

New Year Cards, Pocket Diaries, 1897, Peloubet's Notes on the Sunday School Lessons, 1897. Deep cut in prices all this week on all Holiday Articles, Toys, Games, Blackboards, Desks, Toilet Cases and Fancy Articles, Holiday Books and Fancy Stationery, at very large reductions, to clear out balances. Bargains for New Year presents. NORTON'S, 322 Lackawanna Ave.

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The use of Shavings for bedding for horses or cows is not

New

But put up like straw in

Small Bales

Is something new.

Cheaper Than Straw, Cleaner Than Straw, Better Than Straw. We keep it.

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EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH "ANAESTHESIA" FINEST DENTAL WORK IN THE CITY.

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PERSONAL.

Theodore Ketsel spent last evening in Honesdale. Colonel H. A. Courson is in Washington arranging for the accommodations of the Thirtieth regiment during the McKinley inauguration on March 4.

P. H. French, until last spring night clerk at the Wyoming House, is in the city. He represents the Philadelphia house of Kelley Bros. & Spillman, sole agents for Jackson's patent belt facing machinery.

D. & H. TRAINS TO ONEONTA.

Will Be Run Through from Wilkes-Barre, a Distance of 130 Miles.

The Delaware and Hudson company is arranging to run two through trains from Wilkes-Barre to Oneonta, a distance of 130 miles. The object is to obviate the necessity of holding freight over at Nineveh junction. It is understood the trains will be in charge of Carbonade crews, each crew making a trip from here to Oneonta and return, the trip to Wilkes-Barre being made by another crew.—Carbonade Herald.

There will be a joint caucus of the Seventeenth ward Republicans at Alderman Howe's office, 502 Lackawanna avenue, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1897, between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination one person for the common council and district election officers. By order of Vigilance Committee, George Barnard, C. B. Penman, M. J. Andrews.

Card from Mr. Munroe.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for supervisor of Old Forge township subject to the Democratic nomination. I am not able to work. I tend door in the mine for a boy's pay. I got 23 votes last spring with many thanks to those who gave them. If I get as many this spring I shall be ever thankful to the citizens of Old Forge. John Munroe.

Nickel plated Plates at Florey's, 70c. Other grades in proportion.

A Happy Man

Is he whose feet rest comfortably in our correct-made shoes. The most attractive of Bull Dogs if you want—any other shape toe if you wish.

There's no other Winter Shoe like Our Tan "College" Boot.

\$3.50 The Pair.

SCHANK & SPENCER

410 Spruce St.

NICHOLS CASE TO THE FRONT AGAIN

Superior Court Listened to Arguments With Reference to It.

VERY TROUBLESOME COUNTRY ROAD

After Ten Years of Litigation and Expenditure of Over \$2,000 the Proposition to Open a Road in Jefferson Township Reaches the Second Highest Tribunal in the State—Argument in O'Grady Cases.

Two cases that have been provocative of a large amount of litigation were aired before the Superior court yesterday, or at least certain phases of them were. The one that has attracted the greatest amount of attention of the two mentioned is the appeal of James Nichols, of Clark's Green, in the matter of the estate of his mother, Sarah Nichols, deceased. In 1885 Mrs. Nichols died, leaving her husband, Hiram Nichols, and five children surviving. The husband subsequently died. Since the death of Mrs. Nichols the children have been engaged in litigation over the property.

The case was brought to the attention of the court yesterday in the form of an appeal from the final decree of the orphans court of this county refusing to allow an appeal from the decision of the register of wills dismissing the proceedings to compel the production of the will of Sarah Nichols, deceased. The case was originally appealed to the Supreme court, but was remitted to the Superior court because it was not shown that the amount involved exceeded \$1,000.

On May 21, 1892, James Nichols caused a citation to issue against the other Nichols heirs to compel them to produce the will of Sarah Nichols for probate. These proceedings were dismissed by the register of wills on Sept. 9, 1892, and on May 17, 1895, James Nichols filed his petition with the register of wills for a rehearing. On Aug. 14 of the same year a rehearing was refused and on Sept. 23 following he presented a petition to the orphans court praying that an appeal might be allowed from the decision of the register of wills refusing to grant a rehearing. This appeal the court refused to allow. Attorney A. A. Voshurg presented the argument for the appellant. He carefully went over the opinion of the lower court and cited a number of authorities to sustain his position in the matter.

MR. AMERMAN'S ARGUMENT.

Attorney Lemuel Amerman made the argument opposing the granting of an appeal. He asked that the appeal be quashed for the following reasons: The decision of the register from which the appeal was taken was not a judicial act or decision, as he had no authority or jurisdiction to conduct a hearing or decide whether Mrs. Nichols died testate or intestate, or whether the proceedings to open a road in Jefferson township were begun. The alleged last will of Sarah Nichols in his possession. The appellant is barred by the statute of limitations, more than three years having elapsed between the time of the dismissal of the proceedings by the register of wills and the filing of the appeal and the taking of the appeal in this case.

It was further contended that the decree of the court from which the appeal was taken is not subject to an appeal, as the refusal to grant a rehearing is a matter entirely within the discretion of the court. In closing his argument Mr. Amerman said that the proceedings were for the purpose of being fogging the title of those who have purchased portions of the Nichols estate and to make it difficult to sell or transfer any of the land.

"In starting with this case I am parting with an old friend," said Mr. Amerman. "For twelve years it has helped to feed and clothe me and some of my brethren as well. I think it is time it was ended, though, that something may be left for the heirs."

DARLING CASE FINISHED.

After court met yesterday morning argument was resumed in the case of Thomas Darling, executor of E. P. Darling, deceased, against John H. Edison (E. D. Carey, appellant), from the common pleas of Luzerne county. Upon the completion of the argument the case of James Flynn, appellant, against People's Mutual Life Stock Insurance company, from the common pleas of this county, was taken up. Other cases argued were: Olyphant Lumber company, Limited, to use of Patrick McGoldrick, appellant, against People's Mutual Life Stock company, from common pleas of Lackawanna county; W. H. Whyte against A. W. Crant, appellant, from common pleas of Lackawanna county.

Two cases of Ann O'Grady against the Prudential Insurance company, appellant, were argued during the afternoon. Attorney A. A. Voshurg argued for the appellant and Attorney John P. Kelly for the appellee. Mrs. O'Grady obtained verdicts against the company in both cases for insurance on the life of her mother. It is contended by the company that the policies were not properly assigned to her and that she has therefore no valid claim in the present actions. No opinions were handed down yesterday. These cases were reported settled: S. H. Yeckel against Mathias Stipp, appellant, from common pleas of Lackawanna county; Benedict R. Carr against Charles S. Wetherill and Chas. S. Wetherill, administrators, appellants, from common pleas of Lackawanna county; Central Egg company against J. A. Ackerman, appellant, from common pleas of Lackawanna county.

IN COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Interesting Case from Moscow and a Number of Verdicts. Judge George S. Purdy, of Honesdale, is presiding in court room No. 1 in Judge Archbald's place this week. The first case called before him was that of Kate Myers, of Moscow, against Catherine Littenbender and William Koch, an interpleader to determine the ownership of \$800 worth of horses, cattle, fowl and farm implements. The defendants seized upon the goods and chattels of Irwin G. Biesecker, of Mos-

cow, through the sheriff. Miss Myers alleges that part of the property as above described, belonged to her, having purchased them she alleges at a constable's sale. The defendants admit that there was the form of a sale but that it was fraudulently conducted and that there was collusion between Biesecker and Miss J. Myer to defeat the honest creditors. George D. Taylor appears for the plaintiff and E. C. Newcomb for the defense. The case was on at adjournment.

Before Judge Edwards in court room No. 1 yesterday a compulsory non-suit was directed in the case of N. Y. Leet against Patrick Kilcullen and a rule for a new trial allowed. A verdict for \$399.25 in favor of the defendant was found in the case of R. E. Dunston assignee, against the Scranton Supply and Machinery company.

The jury in the case of John H. Elvy against C. E. Foster brought in a verdict yesterday morning in favor of the defendant. A like verdict was returned in the case of Alonzo Hoel and wife against S. W. Lameroux. A verdict for the plaintiff was returned in the case of Mrs. M. J. Leish against the Hay Boot and Shoe company.

WALL AGAIN A PRISONER

Captured Near Dallas, Luzerne County. On the Expiration of His Term He Will Be Tried for Jail Breaking.

William Wall did not long enjoy his hard earned freedom. He was captured yesterday near Dallas, Luzerne county, and brought back to the county jail last night. When his term of confinement expires he will have to answer the more serious one of breaking jail.

Wall escaped from the county jail early Saturday evening and left for the neighborhood of his old home at Tunkhannock. Monday Deputy Warden Price of the county jail located him about four miles from Dallas and telegraphed to this city for assistance. Yesterday Warden Simpson, Jailer Tom Lewis and Fallmount House and Jailer went to Dallas and last night they brought Wall back with them and lodged him again in the county jail from which there is little likelihood of his again escaping.

NATIONAL BANK DIRECTORS.

Elected by First, Third and Traders' National Banks Yesterday.

The stockholders of Scranton's three national banks, the First, Third and Traders, elected directors yesterday for the current year.

The old board of the Third National bank was re-elected as follows: William Connell, Henry Bellin, Jr., James Archibald, William T. Smith, Alfred Hanft, Luther Keller and George H. Catlin. They will organize at the regular board meeting Monday afternoon. The First National bank's old board was also re-elected as follows: James A. Linn, G. L. Dickson, James Blair, W. H. Sturges, W. P. Halstead, W. W. Scranton, John Jermyn and T. F. Torrey. The board organization will be effected Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The following were elected directors of the Traders' National bank: Charles P. Matthews, P. B. Finley, I. W. Moss, I. A. Finch, Charles Schlager, Joseph J. Jermyn, James M. Everhart, M. S. Kemmerer, J. T. Porter, W. W. Watson, R. H. Hosley and C. E. Child. The latter being an addition to the old board who were re-elected. They will organize on Saturday.

O. C. & S. R. R. ELECTION.

Stockholders Yesterday Chose Directors Who Organized Later.

A stockholders meeting for the election of directors of the Ontario, Carbonade and Scranton Railway company, was held yesterday afternoon in the office of E. B. Sturges in the Commonwealth building. The company possesses the division of the Ontario and Western road between this city and Hancock junction, a distance of 54 miles.

The directors chosen were: Thomas F. Fowler, J. E. Childs and J. B. Kerr, of New York city; E. B. Sturges, W. H. Richmond, D. S. Johnson, C. D. Simpson, J. N. Rice and John Jermyn, of Scranton; J. E. Burr, D. S. Clark, C. E. Spencer and D. Scurry, of Carbonade. They organized by electing Thomas F. Fowler president, J. P. Childs vice president, and R. D. Rickard, of Scranton, secretary and treasurer.

The directorate and officers are the same as last year.

250 XX White Envelopes for 17c. at 3c. Store, 223 Lack'a. ave.

Tailor made full suits and overcoats. latest styles, John Ross, 307 Spruce street.

Notice.

The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each: Rooms for rent. For sale. This property for sale. Furnished rooms. House for rent. House to let, etc. Skates at Florey's, 25c.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Dr. J. C. Watson is on every wrapper.

DENTAL WORK.

If you have any Dental Work you want done you will save money by seeing me before going elsewhere. When I fill I am inserting.

GOLD AND SILVER FINISINGS

Guaranteed to save the teeth from further decay. I mean it. I use the very best dental work at lower prices than others and can prove it by calling at my office. Examination costs you nothing. If you want a gold crown or

TEETH WITHOUT A PLATE

Called Crown and Bridge Work. Remember, I make only one grade—the very best 25c. gold and good weight—and the price is right.

DR. BARRETT, DENTIST

316 Spruce Street, Next Door to Hotel Jersey.

LIBRARY OFFICIAL'S ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Were Submitted and Officers Elected for 1897.

PRESIDENT HAND IS RE-ELECTED

As Were Vice-President W. T. Smith, Treasurer Henry Bellin, Jr., and Secretary and Librarian Henry J. Carr—Latter's Report as Librarian Covers Fully the Work of the Year. Modest Request for Appropriations. Work the Library is Doing.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Scranton Public Library was held in the library building yesterday afternoon. There was an election of officers, and several reports were made. Alfred Hand was re-elected president; Henry Bellin, treasurer, and Henry J. Carr, secretary and librarian. The report of Treasurer Bellin included the following summaries: Balance from 1895, \$57.82; receipts 1896, \$11,593.82; disbursements, \$11,015.32; balance, \$1,533.32.



LIBRARIAN HENRY J. CARR.

A brief but comprehensive report was made by President Hand. He cited the efficiency shown in the management of the library work, which had its effect upon every department of city life. The institution's influence was beyond estimate in its moulding for good the future citizens of the city. He said:

Permit me to remind the council that I depend upon their generous consideration. The amount we ask for, viz: For salaries and labor, \$5,400; For incidentals, 3,000; For books, 2,000. Total current expenses, \$10,400. Which cannot be lessened without crippling the growth and permanent power of the library. The amount asked for is but \$400 more than the inadequate sum granted.

The Hostess

Knows that the decorations of her dinner table will be regarded as reflecting her good taste and judgment. An artistic and handsome Dinner Set will add much to the effect. How much better your New Year's dinner will taste with white table linen and dainty dishes. We can furnish the dishes at any price you want to pay. Come in and look them over.

LAMPS, BRIC-A-BRAC, SILVERWARE, ETC.

CHINA HALL,

MILLAR & PECK,

131 Wyoming Avenue.

Walk in and look around.

Great Sale of Dry Goods.

For another week we will give the people of Scranton the opportunity of buying Dry Goods at the lowest prices ever quoted in the city. Every article just as represented or money returned. Sale embraces the following:

Men's Underwear, Children's Underwear, Ladies' Underwear, Blankets, Comforts, Linens, Dress Goods, Children's Coats, Ladies' Coats, Men's Hose, Children's Hose, Ladies' Hose.

DOMESTICS.

We offer remarkable bargains in all Muslins, Sheetings, Calicoes, Gingham, etc. Perhaps never again will you have the opportunity of buying these goods at such low prices:

Table with columns for UNBLEACHED and BLEACHED goods, listing items like Good Brown Muslin, 7c; Good Muslin, 6c; etc.

MEARS & HAGEN,

415, 417 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

CHINA.

A Thousand Pieces

Of lovely decorated China to be closed out. Many tea sets have one piece broken. Then there are hundreds of left over odd pieces that unless sold seem to get set back where salespeople forget them. We think it better to make it an object for you to come today and Monday and take what you want. Five counters, arranged this way:

No. 1 Counter Here are salad bowls, open edge cake plates, fancy plates, china syrup jugs, cups and saucers. Were 25c., 40c., 50c. and higher. Your choice, 19c.

No. 2 Counter This includes Royal Bonn Vases, 5-piece china tea sets, orange bowls, large Bohemian vases and dozens of other pieces. Some were \$2.50. Choice, 98c.

No. 3 Counter Four-piece smoking sets, cracker jars, cake plates, large vases, bon-bon boxes, chocolate pots and other pretty articles. Choice, 69c.

No. 4 Counter Smoking sets, cracker jars, chocolate pots, sugar bowls and cream pitchers.

No. 5 Counter Moustache cups, Delft ware, cups and saucers, cake plates, syrup cups, celery holders and several hundred other odd pieces. Any piece on this counter, 9c.

Lots of other useful and beautiful pieces. Choice, 48c.

REXFORD'S,

303 Lacka. Ave.

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School of Music, 520 Spruce St.

Mrs. Katharine Thiele,

Voice Training, Solo Singing.

Ernest Thiele,

Violin, Piano, Cello ensemble. Both teachers at celebrated Scharwenka Conservatory, New York. Also other competent teachers engaged. Mr. Thiele is the successor to the late

HERR KOPFF.

SAWYER'S GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

Of MILLINERY Will Begin MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1897.

Absolutely No Reserves. The Entire Stock Will Be Offered from One-Fourth to One-Half Its Actual Value. Prices on a Few Articles for Your Consideration:

Table listing millinery items and prices: TRIMMED HATS, UNTRIMMED HATS, RIBBONS, OSTRICH BOWS, FANCY FEATHERS, OSTRICH TIPS, ROSES, Silk and Velvet, VIOLETS.

Don't let this matter drop after reading this adv., but convince yourself the goods are sold as advertised. Sale will continue until the entire stock is sold.

A. R. SAWYER, 132 Wyoming Avenue

CLOAK SALE.

LETTER FROM A NEW YORK CLOAK HOUSE.

January 7th, 1897.

W. R. Black, 132 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.

Dear Sir— We have concluded to accept your cash offer, 50 per cent., for our entire stock of Jackets and Capes and have shipped them today.

Yours truly, A. ROSEN & CO.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11,

Will commence the sale of the above stock and continue until the whole stock is disposed of.

All Boule Astrakhan Kersy Jackets will be arranged into three lots; LOT ONE.

Manufacturer's Price, \$7.00. Sale Price.....\$3.50

LOT TWO.

Manufacturer's Price, \$10.00. Sale Price.....\$5.00

LOT THREE.

Manufacturer's Price, \$10.00. Sale Price.....\$7.50

All of our Capes will be assorted out in the same manner.

Manufacturer's Prices, \$5, \$10, \$15. Sale Price.....\$3, \$5, \$8

All of Fur Capes, short and long, will be closed out at

HALF PRICE.

Sale Begins Monday.

W. R. BLACK,

132 Wyoming Avenue.

SAWYER'S MILLINERY STORE

WE HAVE THE BEST Full Dress Suits

To Be Found in the City.

Tailor-Made, Tailor Fit And Finish And About Half Tailor Prices.

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