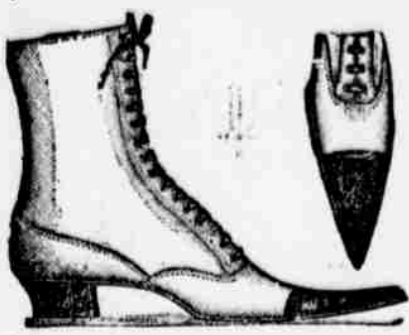


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CITY NOTES.

The Scranton club will set at table 6 and 8.
Captain B. E. Morris, editor and proprietor of the Scranton Sunday World, has announced that the paper has suspended publication.
P. F. Ryan was yesterday appointed judge of election of the Second district of the Twelfth ward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Daniel Hayes.
The Delaware and Hudson company paid the trainmen of the division south of Scranton and the employees of the repair shops at Wilkes-Barre yesterday.
The funeral services of Rev. F. A. Dony will be held on Saturday as follows: At the home, 1618 Money avenue, at 10:30 and at Ashbury Methodist Episcopal church at 11 a. m. Burial at Dunmore.
Marriage licenses were granted yesterday by Clerk of the Courts Daniels, to Richard Roberts and Anna Richards, of Vandling; Herman Soar and Line Schult, of Scranton; John J. Barloch and Anna M. Sless, of Scranton.
The annual meeting of the Association of the Home for the Friendless will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association. All members and friends are requested to be present.
City Solicitor McGinley yesterday asked the court to appoint three men to assess the benefits and damages arising from the construction of a lateral sewer on Van Storch avenue and Honedale street, in the Ninth ward district.
The Teachers' Mutual Benefit association will meet for regular business in the board of control rooms, at 10 o'clock, on Saturday morning, Jan. 15. A full attendance is requested in order to arrange for a lecture on a popular subject at an early date, and also to hear the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws.
The Sunday school of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church held an election last evening which resulted as follows: Superintendent, W. W. Lathrop; assistant superintendent, C. F. Hess; secretary, Edward Frear; assistant secretary, Miss Laura Waugh; treasurer, R. H. Weisbach; librarians, George DeWilde, Charles Graves, Alf Kuschnar; organist, Miss May Doster.
The will of William Pender, late of Carbonade, was admitted to probate by Register of Wills Hopkins yesterday and letters testamentary granted to Thomas J. Pender. In the estate of Ellen E. Mahody, late of Carbonade, letters of administration were granted to W. H. Mahody. In the estate of John Kipikas, late of Taylor, C. F. Hess; secretary, Thomas Gaughan, John Simmons, Patrick McNellis, Michael White, Peter Smith, John Hudack, Charles W. Fuller, James Carmel, Theresa Camella, William Kelly, John Pritchard, John Kamella, James McNellis and Doud McNellis were discharged from the county jail yesterday, the grand jury having ignored bills against them.

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Handles Almost as Much Business as the Supreme Tribunal.

SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS

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Court Crier William K. Taylor, of the Superior court, has just completed an interesting compilation showing the growth of the business before the superior court and comparing it with that done by the supreme court. That the new tribunal is fulfilling its mission, the figures most emphatically prove. Last year nearly half of the 1,200 appeals that came from the local courts were disposed of by the new appellate branch.

The appended table shows how the work of the supreme court increased in a period of twenty years and then compares the business of the supreme and superior courts for two years, 1896 and 1897, the first two years of the existence of the latter court. The columns of figures indicate the number of appeals taken from each court:

COUNTY.	Supreme Court.		Superior Court.	
	1872.	1897.	1896.	1897.
Adams	0	0	0	0
Allegheny	0	0	0	0
Armstrong	0	0	0	0
Berks	0	0	0	0
Bucks	0	0	0	0
Blair	0	0	0	0
Beaver	0	0	0	0
Butler	0	0	0	0
Bedford	0	0	0	0
Bradford	0	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	0
Carbon	0	0	0	0
Chatham	0	0	0	0
Chester	0	0	0	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0
Cambria	0	0	0	0
Crawford	0	0	0	0
Dauphin	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
Elk	0	0	0	0
Forest	0	0	0	0
Fulton	0	0	0	0
Fayette	0	0	0	0
Franklin	0	0	0	0
Huntingdon	0	0	0	0
Hershey	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Juniata	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	0	0	0	0
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Montgomery	0	0	0	0
Northampton	0	0	0	0
Northumberland	0	0	0	0
Pike	0	0	0	0
Perry	0	0	0	0
Richmond	0	0	0	0
Snyder	0	0	0	0
Sullivan	0	0	0	0
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Warren	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0
Westmorland	0	0	0	0
York	0	0	0	0
Total	678	1094	653	718

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Category	Total
Common Pleas.	12
Orphans' Court.	1
Quarter Sessions.	1
Oyer & Terminer.	1
Discontinued.	1
Non-Prosced.	1
Continued.	1
Argued.	1
Affirmed.	1
Reversed.	1
% of Appeals Discontinued and Non-Prosced.	1
Average Time of Argument.	1

There were nineteen appeals submitted without oral argument; three were reargued; ten quashed; concurring opinions in four; dissenting opinions in thirteen and dissents in eleven. Of the appeals in criminal cases forty per cent. were affirmed, and sixty per cent. reversed. In civil cases the percentage was seventy-three affirmed and twenty-seven reversed.

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