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PERSONAL. J. Scott Ingle is pending a few days in New York city on business.

WEBER'S HAND CRUSHED. Peter Weber, of Prospect avenue, narrowly escaped losing his right arm in an accident at the Cliff works yesterday morning.

THE STORY OF A CRIME. A striking four-act melodrama, "The Story of a Crime," was produced at the Frothingham last night by the Little Akerstrom company.

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The Scranton Bicycle Club's New Uniforms. The Scranton Bicycle club have placed an order for new uniforms with Boyle & Mucklow.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE CHOSEN

Were Selected at the Session Held Yesterday Morning.

INSTALLED IN THE AFTERNOON

Rev. W. H. Acornly, of Wilkes-Barre, is President—The Nominating Committee Reported the Members of the Various Conference Committees—General Conference Will Be Asked to Meet in Scranton—Rev. T. M. Bateman's Evening Discourse

Three interesting sessions of the Primitive Methodist state conference were held yesterday in the East Market street church.

The session of yesterday morning was opened at 9 o'clock with prayer and song services and scripture reading. Money to be paid into the conference funds were then received.

The session proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. J. Bessing and Rev. H. J. Buckingham were appointed tellers. The nominating committee reported the following officers for the ensuing year: Rev. G. J. Jeffries, Rev. W. H. Acornly; for vice-president, Hon. Robert Dudley, Rev. M. Harvey; for recording secretary, Rev. H. J. Buckingham; for general secretary, Rev. H. G. Russell, Rev. J. Bath, Rev. J. Moore.

After the ballots had been cast the following were declared elected to the several offices: President, Rev. W. H. Acornly, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; vice-president, Hon. Robert Dudley, Irwin, Pa.; recording secretary, Rev. H. J. Buckingham, New Castle, Pa.; general secretary, Rev. J. Bath, Plymouth; Rev. J. Bath succeeds himself as general secretary.

The newly elected vice-president, Hon. Robert Dudley, of Irwin, is an active member of the state legislature. He attends the conference as lay delegate of the Irwin First church.

LENGTH OF SESSIONS FIXED. A resolution was introduced to have the daily sessions last from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. After a benediction by the Rev. J. Bath adjournment was taken.

In the afternoon the session was opened with the usual devotional exercises conducted by Rev. James Bay. After these exercises Rev. T. C. Bache, of Nanticoke, the retiring president, thanked the conference for the support given him while he held this honorable office. He then upon valedictory the chair and Rev. W. H. Acornly took his seat. Rev. Mr. Acornly spoke briefly on the honor conferred upon him and trusted that every assistance should be accorded him by the conference in the discharge of his new duties. Hon. Robert Dudley, vice-president, then spoke in regard to the honor tendered him.

A resolution was introduced and adopted thanking the retiring officers for their helpful services and tendering them thanks for the efficient manner in which each office had been conducted.

The following committees were elected: Nominating committee for conference committee, Rev. T. M. Bateman, Rev. C. Comfort, Rev. T. C. Bache; stationing committee, Rev. S. T. Nicholls, Rev. J. B. Tyler, Mahanoy City; Rev. Charles Prosser, Scranton; Layman Blacker, St. Clair; Layman William Conforth, Pittsburg; Layman A. Powell, Scranton.

The nominating committee reported the following as members on the respective conference committees:

Legislation—Rev. S. Ponglase, Plains; Rev. George Lee, Hazleton; Rev. T. M. Bateman, Girardville; Layman Robert Dudley, Irwin; Layman Blacker, St. Clair.

State of Conference—Rev. J. Reseach, Sewickley; Rev. John McGuinness, Homestead.

Advising—Rev. J. Jones, Avoca; Rev. J. Walker, Shamokin.

Complaints and Appeals—Rev. M. Harvey, Westmoreland City; Rev. H. G. Russell, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. S. Cooper, Freeport.

Bible Society—Rev. W. Bonney, Pittsburg.

Temperance—Rev. Thomas Bell, Williamstown.

Sunday Schools—Rev. James Hey, Irwin; Appropriations—Rev. C. Prosser, Scranton; Rev. T. C. Bache, Nanticoke; Rev. C. J. Jeffries, Youngstown; Rev. James Moore, Shenandoah; Layman W. W. Fowke, Pittsburg.

Proceedings—Rev. Thomas Bell, Williamstown.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The requests and recommendations of the several districts as embodied in their reports were taken up and passed upon. The recommendation from Schuylkill district that the publication of the minutes of conference be dispensed with and a small leaflet be substituted stating the statistical reports, etc., was voted upon for adoption and lost.

The minutes of conference will be published as usual.

SCRANTON IN 1890. A request from Scranton district to have the general conference of 1891 held in Scranton was considered favorably and a request will be sent to the general conference at Fall River, Mass., in September to choose Scranton as the place of meeting in 1891.

The application of H. V. Sharps, of Wade church in Schuylkill district, was referred to the examination committee of probationers. The following were appointed a committee on correspondence: Rev. W. J. Richardson and Rev. S. T. Nicholls. This committee will prepare a letter of thanks to the many donors of property, etc., to the church body during the past year.

Rev. T. M. Bateman, of Girardville, preached the evening discourse and chose as his text Ecclesiastes vii, 10: "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this."

He grouped his arguments under the head of "Christianity of the Present as Compared with the Past, its Progress, etc." He sought to show that the pessimistic view taken by many is wrong and deteriorated the standard of men and their faith. The optimistic view was better, broader and more in sympathy with what really was happening. "We have," said he, "reached a grand ecclesiastical convocation of the year and many serve as a promontory point. We may compare the past with the present and then adopt the inference of the text, that in those far off times there was a class of people

as there is now, who think that all is past that is good. 'Auld Lang Syne' seems to be the motto of the age. Between the two views, pessimistic and optimistic, the golden mean seems best to use.

TODAY IS THE BEST. "We are with those who believe that today is the best in the history of man. History, it seems, has archived the good and great and forgotten the bad and weak. Around this thought he grouped several convincing citations and ended it with the idea that "distance lends enchantment to the view. We are too near to appreciate what we have. The pessimistic view or doctrine, he held, is a reflection upon God.

IN HONOR OF WAR DAYS. Veterans of Local Regiments Will Place a Window in a Church.

Two Pennsylvania Volunteer regiments, the One Hundred and Thirtieth and the One Hundred and Thirty-second, have undertaken to place a memorial window in the Lutheran Memorial church at Sparrowsburg, Md., which was the scene of the battle of Antietam. Companies I and K, of this region, captain James Archibald and Richard Stillwell respectively, are the prime movers in the arrangements for the testimonial and at a meeting of several members of the two companies yesterday afternoon in Alderman

Wright's office a design for the window was accepted. It is of colored glass numerically representing the regiments and decorated with a number of suggestive groups of flags, guns, cannon, etc. The window will be placed in the church in honor of the fact that the wounded union soldiers after the great battle was carried for in a church which stood on the site of the present building.

The old building was torn down. An appeal was issued to the regiments that participated in the battle for aid in re-building the church and a number have responded in the same spirit and fashion as the local organization.

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amounting to millions of dollars; an increase in obligations; depreciation of their securities and, that last resort, the consideration of plans for "re-funding."

When a crisis had been reached, an effort was made to improve the trade, each interest continued its ruinous methods, knowing full well that none of the others could be expected to act in accordance with the understanding arrived at. There was an entire, and fully justified, lack of faith in any promise that one company made to another.

CRISIS HAD TO BE MET. "The crisis came and had to be met. One company was sold and reorganized by strong hands; another came under the same control and is to be "re-funding" still others were compelled to admit that they had been raising unearned dividends and announced smaller ones for the coming year. In order to pay these dividends and to make the reorganizations a success, there was but one thing that could be done, and that for all of the interests was to harmonize in supplying the market with only so much coal as it required, and by so doing to maintain the selling price at a figure sufficient to pay the freight charges and still leave enough to cover the costs of producing the coal.

"Beginning in February last, the various companies began making earnest efforts in this direction. The market requirements were estimated at 2,500,000 tons, and the shipments did not exceed this amount. The rate of consumption was estimated for March and April and not exceeded materially in the shipments. During May the same rate of mining will be continued. Contrary to the usual custom of naming a circular price for any advance in the year, the various interests recognized that the January circular, the same as that of July, 1896, was already sufficiently low, and decided to retain it. Further, it is generally admitted by those interests which issue a tide-water circular of prices for their coal, that in June or July the usual advance will be made for Fall business.

PRICE ADVANCED. "The result has been that the wide difference between the circular and actual selling price that appeared throughout 1896 has been gradually reduced. The selling price advanced. Fewer sales have been made at present prices for delivery months hence, and complaints of one or another interest making concessions in price have been comparatively rare. It has been, and is now, no easy matter for these anthracite carrying and mining interests to keep their tonnage within the market requirements. Even now, working only half time, several of them are compelled to store a large part of their output, and this is being done, and at the same time maintaining the price shows how keenly alive they have become to the necessities of the situation, and their earnest determination to try to again place the industry on a profitable basis.

With reference to the condition of the market the letter says: "During the past month there has been a most gratifying improvement in the market for anthracite coal. While buying has been extremely slow the price has been, and is being, held strong. Since the first of the month the average on tide-water sales has been nearer to the net circular than at any time within three years. Consumers have been holding back, expecting some break, but in this they have been disappointed. It is evident that the sales-agents are determined to maintain the price, and there is no doubt but that if any circular is issued in May or June, it will be at an advance.

A GRADUAL REVIVAL. "The strong condition of the market presages well for the remainder of the year. There is already a gradual revival among the industries, and if this continues, as it is likely to unless some unforeseen disaster occurs, the fall and winter months will show marked activity. This will, both directly and indirectly, enlarge the market for anthracite. If the output for the entire year is 48,000,000 tons, which would be less than at any time since 1890, then the 12,500,000 tons mined in the first five months would leave 35,500,000 tons for the remaining seven months, or nearly 4,000,000 tons per month."

PAWNBROKER GREEN IN TROUBLE. Suit instituted by H. G. Wilson for the Recovery of a Camera.

H. G. Wilson, of this city, sues Pawnbroker Green on an unusual charge. Last October Wilson pawned a photographic instrument at Green's

CONDITION OF THE COAL TRADE

Letter Sent to Members of Anthracite Coal Operators' Association.

THE MARKET IS MUCH IMPROVED

There Has Been a General Tendency for Several Months on the Part of the Sales Agents to Insist on Better Prices, and in Consequence the Trade is in a Much Healthier Condition—Marked Activity Predicted for the Fall and Winter.

The May letter issued to the members of the Anthracite Coal Operators' association gives the following as the status of the coal trade: "There is an old saying that 'every crime has its own avenging angel,' and this has come home to the anthracite carrying interests with peculiar force. By no other name than a criminal and purposeless waste of valuable resources, can their conduct in 1894, 1895 and part of 1896 be fitly described. The result has been losses

place on Lackawanna avenue. The instrument was valued at \$25 and Wilson borrowed \$2.50 on it. He claims that he has paid \$12.50 to Green since that time and he learned a few weeks ago that Green had sold the instrument to another person for \$4. Wilson, fortified with his pawn ticket, now sues Green on two statutes: One which forbids pawnbrokers from receiving more than 5 per cent. per annum and 5 per cent. per month, and another which forbids them to sell an article within eight months after it is pawned.

A hearing in the case will be given this afternoon before Alderman Millar.

FANNY MENDELSSOHN CONCERT. There is a Large Sale of Seats for Monday Evening's Event.

The large sale of seats for the Fanny Mendelssohn concert on Monday evening insured the success of the affair, both artistically and financially. The soloists of the evening, Miss Maud Moran, harpist, and Mlle. Alice Verlet, the French prima donna, are artists of recognized talent. Miss Moran has appeared before Scranton audiences heretofore and needs no introduction at this time.

Of Mlle. Verlet, the Philadelphia Times says: "Mlle. Alice Verlet, a French songstress, proved a decided surprise of the night. In several well sung songs, embracing the polonaise from Mignon and a serenade by Gounod, she won a triumph. Along with her beautiful voice, full of sentiment and culture, went manner and personal charms that are added to her success. The announcement made it her second appearance in America, but she gave abundant reason why it would be desirable to make her a permanent acquisition.

OWNERSHIP OF A STREET. Morris Goldsmith Says a Part of Penn Avenue is His—Has Occupied It for Over Twenty-one Years.

The fight of the rival frankfurter vendors developed an important point yesterday afternoon when the case of Goldberger vs. Weissberg came up before Alderman Howe. "Joe" Weissberg was the prosecutor, and Harry Goldberger, defendant, and the immediate cause of trouble was the lunch wagon on the southeasterly corner of Penn avenue and Lackawanna avenue. Weissberg claims that the wagon, owned by Goldberger, was on city property, hence the owners were guilty of violating the city ordinance against lunch wagons being on the streets. Attorney C. S. Woodruff represented the prosecution, and Attorney Charles P. O'Malley the defense.

After a lot of important detail Attorney O'Malley called Morris Goldsmith to the stand. Mr. Goldsmith is senior member of the shoe firm on Lackawanna avenue. He owns the property on the corner and immediately next to the lunch wagon, he said, and has leased it for hotel purposes. He swore that the ground on which the lunch wagon now stands has been used for over twenty-five years for private purposes; that he has used the land and so collected rent from it during that time.

On this testimony counsel for the defense moved that the case against Goldberger be discharged as the premises on which the wagon stands is not city property, but by right of peaceful possession for over the twenty-one

years, required by law, has become the property of Mr. Goldsmith. J. W. Garney also testified to the length of time which the affected land has been used for private purposes. Thirty years ago it was used as an entrance to a meat market, and has been in continuous use as a site for a peanut stand ever since. Alderman Howe was disposed to settle the case right and then discharge Goldberger, but Attorney Woodruff asked for time and a decision will be handed down tomorrow afternoon.

COL. FRENCH ON ALASKA. Lectured to the Central City School Children Yesterday.

Colonel C. H. French repeated his lecture on "Alaska" to the school children of the central city in the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The attendance comfortably filled the spacious room and the young people evidenced their appreciation by frequent applause and ejaculations of surprise at the beauties unfolded to their eyes and ears by the stereoscopic views and Colonel French's pictures.

Nothing ever seen in Scranton can compare with the magnificent views presented in these lectures. Colonel French has spent sixteen years in lecturing to school children, and while he has been in Scranton, sixteen other cities have written to him for dates for their schools. Today he goes to the auditorium of No. 17 school, where the pupils of the Providence district will be entertained.

Company H, Attention. Special Order No. 1. Thirtieth regiment, will meet at their quarters on Sunday, May 9th, at 12 m. sharp to attend the funeral of our late comrade, Corporal Harry A. Westcott.

Second: A special meeting is hereby ordered May 7 at 8 o'clock p. m. at company quarters. By order of the First Lieutenant Commanding.

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