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PERSONAL.

Mrs. C. M. Streeter, of Dalton, is visiting friends in this city.
Miss Julia Allen, the accomplished violinist, is visiting in New York city.
Leonard S. Raynolds, of Montrose, has entered the employ of the Keystone Plaster company.
Miss Bessie Froude, of Nicholson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. H. Merrill, of Washington avenue.
Constable E. C. Yeomans, of Alderman Howe's court, leaves today for a week's stay at Lake Winola.
Miss Lillian A. Matthews and G. Floyd Hunter, of Princeton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Houbert Brown, of Moscow.
Mrs. Morris and Miss Annie E. Jones, of 645 Madison avenue, are in New York city, selecting styles for ladies' spring garments.
Rev. J. Feuerbach on Sunday terminated his services as rabbi of the Linden Street synagogue and yesterday left for New York city, where he will enter the mercantile business. On Tuesday afternoon he was presented a handsome rocking chair by the Sabbath school.
Mrs. Lucy A. Booth, former director of drawing in our public schools, left the city yesterday morning for Boston, where she has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Frank Educational company, at a largely increased salary. Mrs. Booth has been identified with the Frank company for over twelve years and is one of their most highly esteemed and capable instructors.
ONE MINUTE OF FREEDOM.
Canary Bird Escaped When the Cage Opened But Was Captured.
A woman with a bird cage in her hand tripped on a street car rail and fell to the pavement at the corner of Spruce street and Wyoming avenue yesterday afternoon. The cage hopped dropped out and the little yellow coated canary flew out.
Its freedom, however, was nipped in the bud by the hand of a gentleman across the way who captured the bird on the lawn about the Handley block. The woman was not seriously hurt.
Moseley, Pa., March 4, 1897.—My father had an abscess on his arm and was advised by a friend to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. He did so and it cured him, and we heartily recommend it.
Miss L. D. Sayer.
Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Easy to take, easy to operate.

FOUND GUILTY OF MISUSING MAILS

Rubinsky and Yarrowsky Convicted in United States Court.

WILKES-BARRE MAN NOW ON TRIAL

He is Accused Also of Using the Mails to Carry on a Fraudulent Scheme, Banked on the Credit of Hill & Connell of This City—Great Mass of Testimony Gathered by Inspector Gorman—Counterfeiters Plead Guilty.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the United States district court yesterday in the case against Harry Yarrowsky and Charles Rubinsky, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.
The case was given to the jury early in the afternoon, after a clear and careful charge by Judge Buffington, following the pleas of Messrs. Comery and Schach for the defense, and Mr. Hale for the government. Mr. Comery asked for the jury instructed to acquit Rubinsky, as there was no evidence to connect him with the alleged fraudulent transactions for the alleged use of the mails. Judge Buffington refused the motion, however, saying that Rubinsky's case would have to go to the jury, as he did not propose to risk a miscarriage of justice on mere technicalities. In the closing addresses the attorneys for the defense contended that John H. Schmitt was not a myth, but that he was the principal in the operations and that Yarrowsky and Rubinsky were at the best nothing more than tools, Yarrowsky being an uneducated employe and Rubinsky an inexperienced friend who unconsciously loaned himself to some of the operations.
Mr. Hale, after quoting copiously from the evidence to rebut the contention of the defense, proceeded to prove the truth of the charges and that those whom they alleged were the principals were fictitious persons. Frauds of this class are becoming more and more numerous, he said, and should be stopped.

VERDICT WAS GUILTY.

The jury was not long in finding a verdict of guilty. As soon as it had been rendered Messrs. Schach and Comery made formal application for a new trial and at 4 o'clock Judge Buffington heard their arguments. They held that court had erred in admitting irrelevant testimony; that the case was not lined under the proper indictment, being at the best nothing more than a conspiracy to defraud, and that Rubinsky would not have been convicted had the jury been able to discriminate between the evidence that affected Yarrowsky alone, Judge Buffington announced that he would pass upon the motion before the week was over.
As soon as this case was disposed of James Hill, of Wilkes-Barre, was called to answer for a similar offense. He was defended by Attorney John Shea, of Wilkes-Barre, and A. J. Gorman, of this city. Assistant United States Attorney Griffiths conducted the prosecution.

This is another case which Postoffice Inspector Hugh J. Gorman worked up and like its predecessor is an evidence of the truth of the saying that where the postoffice department gets after an evildoer he might as well throw up his hands. The mass of evidence brought out by the defense was something enormous and there wasn't a missing or weak link in the whole chain.
FOR TWO YEARS.
The transactions which are charged against Hill have been going on for about two years. The first step in his alleged fraud was to have printed a letter head of which the following is a copy:

HILL & CONNELL,
WHOLESALE MERCHANTS,
SHIPMENTS TO SCRANTON AND WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Dealers in new and second-hand furniture, crockery, cut glass, apples, peaches, oranges, lemons, melons, bananas, cranberries, beans, dried fruits, etc., etc.

CARLOAD LOTS A SPECIALTY.
Telephone call.
Central Railroad of New Jersey 132.
Lehigh Valley Railroad 282.
Pennsylvania Railroad 342.
CARLOAD LOTS A SPECIALTY.
Any person from a distance who wanted to ascertain the credit of Hill & Connell, furniture and produce dealers, of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, would upon consulting Dan's reports naturally confuse the Wilkes-Barre alleged fakers with the influential and substantial firm of Hill & Connell, of this city. The Wilkes-Barre Connell is a myth, or at least he can't be found, although the government has made right inquiry for him.

HILL WAS ARRESTED.

About a year ago complaint was made to the postoffice department against Hill & Connell and Hill, who was the only one of the firm that could be found was placed under arrest. He was released on \$500 bail and inspectors put to work hunting up evidence against him. He was unaware of his being watched and continued. It is alleged, his crooked work. Last month he was again arrested and this time held in \$5,000 bail. After his first arrest he discarded his partner, Connell, and proceeded to do business as James, successor to Hill & Connell. Just what kind of business he did is best evidenced by the testimony of the following witnesses:
E. L. Swartzwood, of Tunkhannock, had correspondence with Hill and in consequence thereof sent him eight tubs of butter for which he was never paid.
John Tracey, farmer and produce merchant, of Townsend, Schuylers county, N. Y., saw a circular sent out by Hill giving prices for farm produce and opened up a correspondence with him which resulted in his shipping Hill seven tubs of butter for which he has not yet been paid.
E. E. Greenberg, lumberman, merchant and farmer of Schuylers county, N. Y., received a letter from Hill and after an exchange of epistles sent him three shipments of butter and eggs. Although he went to Wilkes-Barre last June and had an interview with Hill he is still out the price of his butter and eggs.
F. Weeks, of Freeman, Steuben county, N. Y., ran across one of the Hill circulars which was scattered broadcast through lower New York state and he is out the price of 24 dozen of eggs and

MUSTARD WAS VERY HOT.

All Because Eight of His Choice Chickens Were Stolen.

On Tuesday morning when Joseph Mustard, of Albright avenue, went out to visit his henry he discovered that eight of his finest chickens had disappeared during the night. To state it mildly Mustard was hot, and he immediately started out to do some detective work on his own account. He first visited the establishment of James Stevens, the well known huckster.

"How is the chicken business to do?" was his greeting to Mr. Stevens.
"All right!" replied James, heartily. "Just got a new lot in the coop there."
"Where did you get them?" said Mustard as he discovered his eight chickens huddled in one corner of the coop.
Stevens stated that he had purchased the fowls of two young men, Thomas Gilles, of Park Place, and James Brennan, of Green Ridge flats, and that he had paid \$2.50 for the lot.

Mustard claimed the chickens, which were surrendered and going to the office of Alderman Bailey procured warrants for the arrest of the two boys, Gilles and Brennan. The warrants were given to Constable Black who located the boys near the Hardly Able breaker yesterday afternoon.
At the approach of the constable the young men seemed to surmise that something was wrong and jumped on a northbound coal train that was passing at the time and have not been seen since.

SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES.

Committee Will Recommend How to Apportion the Bond Proceeds.

The finance committee of the board of control was in session Tuesday afternoon in the city hall and engaged in going over the preliminary investigation of accounts preparatory to the authorized issue of school bonds of \$100,000 to cover the 1896 deficiency and the

THE MYSTERIOUS MR. BUGLE.

Its First Production on Any Stage at Wilkes-Barre Last Night.
The mysterious Mr. Bugle, "Ma-lone Lucette Hyley's" law three-act farce, was presented for the first time on any stage at the Grand opera house at Wilkes-Barre last night. Mrs. Ryley has in this, her latest effort at dramatic composition, eclipsed her previous work in "Christopher Jr." "The American Citizen" and her other plays.
The house last night was crowded and at the end of the first and second acts Joseph Holland and Miss Annie Russell, who have the principal roles, were given enthusiastic curtain calls.

The story of "The Mysterious Mr. Bugle" is an ingenious one, full of situations that are positively funny and entirely out of the usual order of farces. The dialogue is decidedly bright and clever, and the interest which is aroused at the moment the curtain rises on the first act is never allowed to lag for even an instant.
"The Mysterious Mr. Bugle" is much on the order of the farces of "Mr. Wilkinson's Widows," and the kind which were so popular five or six years ago. It is essentially a clean play. There is no suggestiveness about it and while it is not drawn by resorting to coarseness of any kind, the piece scored the biggest kind of a hit, and when it is produced at the Academy of Music, Scranton theater goers will be treated to one of the brightest and funniest plays of recent years.

The plot of the farce hinges upon the act of Betty Fondacre, a young woman who is engaged, and who to gratify the whim of her fiance claims to be married and proprietor of a husband, in order to keep the other man in the hotel where she is staying away from her.
The part of Betty Fondacre is assumed by Miss Annie Russell and a more delightful bit of acting is rarely seen. Joseph Holland, who has been mentioned as having been at the Frothingham in "A Social Highwayman" last year shares with Miss Russell the honors of the production. The other parts are in the hands of capable performers, and the entire production is a big success.

WILL CLOSE SATURDAY.

Art Loan Exhibition Continued Until That Time.

Owing to the demand of the people generally for a continuance of this interesting exhibition the managers of the Green Ridge library have decided to keep the collection open to the public until the end of the week and visitors to the rooms will be admitted from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m.

Saturday evening will positively be the last opportunity for viewing the collection of beautiful paintings, old books and curios which, with much care and pains have been gathered from the homes of our townsmen and all who have not yet paid a visit to the board of trade rooms should certainly do so, being assured they will not only be well repaid on pleasure and profit, but in the consciousness of helping a deserving cause.

ANNUAL CLOSING EXERCISES.

They Will Be Held at the Y. M. C. A. Tomorrow Night.

The following is the programme that will be rendered at the second annual closing exercises of the John Raymond Institute of Manual Training in the Young Men's Christian association tomorrow night:
1. Overture Imperial quartette
2. Prayer
3. Vocal duet Misses Sands and Jordan
4. Report of educational director, W. H. Buell
5. Pledge solo Mr. Rosserman
6. Address, S. M. Bard, state secretary Pennsylvania Young Men's Christian associations.
7. Announcement of awards of prizes (six gold prizes of \$5 each), President A. W. Dickson
8. Benediction
9. Inspection of exhibit of students' work in Reception hall.
To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

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TO 331 ADAMS AVE.
CHAS. WAGNER, Decorator, House and Sign Painter

ONE IN EVERY FOUR.

One Person in Every Four Suffers From Piles.

About one person in every four suffers from some form of rectal disease. The most common and annoying is itching piles, indicated by warmth, slight moisture and intense, uncontrollable itching in the parts affected.

The usual treatment has been some simple ointment or salve which sometimes give temporary relief, but nothing like a permanent cure can be expected from such superficial treatment.

The only permanent cure for itching piles yet discovered is the Pyramid Pile Cure, not only for itching piles, but for every other form of piles, blind, bleeding or protruding. The first application gives instant relief and the continued use for a short time causes a permanent removal of the tumors or the small parasites which cause the intense itching and discomfort of itching piles.

Many physicians for a long time supposed that the remarkable relief afforded by the Pyramid Pile Cure was because it was supposed to contain cocaine, opium, or similar drugs, but such is not the case. A recent careful analysis of the remedy showed it to be absolutely free from any cocaine, opium, or in fact any poisonous, injurious drugs whatever. Sold by druggists at 50 cents per package.

Removal of Office.

Dr. S. P. Longstreet will on April 1 remove his office and residence from 206 to 409 Wyoming avenue.

Liver Complaints cured by BEECH-AM'S PILLS.

THE KEELEY CURE

Why let your home and business be destroyed through strong drink or morphine, when you can be cured in four weeks at the Keeley Institute, 725 Madison Avenue, Scranton, Pa. The Cure Will Bear Investigation.

Y. W. C. A. BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Visitors Tonight Will Receive Full Value for Their Attendance.

There will be a "birthday party" from 4 to 10 o'clock today for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian association. Quite a handsome sum is expected from invitations which have been promiscuously distributed and which contains this verse:

We as a small favor—pray don't think us bold;
Drop herein a penny for every year old.
If the years of your life you're afraid we can tell,
A dollar in silver will do just as well.
With each invitation is a small silk bag for use in presenting the birthday money.

The party will be similar to the association's New Year reception. The board of managers will receive and there will be a continuous entertainment during certain hours in charge of the following: Miss Agnes Ho's and Miss Mary Davis, 4:30 to 5:30 o'clock; Mrs. B. T. Jayne, 5:30 to 7 o'clock; Miss Florence Richmond, Miss Kahn, Miss Joseph and the Misses Rose, 7 to 8 o'clock; Second Presbyterian church orchestra, 8 to 9 o'clock. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

While invitations have been issued, the officers of the association desire the attendance of any one interested in the association's welfare.

Is Your Brain Tired?

Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate.
Dr. T. D. Crothers, Supt. Walnut Lodge Asylum, Hartford, Conn., says: "It is a remedy of great value in building up functional energy and brain force."

PICTURE SALE.

Framed Pictures for Less Than Wholesale Prices All This Week.

The entire remaining stock of C. B. Pratt, which was bought by us last week, goes on sale today, and with it goes all of our own stock at half or less.

For weeks we've been making up all the short lengths and odd lots of Moulding into Frames. Cost of moulding is all we ask for these. And to make them go faster we put in the pictures.

Frame Etchings Pastels Oil Paintings

How lucky for you this happens just at moving time. When you want new pictures the most. Here's some handsome etchings in first class frames. Worth \$2.50 at the least calculation. All of these are yours this week for
50c
Size 14x28, in gilt frames 2 inches wide.

Unframed Pictures

A lot of several hundred, among which are some soiled ones, have been bunched together for quick selling. Water color reproductions, artotypes and French color types. All of goodly size. Choice this week.

Fine Etchings
In narrow frames, for you who love the beautiful in art. These are perhaps the least showy of the lot. But the value's there just the same.
25c to \$1.00

You should have seen our picture department last night. Six men at work busily remarking and arranging stock. 'Twas midnight before they quit. The fruit of their labors is offered you today in bargains such as these. Hand-some pictures 16x20 inches in size in white and gold frames, some etchings, some pastels, worth \$2.00 for

Thousands
Upon thousands of pictures here for your picking. Should you see a fine picture in the store that has not been especially reduced, this much we'll say: On any lot not marked or mentioned as a special bargain we'll allow you a discount of 25 per cent. from any price ever asked before. Cost cuts no figure in the figure cutting.

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SPRING OPENING

Saturday, April 3d, and Monday, April 5th. Music by Bauer's Orchestra Saturday Afternoon and Evening.

DRESS GOODS.
We will make a grand display of the latest styles in SILKS AND DRESS GOODS. Many new patterns and shades will make their first appearance in our store Saturday.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.
We expect to make this department the center of attraction by showing a complete new stock of Stylish Garments:
Ladies' Suits, Ladies' Jackets, Separate Skirts, Ladies' Capes, Shirt Waists, Children's Suits.

WASH GOODS.
On Saturday we open a new line of Wash Goods, which we feel sure will be the finest assortment found in the city:
Organdies, Dimities, Tambours, Percales, German Lapets, Tissue Brode,
All shades of interlinings to match.
ALL ARE INVITED. Come, inspect our goods, see the beautiful plants and flowers and listen to the exquisite music. We will make you welcome.

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You will not be urged to buy.
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Are a necessity—a part of the furniture. A room may be furnished expensively and a homely set will mar the entire effect. We have more than a hundred styles and decorations. We can sell you a handsome set for very little money.

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MILLAR & PECK,
131 Wyoming Avenue.
Walk in and look around.

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Who Examines the Eyes Free at 3100 Lackawanna Avenue, Lehigh Valley Ticket office, Will, After April First,
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Where he will have the finest Optical Office in the city. His PRICES for Spectacles, Eye Glasses, Artificial Eyes, Magnifying Glasses and Opera Glasses will be as always, VERY LOW. Steel Frames from 25c. to \$1.00. Aluminum, 75c. to \$1.75. Filled, \$2.00. Silver, \$2.00. Gold Frames, \$3.50. Aqua Crystal Lenses, 50c. Pebble Glasses, \$1.00 to \$2.00. We replace old lenses and solder frames on short notice.

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