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PERSONAL.

Miss Margaret Ware, of Danville, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Van Kirk, of Pine street.

Myer Davidow, the Lackawanna avenue shoe merchant, returned last night from the east, where he went to purchase goods.

Miss Gilmore, Miss Pratt, Miss Florence Hill and Miss Ford, have gone to Philadelphia to attend the meeting of the International Kindergarten association.

Thomas C. Melvin, proprietor of the St. Charles hotel, who on Tuesday defeated Fred Durr, the Republican candidate for select council, is an old time city fighter. In 1881 when a resident of the Twelfth ward he succeeded John Conners in the upper branch and served until 1888. His successor was M. J. Mahon. Mr. Melvin was chairman of the famous board of revision and appeal who in 1883 upheld the assessors' increase in the assessment of \$11,000,000 to \$18,000,000. Many of the cases were taken by private owners to court and in every instance Judge Handley reduced the assessment to its original amount. Later councils agreed to reduce 25 per cent. all cases appealed and which had not been taken to court.

COMPANY INSPECTED.

Underwent the Annual Spring Ordeal at Army Last Night.

Company C, Thirteenth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, underwent the ordeal of the annual spring inspection last evening at the army. The attendance numbered fifty-eight, besides the full complement of officers. Major W. S. Miller, inspecting officer of the Third brigade, did the inspecting. The major's orderly, Sergeant W. W. Keek, of the Ninth regiment, assisted. Major F. W. Stillwell, of the Thirteenth regiment, was also present.

The officers of the company are: Captain, Frank Robling; first lieutenant, William Raub; second lieutenant, David J. Davies, of the commissioned staff; "non-com's," Sergeants E. Burkhouse, E. Burcher, J. Rafter, R. Cooper, T. Murphy and R. Ames, ranking in order named; Corporals Ray Smith, J. Kennedy, W. Helmeigel, R. Gould, F. Paschalis, W. Swingle and J. W. Burke, ranking in the order named.

HIGHLIGHTER LAUNDRY SOLD.

J. C. Highlighter has sold his steam laundry business to A. B. Warman, of the Lackawanna laundry. The deal was consummated yesterday.

The Highlighter laundry was one of the first institutions of this kind established in Scranton.

BULLETS MISSED WILLIAM SCOTT

Harry Ford Fired Two Shots at Very Close Range.

THE MEN HAD BEEN QUARRELING

After the First Shot, which Passed Close to Scott's Head, Ford Was Knocked Down—Instantly He Jumped to His Feet and Pointing His Revolver at Scott Fired Again. Shooter Was Placed Under Arrest by Police Officers.

A colored man came near to meeting his doom in Center street last night. He would have been dead if the marksmanship of another colored man had not been so poor. The latter was Harry, known as "Dave," Ford. The mark for his revolver was William Scott.

Ford is a brown-skinned man, under-sized and slight in stature and dresses poorly. Scott is a big, brawny fellow, as black as coal and usually appears in a fairly good attire. They quarreled over a game of cards in the pool room of Jones & Jackson at 309 Center street, where Ford is employed as a "cleaner-up." Scott said something about eating Ford up and the latter arose with an oath and left with a threat to have Scott arrested.

Scott left the place a moment later and walked toward Wyoming avenue. He had gone but a rod or so when Ford stepped from a doorway and thrust a revolver in Scott's face. He struck Ford's arm just as the trigger flew, the bullet whistling into the air close to Scott's head.

BLOW FELLED FORD.

A blow felled Ford to the sidewalk, but he arose and fired again point-blank at Scott and at close range. The aim was better this time, but the ball did no damage other than boring a hole through Scott's overcoat and undercoat beneath his left arm and grazing his side. Pedestrians interfered and the two principals disappeared.

Patrolmen Karius, J. D. Evans and Palmer quickly appeared and after search found Ford hidden among some boxes in the cellar of the pool room and Scott in a room upstairs. They were placed under arrest and taken to the central police station, where they will be given a hearing this morning. The weapon surrendered by Ford to Patrolman Karius was a cheap 7-shot affair of 22-calibre. It contained three loaded cartridges and four which had been discharged.

SCALP WOUND.

The only blood spilled during the affair was caused by the absence of a piece of scalp as big as a silver dollar from Ford's head. He says it was caused by a black-jack wielded by Scott and which led to the shooting. Scott denies using the black-jack and says the scalp was cut in Ford's fall after being struck and after he had fired the first shot.

Jones & Jackson, proprietors of the pool room are colored men well known in the city. Jackson is now in engagement as porter on the private car of the International telephone exchange. Scott is married and lives in "Kelly's Patch" on Scranton street. Ford has been here about a year. He is wanted by the authorities for some mischief in the southern part of the state, so Scott told the police.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHE AND DANCING.

They Were the Attractions Excelsior Club Offered Their Guests.

A large and select gathering last night participated in the progressive euche and hop of the Excelsior Social club in its rooms in the Economy building on Wyoming avenue. About sixty-five persons were present.

Following the euche there was a supper and a hop. The caterer was Hanley, Professor Charles R. Saff, pianist, furnished the dance music. The affair was arranged by its committee: Samuel Lebeck, chairman; Isidore Goodman, Charles F. Wormser and David Fuhrman, and Joseph Levy, president of the club.

Ladies and gentlemen's first, second and third prizes were won, respectively, as follows: Miss Esther Moses, cut-glass dish; Mrs. Jeff Freeman, Jardiner; Miss Millie Wormser, Mexican drawn centerpiece; Arthur Corin, dressing case; china cigar holder, William Fuhrman; mounted cigar cutter, Charles F. Wormser.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lehman, of Laramie City, Wyo.; Miss Emma Israel, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Joseph Leventhal, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Isaac Singer, of Carbonate; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lebeck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corin, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Max Troutfelt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. B. Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ottlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Halman Levy, Misses Millie and Rose Wormser, Martha, Esther, Frances and Bertha Moses, Sallie Goodman, Nettie Nye, Hannah Harris and Leonora Rice, and Mrs. B. Moser. Also present were: William Morris, Alfred Rice, Jeff Freeman, Martin Simmons, Max Rice, E. Moses, Isidore Goodman, David Fuhrman, Ralph Levy, A. N. Kramer, Samuel Kramer, Levi Kramer, Ernest Braders, Herman E. Ries, Dr. Halpert.

On April 1 the club will take possession of its new building on Washington avenue, near Olive street. Last night's affair was the last of its kind in the present quarters, excepting a whist party to be given in about three weeks.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM REILLY.

Held Yesterday from the Residence, 1920 Capouse Avenue.

The funeral of the late William Reilly, who was stricken with a sudden attack of heart failure while at work last Monday morning, was held yesterday afternoon from the residence, 1920 Capouse avenue.

There were many friends in attendance and the funeral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Interment was made at the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

WILL OCCUR IN BOSTON.

Keogh Selects That City for His Match with Clearwater.

Pool Champion Jerome R. Keogh, who is now in Boston giving exhibitions, yesterday filed with the Brunswick-Balke company, his formal acceptance of the challenge from W. H. Clearwater, of Pittsburg, the ex-champion who was defeated by Keogh in this city by a score of 699 to 358. Clearwater elected to make the stake \$150 a

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TOWNSHIP MAY BE MARTIALED.

Supervisors Say They Believe There Is No Money in the Treasury.

P. J. Quinn and Frank Toole, supervisors of Lackawanna township, through Attorney M. J. Donahoe, yesterday filed an answer to the suit of the Economy Furniture company.

They say as a defense that there is no money in their hands with which to pay the bill in question; and that it is the treasurer and not they that should be followed for it. They also say that in their opinion the treasurer has no funds.

This may lead to what has long been looked for, the appointment of a commissioner to assess the township debts and an order from court directing the supervisors to levy a special tax to meet the obligations.

It is understood that about \$50,000 worth of township orders are now afloat and drawing six per cent. interest. Their market price is now about sixty cents on the dollar, they having gone up in value recently because of the belief that they will soon be made negotiable at par by order of court.

Some interesting reading matter will doubtless be furnished by the commissioner when he makes his report.

TREASURER MUST EXPLAIN.

Mandamus Issued Against Dickson City's Cashier.

An order, in the shape of a mandamus execution, was yesterday issued by Judge Archibald against Borough Treasurer Thomas Grier, of Dickson City, at the instance of J. E. Watkins and H. W. Mulholland, commissioners in the recent election contest there.

Court fixed the compensation of the commissioners at \$20 each, and directed that the school district and borough each pay one-half the costs. The school board paid its share and the borough council passed a resolution directing the treasurer to pay the half assessed against the municipality, but the money has not yet been paid over.

ADULTERATED FOOD CONFERENCE.

Impossible to Hold It Yesterday as Had Been Intended.

The conference that was to have taken place yesterday in Alderman Miller's office in regard to the sale of adulterated goods, was postponed. It will be held next Wednesday at 3 p. m. Agent S. H. Simmons, of Harrisburg, representing the department of agriculture, was on hand and decided to postpone the conference owing to the

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