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PENN-AVENUE PASTOR. Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, of Philadelphia, is Engaged Temporarily. The acting pastor, or supply, for the Penn Avenue Baptist church will be Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, of Philadelphia, who will have charge of all the services Sundays and on week days while the church is securing a pastor. He is an evangelist, and an ardent worker among young people. At the last state convention of Christian Endeavor, Mr. Pierce was one of the most popular speakers. His blackboard work with Juniors and in the Sunday school is said to be very effective. He left active pastorate duties to do special evangelistic work, and was for some time connected with the Grace Temple, of Philadelphia, acting as Mr. Russell Conwell's assistant. He is now superintendent of the Philadelphia Breakfast association, which is doing a large work in the field of rescue missions.

At their "Strangers' Inn" there are often 1,200 present at one time, and many conversions result from their practical work. Mr. Pierce will be accompanied here by his wife. They have engaged apartments at the Terrace hotel.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED. Smith Divorce Case Will Probably Be Aired. The divorce case of E. J. Smith against Mabel A. Smith will be tried before a jury, the demand for that having been made by the respondent's attorney, George W. Beale, yesterday.

The allegation against Mrs. Smith that she abused her husband for long period of time making his life a burden and then deserted him without cause or provocation. This, she denies, she says she never abused him and that the fact of being the deserter she was deserted. They were married Nov. 1893, and lived together until Nov. 1895.

MANY THOUSANDS GO UP IN SMOKE Surface Plant of Oxford Colliery Almost Totally Destroyed. PROPERTY LOSS REACHES \$150,000. Early Morning Fire Consumes the Big Breaker, Cull Washery, Boiler Houses, Blacksmith and Carpenter Shops and Other Structures--Five Hundred Hands Thrown Out of Employment--Firemen Were Powerless to Cope With the Flames.

The fire, yesterday morning almost totally wiped out the surface plant of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company's Oxford colliery on Tenth street, entailing a property loss of \$150,000 and big consequential damages that cannot be estimated. The breaker with the main engine room, valued at \$70,000, the recently erected cull washery, which cost \$45,000, the fan house, boiler room, carpenter and blacksmith shops, pump house and retail pockets were totally destroyed and an annex boiler house, to the north, wash house, water tank and other buildings were more or less damaged. The flames broke out in the fan house adjoining the breaker on the south at about 5 o'clock, from some cause not accounted for, but supposed to be an overheated fan. The oil soaked timbers and a stiff south wind accelerated the progress of the flames and in a very short time both these buildings were completely enveloped and the others were one after the other taking fire from the monster tongues of flames that reached to all directions. Twenty minutes would not be an exaggeration of the time that intervened between the breaking out of the flames and the sounding of the alarm, according to the statement made about the scene yesterday. There is a fire alarm station at the breaker but when an attempt was made to utilize it, it was found that the connecting wires had been melted by the flames. Then a message was had to box 35 at the corner of Main avenue and Jackson street.

ALARM SENT OUT. The alarm sent from here brought the West Side companies to the scene, but on their arrival they found it barely possible to get near enough to the fire to reach it with a steamer stream. Chief Hickey upon arriving telephoned for help and succeeded in getting five companies of the central city fire department to the scene. All worked heroically but their efforts were of little avail. Every building attacked by the fire was totally consumed with exception of the annex boiler house to the north, which and its nearest and destroyed the retail pockets, to the west, which were so badly burned that what remains of them will have to be torn down and several small buildings which because of their location were scorched rather than burned.

CRIBBING TOOK FIRE. The cribbing of the main shaft took fire at the surface opening and burned for some distance. The flames were easily extinguished, however, by a hose taken down the second opening and through the rock vein to the main shaft. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mine officials from all over the valley were early on the scene and when attention was turned from the conflagration they joined in devising means for saving the mine which is an extremely "wet" one.

The pumps at the foot of the shaft were supplied with steam from the breaker boilers and when this supply was cut off, the water accumulated with great rapidity. At 4 o'clock it had reached such a depth that portions of the pump were under water, and much difficulty was encountered in making connections with the temporary steam pipes, hurriedly run through the second opening, which fortunately came over the top of the water. No accurate account of the loss could be secured. Assistant Coal Agent A. H. Storrs declining to give out any information on the subject, saying it was the company's business and did not interest the public. The estimates given above were arrived at after interviews were had with subordinate officials and insurance men on the scene. The consequential damages will be large, but not as large as they might have been, it is said, because the mine was seven or eight years "ahead of its losses," or in other words can be idle that long without being called upon to pay royalty by default.

SHUT DOWN SATURDAY. The mine shut down last Saturday and there was nothing definite given out as to when it would start again. Some few men were employed beginning Monday, in taking the pea coal from the bank where it was stored and running it through the breaker screens to prepare it for market. This would not continue long, however. The mine is one of the oldest in the region, having been in operation since 1862. It has a capacity larger than the average colliery and still has large deposits of coal unworked. The cull washery was built three years ago. It was a very modern structure in the matter of equipment and had a big capacity. William Thornton was outgoing foreman and Joseph Lloyd inside foreman. Nearly 1,200 feet of city hose was destroyed at the fire and the indicator for the gong, which was stationed in the breaker was consumed. A new in-

dicator will be placed in the Central air shaft on Washburn street. USE OF ANTHRACITE COAL. Pennsylvania Congressmen Urge the Navy Department to Use It. An especial dispatch to the Wilkes-Barre Record gave the following account of a visit paid to Secretary Long, of the navy, by a congressional party comprising Representatives Connell, Kulp, Williams and Brumm, of Pennsylvania. The visit was made with a view of having anthracite coal used on board the warships. Representative Brumm, acting as spokesman, cited the superiority of anthracite over bituminous coal in this connection by stating that no obscuring smoke could be formed by a vessel or prevent the seeing of signals during a squadron evolution, by day, nor disclose blockade running by flames by night. The danger of spontaneous combustion would be reduced to a minimum, and the anthracite coal would retain its vitality longer during storage or exposure. Nothing definite was gained, but the visit was in a sense but preliminary to future action probably to be brought on the matter in the house. At least the above-named gentlemen will not let the matter drop.

ANNUAL SOCIAL SESSION. Elks Will Entertain Many Visitors Monday Night. Monday evening the annual social session of the Scranton Lodge of Elks, in honor of the Wilkes-Barre Lodge will be held in the Elk building on Franklin avenue. Over one hundred members of the Wilkes-Barre lodge and the Ninth Regiment band are expected. Grand Exalted Ruler Meade D. Detweiler, of Harrisburg, has accepted an invitation to be present. The local reception committee of Democrats has given assurances that William Jennings Bryan and party will be present, an invitation having been extended to them to attend the session. The speakers at the social session will be: William Jennings Bryan, Meade D. Detweiler, Hon. H. M. Edwards, Hon. F. W. Gunster, Hon. John E. Harriott, Hon. John Garman, Wilkes-Barre; Frank W. Gunster, Wilkes-Barre; George Ferris, Edw. J. Wilkes-Barre; Dan Hart, Wilkes-Barre; Dr. P. F. Gunster, district deputy exalted ruler; D. J. Reedy, ex., exalted ruler; C. G. Boland, E. J. Lynett and J. Elliott Pease, exs.

There will be music by Alexander's Ninth Regiment band, Bauer's band and orchestra, John T. Watkins and quartette, Thomas Ieynon, tenor, W. W. Watkins, baritone. The local lodge, accompanied by Bauer's band, will meet the visiting Elks at the Delaware and Hudson station and there will be a parade over the following line of march: Lackawanna to Washington, to Spruce, to Jefferson, to Linden, to Washington, to George, to Wyoming, to Lackawanna, to Franklin to lodge rooms. The social session will begin at 9 o'clock and will be in charge of the following committee: Fred C. Hand, W. S. Millar and W. S. Gould.

REFUSED TO VACATE. Suit Instituted to Recover Expenses Entitled Thereby. A \$5,000 trespass suit was begun yesterday by Attorney E. C. Newcomb for Thomas H. Jordan, against Charles H. Shedd, Charles H. Sears and David H. Sears, former tenants of the plaintiff, who, it is alleged, forcibly and illegally kept possession of a store room in Green Ridge, against the wishes and directions of the owner, and contrary to the terms of the lease. Mr. Jordan expected to start in business himself April 1, and objected to the plaintiffs vacating. They refused and in consequence put Mr. Jordan to much expense and trouble in ejecting them. He now sues for the damage their actions entailed.

MR. MULLEV MAKES CLAIM. Says George H. Shoemaker Holds Property Illegally. Ambrose Mullev yesterday started ejectment proceedings to recover from George H. Shoemaker a property in Providence, which it is alleged, the latter is illegally in possession of. It is the property designated as lot 11 in block B, of the Clark & Beale addition to Scranton, and is 40x18 feet in dimensions. Heinslander & Alworth represent the plaintiff.

BRYAN LECTURE TICKETS. Tickets for the lecture of William J. Bryan at the army, on Monday evening, will be on sale at the office of the Scranton Times, commencing this morning at 9 o'clock. General admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents. Persons out of town may have tickets reserved for them by telephoning to the Times office, but in all cases the cash must be forthcoming on Saturday or the reservations will not hold. The Times office will be open until 9:30 tomorrow evening.

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SCHOOL FINANCES NOW IN COMMITTEE Work of Reducing the Estimates Was Begun Last Evening. NEARLY A HALF A MILLION WANTED But the Revenue Will Be Only \$381,406--Committees Figured on a Basis of Last Year's 14-mill Levy and Begun Cutting the Estimates--\$54,000 Was Lopped Off, One Lump of \$10,000 Being Taken From New Buildings.

The work of arranging the board of control appropriations for the fiscal year of 1898 was started last evening by the finance committee. Again an estimated revenue of \$381,406 estimates were received from the several committees and school departments amounting to \$459,465.25, which, with one supplementary estimate of \$2,250, left \$80,259.25 to be cut down. Captain W. A. May, of the Ninth ward, chairman of the committee, presided. The other members of the committee present were: T. J. Jennings, H. M. Deery, John Gibbons and D. J. Phillips, the complete committee. A. L. Francois, president of the board, was also present, as were Controllers Jayne and Casper.

INCREASED REVENUE. It was estimated by the committee that the final city assessed valuation, after the board of revision and appeal has finished its work, will be \$22,500,000. At 14 mills, the 1897 school tax rate, the revenue would be \$315,000. Less a 3 per cent allowance for the city treasurer's fees, exemptions and non-collectable taxes, \$10,450, the revenue would be \$304,550, to which was added \$76,850, expected from the state appropriation, giving a total revenue of \$381,400. This is \$5,000 over the revenue of last year. The following figures were based by the committee upon the 1897 14-mill levy. This levy was divided as follows: 4 1/2 per cent, for building purposes, \$10,000; 1 1/2 per cent, for sinking fund and interest, \$3,000; 7 1/2 per cent, for general school purposes. The limit prescribed by law is 7 1/2 mills, of which not more than 13 mills shall be for building purposes and not more than 13 mills for general school purposes.

THE REDUCTIONS. The principle reductions made in the estimates last night were: \$40,000 from the building committee's estimate of \$90,000 for new buildings, \$2,000 from the same committee's estimate for labor and supplies, \$2,000 from the text book committee's estimate of \$20,000, \$10,000 from the supply committee estimate and \$150 from the insurance committee estimate. It now costs less than \$4,000, or 1 per cent, to pay the city treasurer's and tax collecting fees, and the savings are \$2,000. The board of six is permitted to take its seats. Under the board-of-six law, 5 per cent, would have to be allowed the treasurer, who may be one of the number, and 2 per cent, would have to be paid delinquent collectors, a total expense of about \$2,500 based on this year's estimated assessed valuation.

MISS GREEN BRINGS SUIT. Awarded a Judgment of \$95 in Alderman Howe's Court. Miss Etta Green, recently prosecuted by C. M. Florey for the robbery of a bicycle and its contents, yesterday brought a suit for \$100 against Florey, continued the litigation in the case yesterday by bringing suit against Stephen Jones to recover \$95, the sum alleged to have been paid Florey for the return of the bicycle. The case was heard before Alderman Howe, who awarded judgment for the amount asked.

RUDDY IS WILD. Crazy by Drink, He Wrecks His Parents' Home. Michael Ruddy, 25 years old, a roofer, while crazy drunk abused his parents and smashed much of the furniture in their home at the corner of Larch street and Penn avenues yesterday morning. The father sent word to the police and the patrol wagon, with Sergeant Ridgeway and Patrolmen Peuster and Block, was sent to the house. Mayor Bailey heard the complaint against Ruddy in police court and sentenced him to twenty days in jail.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF Y. W. C. A. Interesting Celebration at the Rooms on Tuesday Evening. A coming event to which much interest is attached is the tenth anniversary celebration of the Young Women's Christian association Tuesday evening of next week from 4 to 10 o'clock. It will be a social affair and the board of managers will greet both men and women. Miss Cordelia Freeman, Miss Kathryn Schubert and Mrs. O'Brien will sing. The committee from the board have arranged the celebration in charge is: Mrs. W. S. Kennedy, Mrs. C. B. Derman and Miss Deacon, who are assisted by

the president, Mrs. E. H. Ripple and Mrs. L. M. Gates. The social feature rather than the programme is being emphasized, the idea being to greet and thank all friends who have helped the association during its first decade, and especially the clergymen and business men. The refreshments are to be in charge of the chairman of committees directed by Mrs. F. S. Coffrey, Mrs. J. A. Lansing, Mrs. H. Stelle and Mrs. H. D. Gardner. Young ladies will serve the guests.

PLUMBING ORDINANCE. Republicans Have a Plan Which Will Be Materialized. A new or amended plumbing inspector ordinance is to be created by the Republican members of common council despite the assertion of certain Democrats that provision for the inspector's salary had been omitted from the appropriation ordinance, now on passage, in the face of protests from the Building Trades council and "4,000 laboring men." As much was stated publicly by President Moir during the common council session Thursday night.

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