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PERSONAL.
T. Reeve Jones was in Avoca yesterday.
Wade M. Finn spent yesterday in Carbondale.
United States Commissioner A. J. Colborn was in Wilkes-Barre yesterday.
Howard Davis has returned from Washington, D. C., where he was the guest of Joseph D. Lewis.
Edward MacGlockrie, of Boston, is the guest of his brother, Rev. D. J. MacGlockrie, president of St. Thomas' church.
William G. Hamway, a student at St. Michael's college, Toronto, has sufficiently recovered from a severe illness to be able to return home.
Night Watchman W. R. Robbins at the Lackawanna and Hudson station, reported for duty last night. He was injured by James Hamilton several weeks ago.
Miss Lizzie Morgan, Hattie White and Carrie Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, spent yesterday with Miss Edith Soffy, of Mulberry street, and left evening attended a social at Excelsior hall.
Mrs. E. G. Corson gave an "at home" Monday in honor of her guest Mrs. Barnard C. Hassell. The ladies present were: Mrs. Stullford, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. C. L. Fryer, Mrs. James D. Dickson, Mrs. R. J. Bennett, Miss Bennett, Miss Archibald, the Misses Merrill, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. H. C. Shaffer, Mrs. E. W. W. Kincaid, Mrs. W. C. Kincaid, Mrs. Watter Collins, Miss Elizabeth Torrey, Miss Welles, Mrs. R. W. Archibald, Mrs. George Hill, Dimmick, Mrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick, Miss Chauncey Reynolds, Miss Luman.
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CONCERT ON MARCH 25.
It Will Be Given in Penn Avenue Baptist Church.
Haydn Evans, chorister of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, has arranged for a concert in the church on March 25 to be given by a mixed chorus of twenty-five voices.
The concert programme will be made up mainly of old English songs interspersed with selections for the male voices. The club that will sing at the concert is the same one that gave a concert in Owego two years ago under the direction of Mr. Evans.

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THOSE PENN AVENUE LIQUOR LICENSES
Vigorous Fight For and Against Ambsry's and Welch's Places.
PASTOR AND TRUSTEE NOT IN ACCORD
Rev. Dr. Dixon Takes the Stand and Testifies Against Both Places--One of the Church Trustees, Israel Bittenbender, Appears as a Witness for Ambsry--Thirteenth Ward as Usual Opposes Drinking Places in That Bailiwick--Other Remonstrances.

License court, yesterday, was enlivened by a number of fights, principal among which was on the applications opposed by the Penn Avenue Baptist church. The church as a body through its official board, filed remonstrances against four places in the immediate vicinity of the church, John C. Welch, a wholesale house; and the hotels of Frank M. Ambsry, Christian Gomeringer and Michael Bannan.
In the interim between filing the remonstrances and the hearing of the applications the opposition to Gomeringer and Bannan was withdrawn, they having given a written guarantee to the remonstrators that they would see to it there would be no further cause for the grievances set forth in the complaint.
A most determined effort, however, was made against the remaining two places which are in the building adjoining the church on the north. Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Dixon, the pastor, took the stand in both cases and vigorously protested that they were not necessary; that they were improperly conducted and were hurtful to the morals of the community and the peace and comfort of the church body.
J. W. Browning and Milton W. Lowry, members of the congregation, were attorneys for the remonstrators. T. P. Hoban and George S. Horn represented the hotel and wholesale houses. As to the church sexton, Frederick Fellingner, testified that people went into the place on Sunday and that loud and boisterous talk could be heard within, during the morning when services were in progress in the church. He also testified that frequently men who had taken a little too much for their stomach's sake regretted it over the course of the day. He is on the Penn Avenue side this month, testified that he had heard people talking in Ambsry's place after 12 o'clock on Saturday nights. He couldn't say that they were drinking, but he admitted that they were noisy and that the noise was very annoying to the church.

DR. DIXON TESTIFIES.
Rev. Dr. Dixon was next called and was asked by counsel to testify as to the necessity of the hotel. Judge Archibald said that court did not care to hear any evidence as to the necessity of the hotel. He would listen only to testimony bearing on the character of the house and its effect on the neighborhood. Dr. Dixon thereupon testified in his opinion the saloon situated and conducted as it was, was detrimental to the morals of the congregation. Sunday school boys stopped and studied lewd pictures displayed in the saloon windows on frequent occasions; loud and boisterous talk was a common occurrence there; people passed by and from the church were compelled to listen to vile language uttered by loafers who congregated in front of the place, and on one occasion a lady member of the choir was pursued by a man who came out of Ambsry's place and followed her even into the church yard.
On cross-examination, in answer to Mr. Horn's questions, he admitted that he was opposed on general principles to liquor traffic. That would list only to display Ambsry's window might be, he said, show literature such as could be found in many other windows about the city. He did not make a study of show pictures and only looked at them in Ambsry's place because his attention had been attracted to them when he went to urge his Sunday school boys to go away from in front of the place. The pictures were those of women more or less nude. He could not answer intelligently Mr. Horn's question as to whether or not they were pictures of women in ordinary ballet costume, he said, because he never saw an ordinary ballet costume or any other kind of a ballet costume.
County Detective Leysen heard complaints of gambling being carried on at Ambsry's, but an investigation failed to substantiate them. Mrs. W. B. Dugan, agent of the Board of Assessor, testified that she had complaints about the character of the place. She was not allowed to testify to these, however. She told, however, that she knew there were drinking rooms upstairs. Harry McCracken, 18 years of age, testified that he and four or five other boys had played cards in the place on several occasions, Sundays included, but without the knowledge or consent of the proprietor or the bartender. They had not been served with drinks.

DEFENSE OF AMBSRY.
In defense of his character and the reputation of his place Mr. Ambsry called Dr. E. H. Throckmole, Israel Bittenbender, F. H. Jerny, J. J. O'Boyle, Peter Haettlich and Thomas Clark. All testified that Mr. Ambsry was a good and reputable citizen and as far as they knew conducted a quiet and orderly place. Mr. Bittenbender is one of the trustees of the Penn Avenue church.
"Somewhat of a surprise was occasioned when the church people called as their first witness in the Welch case Mr. Ambsry against whom they had but a few minutes before strenuously waged opposition. The surprise was lessened however when it developed that Mr. Ambsry had offered himself as a witness, not as against Mr. Welch, but in support of the Ambsry place. His evidence was to the effect that questionable characters had from time to time lived in these apartments and that at present they are occupied by women of the reputation for morality is not their strongest point. He told however that when he complained to the owner of the building, the applicant's father, now deceased, of the objection of these tenants they were driven out and that at his instigation the Welch executors, of whom the applicant is one, are making efforts to oust the present occupants.
Judge Archibald remarked that the trouble seemed to be not so much from the licensed places down stairs but from the unlicensed places up stairs.
Rev. Dr. Dixon again took the stand and told of whiskey barrels being piled up against the fence and said that in summer time when the windows of the church were opened the fumes of the whiskey permeated the church, which to his mind did not mix well with prayer. The place had been kept open on Sunday he believed. One week ago Sunday it was open wide enough, he said, to allow two drunken men to roll out of the front door. In conclusion he said it was his duty to pull people up when they were so many strong contagious influences piling them down.
TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE.
In defense of himself Mr. Welch called John J. O'Boyle, who testified that the place was conducted in a legal and orderly way and that he had never found cause to complain of it and then went on the stand himself and after denying that he was in any way responsible for the tenants up stairs said he would remove the offending whiskey barrels and could have never placed them there if he thought they were causing any offense.
When the Thirteenth ward was reached Mr. Lathrop came up with remonstrances against W. H. Horn, James J. Kelly and George Simpson, alleging the usual reason that the people of the Thirteenth ward were almost unanimously opposed to having saloons in the ward and in the case of Horn and Simpson he charged that those saloons did not bear the least semblance of a hotel.
Ward & Horn pleaded for the Horn license and O'Brien & Kelly and Colonel Fitzsimmons urged the necessity of Kelly's place. The latter house is situated on Washington Avenue nearly opposite the county jail. It was built expressly for hotel purposes four years ago at a cost of \$7,000, but has never been licensed. The fact that the building is not located in that part of the Thirteenth ward in which the objects live, but in a sort of disjointed portion of the ward and at one of its extremities was urged by Mr. Kelly as one of the strong reasons why the remonstrance should not have any weight.
Mr. Fitzsimmons referred to Mr. Kelly's competency and to the fact that he was a courteous, sober man, who could be relied upon to conduct his place in a highly becoming manner. Mr. Lathrop in opposition called to mind the fact that the building was near the stove works, that it had evidently been built to catch the trade of the stove works employes and that the stove works employes were opposed to the granting of the license.
OTHER REMONSTRANCES.
Other Scranton places remonstrated against were those of Michael Gibby, of 400 West Market street; John Martin, 2727 North Main avenue; David A. Evans, 2239 North Main avenue.
Patrick Conway, of Otterbein, was opposed by citizens who allege he ran a disreputable place and had a dance hall connected with it, where young girls were entertained until all hours of the morning. The Van Sickele case from Newton Center was concluded during the morning. It is expected court will conclude its work before noon today.

CHARGES OF FRAUD ARE TO BE PROBED
Contest Is the Outgrowth of the Recent Municipal Election in Duaneore.
WHAT THE PETITIONS ALLEGE
Say That All Manner of Irregularities and Fraud Were Resorted to by the Democracy to Secure the Election of the Party Candidates--Commission Appointed by the Court to Secure and Preserve the Ballots Cast at the Recent Election.

The methods employed by the Democrats during the recent municipal election in Duaneore are to be reviewed by the court for a contest was yesterday instituted against the following Democrats who were declared elected on the face of the returns at the election on Feb. 18: Burgess, Victor Burschel, tax collector, William C. Burke, school directors, Michael J. Murray and Michael T. Glynn, auditors, Vito Girardi and John J. Gilmartin; Justice of the Peace, R. A. Scott; council, Michael J. Walsh and Charles Wenzel.
Attorneys Warren & Knapp have been retained to conduct the contest and they yesterday filed petitions in the office of Clerk of the Courts Thomas Smith, at Scranton, to have the legality of a number of the votes cast at the election in question. Rules were granted on all of the above named officers directing them to make answer to the petition on Monday, March 22, at 9 o'clock A. M.
The petitions lay practically the same grounds for a contest in each case. In brief it is charged that votes were received and counted for the Democratic candidates from men not in the district the requisite time; from persons not qualified voters because they had not paid a state or county tax; from men not naturalized; from men not assessed; from men not of legal age; from men not of age. It is also charged that the returns were not sworn to according to law; that names were illegitimately added to the registry list on the day of election; that votes of unregistered voters were received without compelling them to furnish proof of their right to vote; that all of the votes cast for the Republican candidates were not counted; that the votes of legally qualified voters were refused.
FORCE AND INTIMIDATION.
Perhaps the most serious offence in the eyes of the common people if not in the eyes of the law, is that which says that voters were prevented by force or intimidation from casting their votes for the men of their choice and that bribery and corruption were means used to get votes for the Democratic candidates.
It is also set forth that names were voted in more than one district on election day and that men on the registry list who did not vote were impersonated and votes cast in their names.
The contest petitions are sworn to as to the facts by Thomas R. Young, E. E. Swartz, F. E. Wagner, James Cole, Peter Pinkney, Calvin Schuler, L. P. Wert, Josh Worfel, George P. Young, George Berke, David Parfrey, John Hines and Adam Robinson.
The petitions are signed by: Chas. H. Oliver, E. E. Swartz, F. E. Wagner, J. Warfel, A. C. Mitchell, R. Hale, J. H. Jenkins, Harry Edwards, Walter Smith, E. E. Swartz, J. E. McPeak, G. P. Schrank, Peter Seale, W. S. Jones, H. W. Treggan, Edward Angwin, Thos. L. Samsenbaugh, Karl Minnick, George Robinson, Frank E. Van Horn, George B. Seale, Frank Sanger, John Hollos, John B. Holsby, James S. Quick, J. T. Goodrich, J. C. Silenitz, Jr., Cal. Finch, Emory S. Black, Frank F. Hartley, William J. Henwood, S. C. Cummins, E. A. Tiffany, L. P. Wert, John Rice, James Cole, George P. Young, E. V. Powell, Calvin Schuler, David Parfrey, F. M. Keller, William Miller, T. P. Littleworth, John Nichols, Amos Washer, George W. Frost, E. J. Cann, Charles Wood, L. D. Day, Philip Wagner, George Pfahler, Charles Wagner, George Benckert, William Bepko, Charles Benckert, W. B. Townsend, P. P. Woodward, F. P. Woodward, John G. McAiske, Thomas R. Young.

THEY LOOKED FOR LAND.
City Officials in Search of Available Sites for a Fire Department House on the Hill.
Mayor Bailey, Street Commissioner Klyner, M. J. Burns, of select council, the fire department committee, and Chief Hickey, of the fire department, traveled over a considerable part of "the hill" district yesterday afternoon in search of a vacant lot suitably situated for the location of a fire company.
The jaunt was in pursuance of a recent resolution of select council, referred to the fire department committee, directing such a search to be made by the chairman of the joint committee and Chief Hickey, and that the committee be authorized to select a site, to be offered by Mr. Wagner, of the Tenth ward, who detected a purpose for the removal of the city of the Relief company, of the Petersburg district. His opposition caused the resolution to be sent to committee.
The committee will meet Friday night and will have received by that time purchase or rental prices on some of the lots inspected. They will then prepare a report and on the strength of that report the committee will either adopt or some other course pursued to the same effect.
House holders on the hill are clamoring for better fire protection, but the residents of the Tenth ward (Petersburg) object of the only fire protection they now possess. That does not, however, stop the cry of the hill people. They argue that no corresponding area in the city is without a fire company, notwithstanding the fact that the residents of the Ninth and Seventeenth wards represent a money value greater than is represented by the houses in any other five wards.
If the plans to move the Relief company out of Petersburg cannot be brought about, there will be a strong bid to cut down certain items in the now pending 1897 appropriation ordinance to derive funds for the establishment of a new chemical company.

IN POLICE COURT.
D. W. Pond, 41 years of age and a member by trade of the foundry, was arrested by Patrolman J. J. O'Boyle on Center street at an hour when honest people were abed. He paid a \$3 fine.
John Jordan, 38 years of age, an iron worker, who was picked up on Lackawanna Avenue, Monday evening by Patrolman Day, was discharged. He was slightly demented.
Daniel Murphy, a Carbonate mine, 39 years old, was found asleep on a pile of dirt on Court House square. Patrolman Parry drove his horse into the central station and he paid \$1 for the lodging.
John Gilroy, a tailor, did not take kindly to Patrolman Evans' advice to go home, but refused to advise the police and instructed him as to his duties. He resisted arrest and paid \$5 for his experience.
Eva Childs, 24 years old, said she was born at Stroudsburg and aged anywhere. She was deporting herself in Center street in a fashion not included in the bounds of propriety, got arrested and paid \$5.
Joseph Simpson, 12 years old, a painter from Hingham, was drunk and noisy on Franklin Avenue early yesterday morning. Patrolman J. D. Thomas and R. C. Jones had to utilize the nippers in order to get him to the central police station. Mayor Batten gave him an alternative of paying \$5 or spending twenty days in jail.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 24, 1897.
Whereas, The Exalted Ruler of all the earth has removed from our midst Brother Lon T. Hays, the brooding place of the Great Beyond; therefore,
Resolved, That we bow submissively to this edict of the Unfiling Head of our brotherhood, that we bear witness to his genial nature, kindly feeling and many excellent, many qualities of both head and heart; that we sincerely sympathize with his stricken family, and assure them of our disposition to ameliorate the sad circumstances in which this event has placed them; that our charter and all other be draped for thirty days; and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, and a copy sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.
DAVID J. REEVEY,
P. F. GUNSTER, M. D.,
J. ELLIOT ROSS,
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JAMES BLAIR'S ILLNESS.
His Condition Yesterday Not as Favorable as on Monday.
James Blair's condition was not so favorable yesterday. He had grown perceptibly weaker since Monday, but the change was slight.
At the house last night it was announced that the aged financier was in about the same state as during the day. His immediate death was not expected.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days.
Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried MYSTIC CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Carl Lorenz, druggist, 418 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton.

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