

LIVE NEWS OF WEST SCRANTON

John Snover Brutally Assaulted and Robbed in Keyser Valley.

HIS VERSION OF THE AFFAIR

Was on His Way to the House of His Brother at the Continental When Set Upon by Two Men—Entertainment Given in the Mission School on Landis Street—Dr. Charles H. Fisher Willing to Go to the Front. One Arrest Made Last Night.

Another case of highway robbery has been added to the long list of such happenings reported from time to time from the vicinity of Landis street and Keyser avenue. As in several other instances, murder was almost added to the other offenses.

John Snover, a well-known young man who resides with his brother at the Continental, was waylaid, sandwiched and robbed about 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the above vicinity.

One of his alleged assailants was apprehended late last night. The circumstances as given a Tribune reporter by Mr. Snover himself are as follows:

He was in the central city on business early in the evening and about 11 o'clock boarded a Washington street car to return home. After leaving the car he walked on Washington street to the Keyser Valley tracks of the Delaware, Lehigh and Western railroad and turning to the left proceeded down the tracks towards the Continental. He had crossed the road which passes between the tracks and John Lawrence street at Twenty-second street, when two men came up to him, one on either side.

A few minutes later, however, two more fellows came up to him, closely followed by a fifth man. These last two had lately reached him from the one on the left and he was in a straining effort to get to the left of his right hand, and he sank in his hands to the tracks.

When he became conscious of his surroundings he was lying in the ditch about two hundred feet from the spot where he had been assaulted. His pockets were filled with clothes torn and dirty and his collar and shirt buttons were scattered about. He had \$7.50 in money and a check for a large amount in his pockets, but nothing else of any particular value. The check was not disturbed, but the money was taken.

He went on home, and when he reached there he found it was after 2 o'clock, so he must have laid unconscious for several hours. On his head an iron wire about the size of a silver dollar and which marks the spot where the wire struck. The blow, he says, just above and from this he concluded it was either a sandbag or black-jack headed with fine shot. The condition of his clothes may have been the result of his being carried or dragged to the ditch, out of doors. The latter theory seems most plausible, as a large bruise is apparent on his right thigh.

Late last evening John Callahan, of Twenty-second street, was arrested on information sworn to before Alderman John by Mr. Snover. Detectives William and Patrolman Curran made the

arrest and the prisoner will be given a hearing this morning, when Mr. Snover will appear against him.

CASE WAS DISMISSED

Adam Papan and Mike Kapicels were given a hearing before Alderman Moses last evening on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Paul Bargo. The principals are residents of Taylor and the case was replete with interesting features. Bargo, as the evidence submitted showed, was actuated by a spirit of revenge.

A few days ago Bargo went into the house of Kapicels and assaulted Kapicels by striking her on the head with a heavy water pail, inflicting a serious wound. The Taylor police were called and Officer John Howard responded. Bargo tried to run away and Howard, while holding another man, ordered the two to catch Bargo. The two defendants did. Bargo was given a hearing and had to settle. He thrived for revenge and tried to get outside of the borough limits before a disinterested party.

There being no evidence to show that he had been injured bodily by being arrested for his own act, the case was discharged and the county will pay the fiddler.

ENTERTAINMENT IN MISSION SCHOOL

A large audience enjoyed the entertainment given at the Mission school, on Landis street, last night by the members of the First Methodist Episcopal Mission school. The affair had been arranged for the purpose of raising funds toward paying for a library recently purchased for the use of the members. A substantial sum was realized.

David Davis acted as chairman and Miss Marion Jones was accompanist. The programme as rendered consisted of solos by David J. Jones, John Evans, T. G. Thornburn, A. C. Morris, Thomas Jones, Edwin Boyson. Recitations were given by the Misses Eva Thomas, Marie Taylor and Elizabeth Jones, the Misses Norma Hughes and Marion Jones sang a duet. Interspersed throughout the programme were selections by the graphophone by Gomer Jones.

LECTURE ON GLADSTONE

Next Monday evening, April 15, at the First Welsh Baptist church, on South Main avenue, the Rev. James Hughes, formerly of Kilmahilly, South Africa, will deliver a lecture in the English language on "Gladstone, the Great Old Man."

Those who have had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Hughes lecture in this city on former occasions anticipate a treat, as his thorough knowledge of the life and public career of England's experienced minister will afford an opportunity for the equipment of a gentleman and with honorable mention, too.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Rosa Hartman, of Benton, Pa., has returned home, after an extended visit to friends here. Mrs. R. T. and South Lincoln avenue, is the guest of friends at Clark's Summit. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hartman, of North Rebecca avenue, have returned from a visit with friends at South Gibson, Pa. Mrs. Charles Kuhlman, of North Bromley avenue, is quite ill at her home. Miss Rachel Zachariah, of Hampton street, is at Bath, N. Y. Mrs. W. T. Swingle, of North Garfield avenue, is visiting at Salem, Pa. Mrs. H. O. Hettig, of Sixth street, is the guest of relatives at Salem. Edward Tierney, of Luzerne street, has returned from a trip to Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price, of Seattle, Washington, are visiting relatives here.

MINOR NEWS NOTES

Friday evening at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church a gathering will be held which means much for the church. The Jews will be broken and their contents counted. These little things are being done about six months ago and were to be filled by such persons. A social session will follow the job-breaking.

In Meers' hall, Friday evening, a unique social will be conducted by the members of the Ladies' Temperance League. The music has been arranged for and a first-rate programme of dances prepared. The affair has been styled a "cup" social, and several novelties will be introduced between dances.

The dusty paved streets of West Scranton were visited by the "Dust Devils" last evening. This visit of the dust department was a very welcome one.

The members of Waco council, No. 45, Degree of Past Masters, met in regular session last evening at Red Men's hall, on South Main avenue.

A party of West Scranton young people enjoyed an outing at Bald Mountain yesterday. In addition to the other interesting events of the trip, a ride was enjoyed on the quarry railroad.

The party, chaperoned by Mrs. Lucy Feltz, comprised the Messes Francis, William, and William, Elbe and Conrad Feltz, Charles Geary, Charles Storm, Morris Shannon and Jack Shepherd, of Wilkes-Barre.

A party of twenty young ladies met at the residence of the Misses Lottie and Ida Lee, on South Lincoln avenue, yesterday afternoon and held a "sewing bee." The afternoon passed pleasantly and yards of rags were seen, later the hostesses served tea to their guests.

Great interest is being taken by the residents of this side in the Tribune building, during the day and evening, at Jenkins' pubarmacy, corner of South Main avenue and Jackson street. Especially was this so last evening when the bulletin announcing the vote taken in the house of representatives yesterday afternoon was posted.

The groups are often seen walking across the floor and tripping on a mat and in trying to prevent a fall she struck her hand against a chair, breaking the second finger in two places. Each break comes in between a knuckle. A physician was called and the finger was set. It will prevent Mrs. Thomas from playing for some time.

NORTH SCRANTON

Miss Edith Davies, of Green street, left yesterday for Saxton, where she will spend some time with relatives.

Mrs. John Greer, of Wayne avenue, is ill.

In case of charges of burglary, larceny and receiving stolen goods was heard yesterday afternoon in Alderman Robert's court. From the evidence submitted by the prosecutor, Thomas Flynn, and his witnesses it was shown that the defendants, Patrick and James McNulty, were proprietors of a restaurant on West Market street, and rented the place from "The Joint" at 104½ West Market street.

The McNultys were charged with receiving stolen goods and the rent as a consequence was not paid. They decided to vacate the premises and made an arrangement with Mr. Flynn whereby he was to receive all fixtures of the place in lieu of the rent. The same evening the McNulty's vacated, the place was taken from the place. Mr. Flynn was not content with letting the matter rest, so he did a little detective work on his own account. While walking carelessly he discovered the stolen articles in the possession of Patrick Moran and a search warrant was immediately sworn out for his arrest and placed in the hands of Constable Bernard Davis. After much difficulty Moran was arrested. He was placed under arrest and given a hearing before the court. Moran was also charged with receiving stolen goods. After reviewing the details of the case the alderman held the trial in bail for their appearance.

The Providence United choir will meet this evening in company with the choir of the church of St. Mary's. Business of much importance is to be transacted.

The funeral of Joseph Danvers will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at his home on Wayne avenue. The Rev. W. G. Watkins, of the North Main avenue Baptist church, will officiate.

GREEN RIDGE

M. C. Carr, of Dickson avenue, was in Forest City yesterday.

Frederick Smith, of Monsey avenue, is spending a few weeks at Elizabeth, N. J. Rev. P. J. McManus has returned from Wilmington, Del., and the corner stone of

THE POPULATION OF SCRANTON

Scranton is about 100,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, and these are according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price 25 and 50c. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

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RAILWAYS OF JAPAN.

Phenomenal Progress Made in 1917. 3,000 Miles N. W. in Operation.

From the Japan Times. Last year (1917) the progress of railway enterprise in Japan was phenomenal. Since the pioneer railway was constructed between Tokyo and Yokohama, a distance of 30 miles, in 1852, the system has been extended at an average rate of 100 miles a year, so that at the end of March, 1917, which concluded the twenty-ninth fiscal year, the total mileage had reached 2,448 miles. At one time, however, during the year just expired, no less than 150 miles approximately were added to the total, thus bringing it up to 3,000 miles in round numbers. Of the 3,000 miles newly opened for traffic during last year, the Tokuyama section of the Sobu Railway were the most important, for their mileage alone aggregated 120 miles and some fractions.

Of the works of construction actively pushed on since last year we may mention, among the Government lines, the Central line, the construction of which was begun from the three different termini at Nagoya, Tachioji and Shin-ono; the Komatsu-Tsuno section via Kanazawa of the Hokuriku Railway, and the Pakuhime-Yamanaka section of the Tohoku Railway, which is to effect a junction ultimately with the Aomori terminus of the Nippon railway's line. With regard to private railway enterprise we may mention the coast section from Taira to Nakamura of the Tokai branch of the San'yō Railway; the Koryama-Wakamatsu section of the Ganyū branch of the same railway; the San'yō-Nagasaki section of the Hohyū Railway; the Kamo-Nara and Shijō Nawaite-Kitsu sections of the Kansai Railway; and the prolongation of the Tokuyama terminus of the San'yō Railway as far as Mitajiri. When this prolongation shall have been completed the next work to be undertaken will be the further extension of the Kansai Railway, which, according to the programme, will be the terminus at one end as Kobe is at the other.

On the completion of the above-mentioned two sections of the Kansai railway, Osaka and Nagoya will be connected, and the Kansai line will be extended to the facility now afforded by the Government Tokaido line. Railway enterprise is also active in Kyushu. The Hayati-Omura section and the Sasebo branch of the Keiyū railway have been virtually completed