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PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. C. Freeman, of Blightman, is visiting Mrs. L. R. Freeman, of Plitt place.

Justice P. R. Smith gave a dinner at his home in Green Ridge last night in honor of his fellow judges on the Superior court bench. It was attended by President Judge Rice, Judges Willard, Wickham, Beaver, Rescher and Orlady and by Judges R. W. Archbald, F. W. Gunster and H. M. Edwards, of the local bench.

Mrs. B. Goldsmith, Miss Phyllis Goldsmith, Albert Kramer, Simon Lauer, William Morris, Isaac Brown, Levi Kramer, Ed. Galien and William Moss attended the amateur theatrical performance given under the auspices of the Young Men's Hebrew society of Wilkes-Barre last night.

SPRING BROOK SUPPLY COMPANY.

Stockholders Met and Elected Directors and Officers for the Year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spring Brook Water Supply Company was held at its office in this city yesterday. The stock was well represented and the following were elected as directors for the ensuing year: L. A. Watros, J. Rogers Mackwell, C. D. Simpson, George F. Baker, Lemuel Amerman, William P. Hallstead, T. H. Watkins, John Welles Holtenback, Samuel T. Peters, Morgan B. Williams and Robert C. Adams.

Immediately after the stockholders' meeting the board of directors organized and elected officers as follows: L. A. Watros, president; Lemuel Amerman, vice president; T. H. Watkins, secretary, and Robert C. Adams, treasurer.

Notice.

The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each:

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HANGING FIRE FOR OVER NINE YEARS

Judge Edwards Opinion in the Finnessy-Godwin Suit.

DECIDES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Many of the Witnesses and Parties to the Proceedings Passed Away During the Pendency of the Long Drawn Out Litigation—City Hotel Property on Penn Avenue is the Bone of Contention.

Judge Edwards yesterday handed down an opinion dismissing the bill in the case of Catherine Finnessy against Mary Godwin for the possession of the City Hotel property on Penn Avenue. The suit has been hanging fire in the local courts for nine years and has caused the accumulation of an extremely large bill of costs, all of which will have to be paid by the plaintiff. Among those who have earned witness fees in the case are the late Judge John Handley, Captain John Anglin and Patrick McCann, three notable Scranton editors who have passed away during the progress of litigation.

The contention of the plaintiffs brought up to date, is that Peter Godwin, husband of Mary Fitzgerald Godwin, acquired possession of the property while acting as administrator of the estate, and a provision of the will which reads: "My personal property, a portion of trust or confidence cannot be forborne, legal proceedings, or otherwise, obtain title to the property held in trust, without showing that it was obtained on full consideration paid."

The substance of the opinion is: The plaintiffs' bill in this suit was filed in March, 1888. Many abstracts have interfered with the progress of the case. It was referred to a master and certain testimony was had from time to time until at the end of one year the testimony on the plaintiff's side was closed. In July, 1889, the defendants closed their testimony. The case remained in the hands of the master for over three years. In September, 1892, the master's report was made without making a report, and in due time the case was ordered on the Equity list to be tried under the new equity rules. It was agreed by the counsel that the testimony taken before the master and examiner should be considered by the court in disposing of the case.

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On May 12, 1895, Mary Fitzgerald Godwin, then the wife of Richard Fitzgerald, became the owner in fact of a lot of land situated on Penn Avenue, in the city of Scranton, said lot being twenty-five feet in front on Penn Avenue, and fifty feet in depth. The lot was improved with a two-story frame building used as a hotel, in September, 1888, Mrs. Fitzgerald, joined by her husband, executed and delivered to Thomas Anglin, a mortgage upon said lot of land to secure the payment of \$5,000, the mortgage was assigned to Michael Reap in January, 1888. In June, 1887, Mrs. Fitzgerald and her husband gave another mortgage on the same lot to Jordan & Peury, of New York city, to secure the sum of \$3,000. Richard Fitzgerald died in 1874, and his widow remarried with Peter Godwin in May, 1878. Mrs. Godwin formerly Mrs. Fitzgerald, died intestate in July, 1879, her husband, Peter Godwin, being appointed administrator of her estate in October, 1880. Her sole surviving heirs were her husband and her sister, Catherine Finnessy, the plaintiff in this case. Mr. and Mrs. Godwin during their married life lived upon the premises in question which were used as a hotel. It appears also that the Michael Reap mortgage was assigned to Peter Godwin in December, 1876, and that the Jordan & Peury mortgage assigned to Mary Godwin in July, 1877. The payments on this latter mortgage was made by Peter Godwin.

SOME OF THE DETAILS.

The mortgage of Thomas Anglin, assigned to Michael Reap and by Reap assigned to Peter Godwin, was on record in Luzerne county, in August, 1888, an exemplification of this mortgage was entered in Luzerne county and a copy of the facias issued thereon. This facias was returned null as to Richard and Mary Fitzgerald and service on Peter Godwin. An alias facias was issued and returned null as to the Fitzgeralds. On May 8, 1886, judgment was entered for \$1,500 and March, 1887, the land was sold to Michael Reap for \$4,500. The sheriff's deed was acknowledged in September, 1887. Peter Godwin died in the following month of October. The plaintiff commenced proceedings in this case in March, 1888, almost eleven years after the death of Mary Godwin.

"There is a wide discrepancy in the testimony as to the value of the lot of land in question. It ranges from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The weight of the testimony induces me to fix the value of the property in dispute at \$7,500. The actual amount paid by Godwin to Michael Reap on the August mortgage I find to be \$128,880. Godwin obtained judgment for \$4,500. He should have had judgment only for \$1,500. Godwin paid at least \$3,000 on the Jordan & Peury indebtedness, exclusive of the amount paid to him in his administration account. The interest on this amount to the time of the sheriff's sale would be about \$1,800. But I allow only four years' interest for the reason that two years from the time of Mrs. Godwin's death was a reasonable time in which the administrator could have proceeded to sell the land or the mortgage.

There is no evidence of fraud on the part of Peter Godwin in the purchase of his wife's land, it is unnecessary to enter into an elaborate discussion of any questions of law. Being himself the administrator of his wife's estate and taking by courtesy of his wife's property, as well as the assignee of the mortgage which the property was sold, it would have been absurd for him to have proceeded in due time to sell the property at orphans' court sale for the payment of his wife's estate. If this estate had been taken, it may be considered reasonably certain that the land under the most favorable

circumstances would not have sold for enough money to pay these debts. The method taken by him to obtain title to the property should always be avoided under circumstances similar to those existing in this case when there is no suspicion of fraud and the transaction is honest and results in injury to nobody else. I think it ought to be allowed to stand, after the lapse of so many years. Now, Jan. 20, 1897, the bill in this case is dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff."

H. M. Edwards, A. L. J.

IT IS AN ARTISTIC TREAT.

Tomorrow Night's Lecture by Senator Coreoran, of Cincinnati.

The lecture on "Cholera and St. Louis" will be delivered at St. Thomas' College hall tomorrow night by Hon. M. T. Coreoran, of Cincinnati, O., the Senator of that city has this to say:

"Mr. Coreoran is a master of English, and in his polished, eloquent way he told his audience the history of art and the important part the cholera had played in keeping it alive in the dark ages. His lecture was illustrated by splendid stereoscopic views, which showed a number of the world's greatest masterpieces. Perhaps the most interesting part was his remarks on the works of Angelo, Raphael and the other great men of the Renaissance. There were great works shown by the stereopticon.

"Mr. Coreoran had a fund of anecdotes and incidents about the pictures and their painters, which are of interest since the revival of religious art. He held the individual attention of his audience until his last word was spoken, and the frequent applause testified to how appreciative they were."

The lecturer will be under the auspices of John Doyle O'Reilly committee No. 621, Young Men's Institute. The diagram of seats is at Loftus & Malvin's drug store.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

Installation of Officers Held Last Night in Durr's Hall—Sketches of President and Secretary.

At the regular meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's association in Durr's hall last night, the following were installed as officers for the ensuing year:

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Hose company, financial secretary, A. R. Shireff, of General Finnessy Engine company; treasurer, Fred Durr, of the Hook and Ladder company; executive committee, Joseph Stuart, of Cumberland Hose company; T. E. Naom, of Excelsior Hose company; H. Klober, of Neptune Engine company; Fred Whitman, of Relief Hose company; J. Goodman, of the Hook and Ladder company; George Pasquali, of Century Hose company; Charles Becker, of Phoenix Chemical Engine company; F. W. Lonn, of General Finnessy Engine company.

Three new members were elected and the application of four others were received. A committee from Frank A. Smith, son of J. H. Smith, late member of the association, who was buried last Sunday, thanking the association for the prompt payment of the benefit, was read.

The Volunteer Firemen's association was organized Nov. 15, 1891, and chartered in March, 1894. The association is for the mutual benefit of the members.



F. W. ZISCHMAN,
One of Scranton's Most Prominent and Popular Firemen.

and ex-member of the fire department of Lackawanna county. One hundred dollars was paid at the death of a member. Since the association was organized there has been paid \$600 in benefits. This has cost the members on an average of \$1.68 per year.

A. E. Vorhis, the president, joined other members of the fire department in Franklin Engine company in 1893 as a torch boy, and during the six years he was a member, served as pipeman, financial secretary, and assistant foreman.

F. W. Zischman, the secretary, has been a member of Noy Aug Engine company since a boy, and has been secretary of the Finnessy's association since his birth.

Walt's Comedy company and grand orchestra of thirty-five artists will open their engagement of two solid weeks at the Academy of Music on Monday night next. The play for the opening night will be one other than Frothingham's great labor drama, "The Lost Paradise" in which a full equipment of scenery for the three acts is carried by the company. In this and all other details of the performance, the rendition given by the Walt's company excels that of the original high-priced company. All former Scranton favorites are to be found in the cast, including Charles D. Bunker, of the "Cherry Street, Hall, Brown, Misses Crest, St. Felix, Gray and Cushman. The orchestra this season includes all former ex-

JURORS ENJOYING A REAL SINECURE

Two-thirds of the Panel Just Sit Around and Praise Things.

BECAUSE OF LONG WINDED CASES

The Defense in the Conroy-Russell Ejectment Suit Only Begun Yesterday—The Jones-Schimpff Case is Also Dragging Slowly Along—Superior Court is Even as Lively and Exciting as the Local Courts.

Thirty-six of the sixty jurors on this week's panel are having what in common parlance is known as a snap. The other twenty-four are having just the opposite kind of a time. Twelve of them have put in three days and are likely to put in three more listening to a raft of testimony about contracts, options, leases and royalties and the like in the complicated Conroy-Russell ejectment case. Another twelve for two days and a half have been listening and still are listening to the Jones-Schimpff suit over a balance alleged to be due for the construction of the building at 117 State street. Plans and specifications are the most interesting features of these proceedings.

THE BIG EJECTMENT SUIT.

The big ejectment suit finished their side of the case at 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Price moved for a non-suit on the grounds that the plaintiffs had failed to establish their case but the motion was denied. Mr. Hanth had then opened for the defense with an hour's explanation of what they propose to prove.

THE DEFENSE IN A WORD.

The defense in a word is that Messrs. Conroy, Davis and Williams have bona fide and incontrovertible options for both the rental of the coal and the purchase of the land. On July 1, 1892, the plaintiffs, through their attorney, gave notice to the defendants that they would accept the offer of July 1, 1892.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

In the superior court yesterday morning the agreement of the case of Simon Gibbs and Emma E. Gibbs, appellants, against Mary B. Tiffany, et al., an appeal from the common pleas of Bradford county, was completed. John E. Ingraham, of Towanda, made the argument for the appellants, and H. F. Maynard for the appellees. The case will be argued during the day by Major W. S. Millar, brigade inspector, at 7:15 p. m. of the following date:

Company B, at Scranton, Wednesday, March 18, 1897.
Company G, at Montrose, Thursday, March 19, 1897.
Company H, at Scranton, Friday, March 20, 1897.
Company A, at Scranton, Monday, March 23, 1897.
Company C, at Scranton, Tuesday, March 24, 1897.
Company E, at Honesdale, Wednesday, March 25, 1897.
Company F, at Hyde Park, Thursday, March 26, 1897.
Company D, at Scranton, Friday, March 27, 1897.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A Good Thing," in which Peter P. Daily is starring this season, and which comes to the Academy of Music tomorrow evening, is by John J. McNally, a remarkably popular and clever popular comedian, and the author also of "A Country Sport." "The Widow Jones" and other highly successful pieces. The new comedy for Mr. Daily is said to be on a par with "A Country Sport" which was the best piece of the season last year.

"Exactly 40 little boys and girls were the guests of Manager Arthur at the Star theater yesterday afternoon. They were from nine of the institutions devoted to the care of the orphans of the city. All the little folks bidden of the greatest wonder of the age—"The Projector" and George H. Summers' comedy players could not attend yesterday, and this afternoon the remainder—innates of Father Baker's reformatory—will occupy the best seats in the house. The boys and girls accompanied by their parents and friends, were the guests of the projectors, and the drivers of the train were amply repaid in witnessing the pleasure of their little guests," says the Buffalo Courier.

The above great show will appear at the Parkland theater all next week with daily matinee every day except Monday. Monday evening the greatest comedy drama ever written entitled "A Bitter Attraction." Prices during engagement will be evening, 10, 20 and 30 cents; matinee, 5, 10 and 15 cents, all parts of the theater.

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ports of the pioneer of popular prices, being under the leadership of Vincent King. Among the views to be shown on the wonderful photograph on Monday evening, will be a fire department on the full run to a fire, the great McKinley parade in New York city, the knights Templar in Scranton last May, a collection on the elevated and many points of interest locally. No free tickets of any kind for the opening night. Walt's Premium band will give but one open air concert at noon, weather permitting, he on and Monday.

THAT CARBONDALE COAL TRACT.

Judge Edwards Hands Down An Opinion Touching a Phase of Suit.

In the case of Strand & Chamberlain against W. D. Boyer, the Acme Coal company and others, to strike off judgment, Judge Edwards yesterday handed down the following opinion:

The defendants leased certain coal lands from the plaintiffs, entered into possession of the property and proceeded to the payment of minimum prices for the payment of minimum prices, and obtained the following default clause: (He cites the clause which provides that in the event of non-payment of royalties for non-compliance with the terms of the contract, and after thirty days' notice the grantors had the right to take possession of the property, and the plaintiffs did give thirty days' notice and entered an amicable action of ejectment, and confessed judgment, executed and went into possession. The court then goes on: We are asked to strike off the judgment so entered for the reason that the affidavit does not cover the cause of forfeiture. This we refuse to do because we consider that taking notice of judgment filed on both sides declare the fact that the dispute between the parties is of considerable moment. It involves a large money investment on the part of the defendants, and important contract and property rights on the part of the plaintiffs. It involves also the construction of several clauses in the lease, in view of the facts of the case as shown in the respective pleadings, and in view of the judgment ought to be opened and an opportunity to have the questions at issue decided by a jury of the court of equity. We are aware that there is a quiet case now pending between the parties. It may be that their differences can be described more speedily and satisfactorily in the equity case. As to this we express no opinion now.

THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

- G. H. Flammagan, chairman; C. W. Gunster, Secretary and Treasurer; John P. Gwinn, of Easton; E. W. Mulligan, of Wilkes-Barre; J. C. Shafer, of Scranton; Edward Rembert, of Albiontown; and J. P. Pardoe, of Hazleton.

REXFORD'S REXFORD'S REXFORD'S

Have to postpone the sale of the Wright stock of jewelry. More of it than we thought there was.

TRUBLE OVER A TRUNK.

The trunk was out of it Peckville, and it is believed, that the trunk was recovered by the Gaines. Mr. Gilmarin then brought suit for illegal seizure of the trunk, which constitutes the case before the attorney.

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GROUP THREE OF STATE BANKERS

Held a Meeting in Board of Trade Rooms Yesterday Afternoon.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMED

C. W. Gunster, of This City, is Secretary and Treasurer of It—A Uniform Statement to be Signed by Borrowers is Adopted—Next Meeting in Wilkes-Barre in July. Those Who Attended.

Group three of the Pennsylvania Bankers' association, comprising all the counties in eastern Pennsylvania, north of Philadelphia, met in semi-annual session yesterday afternoon in the board of trade rooms. The meeting was not as largely attended as usual and



C. W. GUNSTER, OF SCRANTON,
Secretary and Treasurer, Group 3, Pennsylvania Bankers' Association.

There was a noticeable absence of Scranton bank officials. Only about an hour and a half was required to transact routine business, elect officers and adjourn to meet in Wilkes-Barre in July.

The following executive committee was elected on recommendation of the committee on nominations: G. H. Flammagan, of Wilkes-Barre, chairman; C. W. Gunster, of Scranton, Secretary and Treasurer; John P. Gwinn, of Easton; E. W. Mulligan, of Wilkes-Barre; J. C. Shafer, of Scranton; Edward Rembert, of Albiontown; and J. P. Pardoe, of Hazleton.

BORROWERS' STATEMENT.

A uniform form of statement to be signed by borrowers was adopted. Its particulars were not given for publication.

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bank; P. L. Phillips, cashier, Traders' National bank, Isaac Post, cashier, First National bank, Scranton; Geo. H. Flammagan, cashier, Wilkes-Barre National bank, Wilkes-Barre; C. W. Lacey, cashier, Anthracite Savings bank, Wilkes-Barre; E. W. Mulligan, cashier, Second National bank, Wilkes-Barre.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1897.

"Uncle Jake's" Publication is Completed and Ready for Distribution. "Uncle Jake's" Masonic calendar for A. L. 5897, A. D. 1897, has been issued and is ready for distribution. The publication contains 60 pages of detailed directory of all the lodges, chapters, consistories and commanderies in the city and vicinity.

The calendar has been compiled for many years by Jacob F. Hetzel, tyler at Masonic hall from whom copies may be obtained. In the book are a number of recent important decisions of the grand master, a fund of Masonic teaching matter and special articles of interest to the craft.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Inactive Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

IT IS ABOUT TIME

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Ernest Thiele,

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