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BEFORE BREAKFAST. The elevator boys in the board of trade building don't propose to be forgotten on Christmas even though they are too old to be remembered by Santa Claus. A card hung in one of the elevators and decorated with colored ribbons, reads as follows:

THE ELEVATOR BOYS WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. THEY HAVE GIVEN YOU MANY A LIFT—LET YOU DOWN EASILY. REMEMBER THEM.

A studio tea will be given at the home of Miss Grace Norton, 912 Mulberry street, this afternoon after 2 o'clock. Mrs. Penman and Miss Anna K. Scranton will assist Miss Norton in the china and water color exhibit.

The following is from the Franklin Repository of Chambersburg, Franklin county: "Mr. A. P. Bedford, of Scranton, was in town arranging for location here of a milk station. Repository has told of the plan of shipping milk from along the Western Maryland and Reading roads to the cities on those lines. The W. M. R. R. line will be known as the Western Maryland Milk company and the milk will be shipped in refrigerator cars on special fast trains to Baltimore. The Reading line will be called the Reading Dairy Dispatch and the milk will be shipped in the same manner, to Philadelphia. The station will be located in Chambersburg and the milk purchased at it from the farmers of this region."

C. M. Florey, the Wyoming avenue dealer in sporting goods, yesterday presented the police department with a life-sized crayon portrait of John Ellis, the patrolman, who was killed by tramps in Keyser Valley about nine years ago. The picture is colored in natural tints and shows the dead policeman in his uniform. The police force last evening began a collection to secure a handsome frame for the picture. It will hang in the assembly room.

Herb Hampton L. Carson, one of the leaders of the Philadelphia bar, has accepted an invitation to address the Lackawanna Bar association on the evening of December 20 next. He will be the guest of Judge Willard.

From private letters received by friends in Scranton it is generally believed that Bishop Tatel of Wyoming (Episcopal), will accept the bishopric of this diocese, although he has not yet officially announced his decision in the matter.

The interest of Scrantonians in the riding of Rice, the Wilkes-Barre lad, who is competing in the Madison Square Garden race, is quite general.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Newhart, of Philadelphia, are in this city. Miss Blanche Truett, of Moosic, was a caller in town yesterday.

Morley Hawk, of Pritchburg, was in town on business yesterday. W. J. Coon, manager of Blooming Grove park, Pike county, was in Scranton yesterday.

Mrs. J. B. Sicker and Mrs. J. C. Craig, of Pockville, visited Mrs. Richard Harris on Thursday.

Miss Jessie Stearns, of Pockville, is visiting in the city as the guest of Miss Carolyn V. Dorsey.

Mrs. Lewis Marks and her sister, Mrs. Clara Lewis, of Wyoming avenue, are the guests of friends in New York city.

Mrs. Rogers Israel and Miss Graham gave a thimble tea Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Macfarlan, of Towanda.

Miss Henrietta Gruener, formerly of Lewis, Reilly, & Davies, has accepted a position in the shoe department of Jonas Long's Sons.

General Secretary Lee, of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, was in this city Wednesday, returning to his headquarters in Elmira that evening.

OFFICERS OF HIRAM LODGE.

Chosen at a Meeting of the Organization Last Night.

At a meeting of Hiram lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Scranton last night the following officers were elected: Worshipful master, Walter V. Simpson; senior warden, Daniel

EVAN R. MORRIS, Will Represent Hiram Lodge at Grand Lodge Meeting.

M. Jones, junior warden, S. H. Swingle, secretary, T. S. Morgan; treasurer, C. W. Ziegler; trustees, A. L. Fancolis, W. J. Lewis, Irvin J. Wint.

Evan R. Morris was chosen representative to the grand lodge. He is a pastmaster of the lodge.

MEMBERS OF COMPANY ILL.

A Hired Girl Badly Handicapped at the Lyceum Last Night.

Charles E. Blaney's latest farce comedy, "A Hired Girl," was produced at the Lyceum last night under circumstances that gave those present little opportunity to judge of its merits.

James T. Kelly, a very clever comedian, is at the head of the company but was indisposed last night, and did not do himself justice. Several members of the company were unable to appear at all owing to illness.

Manager Purinton of the Lyceum said that if he had known the condition of the company he would have cancelled the engagement. Many of those present left before the performance was completed.

TRI-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.

Pleasant Evening Passed at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

Classes Nos. 21, 44 and 49 of the Penn Avenue Baptist Sunday school gave a delightful entertainment at the church last night. Nearly every number of the long programme was enjoyed. The participants were: Miss Johnson and Right, piano duet, "The Witch's Flight"; Miss Bessie Sisto, recitations, "Sandy's Romance," "So was I," and dramatic posing; Miss Clara Long, violin solo, "Gypsy Dance"; Miss Bessie Henwood, piano solo, "The Minuet"; Emily Williams, solo, "Because I Love You Dear"; Charles Bennett, recitations, "Spartacus to the Gladiator," "Beneath the Beam."

Miss Kittie Sherwood and Charles Doersam were the accompanists.

BOND OF TREASURER-ELECT KELLY.

It is in the Sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars.

The bond of M. J. Kelly, county treasurer-elect, was filed yesterday with the county commissioners. It is in the sum of \$75,000 and has for bondsmen Michael J. Healey, Michael Hand and James Nolan.

The commissioners will refer the bond to Solicitor Knapp for consideration before being finally approved.

Jonas Long's Sons' Opening.

The following programme will be rendered by Bauer's band at the opening of Jonas Long's Mammoth Department Store this evening:

- 1. March, Monticello. Brand
2. Overture, Zampa. Herold
3. Selection from Brian Boru. Edwards
4. Medley, "A Gay Old Boy." De Witt
5. Grand National Fantasia, Dalbey
6. Hot Stuff (A Negro Oddity). Bernard
7. Selected, "Wizard of the Nile." Herbert
8. Germans Before Paris. Trempler
9. Medley, "All the Rag." Beyer
10. March, "Flag of Victory." P. V. Blou

The Oriental Rug Auction Sale

At 157 Washington avenue, formerly occupied by Hill & Connel, was well crowded yesterday. The auctioneer announced that if any rug purchased in this sale, and after the sale, is found to be not satisfactory, it will be either exchanged in private sale or money refunded. Don't miss this great opportunity to secure choice rugs at your own price.

Big Bargains in Books, Bibles and Calendars. A magnificent assortment, Beideman's, Board of Trade building.

Evergreens for porches at Clark's, 291 Washington avenue.

A great many new styles in Photos for Xmas at Griffin's.

BECHAM'S PILLS cure Sick Headache.

SMALL FIRE IN BELLEVUE MINE

Burned a Pump House at the Foot of the Slope.

ALSO ATTACKED THE TIMBERING

When the Supports Were Burned Away Some of the Roof Fell—Fire Was Checked Before It Had Time to Feed on the Coal—Men Were on Guard Last Night to Prevent Another Outbreak—Origin Unknown.

Fire was discovered in the "slope" part of the Bellevue mine at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. After thirteen hours fighting the flames were extinguished, but during all of last night the line of hose was kept in the mine and a force of employees watched to guard against a fresh outbreak.

The fire was discovered by Harry Evans, fire boss, who was making his rounds. Smoke was first noticed coming from some point near the foot of the slope. Fire Boss Evans following the current and came upon a burning "pump" house at the foot of the slope in the Rock vein. There was no workmen in the mine besides Fire Boss Evans. He made his way to the outside and informed Outside Foreman Bert Green. Before daylight a gang of men were put at work on the fire.

At first little attention was paid to the fire but in the early morning the flames had so far spread that word was sent to the high officials and preparations made for a serious battle.

GOT MORE HOSE. The hose at the Bellevue colliery being too short to reach the fire the hose at the Oxford and Dodge collieries were sent for. With the joint hose the distance of 700 feet from the boiler house to the place of the fire was covered. This took time and at 9 o'clock the fire had assumed dangerous proportions.

The flames, put at rest, had started on the oily floor of the pump house. Before water was turned on the whole pump house was ablaze and the platforms were smouldering. The work of placing the water was accomplished with little delay on the part of the men. The pillars around the pump house were destroyed by the flames and the falls began.

The pump engine was ruined by the falling roof and flames.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the flames to all appearances had been quenched and the fire fighters were relieved. The hose however was kept in the mine for fear of a fresh outbreak.

William Stumm and other workmen assigned the work of watching the seat of the fire during the night. None of the coal was burned.

OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE.

General Coal Superintendent W. H. Stiers were at the mine at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and directed the work of procuring hose.

How the fire originated is a mystery. There had been no workmen at the pump during the night. The suggestion is spontaneous combustion. The Bellevue colliery was not scheduled for work yesterday.

The extent of the damage done by the falling roof has not yet been ascertained but it is not thought to be great.

MARTIN'S ASSISTANTS NAMED.

District Attorney-Elect Puts an End to the Agency.

District Attorney-elect T. R. Martin, of Luzerne county, has put an end to the speculation as to who his assistant will be by naming Attorney Rush Prescott and Attorney Martin Mulhall. They are both young men having been admitted to the bar in 1895. They will have the same rank and the same salary.

NOT UNTIL SPRING.

Will the McElroy & Scholes Carpet Mill Be Built.

H. A. Porter, of Stroudsburg and New York city, who is to be manufacturer's agent for the proposed carpet mill in this city of McElroy & Scholes, of Philadelphia, was in Scranton yesterday. He stated that the mill would not be erected until next spring.

Land for a mill site was obtained some time ago from the Tripp Land company.

CAUCUS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT.

Ninth Ward Republicans Will Meet to Nominate an Alderman.

There will be a caucus of the Republican voters of the Ninth ward next Thursday night to nominate a candidate for alderman and district officers. The caucus will be held in the police court room, City Hall.

O. B. Wright, the present alderman of the Ninth ward, and Marvin K. Brown, deputy prothonotary, are candidates for the aldermanic nomination.

Jonas Long's Sons beg to announce that while their Mammoth Department Store will be open for the reception and entertainment of visitors on Friday evening, no goods will be sold on that occasion. Regular business will commence on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. At Friday evening's reception and Saturday evening's selling, a selected programme will be rendered by Bauer's band.

An Awfully pleasant place to visit—Beideman's Holiday Book Store, Board of Trade building.

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General John B. Gordon, the famous ex-Confederate soldier and a popular ex-senator of the United States, will deliver his remarkable lecture, "The Last Days of the Confederacy," in the Y. M. C. A. Standard Course, Monday evening, Dec. 13. Tickets now on sale at Y. M. C. A. office.

Not 62 goes farther for Xmas presents than a dozen cabinets, no better place than Griffin's to get them.

Lewis, Reilly & Davies' Busy Shoe Store, will be open evenings during December.

SURFACE SETTLING AT PARK PLACE.

Street Commissioner Dunning Filled a Depression.

At a late hour last night the settling of the surface on North Main avenue, between Court and Tripp streets, Park Place, had not assumed any greater proportions than when the cave was filled in the morning, when it was discovered, but fresh fissures have appeared and before daylight the damage may be considerable.

The first surface appearance of the cave was noticed at 10 o'clock a. m. A small hole was forced into the ground by the wheels of a lumber wagon of the North End Lumber company. An hour afterward the opening was four feet in diameter, but a long, slender crack extended across the road and under the tracks of the Scranton Railway company.

The company officials decided not to run any cars over the point until the settling was stopped. Street Commissioner Dunning was notified of the cave and yesterday afternoon the four-foot opening was filled with culm.

The settling is supposed to have been caused by a cave-in in abandoned workings of the Diamond mine. W. S. Langstaff, superintendent of the Diamond mine, was notified of the cave by Street Commissioner Dunning.

HE DIED INSTANTLY.

Jonas Lauer Stricken in the Excelsior Club Rooms—Pioneer Scranton Merchant Died of Heart Disease.

Heart disease caused the sudden death of Jonas Lauer, of 44 Wyoming avenue, in the Excelsior Social club rooms at 11:15 o'clock last night. He was 70 years old, and the father and father-in-law of Simon Lauer and Louis Marks, respectively, of the firm of Lauer & Marks. The son was in the club rooms when his father was stricken.

Dr. W. G. Fulton and J. T. McGarrick responded quickly to a summons to attend the stricken man, but he had died almost instantly. He had been subject to heart trouble for a year or so, but the disease had not been serious.

Mr. Lauer was born in Pretzfeld, Bavaria, in 1827, and when 17 years old came to a small town near Easton. He was successful in business and in 1857, just after the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad was completed to Scranton, he came here. His store was one of the leading clothing houses in Eastern Pennsylvania. After thirty years of business life, he retired and allowed his son, Simon, to succeed him. Later, the son and son-in-law, Louis Marks, formed the present partnership of Lauer & Marks.

Eight years ago Mr. Lauer's wife died, leaving a member of the congregation of the Linden street synagogue, and the following societies: Alliance lodge, No. 576, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Protective lodge, No. 1727, Knights of Honor; Birth lodge, at the Excelsior club. Four daughters, Mrs. Albert Rose, Mrs. Louis Marks, the Misses Clara and Tillie Lauer, and one son, Simon, all of this city, survive him. Funeral director Raub took charge of the remains and removed them to Mr. Lauer's late home at Wyoming avenue and Vine street.

BROKE CAR WINDOW WITH STONES. Mayfield Youths Have a Dangerous Kind of Sport.

The Delaware and Hudson passenger train, due in this city from the north at 8:15 o'clock p. m., was speeding along near Mayfield yesterday afternoon when a stone came crashing through one of the windows of the coach behind the baggage car. D. B. Adams, a drummer, was looking out of the window at the time. The stone sent a splash of shattered glass against his face.

Looking out of the other windows Mr. Adams' fellow passengers saw a half dozen youngsters, ages bordering on 12, throwing stones at the train as fast as they could work their arms.

One stone, only, struck the train and in an instant the car was beyond the reach of the young desperados. Mr. Adams was not badly injured. He had closed his eyes and a twinkling quicker than the flight of the glass before it struck him.

An effort will be made by the Delaware and Hudson detectives to discover the identity of the youngsters and arrests will follow.

DAVIS' NICKELODEON.

Remodelling of the House Will Be Completed on Schedule Time.

During the week a great change has been wrought in the interior of Davis' Nickelodeon on Linden street. It is being decorated in a very artistic manner.

The new enterprise will be launched next Monday on schedule time. That such a great transformation could be made in the place in so short a time will fill Manager Davis' patrons with wonder when they see a remodelled place of amusement Monday.

Michael Daly Is Wanted.

A warrant was issued from Alderman Millar's office yesterday for the arrest of Michael Daly, of Hickory street, who is charged with damaging the interior of the St. Dennis hotel. Daly entered the place Wednesday night with a couple of pockets filled with stones. When the opportune moment arrived he threw the stones at divers persons and articles. Then he escaped.

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VAN HORN'S COUNSEL ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

Eight Errors on the Part of the Trial Judge Are Alleged.

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The Constitution in This Regard Was Violated, the Petition Sets Forth, the Court Room Doors Having Been Locked and Witnesses for the Defense Denied Admittance—Refusal to Allow the Defendant or His Counsel to Accompany the Jury to the Scene Is Another Reason Given.

L. P. Wedeman and E. W. Thayer, counsel for the condemned murderer, George Van Horn, made application for a new trial yesterday, alleging, among their reasons therefore, that court erred in having the doors locked and preventing thereby the admittance of witnesses for the defendant. The reasons in full are appended:

First—The learned trial judge erred in allowing the jury to view the scene of the killing in the absence of the prisoner.

Second—The learned trial judge erred in refusing to allow the defendant's counsel to accompany the jury while viewing the scene of the killing.

Third—The learned trial judge erred in holding a session of said trial behind locked doors, and refusing to allow the doors to be opened for the admission of the defendant's witnesses, this being contrary to article 1, section 19 and 12 of the constitution of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which declares that the defendant shall be allowed a speedy and public trial, and that all courts shall be open.

Fourth—The learned trial judge erred in refusing to allow the defendant to go upon the stand before the confession made to officers Davis and Moore were admitted to show that prior confessions were obtained from him by undue means.

Fifth—The learned trial judge erred in admitting the testimony of Officers Davis and Moore concerning the confession made to them by the defendant.

Sixth—The learned trial judge erred in admitting the declarations of the deceased as part of the res gestae.

Seventh—The learned trial judge erred in refusing to allow the defendant to examine jurors, while on their voir dire, as to a prejudice existing in their minds against persons living an immoral life, so as to enable the defendant to exercise intelligently his peremptory challenge.

Eighth—The learned trial judge erred in refusing to allow the defendant a continuance on account of the inability of A. J. Saunders, a material witness for the defendant, to attend a session of the court.

The court endorsed on the back of the document: "Now, Dec. 9, 1897, on motion of defendant's counsel, court grant a rule on the commonwealth to show cause why the verdict in the above case should not be set aside and a new trial awarded the defendant."

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