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CITY NOTES.

The Blue Ridge and Riverside and the Wyoming Coal and Land companies paid their employees Saturday.

Joseph Alonakas, aged 63, was sent to the county jail yesterday for a ten day's stay because of his acting disorderly in Nay Ave park.

The concert advertised for next Thursday evening at the Penn Avenue Baptist church has been postponed until Thursday night, April 1.

In the estate of Elizabeth Young, late of Dunmore, letters of administration were yesterday granted to Register Hopkin-James H. Mears.

The usual meeting for women will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Young Women's Christian association. Every woman is invited to attend.

The funeral of Dr. Henry L. Fessenden will take place today from his home, 311 Madison avenue. The remains will be taken to Berwick, where burial will be made.

The works of the Lackawanna Wheel company, on Washington avenue, are now running over time in consequence of increased orders for bicycles for the spring trade.

The Scranton Clearing House association for the week ended Saturday were: March 16, \$1,533,364.98; March 19, \$1,571,787.77; March 20, \$1,923,909.98; March 21, \$1,819,309; March 22, \$2,484,532.77; March 23, \$1,819,309; total, \$9,650,435.35. The clearings for the week ended March 22, 1897, were \$988,772.42.

Anna Aevick, of Johnson, according to her neighbors is a talker and the talk she talks is not entirely free from stinging adjectives. She was arrested Saturday as a common nuisance and was taken to the office of Alderman Miller. Frank Hunka appeared as prosecutor. She admitted her guilt and was held in jail in the sum of \$50 for her appearance in court.

The Arion society, conducted by Professor Theodore Hemmerger, was afforded a surprise Saturday evening when the wives and friends of the members invaded the music rooms. The chorus of thirty made voices was hard at work in preparing for the next concert, when the rehearsal was suddenly interrupted. From that time on a pleasant social time took the place of rehearsing.

MISS VAN DERVOORT SANG.

At Last Night's Service at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

Miss Elsie A. C. Van Dervoort, the contralto soloist of Elm Park church, sang two solos last night at the Penn Avenue Baptist church. Her effort delighted an audience which almost filled every pew in the church.

Miss Van Dervoort sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" by Haek, and a gospel selection, "Some Sweet Day." In each number she gave forth a new style of singing and the richness of her well modulated voice served to intensify the reverent atmosphere of the service that Miss Van Dervoort would sing at the concert, which followed in the lecture room, attracted an unusually large number of persons to that service.

COULD NOT FINISH ITS WORK.

Grand Jury was Held Over Until This Week by Judge Edwards.

Owing to the unusually large number of cases on the list the grand jury could not finish its work last week and at the suggestion of District Attorney Jones, Judge Edwards on Saturday handed down an order holding the jury over until this week.

It is reported that the jury will be able to make a final report before adjournment this afternoon. An examination of the county jail was made Saturday and a report on its condition and on the petition for a soldiers' monument will be among the matters that will likely be presented.

HIS NERVE WAS ALL RIGHT.

If It Failed Him He Was Supplied with the Proper Replenisher.

John Ross went into Sayre's meat market on Hickory street Saturday evening and begged a piece of Bologna sausage, saying he had not had anything to eat in twenty-four hours. When Hatcher Sayre cut off a generous slice of sausage and handed it to him Ross kicked because it wasn't bigger and admonished to abuse the butcher.

Patrolman Rodham might have been satisfied to eject Ross from the shop and let it go at that, but when he discovered two large flasks of whisky on the beggar's person he took him up to the police station and locked him up. He is now doing ten days.

B. E. OSBORN ARRESTED.

Charged with Trying to Extort Money from Proprietor of White House.

B. E. Osborn, the Auburn, N. Y., man, who claims that he was held up and robbed of \$45 Thursday night on Solvay street was arrested Saturday at the instance of Mr. Jifkins, proprietor of the White House on Penn avenue. Mr. Jifkins says that Osborn went to him after he (Jifkins) gave him an amount of money equal to that taken from him he would have his license revoked. Osborn claimed that he was followed from the White House

Special Sale
of Oriental Rugs and Carpets by Mitchell Bros. & Co., 124 Washington Avenue. The lovers of oriental rugs will have this time a grand chance to buy the rugs of their own liking 25 per cent cheaper than can be bought anywhere.

550 XX White Envelopes for 17c. at 2c. Store, 223 Lacka. Ave.

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NONE BETTER MADE.

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Successor to Christian, the Hatter.
At 208 Lackawanna Ave.

RELIGIOUS WORKERS WILL GATHER HERE

East German Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church Begins Thursday.

BISHOP WALDEN WILL PRESIDE

Conference Opens Thursday Morning with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 9 O'clock--Business Session Will Be Held Each Morning from 9 to 12 O'clock--Pentecostal Meetings in the Afternoon.

On Thursday the East German conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual session at the First German Methodist Episcopal church, at the corner of Adams avenue and Vine street, for the third time. In 1877 the conference first met there and in 1889 for the second time.

Rev. Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., of Cincinnati, will preside. The conference will begin with the celebration of the Lord's supper on Thursday morning, March 25, at 9 o'clock. The business session of the conference will be held each day from 9 to 12 o'clock a. m. and will be conducted in English. Bishop Walden will also conduct Pentecostal meetings at the church every afternoon from Thursday to Saturday, beginning at 4 o'clock and lasting one hour. The public is cordially invited to these meetings.

Bishop Walden's sermon on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock will be preached in English. The ordination of a class of deacons will take place at this service, followed by the reception of the conference by the Ladies Aid society and the Epworth league of the church.

The conference sermon will be preached on Thursday evening by Rev. H. Vollberg, and on Friday evening the annual missionary sermon will be preached by Rev. C. L. Goring. The conference love feast will be held on Saturday evening.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., of New York, corresponding secretary of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, is expected to be present and address the conference, probably Friday morning. Rev. H. Payne, D. D., corresponding secretary of the board of education, and Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society, are also expected to address the conference.

Rev. Dr. Mantley Hard, from Philadelphia, representing the Church Extension society, will be present Monday morning. Rev. H. Grontzenberg, editor and publisher of the German "Guide to Holiness," will be the preacher on Sunday evening, March 28. Mr. Grontzenberg will remain one week after the close of the conference to conduct evangelistic services in German.

NEW SOUTH SIDE BRIDGE.

Figures That Show to What Extent It Is Used.

A record of the corresponding foot and vehicle traffic over the Spruce street and Cedar avenue bridges from 6 o'clock in the morning until 6 at night was made Friday by men employed by the board of trade. They were absent from their posts 25 minutes for lunch between the hours of 11 and 12.

The figures are contained in the following tables which do not include street car passengers or persons riding in wagons:

SPRUCE STREET BRIDGE.

Hour.	Poles.	Double Single.
6-7	218	11
7-8	197	12
8-9	36	13
9-10	113	9
10-11	75	16
11-12	57	9
12-1	22	8
1-2	120	21
2-3	61	9
3-4	172	14
4-5	348	9
5-6	232	19
	1,008	124
	324	31

CEDAR AVENUE BRIDGE.

Hour.	Poles.	Double Single.
6-7	510	40
7-8	719	42
8-9	239	35
9-10	229	41
10-11	190	46
11-12	143	37
12-1	103	20
1-2	280	29
2-3	155	29
3-4	530	28
4-5	829	42
5-6	409	21
	4,288	463

According to this record 25.44 per cent of the pedestrian and 22.23 per cent of the wagon travel is via the new bridge. A corresponding record of the relative traffic over the Linden street and Lackawanna avenue bridges made about a week ago showed that 27.56 per cent of the pedestrian and 22.29 of the vehicle traffic was over the Linden street bridge.

Both counts were made by the board to prove its wisdom in its campaign for the erection of the two new structures.

VOLUNTEER POSTS WILL UNITE.

Captain and Mrs. Chapin Relinquish Command of Post I.

Captain and Mrs. Alfred Chapin "farewell" last evening to Post No. 1, American Volunteers, at the Washington avenue location. At a business meeting to be held tonight they will relinquish command of Post I and will depart today for Atlantic City to take charge of a corps there.

The change is made with the idea of uniting the two Scranton posts, Captain and Mrs. S. M. John, of the West Side, taking charge of both. Post No. 2 will be maintained as an outpost and meetings will be held there at intervals.

At the farewell meeting to Captain and Mrs. Chapin last evening there was a good sized attendance. Captain Chapin conducted the meeting.

SPAWYER'S MILLINERY Upside Down.

Things are topsy-turvy now, but think of the hairdresser and convenience later on. In order to emphasize the fact we will make prices extra special on what remains of our winter millinery. If you are interested in saving money, come and look and select any one of 25 trimmed hats for the small sum of

\$1.00 Each.

Not one-half that the materials are worth. Watch the papers for announcement of our Grand Spring Opening next week.

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RUMBOLD—in Scranton, Pa., March 17, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rumbold, a son.

RELIGIOUS WORKERS WILL GATHER HERE

IN BROAD DAY-LIGHT.

George F. Smith Held Up on the West Mountain and Relieved of \$247 Saturday Morning.

Three footpads held up George F. Smith, of Mill City, on the West mountain Saturday morning about 7 o'clock and relieved him of \$247, which he had just drawn from the Third National bank. The robbery, as Smith describes it, occurred midway between the old toll gate at the terminus of Jackson street and Wickett's stone quarry. He was walking along leisurely up the mountain side when a man suddenly stepped out from a clump of bushes which lined the road and pinned his arms behind him.

Before he could attempt to struggle with the man, another man faced him with drawn revolver and after warning him to be quiet on pain of death went through his pockets and relieved him of every cent he had. The man who held him, he says, had a still-letto in his hand.

After securing the booty the robbers fled and Smith hid himself in the back of Joseph Wickett's home half a mile up the mountain where he related what had happened. Mr. Wickett accompanied Smith to the West Side police station, where the matter was reported to Patrolman Joseph G. Plater. This was transmitted to headquarters. Officer Dwyer was dispatched to scour the roads throughout and word was telegraphed to towns over the mountain and down the valley, but as yet no trace of the trio has been discovered.

Smith describes one of the footpads as being five-foot eight inches in height, dark hair mixed with gray and side whiskers of the same color. He wore a gray coat and slouch hat. His confederates were each about five feet seven inches tall and were attired in dark coats, blue overalls and small woolen caps.

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SAVINGS BANK.

After a continuous association with this bank of nearly thirty years as its president, Mr. James Blair in the providence of God departed this life on the 18th of March, 1897, and it is the duty of this board of directors to place upon record an expression of their deep sorrow at the death of their associate and friend, and bear testimony to their appreciation of his personal qualities and his business ability, through the years of his association with us. Blair's word of honor--each as it passed has added to our feelings of reverence and affection for his admirable qualities of head and heart, which his death has left an empty void which time alone can heal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the death of Blair, in the death of Mr. Blair, who was devoted to the interests of this bank, and who as president of the board was a wise confederator and a courteous Christian gentleman.

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DEFENSE PUTS IN A RAFT OF TESTIMONY

SATURDAY

Saturday's proceedings in the Bittenbender case consisted of testimony on the part of the defense as to the value of the firm's real estate and as to the mental condition of Israel Bittenbender at the time of dissolution, Dec. 7, 1885.

C. B. Scott filed \$23,000 as the value of the Franklin avenue property. I. E. Meagrace considered \$35,000 a fair price for it. E. Morris, the real estate dealer, thought that it was worth all of that, more.

William Blume, Frank Barker, E. L. Beck, John Staakhaus, Frank Amberg, and George Wall all knew Israel Bittenbender intimately and none of them noticed that his demeanor was any different in December, 1885, to what it was at any other time.

Theodore Stiff, Ira H. Brower, Chas. J. Fiel, Henry Cullen and Peter Hartman, employees of the firm, gave similar testimony as to Mr. Israel's soundness of mind.

Counselman Lorenz P. Zeldner, the firm's bookkeeper, told that he was present at the time of the signing of the dissolution papers and that the retiring partner after examining their expressed himself as satisfied with the terms of the agreement.

BECAUSE HE LOST HIS JOB.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SOUTH SIDE BOY WOULD NOT GO HOME.

The parents of William Houghtaling, a 14-year-old boy, of 574 Hickory street, are very much worried over their plainable week's absence from home. Monday morning he was discharged from Harvey's silk mill. He went home and left his dinner pail and overalls under the front porch, but did not enter the house. Since that time no definite trace of him has been found.

St. Patrick's Day neighbors say they saw him in a crowd on Lackawanna avenue. The same day, the mother of the Home for the Friendless reports, a boy answering his description appeared for admission. When the form he would have to go through to be admitted he went away saying he would return the next day. It is supposed he is loafing around some of the mines or mills.

PROPERTY OWNERS MEET.

Bound to Fight Hard for Their Land Asphalt Pave.

Milburny street property owners are full of fight and not by any means disposed to acquiesce in the new council's plan to prevent the laying of a land asphalt pavement on Mulberry street. This is shown in the following call for a property owners meeting tonight.

A meeting of the property holders on Mulberry street is called for Monday evening, March 22, at the room No. 4, to take into consideration the action of council on the Mulberry street pave.

J. W. Garrison, president. B. Slosser, secretary. Charles Schindler.

DAVIS' THEATRE.

There will be no performance the first half of the week at Davis' theatre, but on Thursday Emma's Extravaganza company opens a three-day engagement. This is an old recognized top-liner attraction, having been on the road several years, but which now comes to Scranton for the first time.

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LOCAL INSTITUTES HELD.

Teachers in First and Second Districts Met Saturday.

Teachers in the public schools of two districts in Lackawanna county held local institutes Saturday. The teachers in the First district, Carbondale, met in the Powderly school. This district includes the schools of Carbondale, Fell and Greenfield townships.

Professor J. E. Brennan presided. County Superintendent Taylor delivered an address. The other institute was held in the Second district in the Cuthbert school, Jermy, Pa.

This district includes the schools of Mayfield, Jermy, Archbold and Scott townships. Professor William M. Taggart, of Mayfield, presided. The speakers were Professor Davis, of Archbold; Professor E. D. Hovart, of Jermy, and Professor Lloyd, of Dickson City.

SANDERSON RENOMINATED

Indications Are That He Will Succeed Himself as Chairman of Select Council--Reorganization of Common.

George Sanderson was named as the Republican candidate to succeed himself as president of select council at a caucus of the Republican members Saturday evening at the office of Wade M. Phip in the Williams' building. W. J. Thomas, of the Board of Ward, was strongly supported for the honor, but his following was not numerous enough to overcome Mr. Sanderson's support. Mr. Phip was chosen chairman of the caucus.

Phylis Ross, of the First ward, was the only member absent. He sent a letter of regret and a vote by proxy for Mr. Sanderson. The Thomas faction opposed the proxy but their challenge was voted down. The vote was: For Mr. Sanderson--Ross, Fink, Duff, Cuthbert, Schindler, Lehigh, Wagner, Williams--3.

The deliberations of the caucus were held in secret, but the vote was as indicated in the foregoing excluding the votes of the two candidates absent. The members were divided to vote for the caucus nominee which is Sanderson. President Sanderson's election as select council contains a Republican majority of one. It is not likely that the Democrats will name a candidate.

The probable result in common council is as uncertain now as it has been at any time. The Democrats have a majority of three but are not by any means united. President Chilton has not forgiven the Neulis-Sweeney-Rogan triumvirate for their efforts to cause his defeat in the recent city election and will not support anyone they put forward, much less Mr. Neulis who is a farther bond to their faction.

The common council Republicans have caused but the result has been carefully guarded.

Attorney M. W. Lowry would like to succeed City Solicitor James H. Torrey but there is no likelihood of this latter objecting to another term. There has always been more or less of an aversion to changing clerks on political grounds. Henry C. Hutton, the present clerk, is a Republican and is acceptable to most of the Democratic members. He will probably remain unless the organization fight develops a general grade and dicker.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TEACHERS.

Officers for Coming Term Nominated and Other Business Transacted.

The annual meeting of the Teachers' Mutual Benefit association was held Saturday afternoon at the Commercial hotel. Professor J. E. Hawker presided. Officers for the ensuing term were nominated as follows: President, Professor Hawker and Stone; vice president, Miss Chase; treasurer, Professors Stone and Burdick; secretary, Misses D. Lees and Annie C. Mallin; trustees, Misses Penman, Mallin, Fitzgibbon, Webb and Professors Hawker, Burdick and O'Malley.

The report of Secretary Miss Josie D. Lees referred principally to the progress of the association during the past term. The financial condition of the association, as shown by the treasurer's report, was regarded as satisfactory. Applications for such benefits were received from three members and one member was elected to membership. The association decided to hold a teachers' reception during institute week. Superintendent George Howell will furnish the programme. The committees appointed are:

Reception--Superintendent Miss Josie D. Lees and Miss Chase; Entertainment--Professor Burdick, Misses Penman, Webb and Doyle; Refreshments--Professors J. E. Gillon, Hovart, McAllister, McAlister, Fitzgibbon and Pettigrew; Decoration--Misses Mallin and Deane and Messrs. Hawker and Kottick.

Invitations--Miss Josie D. Lees.

CITY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Will Be Held in High School During Week Beginning April 19.

This year's annual institute of the city of Scranton is expected to be one of the most interesting ever conducted here. It will be held in the High school from April 19 to April 24, inclusive. The advantages of the new High school for "sectional" or class work will be utilized to the fullest extent.

Lectures will be given in the auditorium of the building and Superintendent of Schools George Howell has secured a very able corps of lecturers. Horace Harker, deputy state superintendent, will talk on the importance of the common branches and will emphasize the necessity of this kind of work, the practical.

S. Y. Gillon, of Milwaukee, Wis., editor of the Western Teacher, will have charge of commercial and mathematical geography. Editor Gillon has a national reputation as an original thinker in mathematical geography. Bernard Bigsby, of Detroit, has been secured to give instruction on linguistics, technical grammar and literature. He is a graduate of Oxford, England, and is the author of several language books. He is a nationally recognized philologist.

Miss Maryann McCloskey, of Lock Haven, will have charge of the primary department work. Miss McCloskey will emphasize the effect of story telling. Her talk on "Instruction of the Stories of the Bible" is considered one of the best ever given before any institute in this state. George W. Tutwiler, superintendent of schools at Bethlehem, will give instruction on "Civil Rights of Children." He is a

SOME DIFFICULTY IN RAISING FUNDS

Possibility That the Medal of Honor Meeting Will Not Be Held Here.

TODAY'S MEETING WILL DECIDE

Up to This Time Nothing Has Been Pledged--There Has Been Only a Small Attendance at the Meetings of the General Committee Appointed to Arrange for the Convention--One Held Saturday in Mayor's Office.

There is the possible humiliation that this big city of Scranton will admit its inability to keep its promise and this summer entertain the Medal of Honor legion and its distinguished president, General Nelson A. Miles, commander of the United States army. Through General Miles the Legion had accepted the invitation to come here, but it now develops that practically no contributions of money have been made and that Scranton may fail to meet its self-imposed obligation.

The general committee which was to have made the preliminary arrangements have failed to respond to several calls for a meeting, only a few of them having appeared at any time. The committee was supposed to have met Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Mayor Balfey's office but so few appeared that only an informal talk took place and an adjournment was made to this afternoon at 4 o'clock. No arrangements have been reported by the finance committee of fifteen. Each member was to have secured pledges or cash to the amount of \$100 and it was thought the \$1,500 to be thus obtained would defray the expenses of the Legion's meeting. The long-contingent financial decision is today to be responsible for the turn of affairs, if this afternoon's meeting doesn't develop some activity and spirit, it is not unlikely that the project will be abandoned.

PRICE OF GAS IS REDUCED.

New Schedule Goes Into Effect on April 1 Next.

The Scranton Gas and Water company and the Hyde Park Gas and Water company announced that on and after April 1 the price of gas will be \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet.

This price will also be subject to the following discounts: Five per cent upon all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than \$25; ten per cent upon all bills where the consumption amounts to \$25 and \$50; fifteen per cent upon all bills before the 20th of the month on which the bill is presented.

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