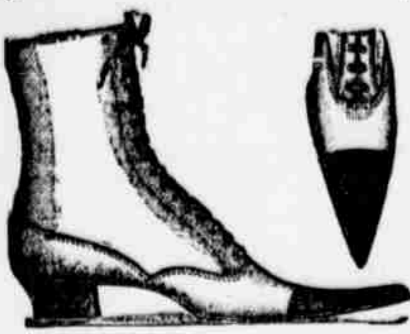


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CITY NOTES.

The Board of Associated Charities of Scranton will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the poor board room, Municipal building.

Charles Wisburn, of Adams avenue, had his foot scalded yesterday while at work at his north mill. He was taken to Moses Taylor hospital.

M. F. Wynms, of the West Side, was yesterday appointed guardian of Regina, Katie and Maggie Ward, minor children of the late Patrick Ward.

The regular Tuesday meeting of the Green Ridge Women's Christian Temperance union will be held at the home of Mrs. DePue, 228 New York street, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p. m.

The firm of Joseph Beckel & Co., through Attorney Charles H. Welles, yesterday began an action in replevin against M. F. Thompson to recover carpets valued at \$257.75.

Chief of Police Robling last night received a telegram from Detective Taylor Birley, of Parkersburg, Pa., stating that a 12-year-old boy coming along his name as Davis and his home Scranton, is in custody there. The police had not heard of any such boy being lost.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company did not pay yesterday. Today they will pay at the car shops, the Cayuga and Erie mines. The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the White Oak mines at Archbald, the Honesdale division of the gravity, and the shops at Honesdale.

At the Holy Cross church fair last night John Moran, of South Washington avenue, won a prize lamp and Nellie Richards a sofa pillow. Tonight the entertainment will consist of a piano duet by Leo Crossin and John Stanton, vocal solo, Miss Mary McHale, and piano duet by Joseph Walsh and Miss Annie Madigan. Division 25, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will attend in a body.

Last year's directors of the Schuylkill Anthracite Coal Royalty company were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders Saturday as follows: Benjamin Hughes, C. P. Matthews, Thomas H. Dale, E. J. Lynett, J. B. Stocker, Daniel Williams, W. A. May, W. T. Davis, Victor Koch. The directors elected Benjamin Hughes president; T. H. Dale, vice president; W. A. May, secretary, and C. P. Matthews, treasurer.

The manufacturers committee of the board of trade will meet at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to prepare a report on the situation for securing lower commercial water rates. The report will be submitted to the annual meeting of the board next Monday evening. At the annual meeting officers for 1898 will be elected, nominations having been made at the December meeting. The usual report of Secretary D. B. Atherton will be submitted.

The first application of the year for a hotel license was made by F. S. Godfrey, proprietor of the Hotel Jernyn by Attorney W. P. Boyle. License court will be held in March.

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JANUARY TERM OF COMMON PLEAS

Three Weeks' Term Began Yesterday Morning.

JUDGE ALBRIGHT IS ASSISTING

Five Cases Came Up During the First Day--Stenographer Branda Gets a Verdict--Many Opinions and Orders Handed Down--New Trial Refused in the McHugh Case and One Granted in the McAndrew-Reddington Case.

The January three weeks' term of common pleas court began yesterday with Judge Gunster presiding in the main court room; Judge Edwards in No. 2, and Judge Albright, of Allentown, holding forth in the arbitration room on the first floor.

When the list for the week was called over, the cases of Jacob Raymon against Tony Marzotta, Michael Gallagher against Martin Cawley, May Cole against the city of Scranton, and Jones, Simpson & Co. against Howell, King & Co., were marked continued. The case of John P. Jones against the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad company, which has been on the list for nearly ten years was reported settled and taken out of court. It was a suit for damages, which the plaintiff alleged he sustained by reason of the company building an overhead bridge and embankment adjacent to his property on Washington avenue.

The wage case of Charles E. Brown against Michael Coyle and Bridget Reilly and the North End Lumber company, which was called before Judge Gunster, but on a plea of surprise, by the defendants, a juror was withdrawn and the case continued. George W. Beale appeared for the plaintiff, Hon. J. C. Vaughan and O. B. Partridge for the defendants.

Another wage claim, that of Thomas J. Prote against F. G. Iarrick, was on before Judge Gunster at adjournment. The plaintiff claims \$34 still owing him for work done as steamer at the defendant's bottling establishment in Green Ridge. The defendant alleges having made settlement in full. Vostburg & Dawson appear for the plaintiff and E. C. Newcomb for the defendant.

BEFORE JUDGE EDWARDS.

Before Judge Edwards, F. A. and A. J. Branda, stenographers, received a verdict of \$22.84 against James Nichols for work performed during the hearing of the celebrated Nichols will case before Deputy Register Hopkins. The allegation of the plaintiff was that Nichols agreed that the costs should abide the result of the case and that the stenographic work should be taxed as part of the costs. The case went against Nichols. The defense was a denial of this and an attempt to show that it was Deputy Register Hopkins who engaged the stenographer and that the work was done solely for the register's benefit. The verdict was for the full amount of the claim and interest. Hon. C. P. O'Malley and Roscoe F. Dale of Willard, Warren & Knapp, were counsel for the plaintiff. Vostburg & Dawson appeared for the defense.

The case of Bernard Giles against the borough of Winton was the next case called before Judge Edwards. The plaintiff claims \$68 for work done for the borough. The defense is that he was not engaged by a qualified officer of the borough. This is one of the numerous cases growing out of the councilmanic muddle in that borough. Hon. C. P. O'Malley, of Willard, Warren & Knapp, represented the plaintiff and I. H. Burns appeared for the borough. The case was on at adjournment.

HOWLEY-HURLEY CASE.

Judge Albright was given the not altogether delightful task of wrestling with the tedious and complicated Howley-Hurley case. Howley Bros., of Penn avenue, claim of R. E. Hurley a \$800 balance for work done on two buildings in North Park. The defendant alleges that the work was not done according to contract and refuses to pay what the plaintiff demands. The contract was deficient in many respects and there are a number of side issues which make it rather difficult case to entangle. It was called for trial before Judge Archbald at the last term of civil court, but after two days had been spent and the case had not been decided, the case court became tired of the job and threw it over to the parties that they had better continue it for settlement. It was continued but no settlement was reached and it bobs up again at the head of the January list. It is likely to last all week.

OPINIONS HANDED DOWN.

One of Them Refused a Rule for New Trial in McHugh Case.

In a lengthy opinion handed down yesterday morning, Judge Gunster discharges the rule for a new trial in the case of A. J. McHugh against Bridget McHugh-Hand, executrix of the estate of Richard McHugh, deceased. The case was tried twice, the plaintiff securing a verdict for the full amount of the claim with interest each time. Judge Edwards handed down a final decree in the equity case of James H. Masters against Mrs. Julia La France. The suit was brought to compel the specific performance of a parcel gift of a lot of land in Petersburg. The plaintiff married the defendant's daughter. She was desirous of having her daughter near her and told the son-in-law to build a house on her lot and she would give him a deed for the ground when he had finished the building. He accepted the offer and in July, 1885, moved into his house. His wife died two years later and now the mother-in-law refuses to give a deed, as it is alleged she promised. When the case came before Judge Edwards he got them to agree to submit it to a referee to ascertain what was the intent of each party in the property. E. C. Newcomb, the referee, reported that the son-in-law had expended \$1,157.16 in improving the place. Judge Edwards now directs that the mother-in-law must within thirty days buy out the son-in-law's interest by the payment of \$1,157.16 or give him a deed for the land.

RULE FOR NEW TRIAL.

In the case of William McAndrew against Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Reddington, Judge Gunster made absolute a rule for a new trial. The parties to the case live in Olyphant. McAndrew is Mrs. Reddington's uncle and lived with her for many years. He went to Philadelphia to have his eyes treated and before going gave her power of attorney to draw money from the account of the bank. He claims that she was to draw it only on his requisition and for his uses. She alleged that he told

ANNUAL SESSION OF SUPERIOR COURT

Arguments Were Heard During Two Hours of Yesterday Afternoon.

ONLY FIVE JUDGES WERE PRESENT

Judges Reeder and Wickham Telegraphed That They Would Be on Hand Today--Many Attorneys from Out of Town Are in Attendance. Two Wilkes-Barre Cases Among Those That Came Up--Lackawanna Cases to Be Heard This Week.

The annual two weeks' Scranton session of the superior court began yesterday. Judges Rice, Smith, Orsady, Beaver and Porter being on the bench. Judges Wickham and Reeder were unavoidably detained but telegraphed that they will be on hand today.

The session began at 2 o'clock and lasted two hours. The judges came in from their retiring room, dressed in their silken gowns and took their stations to the right and left of President Judge Rice. Court Crier William K. Taylor told the assembled multitude of lawyers and spectators that the court was now open and when he had finished his ceremonious announcement the judges were seated. Prothonotary Samuel H. Stevens occupied a desk to the right of the room and the clerk, Tipstaff Samuel Wilson seated themselves at a table opposite.

Among the attorneys from abroad who were within the bar enclosure were: James Scarlet, of Danville; Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg; ex-Attorney General H. W. Palmer, William S. McLean, George K. Powell, E. F. McGovern, Agib Ricketts, George S. Ferris, John McLaughlin, G. L. Halsey, D. L. O'Neil, J. F. O'Neil, James H. Shea, M. N. Donnelly, William H. Gibbons, J. R. Soutar, C. Frank Bohan, C. P. Bohan, George Urquhart, B. R. Jones, John M. Garman, M. Cannon, E. H. Chase and George Troutman, of Luzerne; H. H. Waite and McKnight Williamson, of Huntington; John A. McKee and P. W. Culbertson, of Mifflin.

WILL BE HEARD THIS WEEK.

When the list was called over it was announced that through an error the Lackawanna cases were printed on next week's list. They would be heard this week, the court announced, and attorneys were directed to govern themselves accordingly.

Grant Herring, attorney for the appellee in the matter of the dissolution of the Belt Railroad company, of Bloomsburg, was the first to make a motion before the court. It was to quash the appeal on the ground that the paper book of the appellant's had not been served upon him. Court indicated that it would dispose of the motion when the case came up for argument.

The next argument was on a motion to take depositions in the matter of the appeal of Mifflin for Millin county. The report of the commission which fixed the boundary line between Huntingdon and Millin counties. Messrs. Waite and Williamson argued for Huntingdon county and Messrs. McKee and Culbertson for Millin county.

The first case on the list that came up was that of Paul Bohan against John Reap, appellant, appeal from the common pleas of Luzerne county. The main question at issue is whether or not an attachment execution, which is not always an "execution," is considered to be an execution by the Act of June 16, 1836. D. L. O'Neil and J. F. O'Neil appeared for the appellant, and Charles P. Bohan and C. Frank Bohan for the appellee.

ARGUING JONES CASE.

At adjourning time John F. Scrogg was arguing for the appellant in the case of John R. Jones, of Binghamton, against James E. Cleveland, appellant, common pleas of Luzerne county. One of the grounds pressed for reversal was that the charge of the court below was "vigorously and vicious."

No opinions were handed down yesterday and none are expected until next Monday morning. The judges and all the visiting attorneys expressed themselves in admiring terms of the new Superior court room. At no city visit are they so spontaneously quartered.

HIS WIFE ABUSED HIM.

Therefore Richard Walsh Has Applied for a Divorce.

Richard Walsh, of Cherry street, South Side, began an action yesterday to secure a divorce from his wife, Maria Walsh. They were married May 19, 1894. Before Mrs. Walsh married her present husband she was Mrs. Maria McHale, a widow of 35 summers.

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PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

Mayor Bailey Formally Asks for Assistance for the People Who Are Starving in Cuba.

Mayor Bailey yesterday received instructions from Governor Hastings relative to the receipt and forwarding of supplies and money in aid of starving Cubans.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 10, 1898. PROCLAMATION. In furtherance of the wishes of the president of the United States and the governor of Pennsylvania, I hereby call to the attention of the people of North-eastern and Eastern Pennsylvania the condition of the unhappy residents of Cuba. Whereas, Governor Daniel H. Hastings, of this commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has requested with the mayor of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg as depositaries to whom money, clothing, provisions and medicines may be transmitted for forwarding to Cuba;

Now, therefore, I, James G. Bailey, mayor of the city of Scranton, do hereby issue this proclamation, calling upon the people of this city and of this section of the state to share the goods with which they have been blessed with necessities, are exposed to the elements and to the horrors of starvation.

And I do call upon all charitable disposed persons as well as upon all churches and all charitable organizations to heed this appeal for the relief of their distressed brethren.

James G. Bailey, Mayor of Scranton.

Mayor Bailey has perfected no detailed plan for making his proclamation productive of results. To a Tribune reporter the mayor said yesterday: "My executive position would hardly permit me to do more than issue the proclamation and act as Governor Hastings requests, but I am willing to do everything that the contingencies of the situation demand."

Whatever goods are received here will be kept in a city hall until the quantity is sufficient for shipment to Mayor Warwick. Receipts will be given for supplies and for money. Cash contributions will be forwarded to Mayor Warwick as fast as they are received.

CONVENTION OF UNITED A. O. H.

Has Been Called for Sunday Jan. 23, in College Hall.

Hon. J. P. Quinlan and William Dawson, county presidents of the two branches of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, have had a conference yesterday, as a result of which a call was issued for a convention of representatives of all the divisions of the two branches in the county.

It will be held in College hall on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, at which time the delegates from the two divisions will be received in accordance with the terms of the recent decision of Bishop McPaul, of Trenton.

At the coming convention county officers for the consolidated order will be chosen and steps taken to renumber the divisions, so that there will be no two divisions of the united order with the same number.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

A. J. Rogan yesterday petitioned court to vacate the decree in adoption, which placed Daniel Hagen in his charge years ago. The lad is now in the custody of his foster-father who wants to get rid of him. The lad is now in the care of the Board of Associated Charities.

Judge Edwards refused for the defendant in the case of Andrew B. Myers against William P. Lutz, filed an acceptance of the verdict of \$29, under which condition no new trial is to be granted. The original verdict was for \$79.

DIED.

KELLY--In Scranton, Jan. 10, 1898, Mrs. Ann Kelly, widow of Matthew Kelly, of 1336 Capouse avenue, Green Ridge, aged 68 years. Funeral Wednesday afternoon. At 2 o'clock requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Paul's church. Interment will be made in the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

SHERMAN--In West Scranton, Jan. 10, 1898, Margaret, sixteen years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman, at the parental residence, 2768 Frink street. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, interment at Washburn street cemetery.

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FIGHT WITH TRAMPS.

Seven of Them Arrested in the Old Rolling Mills.

The police had a fierce battle yesterday afternoon with a gang of tramps at the old rolling mill. It ended in seven sorry specimens being locked up for disposition in police court this morning.

At 1:30 o'clock word reached the central station that a tramp had been found at the North mill bearing marks of a brutal assault. He stated that six companions fell upon him early yesterday morning and, after beating him until they tired, all had departed. The fellow's face was a mass of cuts and bruises and his body was blue in many places where his companions had kicked him. Desk Sergeant Deller, Officer Dyer and Patrolmen Sartor and Hart in the patrol wagon went to the old rolling mill and placed the six men under arrest. At a signal the two men in charge of Officer Dyer attempted to break away. One was thrown to the ground. He yelled lustily for his companions to "Give it to 'em, boys! Give it to 'em!"

And they did.

The four officers swung their clubs and four men were knocked clean out. The other two resisted until they were covered with blood from the club blows on their heads. The scuffle lasted only a short time, but when it was over the six tramps were all marked.

Patrolman Sartor was the only one of the police hurt. His right hand was skinned by a kick from one of the tramps. When the seven men, including the tramp who was first assaulted, were behind the bars at the police station, one fellow asked for a doctor. "Ye see," he said, "I ain't quakin'; I don't care if I die or not. If you don't want to send some one in to see me, all right, I ain't askin'. Only I had twenty stitches put in me head last winter and I got a welt today right atop o' dis. All right, ye don't need

to send a doctor--I ain't buckin' water 'tall, see?"

DESERTER FROM HONESDALE. Constable Brown Came Down and Collared C. M. Watres.

Chauncey M. Watres, a Honesdale man, was arrested here yesterday on the charge of desertion. It appears that Watres left his wife to care for their three small children.

Constable Brown, of Honesdale, arrested Watres. Before Alderman John T. Howe the accused entered bail to appear at court. He gives the story of the henpecked husband.

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