The knife of reduction has been thrust to the hilt in the heart of prices. Such shoe selling is only made possible by price littleness. All the summer shoes and us must part company before fall. You need another pair to last the season out. We need shelf room for fall goods. These conditions make it easy to suit you.

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.

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.

# MCANULTY.

#### CITY NOTES.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Dickson and Von Storch mines,

A new Corliss safe was put in the new building of the Scranton Savings bank An informal reception was held last

night at the Scranton Business college by the faculty. Lawrence orchestra fur-nished music. By particular request, "Arabian Nights" will be repeated at the Davis' theater mat-

ince today, while "Railroad Jack" will be the attraction in the evening, The Journeymen Horseshoers' union, No. 78, will meet tonight at 33; Penn avenue, to arrange for participating in Mon-

day's Labor Day celebration. Attorney P. A. O'Boyle, of Pittston, yesterday instituted a sult in trespass for Van Why & Cashmer against G. R. Clark & Co., in which breach of contract is alleged.

contract for setting curbs and side-walks on the Seventh ward streets and avenues to be so improved.

William J. Fitzgerald and James F. Bell, of this city, who are students at George-town university, were yesterday permit-ted by the board of examiners of the Lackawanna bar to register as students-

John McDonald, a miner in Gypsy Grove colliery, was injured by a fall of roof yes-terday afternoon and died from his injuries at the Lackawanna hospital. His body was terribly crushed. McDonald was a married man.

Alex Petchura, one of three men charged with the death of Albert Windergratz in Fell township August 19, yes-terday made application through his at-torney, P. E. Timiin, for release from cusn a habeas corpus. Judge Gunster fixed Monday morning next at 10 o'clock as the time for the hearing.

Wednesday next has been set for the opening of the Scranton Conservatory of Music. The teachers will be: Misses Hardenbergh, Timberman and Worthing-ton, and Messrs. Hemberger and Pennington. The associate teachers will be Messrs, Aliberti, Bauer, Brown, Bausch-menn, Larraze and Randolph.

A new encampment of Odd Fellows was instituted at Wyoming yesterday after-noon in the Junior Order of American Mechanies' hall. Twenty-seven members were enrolled. Grand Representative Ed C. Dean, of Scranton, performed the cere-mony, acting as grand chief patriarch. Several visiting encampments were present. After the ceremonies the ladies of Rebekah lodge served refreshments.

John J. Williams and James H. Williams, administrators of the estate of P. Williiams, deceased, yesterday, through Jesous & Jessup, brought suit against the Equity Improvement company, of Winchester, Va., to recaver on a \$6,000 note given in October, 1891. This is the \$5,000 pate that figured in the famous transaction between the two Equity Improvement companies, of which the late Judge Handley was president.

Fall Style Dunlap Hats will be shown tomorrow at Bronson & Tallman's, 412 Spruce street.

Scranton Conservatory of Music. Fall term begins Wednesday, Sept. See advertisement on page 7. Send for prospectus.

You want to see a fine + display of fruit, you first . want to go to THE SCRANTON CASH STORE. Fancy peaches, lovely plums, luscious cante- 1 lopes, big water melons, trosy apples, beautiful crab apples. But the best \$ thing for you to do is to I stop there, see the display and get prices.

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#### BETTER PRICES ARE NOW MAINTAINED

September Letter of the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association.

EFFECT OF RESTRICTED OUTPUT

For the First Eight Months of 1897 There Has Been an Improvement of 36 Cents Per Ton in the Prepared Sizes -- A Needless Excess in Tonnage in July and August Provoked a Caution from the Association.

In previous articles on this subject it has been insisted that the owners of securities in the anthracite mining and carrying railroads were as vitally affected by the price at which coal was sold as were the individual operators, and that a large tonnage and low a smaller output, enough to meet the state.
actual demand, and sold for a fair Las price, would yield a profit. The proof of this was in the earnings during 1892 and 1893, and in the heavy losses incurred in 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Since the beginning of the current sible, year there has been a strong and honest effort to recover part of the ground that had been lost. The output was kept within the market requirements. excepting a slight excess in August, and as a consequence it was possible to maintain a better price. The result for the eight months just closed fully confirms all that has been claimed, and if the same policy prevails for the re-mainder of the year there is every reaon for believing that the losses heretofore shown by the operating companies will be greatly reduced, and in some cases a material profit be shown.

EIGHT MONTHS' SHIPMENTS. For a period of six years the shipof anthracite for the eight months from Jan, 1 to Sept, 1, have

ı	beer	as follows:		
ĺ				Per Cen
ı	IC	Year's	Eight	of Year'
ł		Tonnage.	Months.	Tonnage
1	1892	41,937,642	26,751,588	63
ı	1893	43,089,536	27,607,484	64
ı	1894	41, 291, 199	26,366,680	63
1	1895	46,279,668	28,199,747	60
i	1896	43,177,485	26,598,796	
	1897	*****	*23,900,000	
	*A	ugust estimated		

In the same years the average tidewater price of the prepared sizes from chestnut to broken inclusive, for the first eight months has been as follows:

3.51
2.92
3.43
estimated. *3.79
steam sizes of pea and buck he tidewater price has been
\$2.07

...... 2.12

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\*August estimated, The average of all sizes from broken to buckwheat has been as follows: ....... 3.6 2.69

\*August estimated,. This shows for the first eight months of 1897, an improvement of 36 cents per ton in the prepared sizes; a loss of 2 cents per ton in steam sizes, and ar average gain of 31 cents per ton on all sizes. It is not possible to state accurately what improvement there has Mayor Bailey yesterday approved the been in the price of coal sold along the resolution awarding to W. J. Burke the line and in the west, but from the inbeen in the price of coal sold along the formation at command it seems fair to estimate it at as much, or more, than

the difference at tidewater. VALUE OF 1897 SHIPMENTS. If, now, these averages are applied to the tonnage for the period named, the total value of 23,800,000 tons shipped in 1897, calculated on the tidewater basis, was \$71,400,000 as compared with

\$71,550,759 for 26,598,796 tons in 1896, so the output this year, though 2,798,796 tons less than in 1896, had a value of within \$150,000 as much as in that year. In other words, comparing the result of the two years, the coal marketed this year has yielded \$7,378,000 more than the same quantity in 1896, and further, nearly 2,800,000 tons, which, at the average for 1897 is worth nearly \$8,400,000, has been saved for future operations, a total direct and indirect

gain of \$15,778,000. Of course, the railroads, which charge full tariff on all coal, have necessarily met a reduction in their earnings from this traffic which has not been fully compensated for in the less cost o hauling the smaller tonnage. It must be remembered also that since fixed charges and certain of the operating costs remain practically the same whether the output is large or small, the relative expense of producing the tonnage of 1897 has been greater than in the previous year, though the difference is much less than the increase

While the results shown above are inquestionably excellent when compared with those of former years, there is still a wide margin for further improvement. Through a needless excess of tonnage in July and August, the companies have materially retarded the progress they were making, and that, too, at a most critical time. They have succeeded in filling all of the demands in sight with coal sold under the June circular and, as a consequence, unless the stocks in retail yards are taken for consumption far more rapidly than there is any hope for, there will be little demand in early September at the July or any other circular.

AN ERROR WAS MADE, An error was made in not keeping within 7,000,000 tons, the first estimate, which would have been sufficient for all purposes, and should the output for this month of September be too great, the result will be a forfeit of every advantage thus far gained. A conservative and cautious policy at this time means dividends to the companies, and any other-a depreciation of their se-

#### curities. WILL BE GIVEN A HEARING.

Mayor Bailey Says the Bellevue Riot Will Be Sifted Thoroughly. Mayor Balley says there is no ground whatever for the charge made in coun-

eil Thursday night that he is not disposed to give the Bellevue riot matter a thorough investigation.

The only charges now before him, he says, are those preferred by Miss O'Malley against Patrolman Jones, When the complaint was made he requested the young lady to come at a

#### been notified to bring witnesses an investigation at that time was deemed by the mayor to be an injustice to the officer, so he promised to fix a time for, a hearing when it would be convenient for both parties to have their winesses

Owing to the absence of Lleutenant Davis and Chief Robling the time for the investigation has not as yet been fixed. It will take place, the mayor says, when Chief Rebling returns from

Greins

#### Mayor Bailey says he will welcome the police committee's assistance in conducting the investigation.

WILL OPEN NEXT TUESDAY. St. Cecelia's Academy to Enter Upon

Its Twenty-Sixth Year. St. Cecilia's academy, on Wyoming avenue, will open next Tuesday, the regular opening day. Monday, being a legal holiday. This is the twenty-sixth year of this excellent educational institution, and during each year of its existence it has made marked improvement, until today it stands at the head price meant a heavy loss to them, while of convent schools in this part of the

Last year a commercial course was added to the curriculum and the experiment proved such a success that extra efforts will be applied this year to make it as near perfection as pos-

#### PRISONER ESCAPED.

Detective Moir Had a Spirited Chase After William Fink --- Caught on Roaring Brook Bridge.

William H. Fink, a prisoner, escaped from Detective John Moir yesterday morning when within the shadow of the city hall building, where he was being taken to be locked up. The runaway was captured after a long and

hard chase. Fink is probably an imposter of the professional iik. His local escapades began April 23, when he was arraigned before Alderman Howe an a charge of desertion and non-support, preferred by his wife, whom he married in this city. It seems he met the girl here and after their marriage the couple went on a wedding tour through the eastern part of the state. He deserted her at Easton. For this offense Fink spent three months in the county jail. Since his discharge he has played a wholesale swindling game on the Odd Fel-

lows' fraternity in this city. By some means Fink secured a membership card and also an official receipt from the order. The card was made out to Thomas S. Moore and this name Fink used. His method was to visit the several Odd Fellow lodges and have collections taken for his benefit. He also, it is said, made personal appeals to members of the order. C. F. Van Nort yesterday caused a warrant to be sworn out before Alderman Howe, charging Fink with defrauding and also misrepresenting himself. Detective Moir served the paper and Fink was taken before the alderman. In the alderman's office Fink threatened to cut his throat if he were committed to jail. He quickly subsided into a stolld indifference and was placed under \$500 bail, and in default was committed to jail to await

BREAK FOR FREEDOM. When Detective Moir with the prisoner was within twenty yards of the city hall they met Lieutenant of Police Davis, with whom Moir conversed a moment, regarding a matter of police Moir released his hold on business. Fink for an instant and when he did so the man made a dive for the door of a milk depot on that side of the

Through the depot and out into the alley by a rear window he went, Detective Moir following by way of the alley, running in the same direction. Fink went through a blacksmith shop and another store, and out upon Adams avenue, thence to Linden street and in an easterly direction.

At Linden street Detective Moir, who was not upon the pace sprang into a laundry wagon and ordered the driver to follow the runaway. The horse was urged to a gallop. A half dozen other wagons joined in the pursuit. Moit drove himself, and when the hill leading to the new South Side brige was reached he was rewarded by seeing Fink slacken speed as if he thought he had outrun his followers. The laundry wagon drew near to Fink and Moir sprang out.

After a hard tussle in which Fink was severely pummelled, he was forced into submission and was taken to the police station. He was later on taken to the county jail.

#### HOWELL IS TAKEN TO JAIL.

Charged with Forgery by the North

End Lumber Company. Hugh A. Howell, well known throughout the city, a resident of the West Side, where he was up to a short time ago a building contractor, and a prominent lodgeman, is now in the county jail, having been committed vesterday by Alderman Millar in default of \$500 bail on a charge of forgery, P. M. La Bar, secretary of the North End Lumber company, was the prosecutor.

Mr. Howell, it appears, has been acting as collector for the company. The books showed a shortage of about \$1 .-000, and an investigation resulted. It is alleged that Howells made big collections and forged the names of other collectors. An instance of fraud which directly caused the arrest was when Howell collected \$365, the full amount of a bill. He credited the firm with \$200, and made no return of the other NOW OPEN\_\_\_

Secretary La Bar, in due time, asked for a settlement on the balance of the The firm produced its receipt in full. Howell was then arrested and Alderman Millar fixed the bail at \$500. Howell could not secure a bondsman and wept bitterly as he was being tak en to jail.

Kane Is Improving. James Kane, the young man who fell from a swing in Nay Aug park last Sunday, was greatly improved at the Lackawanna hospital yesterday.

"The Tarrytown Widow." "The Tarrytown Widow" made a big hit at Wilkes-Barre last night with Joseph Hart in the leading character.

They will be at the Lyceum tonight. \*\* Up-to-date fall and winter styles in hats will be shown at the opening display tomorrow, day and evening, at

Bronson & Tallman's. To Cure a Cold in One Day. later date, when he would have the officer present. She brought a lot of witnesses but as the patrolman had not fasts to cure. 25 cents.

#### PERSCH HERE AND SAYS WAIT A WHILE

The Big Syndicate Scheme Has by No Means Collapsed.

LOCAL DEAL ABOUT TO BE CLOSED

But That's What Mr. Percsh Says. Wouldn't Say So in as Many Words, but He Talked Between Many Lines and Inferred That All Things Were Coming Home to Persch--Remarks on The Tribune's Story.

J. H. Persch, the man whose name has been most conspicuously used in connection with the gigantic brewerysyndicate deal, arrived in the city yes-terday morning. When a Tribune reporter saw him at the Hotel Jermyn last evening Mr. Persch was in a significantly happy mood. He was about to step into the large and elegantly furnished elevator at the hotel.

The reporter ventured to ask: "You are here, Mr. Persch, in the interests of the proposed brewery syndicate?" Mr. Persch hesitated and smiling said: "Yes, I guess so." Then speaking rapidly, he continued: "Now, I don't want you fellows to talk so much about this matter. You see when the time comes you'll get it just as soon as the next."

"And the time?" "In a few days; we'll give it to you all when we're ready. No we're not quite ready yet. You see," he continued briskly, "we don't want the public to know about it until-" Mr. Persch again emphasized his reiterations that he was not quite ready to tell all about his dealings with the Scranton brew-

PRICE OF \$8,000,000. The reporter was about to refer to The Tribune of Tuesday that the ag-

gregate price asked by the local brewing firms for their properties -\$8,000,-000-was beyond the reach of Mr. Persch's purse. By "Mr. Persch" is meant the syndicate which he repre-"We printed a-" "Yor," interrupted the gentleman, your paper printed something about

the price of the breweries being too high. I heard of it. A friend sent me word of the article and"-Mr. Persch showed by his manner that the Tribune's articles were just what brought him on here sc soon.
"I'm very busy," he said; "going

about over the county in the interest of this scheme. Scranton is the only one of many, you know. But in regard to that report in your paper it was not right. I know where you got the information from. It was not right. In a few days-well, you just wait, that's all," and the ever-smiling gentleman smiled again and disappeared in the elevator. All of which infers that Mr. Persel

wants it understood that he met with some success in yesterday's negotiations with the local brewers; that the big scheme is not by any means a

## DEATH FOR RELIEF.

Mrs. Ella Marsh Drank Carbolic Acid and Died ... Smoked Cigarettes Excessively and Was Despondent.

Despondency, melancholy and cigarette smoking apparently led to the suicide of Mrs. Ella Marsh at the home of her mother, Mrs. Matilda Waller, of 324 Linden street, yesterday.

Mrs, Marsh had been living apart from her husband for over a year. She worried over this and on Wednesday afternoon drank about a tablespoonful of carbolic acid from a bottle. Death ended her sufferings shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The rash act was probably premedi-

tated, as several women were in the house at the time and the bottle was properly labelled, some of its contents having been used for medical purposes previously. Dr. Pennypacker was sum-moned immediately and after considerable effort succeeded in bringing Mrs Marsh to consciousness, but the vital organs had been attacked too severely and death could only be stayed for a time

Mrs. Marsh had shortly before suffered from nicotine poisoning from the excessive use of cigarettes and was consequently prone to the effects of the deadly poison.

No inquest was deemed necessary by Deputy Coroner Pennypacker, inasmuch as he had been in regular attendance on the case. Her friends re-fused to discuss the case. The deceased's sister arrives today.

Bellevue Republican Club. The Bellevue Republican club held a special session at Jones hall last evening and concluded their arrangements

enthusiastic and about fifty members were in attendance. President Herbert Knoble occupied the chair and speeches, toasts and vocal selections were in

MRS. CONNELL'S HURT IS SERIOUS. Physicians Not Encouraged Over the

Condition of Her Hand. Mrs. H. A. Connell spent a day of much suffering yesterday, owing to the injuries received in Thursday's railroad wreck near Syracuse. The condi-tion of her lacerated hand is not as favorable as the physicians could wish because of the ineffective attendance received before reaching home. Little Louise Connell was as comfor-

table as could be expected of a small maiden, both of whose eyes are swollen shut and whose face is cut and scratched almost beyond recognition. No permanent disfiguration is expect-Helen Connell's fractured collar bone gave her considerable pain yesterday, but promises to leave no serious effects. Mr. Connell, while suffering from the shock received, experienced little inconvenience from his cuts and

### BIG REVENUE BUSINESS.

July and August Show a Total Gain of \$44,000 Over the Same Months Last Year.

The reports of this internal revenue district for the months of July and August have been prepared and forwarded to Washington. They show a gross gain of \$44,278.22 over the revenue of the corresponding months last year, The big July increase and the decrease of revenue in August is explained in the great demand for beer stamps in July, owing to the Dingley act, which increased the price after

Following are the comparative tables of the two months for the two years:

July. August.

Collection on lists\$ 4 80	\$ 114 38
Beer stamps sold 50,710 10	51,765 88
Spirit stamps sold 3,686 21	2,465 76
Cigar and cigarette	
stamps sold 7,698 00	7,514 30
Tobacco stamps sold 3,973 98	3.915 54
Special tax stamps sold. 15,850 50	2,107 01
Total collections for	-
each month\$81,924 59	\$67,882 87
Grand total	07 26
1897. July.	August.
Collections on lists\$ 107 75	\$ 729 43

Beer stamps sold ..... 119,084 81 Spirit stamps sold .... Cigar and cigarette Tobacco stamps sold ... Special tax stamps stamps sold ... 15,729 26 2,144 61 Total collections for

each month ......\$148,506 96 \$45,578 62 Grand total .............\$194,085 48 RECAPITULATIONS.

The Great Allentown Eisteddfod. The grand musical elsteddfod which s to take place in Allentown next Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, promises to be one of the biggest musical events that has ever taken place in Eastern Pennsylvania. Our readers should not fall to take in this day of music. Neither should our big choruses hesitate for a moment to compete for the grand prize, \$600. Scranton cannot afford to miss an opportunity like this. We shall hope to see Scranton well represented at the Allentown Eisteddfod and return home crowned with victory. The adjudicators for the day have a national reputation and good results

are assured. Allentown has the facilities of handling big crowds and will again demonstrate this fact on that occasion. Their prizes are of such a character that will make it interesting for all concerned. See their programme in our issue of

#### today. Have You Eaten Too Much?

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Our Laurel Window will please you. Beidleman, the book-

fall opening this evening. A first-class orchestra will be in attendance, PRACTICE ECONOMY in buying medicines as in other matters. It is economy to get Hood's Sarsaparilla

because it contains more medicinal

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value than any other. 100 doses one dollar.

### PRICE OF ELECTRIC, LIGHT REDUCED.

Saburban Electric Light Company

Lowers the Rate Per Lamp Hour. The Suburban Electric Light com pany gives notice that on Sept. 1 the price of incandescent lights within the city limits will be reduced to five eighths (%) 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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while they last. Don't miss the chance. See one in our window.

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3-Piece

plate mirror, both have German silver handleswould be cheap at \$1.38. While they last they go at

Other fancy novelties for presents; Silver Match Safes, Clothes Brushes, Hat Brush, Ink Stands, Standing Mirrors, Photo Frames.

A Few Necessaries on Main Floor:

00 Leaf Tablets .....4c 100 Leaf Ink Paper Tablets ......4c Lock and Key Companions Fitted ..4c Rubber Top Pencils, 4 for .....4c Foolscap Paper, 12 sheets.....4c Writing Paper, 24 sheets .....4c David's Black Ink ......40 Mucilege, per bottle ...............4c Imitation Leather Pass Books .....4c 
 Composition Books
 4c

 Lead Pencils, 12 for
 4c

 Noiseless States, 5x7 inches
 4c
 Adjustable Compasses .....4c Ink and Pencil Eraser .....40 Propelling Pencils ......4c
Base Ball Bat Penholders ......4c Aluminum Pen Holders .....4c Time Books .....40 Circular Erasers .....4c Red and Blue Pencils ......lc Colored Ink, per bottle .....4c Drawing Crayons, 7 for .....4e Paper, Pencils, with rubber ......46 Blank Books, all kinds .....4c Blackboard Erasers ......4c Pen Racks ......40 

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