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CHAS McMULLEN & CO. Have opened a General Insurance Office in The Traders' National Bank Bldg.

BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The transfer of passengers still continues on the Mulberry street line. The patrons of the road are slow to anger and long suffering as they tread patiently and fro over the block that intervenes between the cars.

The Academy of Music was adorned with American flags last evening to signal the advent of Corse Payton, who called attention to the fact and incidentally mentioned that he liked Scranton because everybody is so nice to him in this town and that although he wasn't born here, if it ever happened again he proposed to select Scranton as his birthplace.

The managers of the Home for the Friendless wish to announce that a beautiful baby boy and also one of larger growth are there for adoption. Applications may be made at the Home on Thursday morning.

Molly Elliot Sewall's new book, "A Virginia Cavalier," is full of George Washington from beginning to end, as he is the "Virginia Cavalier." The book is issued by Harper's and is an exquisite edition.

The baritone solo, "Not a Sparrow Falseth," sung by T. Cushing Jones on Sunday at Elm Park church, was one of the best musical features heard in this city for some time.

James McDonald and daughter, Cecilia, of Waverly, Minn., arrived here Saturday. Mr. McDonald is a delegate to the Catholic Total Abstinence union convention, representing the Minnesota State union, and his daughter is a delegate from the Waverly Cadets.

Mayor J. G. Bailey, Chief of the Fire Department P. J. Hickey, Chief George Stegmaler, of the Wilkes-Barre fire

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department, and Adam Steinhouser, of the Hook and Ladder company, left yesterday for New Haven, Conn., to attend the annual convention of fire chiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Robathan have returned from their wedding tour and are at home to their friends at 156 South Hyde Park avenue.

Four attorneys were added to the roll of the Lackawanna county bar yesterday. All are young men who have just completed the prescribed course of study.

Mrs. M. J. Myers, of York, Pa., grand commander of Degree of Naomii, Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain, arrived in the city yesterday. This morning a special session of the grand assembly will be held in the hall of Esther assembly, No. 16, at 419 Lackawanna avenue.

A farewell reception will be tendered Rev. Thomas Bell, former pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, next Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, on South Lincoln avenue.

The spectacle of a young lady coasting on a bicycle up as well as down Elmhurst boulevard might seem improbable on anything but a motorcycle, but Miss Gertrude Sprague, of Quincy avenue, accomplished the feat Saturday.

PERSONAL. Miss Millie Wormer leaves this morning for a three weeks' stay in Asbury Park, N. J.

Miss Sophie Finkenstaedt, of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. A. G. Thomason, of Green Ridge.

Myer Davidow, of the Lackawanna avenue shoe man, is spending today in the New York shoe market.

Miss Lola Phillips, of Adams avenue, is visiting Miss Florence Hunt, at Square Top, Wyoming county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Varley and son, Gerald, of Wyoming avenue, have returned from a visit at Concord, Mass.

Mrs. D. Schall Bassett, of South New Berlin, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Arthur Hitebock, of Madison avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Owen, of Oak street, Taylor, leave today for an extended trip among the large cities of the east.

Miss Gertrude Suydam, of Wyoming avenue, and Miss Fannie Phillips, of Sweetland street, spent Sunday at Lake Winola.

Mrs. Flora Levi and her sister, Miss Prudence, have returned from a month's visit with friends at Chicago and Milwaukee.

Miss Cassie Williams, of Peckville, who has been visiting her brother, J. R. Williams, of Monsey avenue, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Reynolds, of Dickson, spent Sunday with Mrs. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. H. E. Mansoor, of North Garfield avenue.

Professor Arthur L. Dorsey has returned to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he is engaged as a teacher of elocution and oratory.

Mrs. G. Osburn Letchworth, of Chicago, and Miss Mary Brannon, of Mount Holly, N. J., are visiting at Thomas A. Patten's, on the West Side.

Miss Julia Allen is spending August in the Adirondacks, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley, of Newark, N. J., at their cottage on Paradise lake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barrett, of Binghamton, and Mrs. Wright, of Scranton, spent Sunday at Clark's Summit, the guests of A. A. Nichols.

A. H. Rombo, sr., representing Potter Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Austin, Pa., is stopping at the home of J. R. Huff, on Parker street, North End.

Mr. Frank Knight, of Providence, formerly with the Factory shoe store, has accepted a position with Myer Davidow, of the Lackawanna avenue shoe man.

Dr. Russell Childsey, of 542 Prescott avenue, this city, went to Wilkes-Barre yesterday on a professional visit. The doctor will also spend a vacation of a few days with friends there.

Miss Mamie L. Weber, of Allentown, returned to her home yesterday morning after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Klotz, of Lackawanna street. Klotz accompanied her for a short visit in Allentown.

Proprietor of the Terrace Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury.

W. H. White, proprietor of the Hotel Terrace, while riding a bicycle was run down yesterday morning in front of W. P. Connell & Sons' hardware store, on Penn avenue.

Mr. White was riding along the avenue when he was run into by a horse attached to a light vehicle. He was knocked under the horse's feet, but escaped being trampled upon. His escape from serious injury was remarkable.

DOUBLE BILL TONIGHT.

Rev. Levi Bird and Mr. Williams Will Speak.

Rev. Levi Bird, whose sermon on "A Valley of Death," is remembered, and Mr. Williams, of Dunmore, better known by the sobriquet of "Antonio," will speak at 608 Linden street this evening.

Mr. Bird will tell of the "Ravages of Intemperance," while Mr. Williams will contend that "Interest Rates Have Brought Greater Evil Than Intemperance." Admission will be free.

DIED. FORD.—In Dunmore, Aug. 15, 1897, at her home, on Oak street, Mrs. Thomas Ford, aged 60 years. Funeral 9.30 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1897, interment in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery, Dunmore.

DIVORCE MILL DOES A BIG DAY'S WORK

Ground Out Six Absolute Decrees and Has Another Ready.

ABUNDANCE OF RAW MATERIAL.

Almost Before the Six Cases Were Disposed of, Six More Applications for Divorces Were in the Files Awaiting Action—As Usual, a Larger Number of Women Than Men Are Seeking to Have the Nuptial Knot Unfastened.

Lackawanna county continues to keep up her reputation as a great divorce center. At yesterday's misadmission session of court six absolute divorces were granted and in another case an order was made for alimony and the court intimated that the divorce would be granted as soon as the proper decree is drawn and presented to the court for consideration.

While all of this was going on upstairs, attorneys were stacking up the files in the probathary's office with fresh applications for divorces. Six applications altogether were filed during the day. The first one came from Carbondale. Mrs. Anna Louise Monk was the court to set her free from Thomas Monk who, she alleges, has offered such inducements to her parents as to compel her to withdraw from his home. They were married Jan. 16, 1893, and lived together until July 29, 1893.

The libel in the case was filed by Attorney H. C. Butler, who also filed the papers in the case of Louise Arnold against Channon F. Arnold. This divorce is asked on the ground of cruel treatment. They were married Sept. 6, 1882, and lived together until Aug. 1, 1896.

It is a sad story that Mrs. Ann Jane Morris, of Taylor, has to tell. She married William Morris on June 13, 1896, and seven days later he deserted her. His treatment of her was outrageous and he has never contributed anything to the support of herself or child. Morris is one of the rascals who was charged with committing a vicious assault on Hotelkeeper VonWenhausen, of Taylor. Mrs. Morris is represented by Attorney James E. Watkins.

CASE OF DESERTION.

Alof Akeson, through Attorney D. J. Davis, asked for a divorce from Ann J. Akeson. They were married Sept. 30, 1896, and on Oct. 22 of that year Mrs. Akeson deserted her husband. He now resides on Sherman avenue, this city.

The first paper that Attorney Arthur Dunn filed was in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bristol against William P. Griswold. They were married Jan. 1, 1881, and Mrs. Griswold alleges that on Dec. 15, 1891, her husband deserted her and has since persisted in his desertion.

Lena D. Pearce, by her attorneys, Voshburg and Ingham, was admitted to practice law at the Lackawanna county bar yesterday. Mr. Okell is a young man of considerable talent and gives promise of taking a position among the leading attorneys of the city.

Mrs. Janet Lewis, of Spring Brook, was granted a divorce from David M. Lewis, to whom she was married on Oct. 15, 1892. They did not live happily together. They first quarreled because Mrs. Lewis refused to allow her cousin from Nanticoke, who came to visit them, to share their couch. Thereafter Mrs. Lewis says her husband frequently abused and beat her, and refused to provide for her or their two children. She is now living with her parents at Spring Brook. Such, in substance, was her testimony before the judge who heard the case. They separated Dec. 22, 1896.

NICE GROOM THIS.

On Nov. 15, 1891, Mrs. Lizzie May Williams and Harry Williams were married at Carbondale. While at Binghamton on their wedding tour he threatened to cut her throat. He never contributed to her support, and frequently abused her. On Dec. 28, 1894, she was compelled to leave him. She was granted a divorce.

Mrs. Della H. Renntman was allowed a divorce because her husband, William J. Renntman married her on June 1, 1886. They were married Dec. 28, 1878.

Cecilia K. Hayes, who married John J. Hayes at Stroudsburg on Oct. 5, 1876, was granted a divorce because her husband was unfaithful to her. They lived together only about six months.

George E. McCann was allowed a divorce because his wife, Carrie McCann, deserted him. They were married Oct. 7, 1888, and lived together until February, 1892, when McCann says his wife left him. Charles M. Conaghy was legally separated from Amelia Conaghy. They were married July 1, 1891, and lived together till Oct. 1, 1891, when she deserted him.

In the divorce case of Morris D. Lewis against Emma S. Lewis court made an order refusing alimony, but allowing Mrs. Lewis \$25 as counsel fees. They were married May 2, 1890, in Windsor, N. Y., and on Dec. 3, 1894, Mrs. Lewis left her husband. A divorce will be granted as soon as the decree is prepared.

In the divorce suit of Sarah Low against William Low, the sheriff was directed to publish the case. A second subpoena in divorce was granted in the case of Theodore L. Bennett against Emma L. Bennett.

A FINE PERFORMANCE.

Given by the Corse Payton Company at the Academy.

The Corse Payton company had a flattering reception last night at the Academy of the house. It was a very well satisfied audience that saw the first performance in the week's repertoire. The company is one that it is a pleasure to recommend as superior to many high-priced combinations which often create a furore with far less attractive plays.

Mr. Payton improves with age and he is not growing to be a patriarch by any means. He is the same inimitable, restless, rollicking, charming personage as ever. He is DeWolf Hopperish with something beyond that in versatility. When he is on the stage he occupies the undivided attention of the audience, although this is not accomplished with the supreme selfishness usually attributed to stars.

Mr. Payton has remarkably good support in his present company. "A Parisian Princess" was the play presented, which was the medium of a continuous performance displaying the abilities of the various members to a

pleasing extent. The metamorphosis of the little country girl into the fascinating French woman gave a fine feeling for the brilliant dramatic qualities of Miss Reed, whose lovely personality and beautiful gowns were among the leading features of the performance. Perhaps Mr. Howatt, as Lawrence Claymore, gave as pleasing an interpretation of his role as any member of the cast.

Sidney Toler's personal appearance is such as to be worth a liberal salary, even if he were required to do nothing more than pose. Miss Grace Fox is another who good looks are a great addition to the ensemble. Will D. Corbett gave in this drama a fine impersonation of an ungracious part. Miss McKean, Miss Stanley, Messrs. Chamberlain, McCreary and Bond completed the excellent cast of last evening.

The play was handsomely staged with many novel accessories. Mr. Payton, Miss Fox and tiny "Mae Hill," in the first act, gave a clever variety performance, involving many acrobatic feats. D. J. Sullivan sang a number of solos in a splendid baritone voice, illustrated after the fashion of Alexander Black's "Miss Jerry" in soft-toned life-sized stereopticon views. This afternoon "Camille" will be presented, while the play of this evening is Bartley Campbell's "Galley Slave."

DENIED HIS CHILDREN.

Son and Daughter of John Norton, of Carbondale, Go to Their Grandparents.

Judge Edwards yesterday refused to give John Norton, of Carbondale, the custody of his two children, Rose and Matthew Norton, aged 1 and 8 years respectively. Ten years ago Norton married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Devine, of Carbondale. It is alleged that his habits were not of the best and the care of his wife and their children fell upon Mrs. Norton's parents for a considerable portion of the time.

Several months ago Mrs. Norton died and her parents, who had possession of the two children, refused to turn them over to the father. When his demand for them was refused he secured a writ of habeas corpus, which was disposed of by Judge Edwards.

In delivering his opinion he said he was moved wholly by a desire to have the children properly cared for. He felt that with the father that care would be uncertain. "It may be that after a few years of continued good conduct on the part of the father," said Judge Edwards, "and satisfactory proof of his ability to provide for the children, he may convince the court that he is entitled to their custody. This remains to be seen."

In the meantime the children have been committed to the custody of the grandparents, the father to have the privilege of seeing them at reasonable intervals.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.

George M. Okell Admitted to Practice Law Yesterday.

George M. Okell was admitted to practice law at the Lackawanna county bar yesterday. Mr. Okell is a young man of considerable talent and gives promise of taking a position among the leading attorneys of the city.

Mr. Okell was born in Philadelphia, where he received his education. Two years ago he came to Scranton, where he studied law, and passed the final examination on July 21. He has entered into law partnership with Hon. Frank T. Okell, and the firm will be known as Okell & Okell.

He is a prominent worker in the order of Knights of the Golden Eagle, and other fraternal organizations. He is highly esteemed by those who know him, and is a decided acquisition to the ranks of the members of the Lackawanna bar.

Mr. Okell's father, J. R. Okell, formerly general manager for Arbuckle Bros., now with the Gasometers, was the inventor of the sugar machine, that inaugurated the war between these coffee and sugar kings.

FIXING UP THEIR OFFICES.

Heads of Departments in City Hall Want Neat-Looking Apartments.

City hall offices are being renovated and beautified by the various heads of departments. City Solicitor McKinley set the good example by having his suite of rooms tastefully papered and painted. City Controller Robinson is having his apartments treated in a like manner and City Treasurer Boland is contemplating similar action.

The money for the improvements will come out of the appropriation for incidentals, which each department is allowed. The papering of the corridors will now be in line.

Knights of Pythias.

All members of Electric City Lodge, No. 312, K. of P., are requested to meet at their Castle hall on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 1.30 p. m. sharp, to take part in the parade. Bring white gloves along.

BEECHAM'S PILLS cure Sick Headache.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

DEMOCRATS NAME THEIR TRINITY

They Invoke Jefferson, Jackson and William Jennings Bryan.

CHICAGO PLATFORM IS APPROVED

Men Who Boiled It Denounced and Notice Served Upon Them That They Must Forsake Their Evil Ways--John J. Coyne, of Minooka, and M. J. McDonnell, of Moosic, Chosen State Delegates to Represent the Third District.

There is no doubting where the Third Legislative district stands. A loyal eleven of them met yesterday in convention at Coyne's hotel, Minooka, and after choosing John J. Coyne, of Minooka, and M. J. McDonnell, of Moosic, as delegates to the state convention, adopted a set of resolutions that would indicate that somebody had said the old reliable Third "wasn't true." They are worth reading:

The Democrats of the Third legislative district of Lackawanna county in convention assembled reaffirm their faith in the principles of the Democracy of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, and William Jennings Bryan, the great champions of the cause of the people against the modern iron heel of plutocrats, trusts and monopolies.

Resolved, That we unequivocally endorse the principles adopted at the national convention of Democracy in Chicago in 1896, which principles over six millions of voters of the great United States supported at the last general election, notwithstanding the widespread organized power of Republican money power kings of Wall street and London gold sharks.

WISE MEN DENOUNCED.

Resolved, That we denounce those men, claiming to be Democrats, who last fall were wiser than their party and associated themselves with the party of Mark Hanna; and we serve notice that those recent Democrats must forever all their affiliation with the opposite party before they are welcomed back into the fold of Democracy.

Resolved, That we denounce in the severest terms the recent Republican legislature for its protracted misuse of the people's money; and its wanton disregard of the promises of reform made before the last election.

Resolved, That we direct the attention of the tax payers of Lackawanna county to the wholesale waste of their money in the alterations and repairs on the court house.

Resolved, That we pledge our support to the candidates who will be nominated at the ensuing county convention of our party.

The resolutions were the output of a committee composed of John Theron Brown, Minooka; "Squire" John L. Kehoe, Old Forge; and John Dunn, of Bellevue.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED.

There were present at the convention John T. Brown and John J. Diskin, South district, Lackawanna township; Patrick Sammon, West district; Michael McDonough, Southwest district; Dr. J. J. Timlin, Thomas M. Lynch, and John L. Kehoe, Old Forge; Paul Aten, Newton township; Jim Dunn, Sixth ward, Scranton; Thomas Coyne, John Thornton, Taylor.

Messrs. Coyne and McDonnell as delegates, and Hon. Frank R. Coyne and John L. Kehoe, of Old Forge, as alternates, were chosen without opposition. Patrick Sammon presided and John T. Brown acted as secretary.

Owing to the small attendance it was decided to hereafter notify the delegates by mail four days before the convention and to have the meeting place in the city.

PRICE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT REDUCED.

Suburban Electric Light Company Lowers the Rate Per Lamp Hour.

The Suburban Electric Light Company gives notice that on Sept. 1 the price of incandescent lights within the city limits will be reduced to five-eighths (5/8) of a cent per lamp hour, subject to a discount of ten to twenty per cent, (according to the amount of current consumed) if bill is paid on or before the 20th of the month in which the bill is presented.

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