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CITY NOTES.

Charge of thanks, resolutions of condolence, complimentary poems, etc., will be presented by the friends of the late Mrs. J. P. T. Davis, of Philadelphia, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. T. Davis, at 112 Wyoming Avenue, on Friday evening, April 22, 1898.

THE WOES OF AN ACTOR.

Unable to Pay His Board, He is Now Living at Expense of the County. H. Marion Slater, a former member of the disbanded Linden theater stock company of players, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Alderman Millar on a charge of neglecting to pay a board bill.

CHILLED THEIR PATRIOTISM.

Unpleasant Experience of City Hall Ring Raisers. It was decided yesterday afternoon that the stars and stripes should float over the city hall, and as the building was without a janitor, John Marshall having turned over the keys and his successor not having reported for duty, R. J. Beamish, the mayor's private secretary, volunteered to raise the nation's emblem.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Half a King at Lyceum. The Lyceum company will give their first class attraction, "Half a King," at the Lyceum on Friday evening, April 23, 1898. The play is a comedy in three acts, and is one of the best of the season.

OLD "HARDLY ABLE" DESTROYED BY FIRE

Early Morning Blaze Consumes a North End Breaker.

IT WAS NOT BEING OPERATED

Flames Broke Out About 1:30 This Morning and Levelled the Structure in a Very Short Time--Ownership of Plant Was in Dispute--Adjoining Buildings Endangered--History of the Mine and It's Litigation.

The "Hardly Able" breaker, across the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks from the Iribbin and between Court and Thompson streets, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. It was virtually an abandoned breaker, not having been operated in three years, and the machinery having been about all removed.

Its present ownership is in litigation. The possession of the surface plant, it is understood, was vested in Joseph Church, The Richmond Coal company had the leases and mines the coal, preparing it at the old Church colliery at the foot of the hill.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that a spark from a passing engine caused it.

It is said that it was on fire yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock and that the flames broke out again at 6 o'clock. The story of the early afternoon fire could not be verified, but that there was one at 6 o'clock is a fact.

WHERE FIRE STARTED.

It started in the timbering nearest the tracks, which are not more than ten feet distant. A "bob-tail" engine from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western yard was summoned and with the aid of buckets extinguished the blaze. It is thought that some sparks escaped the notice of the fire-fighters and that the northbound train at 1:10 p. m. in whirling past fanned the smouldering embers into a blaze.

This supposition is given color by the fact that the flames were discovered soon after the train had gone by. Patrick Connor, watchman at the end of the third track, some three hundred yards above the breaker, says that when he first saw the flames they were creeping up the side of the structure nearest the tracks. He aroused the neighborhood and had an alarm sent in from the engine house at North Main Avenue and Providence road. Before the alarm sounded, he said, the building was enveloped in flames.

The destruction was very rapid. The fire companies could not get a stream on the blaze, but even if this was possible it would have availed nothing as the breaker and all the adjoining buildings of the colliery plant, excepting the weigh office which was to the south, were over to the flames before they arrived. The fire was allowed to burn about 20 minutes before it was extinguished.

At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a blaze was discovered in the structure, which was extinguished by the trackmen. Another fire was discovered about 7 o'clock last night, which was caused by a spark from a passing engine. A switch engine from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western yard was run up to the breaker and the crew extinguished the flames. It is supposed that the structure was damaged to the extent of two large wheels in the tower which stood on top above the ground.

The breaker was erected about twelve years ago by W. H. Richmond and was operated periodically until May, 1895, when it was shut down because of accumulating legal angles that had been growing more and more complicated from year to year on account of the number of hands through which it passed. The breaker is erected to prepare coal mined in two surface veins—the five-foot and three-foot—and had a capacity of 400 tons per day.

For some time past the coal from the two veins above mentioned has been mined out of a small breaker owned by Mr. Richmond near North Main Avenue, the coal being taken underground to H. This breaker is commonly known as the "Church Breaker."

There was a dispute as to the ownership of the breaker, and when about three months ago Mr. Richmond's employees began to remove the machinery they were stopped. Since then the machinery has been removed at the instance of Joseph Church. The last piece was taken out about two weeks ago and the work of tearing down the breaker has since been slowly progressing.

DAMAGE FROM SPARKS. A light wind blew the flames in great sheets in the direction of Thompson street, and great flakes of flames were dropped on the roofs of the buildings. In two instances these flakes of flame took root and damaged the buildings to some extent.

The buildings were owned by Cornelius Mulhern, of Laurel street, Providence, and Gleason Link of Green Ridge. The Mulhern building was at 1222 Thompson street and was occupied by Mrs. Mary Phillips and her family. The Link building was at 1248 Thompson street and was unoccupied.

For the last three months there had not been a watchman at the breaker. It is supposed from this fact that there was no insurance on the structure.

STEAMSHIP MAY HAVE SUNK.

A Swedish Bark in Collision with One Off the Scilly Islands. Falmouth, April 22.—Captain Persson, of the Swedish bark Albatross, from Mobile for Dundee, was towed in here yesterday, having been damaged in collision at midnight of the 19th inst., about sixty miles southwest of Scilly Islands, with an unknown vessel, as previously reported, and says that he believes that the vessel in collision with him was a steamship, and that she had foundered, for after she had flashed an electric light, nothing more was seen of her.

PITTSBON POLICE INVESTIGATION.

Lively Session That Nearly Broke Up in a Row. The hearing of the charges against

Chief of Police Loftus, of Pittston, which was scheduled for last night, was again postponed, this time till next Wednesday night.

The bill of particulars demanded by the counsel for the defense at the previous session of the investigating committee was not filed until Thursday, and was contended by the defense, that the one day interim was not sufficient time in which to prepare an answer. After a hot argument it was decided to give the defense until next Wednesday night in which to make its preparations for adjournment was made until that time.

The defense made a demand that several of the witnesses for the prosecution who were present should be held under bail for their appearance at the next session. This precipitated another vigorous fight between the contending lawyers, which almost culminated in blows. The demand was granted and each of the witnesses was required to furnish \$100 bail.

It was a very exciting session all through and several times threatened to break up in a row.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Celebration at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. in Honor of the Seventeenth Birthday of the Order.

The seventeenth anniversary exercises of the Railroad department Young Men's Christian association were appropriately conducted at the association building on Lackawanna Avenue last evening. The entertainment was presided over by John R. Troch, chairman of the executive committee of the association. It was expected that President Samuel Sloan, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, would be present, but he was unavoidably detained in New York. On the platform with the chairman were W. F. Hallstead, George M. Hallstead, Rev. Dr. James McLeod, Rev. J. B. Sweet and Secretary F. W. Pearsall.

The hall was filled when the exercises were opened by the singing of the anniversary hymn, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of Simpson Methodist Episcopal church.

The annual report, prepared by Secretary Pearsall, was read, in which he gave a review of the work done during the past year, showing a gain in all departments of the work. An increase in membership of 26 was noted, bringing the present enrollment up to 250. An average of 657 visits every week were made during the year.

The chief factor in the promotion of the religious work has been the Yoke-Fellows band. Their influence has been felt in every direction and they have done most valuable service.

The Sunday meetings and the other meetings have been largely attended. New classes have been organized and

DIED.

JAMES.—In West Scranton, April 22, 1898, John R. James, 51 years of age, at the residence, 528 North Hyde Park Avenue. Funeral tomorrow afternoon from the residence at 2:30 o'clock. Interment at the Washburn street cemetery.

ROONEY.—At the Hillside Home, April 22, 1898, Michael Rooney, about 40 years of age. Funeral this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from 162 Lafayette street. Interment at the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

SPEICHERS.—At the Hahnemann hospital, Miss Anna Speichers, 24 years of age. Remains will be removed to Oswego, N. Y., for interment.

WALSH.—In Scranton, April 22, Mrs. Bridget Walsh, at her home, 108 River street. Funeral notice later.

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special meetings were held. Fifty-three men were enrolled in the two classes of the educational department, the penmanship and arithmetic classes averaging good attendance. From the library 1,638 books were circulated as against 1,328 the previous year, and the readers' list was greatly increased.

The social work was very successful. Six entertainments were given, three of them being furnished by the Ladies' Auxiliary committee. The ladies also aided in equipping the hall with furnishings. One hundred and thirty-four visits were made to the sick and injured during the year. The receipts during the year amounted to \$1,443.91. The disbursements were \$1,297.34, exclusive of salaries, leaving a balance in the treasury, March 31, of \$116.57 and all bills paid. The report was very interesting and was well received.

The addresses of the evening were delivered by C. J. Hicks, railroad secretary of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association, and G. A. Warburton, secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, of New York. Selections were given by Bauer's orchestra, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. McLeod.

After the exercises the Ladies' Auxiliary committee furnished appetizing refreshments and social intercourse followed.

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