to hear Superintendent Howell's statement in connection with the resignation of Mrs. Lucy Booth. Mrs. Booth's resignation had been asked by the high and training school

committee, but at a board meeting later the charges against her were dismissed and she was accorded the privilege of making an address, in which she charged the superintendent with persecution and discourtesy and that he was unfit to hold so high a position as superintendent of schools.

The board's action was intensely dramatic. The board exonerated her from the charges and voted to request Superintendent Howell to appear at last night's meeting and answer the teacher's accusations. The board did this without examining the committee testimony, which was not transcribed until yesterday.

In one of the most bitterly fought public sessions of an official body in this city, the board last night, after an hour's discussion and a preliminary vote, finally decided to make the testimony, which was heard by the committee, a part of the superintendent's statement, as he requested.

Following the meeting Controllers Langstaff, Schriever, Jacobs, Fremont and Casey instructed Secretary Fellows not to allow the reporters access to the testimony. For that reason Superintendent Howell's statement, if heretofore appears, is really incomplete.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT. In obedience to a resolution adopted by this board at its last regular meeting I appear before you tonight to make a statement of my position with the case of Mrs. Lucy Booth. I was not present at the passage of the resolution nor for a considerable time following its adoption. I have of this charge which I am called upon to answer. The information that I have of the proceedings that led up to the passage of the resolution I received from the general public, namely, the public press.

The nature of this case is such that, were I to attempt to follow my own inclination, I should have shunned all contact with it. In its incipient stage I realized the gravity of my position as an officer of the school district and the responsibility that would be imposed upon me, should I have been called upon to make a public statement of my position as a teacher one whose moral qualifications had been justly and unjustly attacked.

This difficulty was rendered doubly great by the fact that the person accused was a woman, I yield to no one in my regard for those who continue to make the distinction between the sexes, but the law makes no distinction of sex, I am called upon to answer the charges and responsibilities imposed upon me by my official oath. It is in this dilemma that I stand to-night before you.

Previous to the investigation there were rumors circulating following the character of such a nature that I deemed it my duty to be confronted on one side by the possibility of injuring permanently that which all hold most sacred, namely, an unimpaired reputation; and on the other side by the possibility of retaining in our public schools as a teacher one whose moral qualifications had been justly and unjustly attacked.

Only upon one passage might he be said to have held particular stress and that was in relation to making a part of his statement the testimony heard at the secret session of the high and training school committee. He seemed to me to be in agreement with the conclusiveness that upon it rested the strength of the case, and, as a later events proved, the making public of the testimony was considered so important by the controllers that at no time for a whole hour was the floor free of members clamoring for or against the admission of the evidence.

Next the close of the session it appeared that the star chamber evidence would be read before adjournment. There was then a cessation of business while the attorneys representing the superintendent, the teacher and the board waited for conference. Word reached the members that an adjournment would be agreed upon and they took the report for fact and adjourned until tomorrow night at 7 o'clock.

THE STATEMENT FILED. Following the reading by Mr. Howell of his statement it was placed on file on motion of Mr. Jennings.

Mr. Welsh was recognized by the chair from among the many members standing. He contended that it was the board's business to take no further action or to decide between the veracity of two parties, but to refer the matter to the board through the committee. His contention was questionable—and I certainly

investigation, the committee exonerated her and the board approved the report of the committee. This would naturally and my official connection with the case. Mrs. Booth. The committee had disposed of it and the board had approved their action. I do not wish to discuss the merits of the finding made on the evidence; that is your duty, not mine, and for that reason I am in no manner answerable to you or subject to your criticism.

But the board saw fit to allow Mrs. Booth, through the request of Mr. W. J. Welsh, to make a statement. This statement was carefully prepared, delivered with dramatic effect and copies of it furnished to the newspapers. The dominant element of the statement is an attack made by her upon my conduct. In it she assails not only my official motives in the case, but impeaches my character as an individual.

The publicity of the charges preferred against her can now no longer be withheld. My vindication lies in the exposure or disclosure of the testimony. I am not answerable to the committee. Notwithstanding the manner in which she has disclosed me and the malignant qualities attributed to me, monster as she has painted me to be, I would prefer to rest upon the opinion of her peers than to be even now the instrument or cause of her downfall.

There is no personal issue between Mrs. Booth and myself, although she charges with want of courtesy when she visited my home and that I refused to disclose to her the nature of the charges against her, but referred her to Mr. Welsh, chairman of the high and training committee, in whose hands the matter rested, and though her statement as to what transpired at my home is absolutely and unapologetically false, yet these are personal matters and have no place in the consideration of the question of Mrs. Booth's fitness as a teacher in our public schools.

THIS MATTER AT ISSUE. The board at issue involves my official relations with a teacher. As the case now stands it is in the hands of the board. When the board meets to report to the committee, my responsibility in regard to it ends, and had it not been for the at-

tack upon me before the board this statement would have been unnecessary. I appreciate the interest taken by the public in this matter. The public is interested not only in the right that every teacher has to defend himself or herself, but also in the moral fitness of teachers employed in our public schools. The certificates of teachers held by law and the department of public instruction compel superintendents to certify not only to the moral but also to the professional qualifications of teachers, and superintendents in general regard moral fitness superior to all other qualifications. Our public schools must be maintained; intellect must be guided by a moral purpose. The influence of good character, more lasting and essential than the rules of all the books published, is the duty of a superintendent to see that the teachers under his supervision conduct themselves in a moral and professional manner. I have done my duty in this case as I see it in law and light of conscience.

But in all this where have I offended? If I am the prosecutor of Mrs. Booth it will appear in the report taken at the investigation. In fact, all her charges relating to my official work can be found in that report. I have not a single item of evidence taken at the investigation may be considered a part of my statement and a part of my duty as superintendent.

My complete justification is in the publication of the testimony in the case. I know that much of it is unfit for publication, but whether it is unfit, Mrs. Booth's own admissions and Mr. McGinley's testimony will fully vindicate my official action.

EVERY MEMBER PRESENT. When President Schriever called the meeting to order every member was present. Ex-Judge H. A. Knapp, the board's solicitor was there, as was Joseph O'Brien, the legal representative of Superintendent Howell, and Attorney Ira H. Burns, who was mentioned as representing Mrs. Booth and Attorney M. A. McGinley, Mr. McGinley, too, was present. The meeting was held in the board room, but took no part in the proceedings.

Fully a hundred persons, few or none of them directly interested in the case, packed themselves into the meagre space reserved for spectators in the chamber, which, if cleared of its furniture, would hardly seat seventy-five persons. Not a word was said, and all were placed at 9.30 o'clock they departed reluctantly but with the satisfaction of having witnessed a lively entertainment.

The board was not long in getting down to business. President Schriever, who was apparently ill at ease and conspicuous in his nervousness, turned the report upon him, announced that he had the purpose of the special session and requested Controller Casey to notify Superintendent Howell that the board would hear his statement on Nov. 22. In reading his address Superintendent Howell made no attempt at oratory. He spoke in a firm and deliberate way, and expressed in all his remarks only a few times to emphasize a word or a sentence.

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SECOND DAY OF THE ALLIANCE COUNCIL

Short Sessions Were Conducted and the Farmers Took in the Sights.

LADIES ENTERTAINED IN THE EVENING

The Principal Business Transacted Was Considering the Reports of Committees and Discussing the Prospect for the Next Four Years. Officers May Be Chosen Today and Adjournment Taken.

The sessions of the state councils of the Farmers' Alliance were yesterday occupied principally in the consideration of reports from various standing committees.

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock and the first order of business was the reading of last council's minutes, which are published in pamphlet form and are quite voluminous. It took a long time to dispose of this branch of business, and very little was done before noon except the appointment of a committee on time and place of next meeting.

That committee was appointed by President Gardner and its members are: Nathan Zimmerman and L. A. Curtis, of Scott Center; E. N. Ritchie, of Quakertown; and J. H. Kiefer, of Hill's River.

In the reports of committees, and the discussion evolved therefrom the Alliance does not seem to anticipate any

CASE-EASTON NUPTIALS.

Ceremony Performed in the Toboyhanna M. E. Church.

Miss Mattie Crow Case, daughter of Isaac Case, of Toboyhanna, was married to William Burnett Easton in the Methodist Episcopal church at Toboyhanna yesterday at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Sidney Seabury Conger, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Wyoming, N. J. He was assisted by Rev. Charles W. Green, pastor of the Toboyhanna church. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Euphemia Hebard, of Chestnut Hill, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Corajella and Frances Rhoads, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. The groom's brother, Alexander N. Easton, of Summit, N. J., was groomsmen, and the ushers were William Burnett Kinney, of Newark, N. J.; Arthur Stedman, of New York; Irving Slight Whiting, of Bound Brook, N. J.; and Isaac Selden Case, of Toboyhanna.

The bride and her attendants were exquisitely gowned. A reception at the Case residence followed the marriage and late in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Easton went to Lakewood, N. J., where they will spend their honeymoon. They will reside at Toboyhanna.

FIRE IN THE OXFORD MINE.

Originated in a Pump House in the Clark Vein.

Early yesterday morning a fire broke out in the pump house located in the Clark vein at the Oxford mine. Veins are being worked above and below the Clark vein and so fiercely did the fire rage in the pump house for a time that it was feared the flames would be communicated to the other veins.

Fireman W. B. Thornton organized a gang of fire fighters, but with the apparatus at hand satisfactory progress could not be made until the assistance of the Columbia hose company was obtained. After several hours' hard work the fire was extinguished and the colliery can again resume operations today. The damage done by the fire was not large.

Concert Tais Evening.

A grand concert will be given this evening in the Puritan Congregational church, West Market street, in which the celebrated soprano, Madame Genevieve Davies, C. A. J., will sing some of her choicest selections; also the famous male quartette, Joseph Johns, Oscar Price, Philip Thomas and William G. Lewis, will appear in solos, duets and quartette. At a concert given in Cardiff, South Wales, the Cambrian News has this to say: "The performance given to Madame Genevieve Davies showed the appreciation by the immense audience of the high artistic talent of the singer."

Sale and Supper.

The ladies of Asbury M. E. church invite you to attend their sale and supper this and tomorrow afternoon and evening, at 126 Anderson avenue. Do not fail to call upon them. At the different booths will be found many fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. Sale will begin at 4 o'clock. Supper will be served from 5 to 8. Price of supper, 25 cents. Ice cream and home made candy will be for sale.

Auction Sale.

Of Oriental Rugs and Carpets at 124 Washington avenue. Wait for this grand sale, as we will have all our stock here ready for sale at a public sale, by Saturday. Besides, we will have the finest variety of Japanese Bric-a-brac.

Tons of Candy

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Anti-Slip Pill Dressing.

Easily applied, will not collect dust. Used by thousands. General agent, J. S. Grant, now located at 128 Franklin avenue, who will call on you and stop any trouble free of charge.

Opening.

A dainty line of Children's Coats at the Baby Bazaar, 512 Spruce street.

The King of Pills: Beecham's-BEECHAM'S.

SAWYER'S LESS THAN HALF-PRICE SALE.

One of the hardest things in advertising is to make people believe values are as good as we say they are. With so much exaggeration passing for truth, the truth very often seems to be exaggerated. It is in this case. Such values in millinery have almost never been known at this season of the year, and yet some people will wait till the goods are gone, and then wonder why they didn't come sooner.

Trimmed Sallies in "Cameo's Hair and Hair Falls. All new shapes and colors; our regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality.

All the good, desirable shapes in "Cameo's Hair, sold early in the season at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. But a large assortment in plain felt shapes, black and colors; our price through the season, 35c and 50c.

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DELEVAN TRESPASS SUIT.

Damages Are Asked in the Sum of \$25,000.

The declaration was filed yesterday by Attorneys O'Brien & Kelly in the action for damages brought by Richard Delevan and his wife, Jennie E. Delevan, against the Lackawanna Valley Rapid Transit company.

Mrs. Delevan was a passenger in a car of the defendant company, which was wrecked near the "White Bridge" at Carbondale. By reason of this accident Mrs. Delevan claims that her spine and nerves were permanently injured and that her husband was compelled to spend a large sum of money for medicines and medical attendance.

As recompense for the injuries Mrs. Delevan sustains, damages are asked in the sum of \$25,000.

MR. BIRDSALL BRINGS SUIT.

Wants to Recover the Amount Due on an Accident Policy.

George H. Birdsall, the well known insurance agent, yesterday brought an action against the Standard Life and Accident Insurance company of Detroit, Mich., to recover \$650.

Mr. Birdsall had an accident policy with the company and on April 28, 1895, during the life of said policy, one of his knee caps was torn loose and he was struck and injured, that he was disabled for fifty-two weeks.

He claims that he was entitled to \$12.50 a week by the terms of his policy, and that he has been up to this time unable to work, and that he has lost the sum. The suit was brought for Mr. Birdsall by Attorney S. E. Price.

Loews, Reilly & Davies.

Ruby Shoe Stores will be open evenings during December.

Chocolat and flowers and flower designs at Palmer & McDonalds, 541 Spruce.

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\$13.00 Electric Seal Cape now..... 9.98

\$20.00 Electric Seal Cape and..... 15.00

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