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**CITY NOTES.**

The funeral of A. Z. Tuttil will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Orson Hine corner, Wayne county, Camp No. 8, Sons of Veterans, was entertained by Comrade Moore, of East Market street, at a lawn party last evening. It required ten cars to carry the excursionists who attended the Irish Catholic Benevolent union excursion to Fairview yesterday. The funeral of Peter Foy will take place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Walter O'Connor, 331 Hampton street. George J. Kehr, collector of state and county taxes in Old Forge for the year 1896, settled his accounts with the county commissioners yesterday. Register of Wills Hopkins yesterday granted letters of administration on the estate of Phoebe E. Atherton, late of Glenburn, to W. L. Atherton. Mrs. A. L. McLoughlin yesterday filed an appeal from the award of arbitrators in the case of Mrs. A. L. McLoughlin against the Rushbrook Water company. Marriage licenses were granted yesterday by the clerk of the courts to George Kieckly and Katie Steier, of Scranton; William Costin and Montie Hares, of Scranton; Alfred Bichler and Anetta Day, of Taylor. The bond of Charles H. Whitney, tax collector of the borough of Elmhurst was approved by Judge F. W. Gunster yesterday. The bondsmen were Charles H. Whitney, U. G. Schoonmaker and Alfred Griffin. The bond is in the sum of \$4,000. Mrs. William Crandall, of the Sand Banks, had her neighbor, Mrs. Lizette Graham, arraigned before Alderman Millar on the charge of having a common scold. The evidence, however, did not warrant her being held for court and she was discharged. The sisters of St. Joseph's Foundling home have received the following donations and acknowledge their thanks: Food and supplies from St. John's church, clothing from Mrs. John M. Burke, of Green Ridge, and bread from Zedler's bakery. There will be union Bible class for the study of the Sunday school lesson this evening at 7:45 in Grace Reformed Episcopal church. Subject: "Paul Preaching in Athens." Acts xvii, 22-31. There will be a fifteen-minute talk on the dispensation. All Bible students are cordially invited.

**TWO MINE WORKERS DIE.**  
Were Injured at Collieries in the Vicinity of Pittston.  
Daniel McCue, of Upper Pittston, died at the home of his mother yesterday. The young man was but 21 years of age. He was injured by a fall of roof at the Phoenix mines last week. Martin Regan, aged 50 years, died early last evening at his home on Green street, Upper Pittston. Mr. Regan's death was due to injuries received at the Barnum colliery, where he was employed as a miner. He had walked home from the mine. Deceased is survived by a son and four daughters. Funeral services Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

**GREEN CORN.**  
This morning at THE SCRANTON CASH STORE.  
F. P. PRICE, Agent.

**THEY WANT TO BE MINE FOREMEN**

Twenty-one Candidates Enter the Second District Examination.

**QUESTIONS THEY ARE TO ANSWER**

The Examinations Were Begun Yesterday in the Common Council Chamber in City Hall—Thirteen Are Standing the Test for Foremen and Eight Seek to Qualify as Assistants—New Examining Board of the District Is in Charge.

The examination of applicants for mine foremen and assistant mine foremen certificates was begun yesterday morning in the common council chamber, by the new examining board, which is composed of H. O. Prytherch, inspector; James Young, superintendent, Dunmore; P. H. Salmon, miner, Moosic; and John R. Jones, miner, Scranton. Twenty-one miners are taking the examination, thirteen seeking the foremen's certificates, and eight the assistant foremen's candidates. The candidates are:

For foremen—Benjamin T. James, L. Hasek, J. R. James, J. H. Braco, Thomas P. Kelly, William R. Scranton, S. C. Evans, J. J. Thomas, John R. Francis, Taylor; P. F. Holleran, J. Welsh, Pittston; J. W. Jenkins, George Jones, Old Forge.

For assistant foremen—Thomas Edwards, Edward Lewis, George A. White, Roy Morris and Rudolph Davis, David T. Williams, Scranton; D. J. Davis, Taylor.

Two sessions were held yesterday and will be held again today, three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon. Thirty questions are submitted and ten points are given for answering a question correctly. An applicant must get eighty per cent of the questions will be awarded a foreman's certificate. Answering half the questions correctly wins an assistant's certificate.

A separate examination is also held for assistant foremen candidates. A certificate is awarded to any candidate making an average of seventy-five per cent. The examination for assistant foremen candidates was conducted yesterday.

Below are given the questions submitted yesterday to candidates for foremen and the questions constituting the examination of the candidates for assistants:

- FOREMAN'S EXAMINATION.**
1. Give name, age, place of birth, post-office address.
  2. State what practical experience you had in coal mines, the nature of your experience in each, and the length of time employed in each.
  3. What is meant by the terms "power" and "pressure" in ventilation and how are these terms expressed?
  4. What precautions would you use against holding into old workings supposed to contain water or dangerous gases? Explain fully.
  5. What are the provisions of the mine law with regard to high explosives?
  6. A shaft measuring 30 feet 6 inches by 5 feet 9 inches was sunk to a depth of 100 feet and allowed to fill with water to within 30 feet 6 inches of the top. How many cubic yards of rock had been removed in sinking, and how many gallons of water does it contain? Give the weight of the water in tons of 2,240 pounds.
  7. Describe the duties of a miner as they are given in the mine law of 1861.
  8. What are the sources of danger in a mine, and how would you guard against accidents from such sources?
  9. A gangway is driven N. 60 deg. 30 min. E. It is proposed to drive the chambers N. 36 deg. E. If the chambers are 25 feet wide and the pillars 14 feet wide what will be the distance on the gangway from centre to centre?
  10. An airway measures 14 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 6 inches and is 2,750 feet long. Find its sectional area, rubbing surface, and pressure when 2,400 cu. ft. of air is passing the velocity, and what would the pressure be if the quantity be increased to 40,000 cu. ft. When the latter quantity is passing, what is the horse power?
  11. How would you open up a vein of coal under the following conditions: Vein 6 feet thick, pitching 3 degrees and cropping near the southern boundary of the property. Give sketch showing fan and direction of currents.
  12. Under what circumstances may a large body of fire damp, when accumulated during a stoppage of ventilation, fail to be removed by restoring the ordinary air currents; and how may it be removed?
  13. What is a compass, and what precautions should be taken when using it in a mine?

- ASSISTANT FOREMEN.**
1. Give name, age, place of birth, post-office address.
  2. State your experience in anthracite coal mines. Have you had experience in mines wherein noxious and explosive gases are evolved? If so, in what capacity and for what length of time? Name the mines.
  3. What are the duties of an assistant mine foreman according to the mine law?
  4. How is fire damp detected in a mine?
  5. Name the gases commonly met with in mines, and the effects upon a person breathing them.
  6. Write a report such as a fire boss would make after making his morning examination and finding 3 inches of gas in gangway B only.
  7. Describe in detail the precautions you would take on account of the gas reported in question 6 and your method of making the place safe for the miners to work.
  8. What are the circumstances tending to cause an accumulation of fire damp in a mine where gas is known to be given off in small quantities only?
  9. In an airway 14 feet 6 inches wide, what quantity of air is passing when the anemometer registers 25 revolutions?
  10. Is a safety lamp a sure protection against an explosion of fire damp in a mine under all circumstances?
  11. Under what circumstances is a safety lamp liable to become extinguished in a mine? Explain fully.
  12. It is expected that the results of the examinations will be made known about the middle of August.

**CASPER SOUPPER'S SUICIDE.**  
His Wife Says He Also Threatened to Shoot Her.  
Casper Soupper, who committed suicide at the Hillside Home, Tuesday, will be buried at the home cemetery today. Soupper has no near relatives except his wife and as she expects to end her days at the poor farm she desired that her husband should be buried there.

When she recovered yesterday from the shock which she suffered she related the whole story of the shooting. She says she saw her husband with a revolver, or what she supposed and now is proven was a revolver, some day in a box in which he kept odds and ends and place it in his trousers pocket on several occasions. Tuesday at dinner time he was very cranky and once when she spoke to him about his refusal to eat any dinner, he said: "I'll give you a dinner of lead before the day is over."

Soon after this she saw him take the

revolver from the box and place it in his pocket. He got into bed with his clothes on and remained quiet for some minutes. She was so filled with fright that she pulled the bedclothes over her head and laid mute and trembling, expecting every moment he would carry out his threat to shoot her. She heard the pistol shot and swooned away and that was the last she realized for several hours.

Supper at one time was quite well-to-do. He owned a double house on the West Side and lived contented in the belief that he had enough saved up to keep him and his wife comfortable for the rest of his days.

**SLOT MACHINES MUST GO.**  
Eighth Ward Is to Be Rid of the Saloon Wheel-of-Fortune.  
The saloon wheel-of-fortune must go. In fact they are gone. At least they are going in the Eighth ward. Constable Charles Q. Carman says they are not to remain in the battery and when the Eighth ward constable says anything he generally means it. The company which owns the machines and the proprietors of the places wherein they are stationed realized this as when Mr. Carman went to them quietly and told them the machines must go, the machines proceeded to disappear.

They were taken out of nearly every place that contained one yesterday and before the week is out not one will remain. Mr. Carman sent forth the edict that if any place in the Eighth ward contained one of the machines next Monday morning the proprietor of that place would be returned to court for keeping a gambling house. It is safe to say that there will be no slot machines in the Eighth ward next Monday evening.

**BIG FIRE IN DURVEY.**  
Six Houses Consumed by a Conflagration This Morning and Others Threatened with Destruction.  
At the time of going to press a destructive conflagration was raging in Durvey. Six houses had up to that time been consumed and the fire was still raging.

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**JERSEY CENTRAL'S NEW FERRY.**  
Runs Between the Foot of Whitehall Street and Jersey City Terminal.  
The Central Railroad of New Jersey has begun the operation of a new ferry between the foot of Whitehall street and the Jersey City terminal. The great convenience of such a ferry will readily be appreciated by those that desire to reach almost any part of New York city, Brooklyn or Staten Island. Adjoining the Whitehall street terminal are the tracks for the Staten Island ferries and the steamboat line for Coney Island and Manhattan Beach via Bay Ridge. The four lines of elevated railroad terminate here, as well as the Broadway cable and belt line street railroads making it the most central point in New York city.

Ladies on shopping missions, persons destined to the theaters and Coney Island will find this the shortest, most direct and convenient route. Ferry boats Easton and Mauch Chunk, both new, are in service and make half-hourly trips between Jersey City and New York, connecting direct with principal trains.

**NEWSBOYS MUST NOT SHOUT.**  
Sunday Paper Carriers Will Have to Observe the Sabbath.  
Mayor Bailey, acting upon several complaints recently received, yesterday directed Chief Robling to strictly enforce the order against newsboys shouting out their wares on the Sabbath.

This practice was squelched during Mayor Ripple's term, but lately the newsboys have been neglecting to observe the ordinance and as a consequence complaints have been coming in of their disturbing and desecrating action. Officers will hereafter arrest any boy who offends against the order.

**GRIFIN-CARHON NUPTIALS.**  
Ceremony Was Performed by the Rev. J. B. Sweet, of Simpson Church.  
Walter H. Griffin and Miss Lida A. Cahoon, both young people from the North End, were quietly married yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist church.

The ceremony occurred at the church parsonage and the couple were unattended. They left immediately after the ceremony, announcing their intention of going to Boston on their wedding trip.

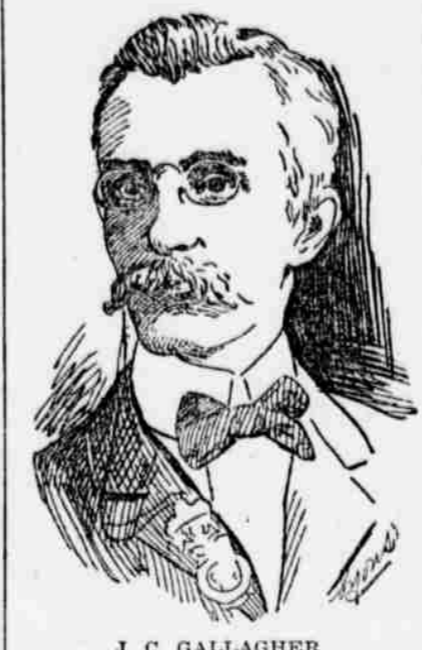
**CONVENTION OF THE I. C. B. UNION**

Is to Be Held Here During the Third Week of August.

**CHANGES OF THE CONSTITUTION**

It Is Proposed to Strike the Word Irish out of the Title, Insert the Principles Unity, Fraternity and Benevolence and Make Some Changes in the Fundamental Law That Are Considered Necessary. The National Officers.

The Irish Catholic Benevolent union, which will hold its national convention here during the third week in August, is a union of societies Catholic in aim, object and purpose and not what many would suppose from its title, a union of Irish societies only. Its constitution and by-laws has this to say: "Its object is to create and foster a feeling of fraternity and fellowship among the various Catholic beneficial



J. C. GALLAGHER, West Side Man who wears the I. C. B. U. Prize Medal.

societies of the union, and to aid in alleviating the suffering of members of said societies as are by sickness or other misfortune unable to pursue their usual avocations, and to assist as far as practicable all Catholic endeavorers."

It was founded in the small town of Piqua, Ohio, in the year 1869, Judge Dwyer being its first president. Like all other unions it has had its ups and downs. The good accomplished through it in years past can never be properly estimated. Local societies and individuals may not reach that standard of excellence and perfection in management much sought after and looked for in this progressive age, but the union is not to blame, as it has no authority as to how, by whom, and to whom shall be entrusted the disbursement of the funds of a local society. In the forthcoming convention many changes are proposed to the constitution.

**CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION.**  
Among them striking out the word "Irish" in Section 1st of Article I. In Section second, inserting the principles, Unity, Fraternity, Benevolence. To all of the five articles of the constitution there are proposed two or more amendments. One of the most important amendments is the establishment of a contingent fund, the object of which will be to provide means for assisting societies financially embarrassed. Five years ago a convention of this union was held here in St. Thomas' college. The president then was T. M. Daly and the secretary M. L. J. Griffin. This year's convention will be held in the Young Men's Institute rooms on Lackawanna avenue and will be presided over by Daniel Duffy, of St. Clair, Pa., and the records will be made by A. A. Boyle, of Philadelphia, the present secretary. This gentleman has given such entire satisfaction in his changes of his official duties in the past, that though the constitution debar a re-election he will have no opponent, in which case the convention would have no other choice but to honor him again with the salary and title of national secretary.

**AT THE YORK CONVENTION.**  
Three years ago there was represented at the York, Pa., convention of this union from this district, societies of Olyphant, James F. Cummings, delegate; Father Whelan society, J. C. Gal-

lagher, delegate; St. Thomas' society, of Capouse avenue, Dennis Roche, delegate; St. Joseph's, Taylor, Pa., Michael Gilroy, delegate; St. Patrick's Ladies', city, Mrs. A. J. Corey, delegate. Since then a ladies' society has been organized in Minooka and the Father Whelan Young Men's, of the West Side. Each society hereabouts is entitled to one delegate. The first to elect delegates was the Father Whelan, No. 596, who selected J. C. Gallagher, with Thomas Bilbow as alternate. The former was delegate to the Toledo, Ohio, convention, and brought home to his society the prize badge of the union, which he still wears.

Owing in part to the C. T. A. union holding its session here during the same week the religious ceremonies of the I. C. B. U. will be held on the West Side. To provide the necessary expenses and to entertain the delegates will here an excursion was run to Fairview yesterday. The delegates will be located in the St. Charles Hotel. The general secretary of the union made arrangements to that effect when here three months ago.

**A FAMILY DIFFICULTY.**  
Did Not Object to His Shooting, but Didn't Want Things Messed.  
From the Washington Star.  
"I don't much keer what it is," he was saying to the boss of the section hands on the railway. "Anything, 'sions' it's work. As for pay all I want is enough to buy me vittles an' a place to bunk in doors when it rains."

"I might set you a job ten or twelve miles up the road," mused the boss. "You ain't got the slightest objection to travel. In fact, I rather like the idea of gittin' a long ways from home. How many hours a day will they let me work?" "I'm afraid you'll have to work about ten hours on an average."

"Ten hours?"  
"Yes, it's a good deal, but they're trying to rush things."

"A good deal! Why, mister, ten hours a day won't give me time enough to give me a chance to forget my troubles. I'm a terrible hard worker, but I can't be kept busy fourteen or sixteen hours at the lowest calculation, I'll have to keep a look elsewhere."

"What was your previous occupation?"  
"I'm a farmer. I own a piece of ground up on 'em."

"Why don't you stick to it, then, instead of trying to get work on the railroad?"  
"It's the old story," he replied, wiping his eyes on the corner of a red handkerchief. "I've got away on account of domestic trouble. I told the old lady, day before yesterday, that I reckoned it was time we had a few flapjacks for dinner. What'd she think she said? She up an' told me that I wanted flapjacks there was the griddle an' there was the ingredients, an' I could help myself; she wasn't a'nt to cook any more, owin' to my havin' found fault with the last ones. I argued with her, an' she not mad an' riled me more'n I ever was riled before. So I went into the woodshed an' got an' 'ol musket an' tol' her that life with a woman that wouldn't mind her duty in a little thing like flapjacks was worth leavin' now, an' I reckoned I'd put my toe on the trigger an' stop the whole difficulty."

"What did she do then?"  
"She grabbed the musket an' stood it in the corner. Her manner changed right off. She laughed an' tol' me not to be a fool, but to go ahead an' get the chores done. I thought she said 'I'm a'nt to mind you' but she said 'I'm a'nt to mind you'." "Completely," Wal' she says, 'hev ye fed the pigs?'"  
"I tol' her I had."

"An' tol' her the cows?"  
"Yes," says I.  
"An' washed off the buggy, an' cleaned the horse, an' put a new hinge on the chicken house," says she.  
"I tol' her I'd done everything. Then after thinkin' awhile, she remarked: 'I'll give you a hand with the washin' an' only for goodness sake, go off a long ways from the house, where it won't make so much difference how ye mess things up.'"

**ARBITRATION TREATY.**  
The Subject Has Been Reopened with Lord Salisbury.  
London, July 21.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that while the statements in the English press to the effect that Sir Julian Pauncefote brought from the United States a draft of a new arbitration treaty are untrue, it is a fact that Sir Julian discussed the question with Secretary Sherman, and since his arrival here has discussed it with Lord Salisbury. There is the best reason for believing that the matter will be reopened at Washington in October, but that a short treaty, of less scope than the last, will be arranged for submission to the respective governments.

It is thought that the matter would not have been revived unless the feeling of leading United States senators had been previously ascertained and Lord Salisbury assured that President McKinley is in favor of such an arrangement.

**Accident at Barnegat.**  
New York, July 21.—While the towing steamer Saturn, bound from Boston to Newport News, Va., was off Barnegat early today one of the men who were on the boat was killed and another man seriously injured.

The boiler and engine rooms were filled with escaping steam. Engineer McKinley, his assistant, A. M. Bowen, and fireman John Bennett, were terribly scalded, but will recover.

**BEECHAM'S PILLS**—No equal for Constipation.

**STEAMSHIP SUNK.**  
The St. Fillans, Bound to New York, Runs Down the Concha.  
Southampton, July 21.—The British steamer St. Fillans, Captain Stubb, which sailed from Rotterdam July 18, for New York, has arrived here with bows badly damaged. Yesterday, off the Isle of Wight, she ran into and sunk the Belgian steamer Concha, from Mediterranean ports, bound up the channel.  
Nine of the crew of the Concha were drowned. Seven were saved and brought here on the St. Fillans.

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**Berry Dish** Leaf Shape, united in delicate colors, trimmed with gold. Ought to be \$1.48. While they last for 98c.  
**Bread Plate** Gold stippled edge, hand decorated; they are well worth 48c. Bought more than we ought to. These must go at 25c.  
**Picture Department** Is still alive to the occasion, and have in stock the famous picture, St. Cecilia, with gold frame, gold mat. Size 20x24 inches, 95c.  
**China Lamps** With China globes, are very much in style. We just received a new consignment, too many styles to quote all of them. One style is Brass Base, China Bowl and China Globe. Will sell easily for \$3.50.

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Sewing Machine Oil, was 4c, reduced to.....3c  
Ice Picks, spring in handle, worth 10c.....4c  
Glass Tumblers reduced to.....3c  
Glass Tin Top Jelly Tumblers.....4c  
Tin Sieves, usual price 10c. now.....4c  
Tin or Black Iron Bred Pans.....4c

**SECOND FLOOR.**  
Chp Baskets.....4c  
A large variety of other kinds at very lowest prices.....60c  
Screen Doors, imitation wainscot.....60c  
Screening, for mending doors and windows, to keep out flies.....1c  
Table Oil Cloth, 14 yds wide.....14c yd  
Stair Oil Cloth, 15 in. wide, reduced to 7c yd  
Hammocks are all reduced in price to close out. To see them, to buy them. If you really want one, good value.  
Washing Machines—Don't break your back using the old-fashioned kind. Come look at these, worth \$5.00, reduced to.....\$2.08  
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Carpets sweepers.....\$1.00

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