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That corner which Florist Clark has shaved off his establishment at Washington avenue and Spruce street, is a great place for meetings—unexpected ones, when you have your arms full of parcels and some one else comes changing around from the other street at full speed with the natural result of the other day a woman was hurrying along just at that point when a man with his head bent and a rather savage look on his countenance ran against her and just as he did so apparently with no application to her or the existing circumstances he ejaculated "d—n!" in a suppressed tone of voice. Of course he apologized. After picking up his umbrella and hers and a few other belongings of each that were scattered in the vicinity. He had just separated from another man who passed on across the street and his remark evidently resulted from some unpleasant turn in the conversation and had been uttered in unconscious soliloquy.

Two baby carriages collided there yesterday afternoon and their respective occupants nearly changed places at the shock; a prospect which seems to interest the infants for they both set up a chirruping and crowing quite amusing to hear. The owners of the babies and vehicles took the matter in quite a different spirit and glared at each other fiercely.

One morning last week a woman with a paper full of oysters created commotion in the breast of a fair maiden, and layove with her anard, because of an unexpected mishap at this corner. That the girl was very full of oysters was certain from the fact that after seemingly several hundred were placed about that locality for the space of two rods, the policeman stationed at the corner fished three out of her pockets, while the girl who regarded herself the victim of assault and battery, found two very damp ones in the high collar of her walkin coat, one nestling cozily in the fur of her muf having been thrust in unawares by trickling down the front of her gown. This corner is probably the innocent looking cause of more exclamations and bumps than any other spot in the city.

Mrs. F. A. Warner, of Jacksonville, Fla., has sent to friends in this city some beautiful sea shells as Christmas presents.

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Scranton's Street Commissioner Has Been Making Flying Trips and Getting Information to Present to Councils—His Scheme, if Approved, Will Provide for a Systematic Collection and Disposal of Rubbish and Garbage Without Cost to the City.

The present system of disposing of garbage, rubbish and street sweepings in Scranton is to be revolutionized if council take favorable action on a plan now to be submitted to them by Street Commissioner Dunning. He has recently been investigating the problem in New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo, and is satisfied that the great bulk of refuse now gathered in a slipshod manner can be properly cared for without expense to the city, and possibly with profit.

"From investigations I have already made," said Mr. Dunning to a Tribune reporter yesterday, "I feel satisfied that the disposal of garbage, rubbish and street sweepings can be made without municipal expense, provided councils will regulate the question by proper legislation." On that point Mr. Dunning would be quoted correctly in order that his opinion might be fully understood. He labored for some time making it a study from a scientific standpoint and his conclusions have been so thoroughly shaved by a well-to-do and influential Scranton business man that the latter has been experimenting with a view of ascertaining the profit that could be made from the sale of sortings.

HAVE A MARKET VALUE. A brief and general description of the sorting system in New York city will give an idea of what Mr. Dunning has in view for Scranton? A big belt, several feet wide, runs over a large sorting table and carries slowly before the gaze of a score or so of pickers the rubbish from a large receiving bin. From this slowly moving belt the pickers remove one or two of the following kinds of refuse: Manilla paper, mixed paper, pasteboard, wooden rags, linsey carpet, wool carpet, white rags, black rags, mixed rags, shoes by the pound, shoes for repair, mixed copper, pewter, iron, good rubber, white rubber, overhead tin cans, glass, hair, hair cloth, hats by the pound, hats by the piece. Each of these lots has a market value and brings a profit to the person who gets the privilege of sorting it. In New York city the plant is owned by the city and operated by the contractor.

An unformed person wouldn't appreciate a gift of a lot of tin cans, but they are worth \$2.25 a wagon load. In New York the Brewer's association pays \$1.75 per gross for beer bottles. Each of these lots has its value. It costs nothing for steam to run the machinery. After the rubbish has passed the pickers it drops from the belt into a bin and is carried by an endless belt into a fire-box and burned. The heat generating steam for the plant. The amount of fuel is so great that more than enough steam is generated. It might be imagined that the gas and smoke from the boiler plant would be a nasty smelling nuisance. Such is not the case, however. The smoke and gases are forced by a blower back into the flames and burned free of all odor.

For years the Scranton board of health and the successive heads of the street department have been at their wits' end for a remedy against the scattering of refuse about the streets. It is no less a sanitary problem than one of cleanliness. An opportunity for light on the subject was offered in the meeting of the New Jersey Sanitary association at Lakewood, N. J., last week and it was attended by Mr. Dunning and Dr. W. E. Allen, health officer of the city. The New Jersey cities on account of low level and marshy lands and an absence of grade, have probably carried their investigations of sewage and other sanitary questions to a length and then to any state in the union. In that state it is a science and not a political problem.

ADVOCATED SORTING SYSTEM. Much of the information gained by the two Scranton officials was from Rudolph Herring, of New York city, late chairman of the committee appointed by the National Sanitary board to investigate the garbage question, and M. M. Baker, C. E., associate editor of the Engineering News. They both advocated the sorting system mentioned in the foregoing and which includes a system for disposing of "wet" garbage. This latter makes it possible to extract marketable grease and fats, but the method is too technical to be described briefly here.

Mr. Dunning has made three trips to New York, Buffalo and Brooklyn at his own expense and in a week or so will continue his investigations in Philadelphia and New York, chiefly in the latter city, which possesses what is recognized as the model sorting and garbage plant. He will study it as a civil engineer, which is his profession, but will be accompanied by a well-known mechanical engineer of this city, who will investigate the matter from a mechanical standpoint. They will then return to Scranton to prepare drawings and plans for a plant suitable to the city and which will accompany Mr. Dunning's communication to councils on the subject.

Mr. Dunning will, however, first address the board of health in reference to the matter, as that body will meanwhile receive a report from Dr. Allen and ask for further information.

If the plan is approved by councils, for the plan is approved by thousands of householders, street sweepers and others, he will be obliged to sort their "wet" and "dry" garbage and rubbish, place it in galvanized iron cans on the curbstone twice or three a week and have it removed free of expense to them by whoever is awarded by councils the privilege of removing street sweepings can also be entirely done away with. In many cities this is performed gratis by persons who sell the sweepings for fertilizer.

HALF IS LEAKAGE. It is claimed that fully one-half of the refuse now taken off the streets is leakage from ask and garbage wagons. Much of the paper and litter is from stores or is blown from the collecting wagons. Some mercantile concerns pay for the removal of refuse matter, others have it done without cost and others receive pay from the garbage men—all according to the nature of the refuse. The result is that the whole system is irregular, unsanitary and unclean.

TRIAGED TO CHOKEN AN ENGINE.

A Number of West Scranton Urchins Have Fun Which Cost Money.

Hyde Park lost four or five dented dogs in a field near Robinson's brewery Sunday. They tied a rope about its neck and dragged the dog to the bridge on Swetland street, crossing the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks. Then they dropped the dog over the railing and waited for the milk train due in this city at 1:30 p. m.

On the spur of the moment the boys decided to drop the dog into the smoke stack of the engine. But the sun was low and the displaced engine smashed squarely against the glass front of the leadlight on the engine of the milk train.

The after part of the escapade was enacted in Alderman Miller's office last night. Special Officer Turkin had succeeded in serving warrants on Willie Deckenick, John Winfield Fernal, John Peirce, Peter Larkin, Edward and Gomer Parr, brothers; a boy named Dolge, "Dick" McHugh, Joseph Madigan, Sammie Weislerberg and Roy Smith. McHugh was there as a witness.

After a whole lot of bother Willie Deckenick, John Winfield Fernal and Sammie Weislerberg were fined \$5 each. The parents of the two latter paid the fines.

Willie Deckenick had to wait for an hour but his parents not coming to pay his fine, he was discharged. He said that he would take his wages as a state-picker at the Oxford brooker to the alderman.

EXECUTOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

By Mistake He Shares an Estate With One Who is Not an Heir.

Attorney M. J. Martin, auditor in the estate of P. C. Callahan, deceased, filed his report on yesterday, and it was given conditional approval. The decedent is survived by a widow, now Mrs. N. J. Norton, and three sons, George, John and James. He held title to the property at 228 Lackawanna avenue, but it was in trust for his children. It appears that the property was sold for taxes soon after the death of Mr. Callahan, and the executor bought it in for the estate. Presumably that this was regular, the executor continued during eight years following the death of Mr. Callahan to divide the proceeds from the property equally among the widow and the children.

The auditor declares that the widow was not entitled to any share whatever in the property. Her husband was estopped from benefitting from his neglect as trustee, and consequently the estate having no interest in the property, the wife therefore has no interest.

The fact that the children knew of and counteracted the action of the executor in paying a share to the mother, saves the executor from being compelled to reimburse the children for the money paid to the mother, which amounted, all told, to \$3,113.31.

DR. RANK RESIGNS.

Junior Physician at the Lackawanna Hospital Will Leave for Home.

At a meeting of the directors of the Lackawanna Hospital association last night it was decided to purchase an X-ray machine for use at the hospital. The apparatus will be secured as early as possible.

Dr. H. P. Rank, resident physician, handed in his resignation last night. Dr. Rank will leave within a few days for Erie Grove, Pa., his native town, and will engage in a private practice which he discontinued six months ago to accept the position at the hospital.

GREEN RIDGE MASONS.

The Annual Election of Officers Was Held Last Night.

Green Ridge lodge, No. 597, Free and Accepted Masons, held its annual election last night. Jesse E. Clifford, the retiring worshipful master, was chosen representative to the Grand lodge. Other officers were elected as follows: Worshipful master, Bradley Woodhull; senior warden, George S. Atkins; junior warden, Benjamin Imison; treasurer, R. A. Zimmerman; secretary, E. G. Stevens; trustees, C. S. Reamans, E. D. Hughes and J. L. McWay. They will be installed on the evening of St. John's Day, Monday, Dec. 27.

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Scranton audiences are not renowned for their enthusiasm or for yielding even a faint measure of appreciative demonstration to a speaker or to most entertainments. General Gordon could not possibly have guessed such a fact last night by the reception given him and his address at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The auditorium was filled and the sight of the flag of the Union draped over the reading stand possibly was the first incentive to enthusiasm. At any rate, when the tall, spare figure of the great Confederate leader appeared on the platform there was a phenomenal and contagious burst of applause. General Gordon's pleasant, kindly face and his characteristic southern accent are sure to make a delightful impression. He has a marvelous gift of story telling and often rises to a height of eloquence that thrills his listeners.

His happy salutation, "Ladies, comrades and countrymen, it is a southern soldier who comes to you, but one who is true as any man in this broad republic to that flag," captivated his audience at the outset. He then said that he did not propose to speak so much of the great battles of the war as to portray important phases and incidents, relating to the last days of the Confederacy. He believed that every soldier who fell on either side turned his pale face to the sky in response to the call of duty as he conceived it. The boundaries of the Confederacy were Gettysburg and Vicksburg—Appomattox and Greensburg. When the sun of its success went down to rise no more, it left on both sides a record of valor and devotion such as this world has never witnessed in any other period of history.

WHY HE CROSSED.

The reason for Lee's crossing the Potomac, General Gordon humorously described as hunger on the part of the southern troops and the sight of Pennsylvania's fat, fertile lands, with the cattle and grain. Then, social reciprocity also entered into the matter, as they owed visits to the Yankees, although on the occasion of the call made upon them at Antietam, McClellan had given such a hearty welcome as not to have been forgiven.

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