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CITY NOTES.

Hulslander & Alworth have removed their office to the new Connell building. There will be a regular meeting of directors of Florence Mission Tuesday at 9.30 a. m. There will be a regular meeting of the board of health at their rooms in the city hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Service this evening at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. D. J. Borrell, of New York, will preach. Everybody invited. The Scranton Railway company yesterday put a new schedule into effect between Moosic and Pittston, which gives a twenty-minute service between these points. The parish room of St. Luke's church is removed from the board of trade building to 6th Union street. All Guild meetings, confirmation classes, etc., will be held there hereafter. Marriage licenses were granted yesterday to Levi J. Edwards, of Elmhurst, and Minnie A. Wood, of Madisonville; Robert Martin, of Daryea, and Anna E. Taylor, of Lackawanna; Willis L. Smith and Esther S. Van Fleet, of Benton. Rev. H. A. Grant received word yesterday morning of the death of Rev. Richard Turner, at Albany City, Pa., on Saturday morning. Rev. Turner was officiating at the funeral of the late African Methodist Episcopal church of this city, and was quite well known here. The Delaware and Hudson company paid at the Leggett's Creek and Matine mines Saturday and yesterday at the Von Storch mine and repair shops, at Providence. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay today at the Oxford, Bellevue and Dodge mines. The third rank team of Scranton lodge, Knights of Pythias, will visit Lackawanna lodge, 12, at Olyfaunt, this evening for the purpose of conferring the rank on several aspirants. Members of the order who wish to accompany them should be at the circle hall of Scranton lodge not later than 7.30. Camp 212, Patriotic Order Sons of America, will tonight celebrate the anniversary of General Lee's surrender to General Grant at their rooms. State President Colburn will deliver the leading address, and addresses will also be delivered by Albinson John T. Howe, Samuel Roberts and William Wilmore.

IT WILL CEASE TO EXIST.

Little Interest Shown by Clergymen in City Pastors' Union. On the first Monday of the month the city pastors who are members of the Pastors' union met to exchange views. Yesterday the regular meeting was called for 10.30 o'clock at Elm Park church. The only subject announced was "Shall We Continue," that is, should the City Pastors' union remain a body or should it discontinue the monthly sessions. A growing lack of attendance caused this view to be taken, and it is probable that the meeting to be held the first Monday in May will be the last regular meeting of the union. Eight members were present yesterday but a meeting was not held.

Fresh Fish and Oysters Every Day.

THE SCRANTON CASH STORE

WHY DID THE BIG FLY-WHEEL BREAK

Coroner's Jury Has Begun a Search for a Reasonable Reason.

TESTIMONY HEARD LAST NIGHT

It Did Not Throw Much Light on the Cause of the Fatal Accident in the Green Ridge Iron Works of a Week Ago—Another Meeting of the Jury Will Be Held Tonight When Other Workmen Will Be Heard.

A coroner's inquest that promises to develop no little interest was begun last night in the case of Owen Davis, the young man killed by the bursting of a fly-wheel in the Green Ridge Iron Works last Tuesday morning. The inquest was held in the arbitration room at the court house.

The examination of many witnesses whose knowledge, it was thought, might determine the primary cause of the fatality and thus place the responsibility. The importance attached to the affair by the family of young Davis and by those interested in the works was shown in the fact that each had attorneys present last evening. John P. Scragg for the former and E. F. Newcomb for the latter. The father and brother of the deceased, were present, the brother sitting with Mr. Scragg. With Mr. Newcomb was F. A. Spencer, the general manager of the works. There was a large crowd of iron workers present.

Contrary to his usual custom, Coroner Longstreet permitted the attorneys to question the witnesses. The care and minuteness with which the coroner conducted his examination was further evidence of the import with which he views the case. The investigation was not finished. An adjournment was made to this evening, when possibly all the evidence will be in. It is not improbable that the jury will ask the coroner's permission to visit the works for the purpose of examining carefully the broken wheel and the havoc it wrought.

WHAT THEY TRIED TO PROVE.

It was attempted by Mr. Newcomb, for the company, to bring out evidence that the big wheel was broken by the falling of the counter shaft or by the unforeseen circumstance of something falling into the wheel pit or on the wheel. For the Davis people Mr. Scragg was as energetic in trying to draw an inference that in the wheel itself was the first cause of the disaster. Of the many witnesses examined none were able to swear positively as to the cause. A few ventured opinions and nearly all were positive that the wheel itself was safe.

Assistant General Manager Frederick W. Gerecke, of the Dickson Manufacturing company, was the first witness. The Dickson company built the wheel. Something must have fallen into it, Mr. Gerecke said. Its speed could not have caused the bursting, owing to its peculiar sectional and flexible construction. He has examined the parts of the wheel since the accident for the purpose of having a new one made. Mr. Gerecke had with him drawings made of the wheel before its construction over twenty years ago. He did not know the drawings existed when Mr. Spencer, the son of the owner of the works, telephoned him to make measurements for a new wheel. He explained the drawings to the jury and said if the wheel had "wobbled" the circumstance did not signify its unsafe condition. Nearly all big fly wheels "wobbled" unless they had been turned. The wheel could not have run unduly untrue for six months, as alleged, unless the shafting or foundation was loose.

W. B. Cobb, superintendent of the works, testified he had inspected the wheel with more or less thoroughness every day, as he did all the machinery. The rim of the wheel ran perhaps three-quarters of an inch out of a true line. He considered it as safe as any wheel he ever saw, and he had examined or been in charge of many such in his many years experience. It was not secure, however, until about six months ago, when a new bed of furnace cinder, cement and iron binding rods had been built for it.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT.

Superintendent Cobb said he believed the break was caused by the falling of a part of the counter-shafting, which was suspended above the open space between the engine and the rolls. The "waxing" or untrueness of the wheel had nothing to do with it. Its shaft was found to be true after the accident. He admitted there were two grooves for keying the wheel to the shaft, and that only one key was in place before the accident, but explained that only one key had ever been used.

The regular engineer was not on duty when the accident occurred. The man in charge of the engine performed that duty occasionally when not at work in the blacksmith shop. He knew that weights were on the governors of the engine at the time of the accident in order to increase the speed of the engine, but the speed was not above two revolutions per minute though the wheel could do 400 or 500.

William Cox, the boss roller, who had worked twenty-eight years in rolling mills, said he knew the wheel wavered. That signified no imperfection. He considered it safe. He did tell the elder Davis the whole rolling mechanism was unsafe, but that was before the new bed was put in. Before the accident he first heard a cracking from above, evidently from the counter shafting or belt. He then saw dust flying in the wheel pit and ran just before the wheel broke.

What appeared to be the beginning of sensational evidence was offered by John Gehrens, who had worked six years in the mill, and whose position as a rougher at the rolls was only three feet from the wheel. He had seen it raise the foundation five or six inches. On perceiving the interest attracted by this statement Gehrens explained that this insecurity was before the new foundation had been built.

Before the wheel burst, Gehrens heard a cracking sound from above and then a grinding in the wheel pit. He ran away just before the wheel broke. Other employees who testified were Robert Bush, a spike feeder, who cleaned and inspected the wheel pit and examined the wheel rim on the Thursday before the accident occurred; Christopher Lee, a rougher; John Wells, a blacksmith; Charles Cobb, a spikemaker; and Barney Williams, a heater. All considered the wheel and rolls safe since the new foundation was put in. They had no fear in

walking constantly about the wheel. Before the new foundation was built they thought the wheel unsafe and talked about it.

Before adjournment Coroner Longstreet consented to hear the evidence of John W. Davis, a brother of the young man who was killed. He came here from Alton, Ill., to attend the funeral and intended returning west this morning. His testimony related particularly to his examination of the broken parts of the wheel and the counter shaft.

Davis said he found old rust and evidences of an old crack in the rim of one of the segments of the wheel. He was positive the crack was not a new one. He was not so certain about the rust on the counter shaft, though the crack might have been an old one. He said Superintendent Cobb had made cutting statements to him concerning the accident. The superintendent first said the counter shaft had broken and fallen into the wheel, but later ventured the opinion that the disaster had been caused by the quick starting of the engine and court action.

This evening Chief Hickey, of the fire department, who responded to the fire alarm from the mill, will describe the wreckage. Among the many other witnesses will be Price, the man in charge of the engine when the wheel broke.

ASSIGNEE MOTT'S FEES

They Were Paid Down More Than Four Hundred Dollars by Judge H. W. Archbald.

Once again, as has been its custom periodically for the past eighteen years, the old Hyde Park bank assignment came up in court yesterday. Last April the assignee, Smith B. Mott, reported that there was \$8,278.89 ready for distribution and court appointed Attorney John M. Harris as auditor to make the distribution.

Among the items allowed by the auditor was one of \$1,327.50 for compensation of the assignee. The creditors of the bank, through Attorney Charles H. Picher, took exception to this allowance and the matter went before Judge Archbald for adjudication.

Yesterday the judge handed down a lengthy opinion dealing with the controversy. Five per cent, he says, is the usual rate for assignees, two and one-half per cent, for collections and a like amount for distributions. This rule applied to the present case would give the assignee \$522.50, which is \$855 less than the compensation claimed.

When asked to account for the additional claim, the assignee made the statement that he had charged a regular fee of \$100 a year for services as accountant during the nine years that the present partial accounting had been under way, and credited himself with the \$872.50 additional for extra services, entailed in conducting litigation that was encountered from time to time and which compelled him to forego other employment.

Judge Archbald declines to adopt the "time basis" as suggested by the assignee. This is palpably inappropriate, he claims, because it would mean that the longer the assignee could keep the creditors out of their money the bigger would be his fees, which is the exact contrary of what ought to be. The correct solution, the judge held, would be to allow the usual percentage and if anything calls for extra compensation allow it providing it is meritorious.

Proceeding on this basis, he allows the regular percentage, which amounts to \$522.50. It might be contended, he goes on to say, that the collections that are made without any more exertion than receiving and receipting for them would offset such as required lawsuits for their collection, but brushing this aside, the judge doubles the amount allowed for counsel fees to Mr. Merrifield, attorney for the assignee, whose services unquestionably were of value in the litigation as was those of the assignee, and then, for good measure throws in an extra \$100, and putting it all together, \$522.50 for regular services, \$100 for work as a litigator and \$100 for instance, the judge says take all that and be satisfied.

This gives the assignee \$922.50 and places \$455 more to the amount to be distributed. It is deemed better, however, to hold this \$455 until the next distribution, so as not to mislead any another auditor's distribution of the fund at present ready.

The claims of the creditors altogether amount to \$20,000. Forty-six per cent, has been paid and twenty-six per cent, more is embraced in the present distribution. The balance of the fund is to have the bothersome assignment settled up as soon as possible and gotten out of the courts.

SAM AUSTIN, REFEREE.

Will Be Here to Referee the Mullens-McFadden Fight.

Sam C. Austin, of New York city, the famous boxing and general sporting authority, has been engaged by the American Sporting club to referee the McFadden-Mullens glove contest in Music hall next Tuesday night. The engaging of so high-priced a referee was decided upon in view of the growing demand of patrons of the sport here for the best possible in that line and because of the great satisfaction given by Austin in his refereeing of the recent Judge-Bartley contest.

For a preliminary match for six rounds has been arranged between George Cuff, of Carbondale, and "Whack" McLoughlin, of Bellevue. The latter is the youngster who got the decision over Gibbons, of Pittston. Cuff and McLoughlin will box at 125 pounds.

McFadden will reach Carbondale from New York city today to begin his training there with Bobby Dobbs, who is preparing for his twenty-round engagement with Harry Lemons before the Olympic club of Buffalo, next Monday night.

DOUGHERTY BADLY INJURED.

Was Shot by an Italian, Who is Still at Liberty.

John Dougherty, of Moosic, was seriously injured Saturday night by a bullet fired from a revolver in the hands of an Italian who is still at liberty. Dr. Berge, of Avoca, who is attending the young man, said last night that his condition is serious, but fatal consequences are not likely to ensue.

Easter Gifts. What's nicer than Flowering plants? At Clark's Annex, 140 and 142 Washington avenue, Mears building.

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SUES TO RECOVER FOR 1,800 TREES

L. I. & C. Company Begins a \$10,000 Trespass Suit Against W. M. Springer.

INVADED NEIGHBORING TRACT

Alleged That the Defendant Crossed Over a Well Defined Boundary Line and Carried Away 1,800 Trees. Mr. Springer After Being Released from the Custody of the Sheriff is Arrested by a Constable and Held on a Criminal Charge.

A \$10,000 action in trespass was begun yesterday by the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company against W. M. Springer, who is accused of despoiling the plaintiff company's timber land of 1,800 trees.

In his declaration, filed by Willard, Warren & Knapp, General Manager C. C. Mattes says that the defendant took the lumber in question knowing that it belonged to the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company.

A tract owned by Springer and the "Daniel Smith tract," owned by the plaintiff company, adjoin in Lackawanna township, the declaration goes on to relate. Along the dividing line the trunks of the trees are painted red and it is a notorious fact that this "red line" divides the two tracts. In addition to this, there is a cleared strip twenty feet wide extending the whole length of the dividing line, making the division so apparent that it is impossible to avoid knowing it, once it is seen.

With all this, it is alleged, Mr. Springer, during the year 1897 and part of 1898 crossed over from his own land onto that of the company and cut down and carried therefrom over 1,800 trees, which were made into mine props and sold to various coal companies hereabouts.

The number of trees thus taken was arrived at by counting the stumps, a man formerly employed by Mr. Springer aiding in the enumeration. The trees are valued at \$5 apiece, the plaintiff alleges.

When court opened yesterday morning a capias was asked for by the plaintiff and it was requested that court fix the bail at \$10,000. This was done and a few hours later Mr. Springer was in the custody of the sheriff.

Springer, M. J. Martin, acting for Mr. Springer, went before Judge Gunster and representing that the bail required was excessive, secured a rule reducing the amount of the bail to \$1,000 pending the disposition of the question as to whether or not the \$10,000 bail is excessive, which will be argued Saturday morning.

Mr. Springer had only gotten out of the sheriff's hands when he was taken in charge by an officer of Alderman Millar's court, where he was wanted to

GALLEN'S.

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This season we inaugurate new prices in our Children's Department, and with our immense variety of novelties it cannot fail to be what it always has been—the most attractive in the city. Prices are from \$1.79 to \$7.50. Vestee, Junior, Reeler and Sailor Suits—everything that the little fellow wears is here from his Hat to his Shoes.

Advertisement for Children's clothing featuring illustrations of boys in various outfits and a list of items like 'Children's All Wool Fancy Vestee Suits' and 'Children's Fancy Blue Chevrot Sailor Suits'.

PENN CLOTHING AND SHOE HOUSE

137 AND 139 PENN AVENUE.

Advertisement for 'The New Home' glass globes, featuring the text 'Needs New Glass Globes' and 'China Ball' logo.

MILLAR & PECK, 134 Wyoming Avenue.

COURT ASKED TO INTERFERE.

Injunction Issued Against Wilkes-Barre City Council.

When the Wilkes-Barre city council met for reorganization yesterday morning Sheriff James Martin served on the members of council papers in injunction proceedings to restrain them from taking an action towards accepting the provisions of the act governing cities of the third class, or toward forfeiting the special charter under which the city is now operating.

George H. Parrish, George S. Bennett, Andrew Hunlock and other citizens of Wilkes-Barre are the complainants.

EARLY MORNING ARREST.

A young local crook, William Money, found guilty of more than one offence, was found lurking in Railroad alley at an early hour this morning by Patrolman Day.

Money was placed under arrest and locked in the central police station. When searched, the prisoner's pockets were found to contain eight knives, a pair of clippers, a screw driver and several dollars in silver money. He was slightly intoxicated.

Dr. G. D. Murray

has removed his office to his residence, 438 Wyoming avenue, next door to the new Colliery Engineer building.

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12-Inch Vase in green, only with the graceful gold trimming that accompanies all Bohemian ware; was 50c, this week.....24c
14-Inch Vase White glass only, pressed gold decorations with colors, worth 75c, this week.....49c
Water Set Green only, 6 glasses, 2 qt. jug and tray, worth 75c, this week.....49c
10 Styles of Vases that are colored and shaped to form flowers; the newest in blown glass, worth 40c, this week.....24c
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205 Lackawanna Ave.

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