

A SHOE STORY

A tale of too many Ladies' Summer Shoes. They must quit our shelves this week. Rather than run the risk of carrying them over we will sell these fine Chocolate and Ox-blood Shoes (not ties) that cost us \$3.00 a pair, at

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Linen Slip Covers made for parlor furniture.

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Visit our Drapery Department, the largest and most complete in this part of the state.

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CITY NOTES.

Charles Wartowsky is a candidate for delegate from the second district of the Sixteenth ward.

A marriage license was granted yesterday to Charles W. Lenko, of Binghamton, N. Y., and Laura Schroeder, of Scranton.

There will be a regular meeting of Crystal Hose company tonight. All members are requested to be present. H. R. Long, foreman.

A commission was issued Tuesday from the state department at Harrisburg to S. B. Stillwell, of this city, as fish commissioner, he having been reappointed to that office.

John Gaffney, of Emmett street, was held in \$200 Wednesday for his appearance at court, on a charge of taking \$2.75 from the pocket of Patrick Reap, Alderman Kelly heard the case.

A coil of lead pipe was stolen from the barn in the rear of Reese G. Brooks' residence on Quincey avenue, yesterday morning. The pipe was found on the sidewalk on Monroe avenue. No arrests have been made.

The board of revision and appeals yesterday heard appeals from property owners of the Eleventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards. Today the Eighth, Ninth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth wards will be heard.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid at the Dickinson mines in Providence and the Grassy Island mines at Ollyphant yesterday. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company pay today at the machine shops and Stone mines.

St. Brendan council's excursion to Harvey's Lake this year will be in line with that very enjoyable outing to Lake Arvid last summer. The outing is Tuesday, Aug. 16, and tickets are \$1 and 75 cents, for adults and children, respectively.

In the estate of Jenny M. Van Gendert, late of Carbondale, letters of administration were granted to Gershon B. Van Gorder, by Register of Wills Holmes. In the estate of Hannah Albrecht, late of this city, letters of administration were granted to Peter Neils.

The Zenith Missionary and Literary society will hold its second annual outing at Nay Aug Falls, "Pine Woods," Saturday, Aug. 7. The society is composed of young men, and they have invited their lady friends. The outing will be under the chaperonage of Mrs. F. W. Lange.

Michael Miller was arrested at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning by Patrolmen Egan and Schelle. Miller went into the White House and asked change for a \$5 bill. The bartender handed him the money and Miller also grabbed the bill from the bar. He ran out and was arrested later. In police court yesterday morning Miller paid the \$5 bill as a fine for his run.

John Grady dashed out of Brennan's hotel on Penn avenue at an early hour yesterday morning and ran up the street. Patrolman Peters attempted to stop him and Grady hurled an empty whiskey bottle at the officer's head. Patrolman Peters escaped the missile and gave chase to Grady. He was captured. It was afterwards learned that Grady had stolen a silver dollar while in the hotel. He was fined \$5 by Mayor Bailey in police court yesterday.

BRECHAM'S PILLS for Stomach and Liver ills.

WE

Have concluded to close out our stock of

FLOR DE WASHINGTON CIGARS

AT 85c. A BOX.

THE SCRANTON CASH STORE.

RAVEN BEATEN IN THE FREE-FOR-ALL

Scranton's Black Fly Disappoints Many Local Admirers.

ELLA T. WAS AN EASY WINNER

The Gray Jersey Mare Lands the Big Purse in Three Straight Heats. Sam Ering's Meta Wins the 2.25 Trot-White the Winner of the Two-Mile Bicycle Event-Riders Have a Bad Fall--This Will Be the Final Day of the Meet.

Nearly 2,000 admissions were paid at yesterday's horse and bicycle races and these, with the several hundred who entered the gate on complimentary, swelled the attendance to nearly the 2,500 mark. Such a large crowd was due to the attractiveness of the free-for-all event, which did not, however, prove a very entertaining piece of sport, as Ella T. won it with ease in three straight heats.

Meta, owned by Sam Ering, was also a one-three winner, capturing the 2.25 trot with ridiculous ease. "Baby" White, of this city, won the bicycle mile championship event. The two horse and one bicycle race comprised the card for the afternoon.

The track was not in good condition owing to the heavy rain of the preceding night which made the course very muddy and left two big patches of mud around the turns. Because of these bad spots the two-mile open bicycle event was declared off. As on the opening days the bicycle boys furnished the introductory entertainment. Then followed the heats of the 2.25 trot and the free-for-all.

A coincidence of the free-for-all was the fact that both Ella T. and Raven had won seven straight races, though the pair had never met. Distance was waived in the race in consequence of the special offer of \$100 for lowering the track record. Hal Pointer (2:04 1/2), Raven (2:10), Ella T. (2:08 1/2), Moonstone (2:09), Allen Dare (2:14) and Grace C. were the six horses that were sent to the post.

RAVEN'S BAD WORK.

The first heat was marked for the bad work of Raven and the time of 2:15 1/2 by Ella T. which was within a quarter of a second of the track pacing record which, by the way, is held by Raven. Moonstone drew the pole, Ella T. second position, Allen Dare third, Raven fourth, Grace C. fifth and Hal Pointer sixth. Raven got the best of the start and was first around the turn. The pace was a warm one. Moonstone and Raven showing together at the quarter with Ella T. next, on the pole, and Allen Dare outside. Raven broke and was in the air around the turn and past the stand, hopelessly last. Moonstone and Ella T. were first at the half with Hal Pointer third five lengths away. This was the order of the stretch when Ella T. made a grand drive and was first by a length, Moonstone second four lengths ahead of Hal Pointer with Raven far enough in the rear to have been distanced had the race been up. Time: 2:14 1/2, 1:43, 2:12.

The track record was equalled in the second heat, which was a race between Ella T., Moonstone and Raven whose relative positions did not change after rounding the first turn. Ella T. won by a half length, Moonstone being the same distance before Raven, three lengths before Allen Dare, Hal Pointer and Grace C. finishing together four lengths behind Allen. Time: 3:14, 1:07 1/2, 1:42, 2:15.

THE LAST HEAT.

A trivial accident brought about a curious condition of affairs in the third and last heat. After receiving the word to start the attempt to secure Moonstone's foot against Ella T.'s wheel about a rod from the wire and pulled up. Collins, who was driving Raven, also pulled up and Hal Pointer followed the example of the other two. The three returned to the wire after the other three had finished the first half but on being told that the word had been given and in consequence of the "no distance" agreement, they swung into the course and finished the mile in order to decide position money.

Ella T.'s only real competitors in the heat were Grace C. and Allen Dare. The latter is considered a faster animal than Grace C. but he broke badly and was finished. Ella T. winning by only a length from Grace C. Time: 3:11 1/2, 1:48 1/2, 2:24.

Summary:

Free-for-all; purse, \$50—
Ella T. s. m. (2:08 1/2), J. W. Tilden, Red Oak, Pa., 1:11
Moonstone, m. m. (2:10), J. W. Jones, Wellsville, N. J., 2:25
Grace C. b. m., Frank W. Hitting, Shillington, Pa., 2:30
Allen Dare, s. m., R. E. Westlake, 3:14
Raven, b. m., G. L. J. L. Wentz, Scranton, Pa., 3:44
Hal Pointer, b. h. (2:10 1/2), T. Chambers, Dulloo, Pa., 3:56
Time: 2:15 1/2, 2:15, 2:24.

WERE SEVEN SCRATCHES.

For the 2.25 trot there were seven scratches, Lentulus, Billy, Bruce C. Bonnie Beisy, Orleana, Spring Light and Josephine. There were six starters, however, and they included the horses which the crowd particularly wanted to see at the post: Prince M. Sheba, Fay, Myrtle S. Meta and Cal.

After the first half of the first heat the first two, Meta and Sheba, showed the first half. Sheba and Fay had a race for second, the former getting the place by a half length. Time: 5:15, 1:12 1/2, 1:50, 2:55 1/2.

The third heat was a repetition of the other two, Meta winning the heat and race. Time: 3:11 1/2, 1:48 1/2, 2:24 1/2.

Summary:

2.25 trot; purse, \$50—
Meta, ch. m., S. E. Ering, 1:11
Sheba, b. m., J. L. Wentz, 2:22
Fay, b. g., Edward Smith, 3:33
Myrtle S. m., R. E. Westlake, 3:14
Cal. b. g., J. Altherton, 3:44
Prince M. b. s., Stewart Fletcher, dis.
Time: 2:24 1/2, 2:55, 2:24 1/2.

IN THE JUDGES STAND.

With Starter Frank Smith in the judges' stand were H. A. Groman, of Allentown; C. S. Seamans, of Scranton, and Dr. J. W. Houser, of Taylor.

Only one bicycle event, the two-mile championship of Northeastern Pennsylvania, was run off, owing to the exceedingly heavy and slippery track. The riders were compelled to ride about eight feet from the pole during nearly the whole distance and much farther out in some places.

At the call the men lined up as follows: Oswald, White, Gregory, Palmer, Keller, Seward, Strong, Marsh, Dunn and Kratz. At the pistol shot Seward jumped to pace, with Palmer and Kratz second and third, with the rest well bunched, close up. At the first half Seward was still leading, with Kratz, Strong and Gregory trailing just ahead of the bunch.

On the next lap Kratz dropped out, White moving up, followed by Strong and Gregory, in which position they crossed the tape on the third lap, but a few yards past the tape the entire crowd bunched tight together, riding in that manner until on the back stretch, near the quarter, where Strong, Gregory, White and Seward broke from the bunch together with a whirlwind sprint.

They cut loose just in time, as the other eight riders, who were riding well together, were brought to earth in their effort to catch the four leaders as they stole around them with a rush.

A DRIVING FINISH.

Gregory and Strong reached the home stretch first, both riding wide, closely followed by White and Seward. A driving finish for the tape ensued, White leading, followed by Gregory and Strong, and winning out by a good length, with Gregory and Strong second and third respectively.

Marsh was the most seriously injured of those who fell. He sprained his wrist and shoulder. Dunn was also badly bruised around the heart. Several wheels were badly broken up, especially those ridden by Keller and Marsh. Keller made one of his circus falls, for which he is becoming famed. He turned a somersault, landing on his feet without a scratch.

Summary:

R. V. White, Scranton, won; Ralph Gregory, Scranton, second; Harry Strong, Scranton, third. Time, 5:05.

This will be the final day of the meet. One bicycle and two horse events are on the card. For the 2.25 pace, purse \$200, there are seven starters, out of which probably a dozen will start. Among these may be Miller Lee, Emma G. Spain, Leota C., Duchess Igo, Walter R., Billy H. and Bellman. Sixteen are entered for the 2.0 trot. The bicycle race will be a five-mile handicap. This event will be started at 1:30 o'clock.

WAS ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

That is the statement James Torsney made before Alderman Wright.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning three young men were seen coming down White Hawkway in a motor car, toward central city. One was complaining of his head and his face was red with blood, showing that some wound had been inflicted.

The sequel came out before Alderman Wright yesterday morning when James Torsney swore out two warrants, one for the arrest of Thomas Durman on a charge of assault and battery, the other against Michael Joyce, charging larceny.

The trouble took place in a saloon on Luzerne street. Torsney was struck on the head with a club and two long cuts were made. He fled freely and after waiting in the central city all night, in the morning swore out the warrants. The blood had dried on his face and his appearance was awful. Durman and Joyce went before Alderman Kelly and entered bail.

BOYER MADE THE ARREST.

Saw Keeper on Wyoming Avenue and Took Him Into Custody.

William Keiper was arraigned before Alderman Howe yesterday on a charge of larceny on a \$200 bill. He was escorted by Fred Boyer. Boyer himself escorted Keiper before the alderman.

The alleged theft took place some months ago, and immediately afterwards Keiper disappeared. Yesterday Mr. Keiper was found standing near the Hotel Jermyn and at once went to the police station for an officer, and from there was directed to an alderman's office.

Boyer returned to the police station with a warrant and he himself went to young Keiper, placed his hand on the boy's collar and took him to Alderman Howe's office.

Keiper was held in \$300 bail to appear at court. His father qualified as bondsman.

AN UNKNOWN ARTIST.

He Sent Two Pieces of Coal to A. B. Holmes.

A. B. Holmes picked up a mysterious package from the desk in his office in the Commercial building yesterday afternoon. It came unboxed and Mr. Holmes was mystified as to its contents.

Upon opening it he found two pieces of anthracite coal. On one was engraved a sketch of a man and woman apparently out for a promenade. The other is really a wonder. It bore on its surface a likeness of Mr. Holmes, which would be instantly recognized by even his remotest acquaintance. The picture was cut in relief with a polished surface. The rest of the piece of coal was in its original state of roughness.

Who was the workman and who the giver Mr. Holmes can not guess.

Through Car to and from the Senhore The Central Railroad of New Jersey now runs a through coach from Scranton to Long Branch, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Point Pleasant and intermediate stations and return on trains No. 10 and 9.

On the return trip train leaves Scranton 8:29 a. m., Wilkes-Barre, 9 a. m., Mauch Chunk 11 a. m., Allentown 11:56 a. m., Bethlehem 12:11 p. m., Easton 12:22 p. m., arriving at Long Branch 2:50 p. m., Asbury Park and Ocean Grove 4:05 p. m., Belmar 4:11 p. m., Point Pleasant 4:30 p. m.

On the return trip train leaves Point Pleasant 11:40 a. m., Ocean Grove and Asbury Park 12:05 noon, Long Branch 12:15 p. m., arriving at Easton 3:42 p. m., Bethlehem 4:04 p. m., Allentown 4:19 p. m., Mauch Chunk 5:18 p. m., Wilkes-Barre 7:07 p. m. Scranton 7:55 p. m.

By this arrangement no change of cars, nor transfer of passengers or baggage is necessary.

Trains Nos. 6 and 12 also connect for seashore points, with but one change of cars at Elizabethport.

WILL YOU GIVE UP all that health means to you? If not, look out for impure blood. Cures boils, pimples, humors and all venereal tendencies by taking Hood's Sarsaparil.

HOOD'S PILLS are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists.

CONDITION OF THE HARD COAL TRADE

Set Forth in the August Letter of the Anthracite Coal Association.

AN INCREASE IN THE SHIPMENTS

There is a Secrecy of the Small Sizes of Steam Coals and the Price of Pen Has Been Advancing--Western Market is in Exceptionally Good Condition for New Business--Trade Has Been Brought to a Sound Basis.

The August letter of the anthracite coal operators association has this to say about the condition of the coal market:

During the past month the anthracite market has shown a steady gain both in volume of business and advancing prices. While most of the shipments were to fill orders received prior to July 1, and at prices then current, there has been a noticeable increase, but should there be an advance in the price, to take effect September 1, as is likely, they will undoubtedly be increased buying. This would be of great benefit, as otherwise there will be an abnormally active demand in September, which neither railroads nor collieries are in a position to meet.

JUNE SHIPMENTS.

Shipments in June largely exceed the estimated requirements of the market for that month, but notwithstanding this the sideway stock at the close of the month were less than at any time since January 31, 1893. Interior stocks were also light, showing that the product was being sold by the market, and that without any concession in price. The July shipments will exceed the estimated 2,000,000 for the month, by about 500,000 tons. It is now estimated that the actual requirements for the month of July and August will require 7,000,000 tons, or, deducting the output for the past month, 3,500,000 tons in August. This will likely be a little less than the actual requirements, but it is not exceeded, prices will become even stronger and prepare the market for the probable advance in the price.

There is a noticeable secrecy of the small sized steam coals. Prices for pea have been advancing, but there has been an improvement in buckwheat, although it has not at any time this year been produced in excess of the demand.

The western market is in an exceptionally good condition for new business. While there can be no doubt that a very considerable anthracite tonnage has been replaced by soft coal and gas during the spring and summer, yet the dealers' stocks are almost empty, and where there are any large stocks of anthracite coal. This means that a heavy tonnage must go forward before navigation closes.

With reference to the status of the trade the letter says:

PRESENT POLICY ENFORCED.

The Association has condemned in no uncertain terms the policy which prevailed in 1894 and 1895, and occasionally showed in 1896, and it now as frankly endorses the present management of the business, which has been almost entirely place has been a radical one. It was an evidence of sound business judgment, and even fortitude, to accomplish.

The anthracite mining and carrying railroads have had a limited market for the fuel during the early part of this year, and their business has been curtailed in the consumption there was necessarily a decrease in traffic earnings. That they faced this, after the losses incurred during 1895 and 1896, and the reduction of the dividend rate on several properties, shows that they recognize clearly the gravity of the situation and the urgent need of its permanent betterment, and further, that those who have large interests in several of these properties, are determined that their operations shall be conducted in such a manner that their investments should not be used to depreciate that in another.

For the first six months of this year there has been a steady and determined effort to bring the trade to a sound basis, and it has been accomplished. During this period several of the railroad reports have shown decreased earnings as compared with the previous year, but the benefits of the work done are yet to come and, with due allowance for the industrial depression and unfavorable conditions which have existed, there is every reason to believe that the anthracite carrying roads will close the year with far better results than in 1896, and certainly with a year of promise for 1898.

PARALLEL CONDITIONS.

The conditions are parallel with those which have been the agricultural, who for half of the year must labor diligently, without return, that a bountiful harvest may result and yield a munificent recompense for all work well and faithfully done.

There is one axiom which may be accepted as determining the financial success of each of the anthracite mining and transporting railroads: When they show a profit in coal mining operations, their income from all sources will be in excess of all charges, and on the other hand, when the mining department shows a loss, the income from other sources will be insufficient to meet the obligations and pay interest on the investment. It is the former condition that the interests are now endeavoring to reach, with the former course of well judged action to bring them to that point.

A UNIQUE REUNION.

The Seven Sisters, of Ransom, Enjoy a Social Time at West Pittston.

A most enjoyable event was celebrated at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Richards, on Delaware avenue, yesterday afternoon, it being the first reunion of the "Seven Sisters" of Ransom. Those present were Mrs. N. S. Sutton, Mrs. E. N. Decker, Mrs. D. F. Jenkins, Mrs. W. D. Hopkins and Miss Dora Huthmaker, of this place, and the Misses Ada and Mary Sax, of Scranton. A programme consisting of essays, singing, and the reading of an original poem by one of the members were indulged in, after which they adjourned to the dining room and participated in a sumptuously prepared supper.

Although in reality not sisters, their childhood days were passed in close companionship at Ransom, they being the daughters of P. K. Richards, D. M. Huthmaker and Amos Sax, all of whom at that time were prosperous and influential farmers, residing in the valley of Ransom. The title, "The Seven Sisters," was given them by a teacher under whose instructions they were placed for a time. The first break in the separation of them was made by Mr. Richards seven years ago when he, with his family, removed to West Pittston, followed two years later by Mr. Sax, removing with his family to Scranton. Mr. Huthmaker still resides at Ransom.

The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Richards yesterday afternoon was but a repetition of that of former years and was unanimously voted so at the departure of "The Seven Sisters."--Wednesday's Pittston Gazette.

WONDERS WILL NEVER CEASE.

Look Out for Those That Will Come to This Town on Sunday.

One of the most remarkable collections of wonders will be spread before the people of this locality next Sunday (August 8), when the great Philadelphia Sunday "Press" gets into the hands of the people. The management of "The Sunday Press" promise great things, and their promises are always more than fulfilled. Adventures in the Klondike gold fields which read like tales from the "Arabian Nights," but which are vouched for by the special correspondents of "The Sunday Press" will be a leading feature. Women have also caught the gold fever and some are going from Philadelphia. Their life stories are of absorbing interest. It has been discovered that some remarkable and prominent Americans are making regular pilgrims to an American shrine. "The Sunday Press" will tell all about them, and also about an animal wonder that has created great excitement.

The L. A. W. meet in Philadelphia this week interests hundreds of thousands of bicyclists. "The Sunday Press" will have the best report and illustrations of this event, of course.

Then, in addition to all this, the fine picture, "The Surrender of Cornwallis" will be given free to every reader. You had better order next Sunday's "Press" today.

CLOSE USED A CHAIR.

Struck Peter Egli When He Was Avoiding the Rain.

Peter Egli was caught in the storm Wednesday night and in seeking shelter he went into a saloon on Prospect avenue. Here he met Edward Close and a collision resulted.

During the fracas Close hit Egli with a chair. Alderman Wright held Close in \$300 bail to appear at court on a charge of assault and battery.

Don't Forget

That the D. L. & W. R. R. are now running through day coaches and sleeping cars, New York to Chicago, via the Nickel Plate road. Ask nearest ticket agent of the D. L. & W. R. R.

Notice.

We are still doing business at the same old stand where we have been for twenty-two years past and most respectfully solicit the patronage of the public as heretofore in awnings, tents, flags and all kinds of society goods and decorations.

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We have them, low in price, with all the new and pretty decorations and graceful shapes of the best ware made--Semi-vitreous China.

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Walk in and look around

FAST SELLING

Was the rule yesterday. Today is the fifth day of the Improvement Sale and this morning we oil up the cash carrier system for another rushing day. Seems like carpenters are through the store will suit us all better and we can better serve the increased business that seems to come our way. Selling lots of trunks. Here's one:

A Good Trunk

Means durability as well as good looking. Let us roll out our "Armor Plate" trunk, 32 inch, canvas covered, excelsior brass lock, four steel straps all around, iron bottom, 12 hardwood slats, 2 inside boxes and 30 heavy steel corner braces. We hear of it being sold for \$6.50. During Improvement Sale our price is

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15c Dotted Swiss..... 10c
12 1/2c Check Nainsook..... 8c

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Best quality Percalé and Lawn Waists, all sizes, in many styles, reduced from 75c. to 39c.

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