

West Side and City Sides

A MONSTER CROWD.

Attended the Fourth Annual Celebration of the Opening of the Clarke Department Stores.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the immense department store of Clarke Bros., of North Main avenue, was closed for the day, so far as business was concerned, and the remaining hours up to 10 o'clock in the evening were devoted to the entertainment of the hundreds of visitors from the city and its vicinity. It was the fourth annual observance of the firm's entrance into the department business and it surpassed any other effort or expectation of this enterprising firm along similar lines.

The several departments were placed in excellent shape. The dry goods section of the place was resplendent with overflowing shelves of ribbons and many colored draperies. Here and there potted palms and flowers caught the eye. To complete the perfect arrangement the corps of 150 courteous clerks placed the visitor at their ease during the promenade about the store.

Bauer's orchestra discoursed sweet music from a platform placed near one of the large show windows in the dry goods section during the afternoon. Ice cream and hot-buns were served by a detail of clerks.

In the evening thousands came, saw and wondered. Many were disappointed by not getting farther than West Lackawanna avenue or Lafayette street, as the intervening space of that block was literally packed with humanity. Inside as many as could be safely handled moved about. Ten patrolmen, assisted by a corps of twenty-five clerks, were kept busy the whole time, but no perfect order was maintained.

The members of the firm, E. W. and George Clarke, moved hither and thither among their guests. Both gentlemen candidly admitted the overwhelming surprise their efforts had brought them. One fact, of which the mass of people took no thought, was the fire arrangement which had been prepared. A squad of clerks had

formed a brigade and adopted a code of signals. Fire extinguishers were placed at convenient points and immediate action could have been taken in case such a thing had happened. In brief, the observance of the four years and odd six months Messrs. Clarke have been in business, was an unmitigated and decided success.

CASE WAS DISMISSED.
The alleged threat of Vincent Carlucci to kill Frank Major with a crowbar yesterday afternoon resulted in the arrest of Carlucci and a hearing before Alderman Davies last evening. Mr. Major was formerly employed by Mr. Carlucci, but owing to some difference, Mr. Major had been dismissed. Yesterday afternoon the discharged employee visited Carlucci at his residence on the premises. Words ensued and it was at that time that the alleged threats occurred. Mr. Carlucci having a crowbar in his hand while talking, Attorney Gilroy represented Mr. Major, but the Alderman decided that the evidence did not prove Mr. Major's life to have been in danger and the case was dismissed.

ORGANIZER SPOKE.
Nay Aug Council, No. 34, Senior Order of American Mechanics, held a largely attended session in Co-operation with last evening. After the regular business had been conducted, those present were treated to an address by National Organizer Thomas P. Gilmore, of New Haven, Conn., who is making a tour of the eastern states. His talk was very interesting and among other things which only pertained to the order, Mr. Gilmore mentioned the fact that he had been a resident of Pittston some thirty years ago and had been deeply impressed by the growth of and the busy spirit which pervaded the city. The order, he said, is in good shape and steadily growing everywhere.

THE PEACEMAKER ASSAULTED.
David Chappel and Henry Martin, both residents of Decker's court, were the principals in a case held before Alderman Johns Monday evening. Martin alleges that Chappel assaulted him Sept. 11, and severely injured him. He exhibited the scars of the mix-up as a proof of his assertion. He claims the part of a peacemaker and was in no wise to blame for any trouble. The Alderman held Chappel in \$400 bail for his appearance at court.

DRIVER BOY INJURED.
William Davis, about fifteen years of age, was kicked in the chest by the mule which he drives in the Central mines, yesterday afternoon. The injured lad was removed to his home at 1313 Eynon street and was attended by Dr. J. J. Roberts, who found that his injuries consisted of a bad contusion and several small abrasions. Though very painful, his injuries are not considered dangerous.

PERSONAL MENTION.
John Morgans, of Wilkes-Barre, has returned home after visiting his cousin, Harry Ferber, of Rock street.

W. W. Thomas and family, of Lycoming, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of South Main avenue.

George Ace, of South Lincoln avenue, is entertaining Charles Transue, of Hampton Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Coons, of Division street, have as their guest Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bailey, of Waverly, Pa.

John Fern, of North Summer avenue, has returned from a trip to Philadelphia.

David Morris and family, of Meridian street, are at Catawissa, attending the funeral of Mrs. Morris' mother.

Robert Mayer, of West Linden street, is home from a visit at Stroudsburg.

John Griffith, of Dalton, is the guest of his sister, Miss Katharine Griffith, of South Hyde Park avenue.

Contractor and Mrs. William Rhymer, of Dalton, have taken up their residence on Jackson street.

Miss Irene Scudder, the recent guest of Mrs. Margaret Davis, of Washington street, has returned to her home at Carbondale.

Dr. Thomas Jenkins, of Albany, is the guest of relatives here.

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