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UNION LABEL

PERSONAL.
Mayor James G. Bailey spent yesterday night at Waverly.
Edward Nalin, of Hawley, is the guest of Scranton friends.
Paul Gardner, of Honesdale, was a Scranton visitor yesterday.
Attorney John T. Lenahan was in the city yesterday for a few hours.
Miss Rose Huber and Miss Gertrude Ahlmann spent yesterday in Olyphant.
Alderman-elect Myron G. Kaussel and wife are visiting in Washington, D. C.
Major W. S. Miller will return to the city today from his tour of inspection.
Mrs. Decmor Biddeman, of Shickling, was the guest of Scranton friends yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Merrill, of Montrose, are spending the week with friends and relatives in the city.
Judge E. W. Archbold took to Easton today to adjudicate the Pennsylvania intercollegiate oratorical contest.
Attorney Charles Keck and Judge Harting, of Wilkes-Barre, were among Thursday's visitors to Scranton.
Attorney James H. Torrey returned yesterday from Honesdale, where he was engaged in defending an election suit for the Delaware and Hudson company. It was the case in which Patrick Burns was plaintiff and in which a non-suit was granted.

KNIGHTS' TEMPLAR ELECTIONS.
New Officers for Couer de Lion and Melita Comanderies.

The annual election of officers of Couer de Lion, No. 17, and Melita, No. 68, commanderies, Knights Templars, were held Wednesday and last evening respectively.
Eminent Sir C. W. Gunster, of Couer de Lion commander, retired as eminent commander. Officers were elected as follows: E. Sir Arja Williams, eminent commander; Sir W. S. Meers, generalissimo; Sir James J. Taylor, captain-general; E. Sir E. P. Kingsbury, treasurer; E. Sir E. L. Buck, recorder; E. Sir C. B. Derman, E. H. Ripple and P. J. Amsden, trustees.
The retiring commander of Melita commanderly is Eminent Sir C. S. Seamans. The officers elected last night were: E. Sir Judson B. Woodley, eminent commander; Sir J. S. Porteus, generalissimo; Sir W. H. Brutsman, captain-general; Right Eminent Sir Joseph Alexander, Jr., treasurer; Sir A.

H. Shopland, recorder; E. Sirs George B. Jermyn, Charles McMullen and C. L. Van Huskirk, trustees.
No date has been fixed for the installation. It is possible that the officers of the two commanderies will be installed at the one meeting.

ODD FELLOWS' GRAND OFFICERS.

Special Session to Be Held in the City Tonight.
The officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will hold a special session for the admission of past grands to membership in the Grand Lodge this evening in the hall of Lackawanna Lodge on Wyoming avenue at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock a lodge of instruction will be held at the same place to which all third degree members in good standing will be admitted. It is a good many years since the Grand Lodge has had an official visit to this county and much interest is manifested in this evening's session.
The grand officers are: W. Gayford Thomas, grand master; Samuel McCreever, of Philadelphia, deputy grand master; Isaac Loomis, of West Chester, grand warden; James H. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, grand secretary; M. Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer; Philip Vetter, of Scranton, grand marshal; M. E. Chubbuck, of Towanda, grand conductor; James Montgomery, of Philadelphia, grand guardian.

FIREMAN BADLY BURNED.

Bottle of Extinguisher Chemical Explodes in His Face.
George Coomers, a permanent fireman attached to Crystal Engine company, met with a serious accident and narrowly escaped losing the sight of both his eyes at the fire on Clay avenue early yesterday morning. A small bottle containing a solution of vitrol with which he was recharging an extinguisher burst in his hand, a large part of the contents flying into his face.
Coomers had intuitively closed his eyes and only a small quantity of the acid found its way beneath the eyelids. His face, fortunately, was covered with plaster dust, grime and dirt but the quantity was not sufficient to prevent a serious burning. Fellow-firemen laved his face with warm water and milk and squirted the latter into his open eyes. He was taken to a drug store on Mulberry street and treated by Dr. Gardner.
The clothing worn by Coomers was burnt to a crisp wherever the acid touched it. He will be duty for several days and will lose the skin on his face which is thoroughly blistered.

EACH WANTS THE CHILDREN.

Strangled Husband and Wife in a Legal Battle.
A legal fight between husband and wife for the possession of their children will take place before Judge Edwards tomorrow morning.

The parties are George and Viola Osburns. A few weeks ago they had a falling out and she went home to her mother-in-law, taking along her two children, aged 7 and 4, and Ethel M., aged 4.
Wednesday afternoon the husband called at his mother-in-law's home in Dalton and asked to see the children. The mother did not have the heartiness to do this and drags them tidily let them go out for a walk with their father.
The father took them to Scranton with him and yesterday the mother followed and had Vosburg & Dawson institute habeas corpus proceedings to recover possession of the children.
Judge Edwards granted a preliminary writ summoning the father to appear in court tomorrow morning and show by what right he took the children.

TWO MINE ACCIDENTS.

One of Them Fatal and the Other Probably So.
Charles Wasilansky, a Lithuanian, met with a peculiar and fatal accident in the Ravine mine, near Pittston, yesterday morning. He was a laborer and had seated himself at his lunch table while his miner was firing a blast. He had not removed himself a safe distance, however, and a large jagged rock tore his right leg nearly off and fractured and crushed his left leg.
Wasilansky was taken to the Pittston hospital. He was too weak to submit to amputation and died during the afternoon. He was 28 years old, married and lived at "Frogtown."
Another probable down-the-valley fatality is reported from No. 19 shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal company. David Breene, of Washington terrace, Pittston, was caught in a premature blast and sustained a badly fractured skull and a mutilated face and body. His recovery is very doubtful.

REV. E. J. MELLEYS RESIGNS.

Relinquishes His Office as Spiritual Director of the C. T. A. U.
Rev. E. J. Melley, pastor of St. John's Catholic church on the South Side, has resigned the office of spiritual director of the Catholic Total Abstinence union. His resignation has been sent to the president of the union, Charles Lavin, of McKean-Barre.
Father Melley has been spiritual director of the union five years. His resignation is due to the largely increased work in his parish and the unusual demands upon his time. The resignation was announced at the annual convention at Kingston early in May.

TOOK OUT THE CERTIFICATES.

Recently Elected Poor Director Will Begin Proceedings at Once.
Attorney John J. Murphy, representing himself and the other poor directors elected at the February election yesterday secured the certificates of election from Prothonotary Copleland.
A meeting of the men elected was held last night at which it was decided to begin without delay the quo warrants proceedings that will decide who the legal directors of the poor district are.

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VIADUCT MEASURE DIDN'T GO THROUGH

Provides for a Trolley Bridge Over the D., L. and W. Tracks.
WAS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

President Nealis Argued for the Immediate Passage of the Resolution. After a Long and Vigorous Debate the Measure Went to Committee on a Vote of 12 to 7--Important Measures Passed Two Readings.

The most vigorous debate in councils for many months was raised last night at the regular meeting of the lower branch over a Scranton Railway measure providing for a trolley viaduct over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad crossing on West Lackawanna avenue.
Mr. Nealis introduced the resolution. It reads as follows:
That permission is hereby given to the Scranton Railway company to construct a viaduct on West Lackawanna avenue, between Seventh and Ninth streets in accordance with plan hereto attached; provided, however, that the plans and specifications therefor shall be approved by the city engineer and that the city of Scranton shall pay no portion of the expense thereof. The said Scranton Railway company assuming all liability for claims that might be occasioned thereby.

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Mr. Gilroy urged that the resolution be not delayed. It would be wise to pass the measure at once or it might not be disposed of before the reorganization of councils.

Mr. Moir held that the resolution was too serious a thing to be disposed of hastily. Its provision might be all right—and he favored a viaduct—but the city should be protected by an indemnifying bond against possible damages. Mr. Gilroy replied that the law provided for the damage responsibility and did not require a viaduct.

It was claimed by Mr. Nealis that he had the city solicitor's verbal opinion that the company was liable for all damages that might accrue from the structure. For fifteen years a vast sidewalk was damaged for a viaduct and they had now the chance to get it at the company's expense. There was no good reason for councils objecting to the project.

A West Side member remarked that a course by means of resolution with respect to the matter was not appropriate. The plan in committee was improper.

"Don't the West Side people want a viaduct?" Mr. Nealis asked.
"I don't know that they want the particular building of such a viaduct anything about it," was the reply.
"They ought to be acquainted with the plan; it has been published in the newspapers and plenty of information concerning it has been made public," said Mr. Nealis.

"People don't believe all they see in the newspapers. They've learned not to believe everything they read in the papers of this city, anyhow—I'll tell you that," exclaimed Mr. Oliver.

THOUGHT IT 'NWISE.

Falling to secure a reply from Mr. Nealis as to the width of the viaduct, Mr. Keller said that the viaduct once proposed by the city and to have been thirty feet wide was killed. In fact, Judge Archbold decided it could not be built without damage liabilities to property owners. In the present case it would be unwise to permit the erection of any structure that was in any way questionable, especially when the would be given to examine the plans and resolution. Because the proposed viaduct was to cost the company only \$20,000 and the city nothing was no argument in its favor. It might be wise for the city to spend \$100,000—no conclusion could be reached at once.

It was certain, Mr. Keller continued, that an overhead viaduct for trolley cars only made a death-trap for pedestrians and horses on the street below. He was of the opinion if the city permitted the building of such a viaduct it would be liable for damages for loss of life. A viaduct was something he was not opposed to, but he was opposed to half an improvement or a dangerous piece of work that increased the present danger of the crossing.

Unless the plan was attached to the resolution was vastly different from the grade in the old viaduct measure there was no doubt as to liability. Damages could be collected in proportion to how low the structure was in front of certain properties. The members of councils should put themselves in the place of the property owners, then the foolishness of a costly experiment would be realized.

Mr. Thomas renewed the motion to refer and Mr. Nealis continued to oppose it. Mr. Moir argued that in the absence of legal opinion that the city would not be liable for damages, the resolution should not pass.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

Mr. Nealis urged the immediate passage of the resolution and agreed to introduce a repealing measure if Mr. Moir or any other member would procure an opinion from the city solicitor that the city was in any way liable.
It was suggested by Mr. Keller that, without an indemnifying bond, the company was not showing a willingness to take a risk off the city's hands. Mr. Jackson presented the argument that he had not seen the plans nor had many other members. He wanted a knowledge of them no intelligent vote in favor of the resolution was possible. The motion to refer to committee was carried by a vote of 10 to 7, as follows:

Ayes—Moers, Reese, Thomas, Flanagan, Moir, Wenger, Whip, Jackson, Oliver, Zeidler and Keller—10 votes.
Nays—Moers, Gordon, Grieg, Regan, Gilroy, Noone, Norton and Nealis—7 votes.

Three important ordinances from the select branch were referred to committee for immediate report, were reported favorably and passed two readings. The ordinances were as follows: Providing for the construction of the Nineteenth district main sewer, creating the office of plumbing inspector, providing

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