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ORPHANS' COURT SALE — PUBLIC notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Lacawanna county, the undersigned, administrator of Hannah Albrect, deceased, will, on Saturday, April 9th, 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Arbitration Room in the Court House, at the City of Scranton, in said county, expose to sale by public vendue and outcry the following described lot of land late the estate of said deceased, to wit:

The undivided one-half part of that certain lot or parcel of land, situate in the City of Scranton, County of Lackawanna, and State of Pennsylvania, being the northerly one-half of lot No. 4 in square or block No. 1, and situate upon street called and known as Cedar avenue upon the plot of Scranton, intended and known to be duly registered and recorded and more fully bounded and described as follows:

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ESTATE OF SARAH A. BLANCHARD, late of the city of Scranton, county of Lackawanna and state of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above-named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the estate will present them for payment, and those indebted thereto will make immediate payment to W. S. BLANCHARD,
O. B. PARTRIDGE. Administrator.
Attorney for Estate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL parties concerned that the widows' appraisements in the following estates have been confirmed nisi., by the Orphans' Court of the county of Lackawanna, and unless exceptions are filed will be confirmed finally by the clerk of said Orphans' Court on Wednesday, March 30, A. D. 1898, to wit,:

Estate of Wellington A. Taylor, deceased.
Estate of Christian Spathelf, deceased.
Estate of Michael Gavin, deceased.
Estate of John Tibbetts, deceased.
Estate of James Leary, deceased.
Estate of Stafford Kizer, deceased.
Estate of Edward Metzgar, deceased.
THOS. P. DANIELS, Clerk.

SITUATIONS WANTED

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LESSER OF TWO EVILS.

Novel Plea of an Attorney in a Tax-Title Case.

From Case and Comment.

A newspaper report of the speech of John Atwood, at Leavenworth, Kan., on behalf of Col. D. R. Anthony, in a tax title case, says that Atwood, as a Democratic politician, had long been the target for Colonel Anthony's criticism, but was called on to try his case because Senator Baker, who was Colonel Anthonys' attorney, was in Washington. Atwood's eloquent plea for his client was in part as follows:

"* * * The one thing that is wrong about the case is that your honor cannot find against both the parties to this suit. From the standpoint of personal merit, neither of them ought to win. Neither of them came into court with clean hands, and I have doubts about their feet. But Anthony has paid the taxes for many years on the property. ...This is playing the part of the good citizen, a part that is new to him, that sets awkwardly upon him, and one that startles the community with its novelty. But since he is playing this part he ought to be encouraged in it by being permitted to win this suit. When you find one doing right for the first time in his life, the thought of discouraging him revolts the judicial conscience. * * *

"I will admit, your honor, that it is a choice of evils; one of the evils has a hooked nose and the other has a peg leg; but the hooked nose pays his taxes, and the peg leg doesn't, and that is where my side has got the best of it. If you feel inclined to decide this case in favor of my opponent because of the delightful sentiments that cluster around his name, and that through your mind should float the beautiful strains of 'Douglass, Douglass, Tender and True,' I ask you to remember that my client claims a saint among his ancestors. I will admit that the claim has never been allowed, but we make it all the same. Your honor may think they are two old devils together, but I submit that we are not responsible for the age of Judge Douglass's iniquities. To be sure, the great age of my client is an evidence that they whom the gods love die young, but that does not alter the fact that he and he alone, of these men, has paid the taxes.

"* * * I can see that your honor is itching to hit them both (and ordinarily you could not hit either one of them a lick amiss), but I pray your honor to remember that you can't beat them both, much as they both deserve it, and since you must give the case to one of them, I ask your honor to shut your eyes and give it to Anthony." And the court did.

DON'T CHEW GUM.

Here's a Scientific Opinion That It Is Seriously Unhealthful.

From Popular Science News.

The constant titillation of the salivary organs kept up by chewing this stuff not only causes a steady drain of saliva, which is most wasteful, but, what is more serious still, in consequence of the frequently repeated stimulation to which these organs are thus exposed, they fail to respond to the normal excitation which ought to rouse them to action when food is taken. A constant dribble of salivary secretion is substituted for the healthy flow which should occur only at meal times. The glands fail to respond to any stimulant less potent than the peppermint, anise seed or the constituents found in chewing gum, and the more insipid foods, such as bread and other starchy compounds, pass into the stomach unchanged. This is disturbing to digestion at its very commencement, and it is extremely probable that the indigestion for starchy substances, which is so commonly met with at the present day, is largely due to the waste of saliva caused by smoking and by the constant chewing of various substances which is going on all around. The chewing of gum is thus not only a nasty habit, but is provocative of ill health. Unfortunately, when "chewing gum" is sold in the form of a sweetmeat, it may cause still more serious consequences, being apt to be swallowed by children, who, like their first parents, when they see that it is apparently good for food and pleasant to the eyes, are undeterred by the superscription "not to be eaten."

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For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

FOREST CITY.

By the unanimous vote of the members and congregation of the First Baptist church, of which Rev. J. L. Williams is pastor, petitions will be sent from here to the congress of the United States for the passage of the following measures:

1. To prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors in all government buildings, affecting not only the government buildings in the District of Columbia, but soldiers' homes, "canteens" at army posts, emigrant stations, etc.

2. An anti-cigarette bill to forbid cigarettes going into a state in original packages under the head of the "interstate commerce law," where the law of the state prohibits their manufacture, sale and use.

3. An anti-gambling bill aimed specially at winter horse racing, which is conducted mainly in the interest of pool rooms which are operated not only where the races are, but in states where such gambling is prohibited, and, by having bets telegraphed to another state, the unlawful act is ostensibly performed there, and thus the state law is evaded.

4. "The age of protection bill."

Mrs. Julius Freedman and daughter, Rosa, are in New York to attend the wedding of Mrs. Freedman's sister.

A dancing class has been formed here with a Carbondale man named Collins for instructor. The class meets each Friday evening in the Maennerchor hall.

At the last meeting of the Forest City Epworth league a reading circle was organized and it was determined to establish a circulating library for the use of the members. Anyone wishing to donate books or to help in any other way to start the library can do so through Rev. G. B. Stone, D. Stanley Evans or Mame J. Brown. The reading circle will meet next Tuesday evening at the Methodist parsonage.

The subject of the sermon to be delivered by Rev. G. B. Stone, at the Methodist church, on Sunday morning next, will be: "Is the Methodist Church a Catholic Church?"

The Forest City News of yesterday has the following: "It is rumored that the stone to be used in the erection of the new capitol building at Harrisburg will be taken from the quarry just north of this borough. Whether or not there is truth in the report we are unable to learn, but one thing is certain, better stone for building material can not be found in the state. Among the buildings in which it has been used are the Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, and the recently erected court house at Binghamton."

At a meeting held the other night in South Gibson the sum of $350 was subscribed to help make a survey for the proposed railroad from Nicholson to Lanesboro. Those who have gone over the route report it a very feasible one.

Enterprise Hose company will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting this evening.

Frank Belcher, the South Gibson young man who was reported dead in the Klondike region, is alive and well, according to a letter just received from him by his parents.

THE BOOM IN MULES.

There Are Increasing Where Other Farm Animals Are Fewer.

From the Sun.

The average value of an American mule, or more properly, the value of an average mule, is $40, and in most states of the country a mule is worth more than a horse. By the bulletin issued by the department of agriculture on March 8, the live stock returns of the country were, approximately: Horses, 14,000,000; mules, 2,200,000; milch cows, 16,000,000; sheep, 38,000,000; swine, 39,000,000. Horses, cows, oxen and swin, and especially horses, decreased below the totals of last year and the year before. The number of sheep and mules increased, and, in proportion to the number of them, mules increased more rapidly than any other. There are now 1,000,000 fewer horses in this country than there were two years ago and the number is steadily declining in consequence of the use of electricity on street railroads, the popularity of bicycles and motor carriages, and the superior endurance and smaller cost of maintenance of mules. The American mule has been criticised adversely by essayists, humorists, persons considering themselves humorists, and superficial observers of American life, manners, and customs, but it is a fact, especially in the states of the South and Southwest, that the American mule is an important factor in agricultural development. He is a willing beast, cheaply maintained, never likely to run away, not subject to the ailments and disabilities which unfit the horse for much hard service, and better able to stand the climatic conditions.

There are four states in which mules are very numerous—Missouri, Texas, Georgia and Tennessee. There are 300,000 mules, by the last official report, in Texas, and the value of them is in excess of $10,000,000. Louisiana has fewer—but better—mules, and all the Gulf states are represented largely by this farm animal. South Carolina has more mules than horses by nearly 50 per cent. Georgia has more mules than horses, and almost in the same proportion. The average value of a horse on a farm in Georgia is $48; the average value of a mule is $62; and cows are sold for $20. Florida, possibly on account of the flatness of the state and the moisture, has few mules, but in Alabama the number of mules and of horses is almost identical; there is only a difference of a couple of hundred between the two in the state, with 130,000 of each. In the Western states, and particularly in the Northwest, mules are not numerous, being used principally in mines. Recently an ingenious inventor has devised a plan for doing away with this employment of mules by substituting an electric appliance for the cartage of ore. In California, and especially in southern California, in agricultural operations the number of mules is considerable, and it is, moreover, increasing. At the beginning of 1868 there were only 850,000 mules in the United States. In 1880 there were 1,700,000. Since 1893 the number of horses has been steadily declining.

SERMONS IN A PARAGRAPH.

The early bird gets caught by the milliner.

Nature begins fools, and women finish them.

A man may smile and smile and be a dentist still.

Woman is worth her weight in gold, but she always wants more.

Friendship is not so difficult as admiration of our friends' friends.

It is a hard task to make an explanation to a person who doesn't intend to accept it.

Home is that dear place where we are not afraid to break crackers into our oyster soup.

Talking is like riding a wheel: a man may know when to stop, but may not know how to stop.—Chicago Record.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, March 24.—The stock market today was alternatively feverish and stagnant, closing at the lowest with the losses confined to fractions in the railways, but ranging from 1 to 3 points elsewhere. The Cuban situation was the all-important factor today as it has been for a long time in the market's fluctuations. Prices rallied sharply at the opening on the assumption that there would be more delay in dealing with the Cuban question.

The change of attitude of foreign financiers towards American securities was used by the bears to hammer the international shares at frequent intervals. The pressure against St. Paul, New York Central, Louisville and Union Pacific preferred resulted in recessions of over a point as compared with the high prices established in recent trading. The weakness of Spanish fours abroad did not escape observation as it was coupled with the announcement that the Spanish torpedo flotilla was proceeding westward. Washington selling emphasized the local speculators' interpretation of the activity in the navy department and the declaration in the senate by a recent observer of the conditions in Cuba that the horrors there were impossible of exaggeration and called for intervention, was not without effect. These things taken collectively checked the momentary bidding up of prices which followed the senate's determination to adjourn until Monday. Covering of shorts from time to time hardened the market's tone, but this in each instance failed to last. The selling movement in the final hour brought about the lowest level of the day. The total sales of stocks were 323,500 shares.

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	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Am. Sug. Re'g Co	114½	115⅛	112½	112⅞
Atch., To. & S. Fe	11	11	11	11
A., T. & S. F., Pr	21⅝	24⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Am. Tobacco Co	95¾	98⅝	98¼	98⅝
Am. Spirits	7	7	7	7
Brook. R. T.	37	37⅝	36½	36½
Bay State Gas	2⅝	2⅝	2½	2½
N. J. Central	90¼	90¼	89¼	89⅛
Chic. & G. W	10	10	9⅝	9⅝
Chic. & N. W	115¼	115⅛	114⅛	114⅛
Chic., B. & Q	88¼	89	87½	87½
Chicago Gas	88⅝	88½	87⅝	88
Chic., Mil. & St. P	87⅝	88¼	86⅝	86⅝
Chic., R. I. & P	81¼	81⅝	81⅛	81⅛
Chic., St. P. M. & O.	67½	67½	67	67
C. C. C. & St. L	26¾	26⅝	26	26
Delaware & Hud	107	107	107	107
N. Y., L. E. & W	12½	12½	12½	12½
Gen. Electric	32	32	31½	31⅞
Lake Shore	182	182	182	182
Louis. & Nash	46¾	47⅛	45⅝	45⅝
Manhattan Ele	96½	97⅝	95¼	96¼
M. K. & Tex., Pr	31	31	30⅝	30⅝
Mo. Pacific	24	24½	23⅝	23⅞
Nat. Lead	28	28	27¾	27¾
N. Y. Central	107¾	108¼	106¾	106¾
North. Pacific	21¼	21¼	20½	20½
Nor. Pacific, Pr	59⅝	60¼	59	59
Pacific Mail	25⅛	25⅝	23⅛	23⅝
Southern R. R	7¼	7¾	7¼	7¼
Southern R. R., Pr	25	25	24⅞	24⅞
Tenn., C. & Iron	18½	18½	18	18
Texas & Pacific	9	9	9	9
Union Pac., 1st Pr	48⅝	49⅝	47½	47⅝
U. S. Rubber	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
U. S. Leather	5¾	5¾	5¾	5¾
U. S. Leather, Pr	56	56	55½	55½
Wabash, Pr	14¾	14⅞	14⅝	14⅝
West. Union	84¾	85¼	83½	83½
W. & L. E.	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝	2⅝
Met. Traction Co	136½	137¼	132½	132½
Haw. Sugar	30	31¾	30	31¾

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	105	105¾	104	104
July	84⅝	84½	82¾	82¾
CORN.				
May	29	29	28⅝	28⅝
July	30¼	30¼	29⅞	29⅞
OATS.				
May	25⅞	25⅞	25½	25½
July	23¼	23¼	23	23
PORK.				
May	9.67	9.70	9.60	9.62
LARD.				
May	5.05	5.05	5.00	5.00

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations--All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	...	20
National Boring & Drill'g Co.	...	80
First National Bank	700	...
Elmhurst Boulevard	...	100
Scranton Savings Bank	225	...
Scranton Packing Co	...	95
Lacka. Iron & Steel Co	...	150
Third National Bank	385	...
Troop Novelty Mfg. Co	...	80
Scranton Traction Co	18	...
Scranton Axle Works	..	75
Weston Mill Co	..	250
Alexander Car Replacer Co	..	100
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	150	...
Peck Lumber Mfg Co	175	210
Economy Light, Heat & Power Co	...	45
Scranton Illuminating, Heat & Power Company	85	...
BONDS.		
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage, due 1929	115	...
People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918	115	...
Peoples Street Railway, General mortgage, due 1921	115	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co	...	100
Lacka. Township School 5's	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6's	...	102
Mt. Vernon Coal Co	...	85
Scranton Axel Works	...	100
Scranton Traction Co., first mortgage, 6's, due 1932	103	...

Philadelphia Provision Market.

Philadelphia, March 24. — Wheat—⅛c. lower; contract grade, March, 88⅝a88⅞c.; April, 88⅝a88⅞c.; May and June, nominal. Corn—¼c. lower; No. 2 mixed, March, 33¾a33⅞c.; April and May, 33⅞a34c.; June, nominal. Oats—No. 2 white, March, 33a33c.; April, May and June, nominal. Potatoes—Steady; white, choice, per bushel, 80a85c.; do. fair to good, do., 70a80c.; sweets, prime red, per basket, 70a75c.; do. do. yellow, do. do., 65a70c.; do. seconds, do. do., 40a50c. Butter—Steady; fancy western creamery, 20c.; do. prints, 21c. Eggs—Steady; fresh, nearby, 10c.; do. western, 10½c.; do. southern, 10c. Cheese—Steady. Refined Sugars—Unchanged. Cotton—Steady. Tallow—Quiet; city prime, in hogsheads, 3⅜c.; country, do. do., barrels, 3¼a3⅜c.; dark, do., 3c.; cakes, 5½a3⅝c.; grease, 2¾a3c. Live Poultry—Firm; fowls, 9½a10c.; old roosters, 7c.; broilers, 17a20c.; ducks, 12c. Dressed Poultry—Firmer; fowls, choice, 10½c.; do. fair to good, 9½a10c.; chickens, fancy, large, 11a11½c.; do. fair to good, do., 10a10½c.; common and scalded, do., 7a9c.; turkeys, fancy, 11a12c.; choice, do., 10c.; fair to good, do., 8a9c.; ducks, good to choice, do., 8a10c. Receipts—Flour, 2,500 barrels and 8,000 sacks; wheat, 12,000 bushels; corn, 105,000 bushels; oats, 9,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 2,000 bushels; corn, 213,000 bushels; oats, 205,000 bushels.

New York Produce Market.

New York, March 24.—Flour—Weak and lower to sell; trade entirely in small lots. Minnesota patents, $5.15a5.45; winter patents, $4.90a5.35. Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red, $1.03½ f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.09½ f. o. b., afloat to arrive; No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1.11½ f. o. b., afloat to arrive; options opened steady on cables and moderate covering but were unable to sustain the advance long owing to bearishness of scalpers on warmer weather news. Liquidation again developed as an afternoon feature in spite of fair export orders, and prices closed weak