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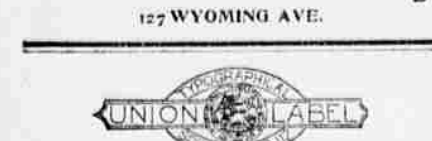
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CITY NOTES.

Dr. W. P. Conners will lecture this evening on chemistry to the members of St. Peter's society, of Bellevue.

The board of managers of the Home for the Friendless met yesterday morning and directed the payment of a number of bills for work on the new home building.

A large portion of the plaster on the ceiling of the store of F. P. Christian fell Wednesday afternoon, badly damaging a show case and the stock it contained.

Work will at once begin on the repairs to the Jersey Central passenger station on West Lackawanna avenue which was damaged by fire on noon Wednesday.

The constables propose to bring suit against the county commissioners to test the recent change in the fee bill, which cuts down their remuneration in a great number of items.

Mrs. E. T. Hass entertained a number of friends at tea in her home, 319 1/2 North street, Wednesday afternoon. The ladies present are members of the Ladies Aid society of Grace Lutheran church.

At 7:45 o'clock this evening Rev. H. W. Buck, P. E. of Lewisburg, will preach in the Trinity United Evangelical church, Little England. The fourth quarterly conference will convene at the close of the service.

A large assemblage enjoyed a delightful dance at the first of Slogoff's bi-weekly informal hops last night given in his new dancing academy, in the Carter building, corner of Adams avenue and Linden street. Bauer's orchestra furnished the music.

The Scranton Bicycle club members are anticipating the annual meeting and election which will be held next month. No reliable mention has been made of candidates, but there are many for several of the offices. At a meeting of the club last night thirty-two members were elected.

Yesterday afternoon Alderman Hark issued a warrant for the arrest of Della Larkin, at the instance of Marie O'Neil, who charges that Miss Larkin assaulted her. Her claim was supported by an unflinching witness over her right eye, which was caused by a stone or piece of ice. Both women are residents of Danmore.

Before Alderman Wright yesterday, Charles Barber brought suit against Messrs. Charles and A. Conrad to recover the amount he claims due him for moving a building. The dockmen admit that the building was moved, but owing to defective supports it collapsed. Mr. Barber claims that the falling of the building was due to masses doing their work carelessly. Decision on the case was reserved.

FOURTH CHAMBER CONCERT.

It was the Last One That Will Be Given This Season.

The fourth and final chamber concert of the present season will by all odds the best, and to an otherwise excellent programme, rendered with uncommon spirit, was added the novelty of the first public rendition of a composition by the central figure among the musicians of this section, Professor Hemminger.

The concert opened with a trio by Boelche in D, the andante movement of which quickly put the audience in a receptive mood. Grieg's sonata in F for violin and piano followed, and right here it should be said that those who did not hear this number missed not only one of the most exquisite bits of instrumental music which have ever been produced in Scranton, but also a chance to hear Mr. Hemminger at his best. His understanding with his violin last evening was well-nigh perfect. Never before, to our recollection, has his instrument proved so responsive to every touch.

The piece de resistance, the Hemminger string quartette in E flat, was in some respects a puzzle. It baffles our inexperienced description; we can only say that it is as full of originality as of surprises and will need to be heard a number of times to be fairly judged. Its first two movements proved decidedly piquant after a half hour of Grieg, but it seemed last evening as if in his andantino the composer carried his motif out to the limit of tolerance and met with embarrassment in his concluding bars; and a similar judgment might not be out of place with reference to his finale. But this opinion is advanced with hesitance; the fact is, Professor Hemminger as a composer is a lay unto himself. There were some bars in his quartette that evoked decided enthusiasm and again there were some that abandoned so frankly the conventions that one has to withhold a verdict pending more thoughtful consideration.

The vocalist of the evening, Mr. Wooley, sang two numbers in excellent voice, and was cordially cheered.

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MANY BIG ORDERS.

There is assurance, however, that orders for hundreds of thousands of

AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BIG POOL

Railroads Take Advantage of the Drop in the Price of Steel Rails.

LARGE ORDERS BEING PLACED

Standard Rails Are Being Sold in Chicago for \$15 a Ton—War to the Knife Between Carnegie and the Illinois Steel Company—Not Likely That the Cut in Prices Will Cause New Roads to Be Constructed.

"A war for business is being waged with as much competition between the Carnegie Steel company, limited, of Pittsburgh, and the Illinois steel company, of Chicago," says yesterday's Pittsburgh Times.

"The fight began in Chicago Monday, after a week of the steel rail pool, when the Illinois concern charged that the Pittsburgh firm was invading its territory and was shading prices. To meet the competition, it met the prices offered by the Carnegie company's agents, and the latter came back with still lower prices. The railroad buyers played the two firms until open quotations yesterday were \$17, Pittsburgh, and \$18, Chicago, for rails of standard section, which means actual selling prices of \$15 and \$16 respectively. Just what will be placed orders by the Carnegie company are not given, but it is not denied that orders aggregating a large tonnage have been booked for delivery the coming spring.

It is estimated that orders aggregating 50,000 tons have been placed during the week by western and southern railroads.

"The companies east of the mountains are strong and have close railway connections. The western steel companies at Scranton, the Lackawanna Steel company, are closely allied with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the Delaware and Hudson Canal and Railway company, which are largely owned by the Vanderbilts. This is thought to give the Lackawanna company an advantage over its neighbors, the Pennsylvania and the Bethlehem Steel companies, as well as with the Maryland Steel company. The Maryland Steel company is closely allied with the Baltimore and Ohio interests, the Pennsylvania Steel company with the Pennsylvania railroad, and the Bethlehem with the Erie, Lehigh Valley and Reading railroads.

HOW THE TROUBLE STARTED.

"Because the steel companies furnish large freight tonnage on raw materials to the railroads, among which their plants are situated, preference is always given to the companies which furnish freight when orders for rails are placed. For this reason the Pennsylvania railroad has always divided its tonnage between the Pennsylvania Cambria and Carnegie Steel companies and placed an order for 50,000 tons among those companies last month. It is stated that it was because of the placing of this order that the trouble began in the pool. The Carnegie company is charged with having offered a low price for the entire tonnage, forcing the other companies to meet the price.

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tons of rails have been placed since last Friday at the price of \$29 a ton or less, and that the indications are that the rail mills have business enough ahead to keep them running several weeks at least. Further orders are expected, for it is known that railroads are figuring on contracts, with the idea of placing orders for the rails they need in advance of any possible rise in the price.

"But the idea, that the cut in price will have the effect of stimulating railroad construction is regarded as visionary. A reduction of \$5 a ton in the price of rails running seventy-five pounds to the yard is a saving of less than \$600 a mile of single track, which is very trifling when compared with the total cost of construction per mile. The orders which have been placed during the last five days are for rails needed for renewals and for sidings or extensions demanded by the business of the respective roads, and would have been purchased sooner or later at any price. Railroad construction, which has fallen off so greatly during the last few years of depression, will not be renewed until there is a demand for more railroad facilities.

"An authority in the steel rail trade said yesterday that future prices will depend on the action of the Illinois and Carnegie companies. If they renew the old agreement to stand together the price will not fall below \$17, and it may advance, while, on the other hand, if the antagonism continues, the Carnegie company may make a further cut, and the eastern markets would then probably find it necessary to reduce their price below \$20 to meet it."

LANGOWSKI AGAIN ARRESTED.

Asked to Furnish \$1000 Bail to Answer a Charge of Criminal Libel.

Daniel Langowski, editor of a Polish weekly published in this city, was arraigned before Alderman W. S. Millar yesterday afternoon to answer a charge of criminal libel.

The suit is another outgrowth of the troubles between the editor and the priest. Actions against the editor are on the trial list in a criminal court this week, but have been continued. They charge criminal libel and the priest and his housekeeper are the prosecutors.

In referring to the pending cases in recent issues of his paper, Editor Langowski made certain statements which resulted in his arrest yesterday. He was held in \$1000 bail for his appearance at court.

WAS A REAL VILLAIN.

It Wasn't Tin Money or Run on the Bank's Greenbacks That He Stole.

William Emery, a member of the Ploy Crowell company, is minus \$32 through the operations of a thief. Just when he was about to get a check for \$32,000, he was taken by a thief. Emery cannot tell, but he has an idea. Tuesday night he carelessly left his pocketbook containing the money lying on a shelf in his dressing room at the Frothingham when he was making his change, and he took it along with him. When he came back the pocketbook was there, but outward appearances, just as he had left it. He put it in the pocket of his street coat and there it remained until the next night not having had occasion to use it during the day, as he had some change in his trousers pockets which was sufficient to meet the small expenditures he made during the day.

At night when he again went to his dressing room he took out the pocketbook and laid it on the shelf. Another member of the company who happened into his room remarked to him that he shouldn't leave his pocketbook in so conspicuous a place. With the remark "I guess you're right," Mr. Emery took the pocketbook from the shelf with the intention of hiding it in his trunk. It seemed to be flatter that it ought to be and opening it he found to his surprise and sorrow that it was devoid of its contents, except cards and railroad tickets. The \$32 which was made up of a \$50 bill, ten and three ones, was gone.

Mr. Emery is firmly convinced that it was taken Tuesday night while he was on the stairs, by some one who snaked up to his dressing room. That it was not an experienced thief he feels confident, for two diamond studs and a gold watch were also in sight, the watch being alongside of the pocketbook. He has placed the case in the hands of Detective Silverberg, but fears that the mystery is beyond the ken of detectives and that his useful and he have parted company forever.

HOLIDAY SHOOTING MATCH.

On Washington's Birthday at the Dunmore Rifle Range.

A shooting match will take place on Washington's birthday at the Dunmore rifle range. The conditions will be off hand, 200 yards, open to all comers, German Schutzen rules. As the shooting hours and battery pit were well heated, the match will occur, no matter what kind of weather may prevail.

There will be German firing, muzzle rest and bulbsey targets for unlimited entries and for rifles and guns with and without globe sights. The prizes are liberal.

Shooting will begin at 9 o'clock and close at 5. The cars will run twice blocks of the range. Visitors should change cars for No. 6 branch or go by the Suburban line to Smith street.

LACE FACTORY CLOSED.

Levy Made and Sale Advertised for Next Thursday.

Deputy Sheriff J. D. Ferber yesterday levied upon the Scranton Lace Curtain factory and advertised the sale for next Thursday. The factory was closed for several days last week.

Additional executions were yesterday entered against the company, as follows: Estate of Catherine Winton, deceased, \$10,000 and \$25,000; H. J. Anderson, trustee, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

MAYOR BAILEY GOES OVER THE ROUTES

Wanted to See Just the Condition of Affairs That Exists on South Side.

NECESSITY OF PROPOSED SEWER

It Was Made Painfully Apparent During Yesterday's Visit to the District in Which It is Intended to Construct a Main Sewer—Condition of the Streets That Were Passed Over by the Party—Some of the Arguments Presented.

Mayor James G. Bailey, accompanied by City Engineer Joseph Phillips and Street Commissioner Kinley, yesterday made a tour of inspection of the district on the South Side in which it is proposed to construct a main sewer. An ordinance providing for the construction of the sewer is now in the hands of the mayor for approval or disapproval. It was with a view to making a personal investigation into the necessity of a sewer in that part of the city that the mayor visited the South Side yesterday. What he saw certainly must have convinced him that a sewer in that part of the city is a crying necessity.

His honor, of course, refused to commit himself as to what his action with reference to the ordinance will be, but after the light that was thrown on the subject for him yesterday, it is not likely he will veto the measure unless he decides that the building of the sewer under the present ordinance would entail considerable litigation and a final result in leaving the city with a lot of sewer liens on its hands that it would have no means of collecting. It has been the general impression that the fifteen days allowed the mayor to act on the ordinance will be used on Monday, but he announced yesterday that the ordinance was not placed in his hands until Feb. 2 and that he has until Wednesday, Feb. 17, to decide what action he will take relative to it. It being probable that he will hold his approval or disapproval of the ordinance back until after next Tuesday—election day.

THE TOUR OF INSPECTION.

The mayor and his companions left the city hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30 and reached the South Side by way of the new bridge, touching the sewer route at Front and Moosic streets and continuing on to the Moosic street to Stone avenue, crossing an open sewer several feet wide, which flows under Moosic street, between Pittston and Prospect avenues. Along Stone avenue the gutters were clogged with ice, and the street intersection of the avenue and Moosic street, which is a very narrow one, was completely covered by the ice. The street was in a very deplorable condition, and when the party was going along that the attention was attracted to the fact that nearly every cellar has more or less water in it for the greater part of the year.

At Stone avenue and Willow street, the end of the Willow street branch of the proposed sewer, there was another mass of ice, and notwithstanding the warm weather of the last few days which has dissipated every vestige of ice in almost every other section of the city, Willow street down to Pittston avenue was more than half covered with ice where the surface water flowing down the hill had frozen and caused great quantities of ice to accumulate on the hill along Cedar and Beech streets. It required no very vivid imagination to picture, Beech street hill was in the same deplorable condition, and when the party was going along that the attention was attracted to the fact that nearly every cellar has more or less water in it for the greater part of the year.

KEEPS AN ENGINE AT WORK.

One man on Pittston avenue has an automatic engine in his cellar which he keeps running almost constantly pumping water and yet he is not able to keep the cellar dry. It is claimed that the cellar are not naturally wet and that the condition is due to the surface water that comes tumbling down the hill in great volume during storms and spring thaws. Elm street had its share of ice above and below Cedar avenue. That thoroughfare was not afflicted with ice, but mud and stagnant pools of water are equally as great a nuisance there. At Elm street and Remington avenue there is a pest hole that must be a great disease breeder in warm weather. From Elm street the party crossed to Cedar avenue to Maple street and then went east until Pittston avenue was reached.

As the wagon turned into Pittston avenue City Engineer Phillips said: "This is nothing better than a cess pool." The appearance of the place seemed to warrant the statement. In the deep gutters on each side of the street streams of water were running and here and there were great heaps of ice. A thick, pasty mud covered the street and puddles of dirty water were encountered every few yards. At this point Pittston avenue is at the foot of the hill and is the lodging place of everything that comes down in the open sewers from the hill. Further south the hill is steeper and the water becomes the common repository for the filth of the district above. On Pittston avenue Select Councilman Westpfahl, S. S. Spruks and others were met who grew eloquent in relating the necessity of a sewer in that part of the city.

MR. SPRUK'S ARGUMENT.

"I have a house here that cost me \$6,000," said Mr. Spruks, "and I don't suppose I could get \$4,000 for it because the man who would buy that kind of a house would insist on having sanitary surroundings."

"Edward Maloney has been desirous for years of putting up a modern brick row of buildings on a corner lot he has on this avenue," remarked Councilman Westpfahl, "but it has been impossible for him to do so because this region is not sewered. Give us a sewer and this part of the city will take a new lease of life. Within five years after the time the sewer is laid Pittston avenue will be paved and rank with the finest streets in the city."

After gaining a thorough knowledge of the condition of Pittston avenue and the intersecting streets the mayor and party returned to city hall. Notwithstanding the conditions which they entered against the construction of the sewer. Those who oppose it did not put in an appearance and those who favored it were numerous and very radical in expressing their opinions.

TWO DRAMAS FINELY PRESENTED.

Seen at the Frothingham Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.

"Temptation of Money," a four-act drama, was produced at the Frothingham last night by Miss Ploy Crowell and her company before a well pleased

audience. The drama is one of strong human interest and in the hands of the Crowell company is well worth seeing. At the matinee "A Fatal Error" was given. This usual excellent specialties enlivened both performances.

MARRIAGE WON'T HOLD.

Was Within the Forbidden Degrees of Kinship and a Crime.

Harry H. Pfleger, aged 29, of Berwick, is in the Lackawanna county jail charged with marrying his step-daughter, which is within the forbidden degree of kinship according to the statutes of this state. His brother-in-law by his first wife, John G. Cox, of Bloomsburg, is the complainant.

The marriage took place in this city Jan. 5. The license was secured from Clerk of the Courts Thomas, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church. Pfleger went home with his bride and commenced house-keeping, thinking no one would have any objection to his marriage, and not realizing that he had been guilty of any serious wrong. His brother-in-law, however, had objections, and after consulting an attorney, came to this city and swore out a warrant for Pfleger's arrest before Alderman Millar. Officer Jack Tierney went to Berwick and arrested him and brought him to this city, where after a hearing he was committed to jail in default of \$500 bail.

Pfleger married a widow with three children, two boys and a girl, and also has a son by his deceased wife. On the death of his wife, pursuant to her request, he married his wife's daughter, Bessie, 19 years of age, that the family might be kept together. His brother-in-law, he says, objects to the marriage only because it will prevent his folks from getting some money which was left to the deceased Mrs. Pfleger.

Bessie's brothers are perfectly satisfied with the arrangement and refuse to go to live with their mother's people, preferring a home with their stepmother, sister and their stepmother's stepfather husband.

A MIDNIGHT BELL.

Presented to a Standing Room House at the Academy of Music.

A "standing room only" house witnessed "A Midnight Bell" at the Academy of Music last night, and laughed itself sore over humor of Hoyt and the work of Digby Bell and his wife, Laura Joyce Bell, who head the strong comedy which is the season presenting this masterpiece of the modern master of farce comedy.

The most appreciated passages in the play were the several bits of rich repartee, which administered hard raps at serious forms of hypocrisy, and in which the author is ever happy. The singing of the "A Midnight Bell" quartette and the specialty of Ed Hedway were extras that the audience could not get enough of it.

LADIES' WHIST NIGHT.

Mrs. Owens, Mr. Brown, Miss Dale and Mr. Dale the Winners.

Thirty-six ladies and gentlemen participated in the playing last night at the Scranton Whist club rooms in the Mears building. Compass whist was played.

Mrs. J. B. Owens and W. J. Brown made the highest score, and Miss Dale and P. H. Dale the highest east and west. The other pairs were: North and south, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Parke, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heeley, Mrs. Fuller and J. S. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Altmach, Mrs. E. B. Jernyn and T. E. Otis, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Penman, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wade; east and west, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hintermeister, Mrs. W. J. Brown and J. W. Dusenbury, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ockell, Mrs. E. J. Parrott and C. E. Wade, Mrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick and C. E. Fuller, Mrs. C. R. Fuller and Thomas Evans, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Labar, Miss Bradley and H. S. Robinson.

FOUR CLAIM DAMAGES.

Traction Company Sued by a Quartette of Plaintiffs Yesterday.

Four new damage suits against the Traction company yesterday by parties represented by Taylor & Lewis, C. D. Rockwell, of Providence, asks for \$500 for his two 21-year-old shade trees which were killed by electricity from wires which the company strung against the trees.

Philip Fruehan asks \$10,000 because of a collision on Cedar avenue last summer, when a Traction company car struck his wagon, wrecking it and injuring him permanently.

H. Goldsieder, a peddler, was run into by a car on the Providence line last fall sustaining damages to his horse, wagon and goods to the alleged extent of \$1,500.

David E. Nicholas wants \$200 for furniture destroyed by reason of a car running into his wagon in Providence last November.

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

250 XX White Envelopes for 17c. at 3c. Store, 623 Lack'a. ave.

Steam Heating and Plumbing, P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.

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