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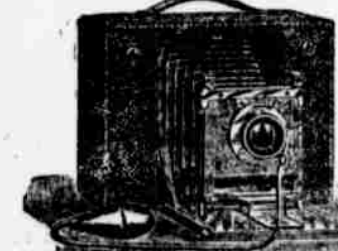
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Key West. Mr. Hirona is the elder son of Rev. Richard Hirona, of this city.

Recorder of Deeds Honner at Allentown yesterday morning filed a mortgage for \$25,000 given by the Catawissa and Fogelsville railroad to the Pennsylvania company for the insurance of lives and granting of Annullion, of Philadelphia. The railroad company was compelled under the new war tax to affix \$7 in stamps on the mortgage.

The department of internal revenue, at Washington, has notified A. J. Fortier, chief clerk at the orphan's court, of Philadelphia, that a ten-cent revenue stamp must be placed on every marriage certificate. Up to date no such order has been served on Clerk of the Courts T. P. Daniels, who deals out the marriage licenses in this county.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION FINANCES.

One Subscription of \$100 Is Received from "A Friend." The secretary of the Soldiers' Relief association yesterday issued the following financial statement: Previously acknowledged \$4,533.73 Patrick Delaney \$1,000.00 "A friend" 100.00 \$1,584.73

RUMORS WERE FALSE

Child of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Koslosky, of Jessup, Was Not Put to Death by Parents.

Rumors that a child was murdered by its mother created no end of excitement in Jessup yesterday. Dr. John T. McGrath, of Wyoming avenue, was deputized by Coroner Longstreet to make an investigation, and the case turned out to be nothing more serious than a baby died without medical attention because the parents were too poor to engage one. Mrs. Michael Koslosky, of Jessup, gave birth to a child at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and it died in an hour. No doctor nor midwife attended her, and yesterday forenoon Koslosky went to Dr. Beck, of Jessup, for a death certificate. The undertaker would not conduct the funeral without one. Dr. Beck refused to give the certificate, simply because he had nothing to do with the case. The husband went to other doctors with like result. His inability to get a certificate aroused the suspicion that the child's death needed investigation, and a medical examiner, Dr. Coroner Longstreet, Dr. McGrath examined the body and saw that death was due to natural causes. It might have lived had better care been taken of it. Accordingly he issued a death certificate, and a quietus was put on the rumors of an infanticide.

GAMES THIS AFTERNOON.

They Will Take Place at the Base Ball Park at 2 O'clock. An extensive programme of games and races, for which numerous entries have been secured, will be begun at the base ball park at 2 o'clock this afternoon under the conduct of the Irish-American societies. The bicycle races will be run by heats on account of the large number of participants. An athletic demonstration of athletics will take place at 7 p. m., when four powerful teams will engage in a tug-of-war. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to dancing.

ANOTHER SLANDER SUIT.

South Washington Avenue Woman Is the Aggrieved Party. Catherine Grawski, wife of Luke Grawski, of the Flats, by Attorney M. J. Walsh began a slander suit yesterday in Prothonotary Copeland's office for \$1,000 damages against Charles Hartz. She alleges that on June 23 last Hartz took a position at his front gate and in a loud voice accused her of being a woman of low moral character.

A Wise Change of a Bank's Name.

It will be gratifying news to banking circles, and to the public in general, that the Scranton Savings Bank and Trust company, one of the most substantial savings institutions in the city, has determined to change its name to The County Savings Bank and Trust company. This action has been taken by the bank in order to avoid the confusion and mistakes due to the similarity of the names of the Scranton Savings Bank and Trust company and the Scranton Savings Bank.

St. Luke's Summer Home.

Additional subscriptions for the home have been received, as below: Heretofore acknowledged \$320 Received from Miss A. K. Sanderson 5 Received from Wm. Zechman, D. D. S. 70 Received from Rev. Rogers Israel 5 \$340

This Last Week

has been a busy one with us, but today will be the best day of all, \$1.00 will stretch like rubber at the great shoe sale. Five Brothers, open late Saturday night.

SPECULATION IN REVENUE STAMPS

Collector Penman Receives an Official Letter on the Subject.

STAMPS MUST NOT BE SOLD IN QUANTITIES MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR TEMPORARY NEEDS. RELIABLE PERSONS MAY MAKE PURCHASES AT A DISCOUNT ON LARGE QUANTITIES FOR RETAIL SALE—PUBLIC MUST PAY TELEGRAPH TAX.

Collector of Internal Revenue T. F. Penman yesterday received from Commissioner N. B. Scott a letter which relates to the retail sale of revenue stamps and comments on the speculative feature of recent purchases. It is evident Collector Scott intended that the widest publicity be given the contents of his communication, which is as follows:

Treasury Department, Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1898.

To all collectors of internal revenue: In view of the large numbers, namely, that have been placed in the hands of collectors, the continued complaints of insufficient supply received from taxpayers indicate that such stamps are being bought up for speculative purposes in some instances, and in others that there has been a superabundance of precaution to secure an ample supply. Collectors should exercise great care in selling adhesive stamps to make sure that a fair distribution of the stamps needed by the taxpayers is not prevented by either of the causes above indicated.

In no case should the purchaser be permitted to take more than a week's supply, and where the stamps are located near the collector's office only a supply sufficient for two or three days should be sold.

COMPLAINTS MADE.

Complaints reach this office that in some instances persons, namely, that have refused to sell less than an entire sheet of adhesive stamps to a purchaser. This practice must be discontinued, as taxpayers are entitled to be supplied with what they may need. Inquiries are received in regard to agencies for the sale of these stamps by postmasters, banks, etc. In all such cases they have been referred to the collectors of their respective districts who should advise them that they can procure the stamps at a discount of 1 per cent. of the face value on each purchase amounting to \$100 or more. The only arrangements that will be made for the sale of adhesive stamps are those above, namely, the sale in quantities of \$100 worth or more to parties willing to take them on the terms fixed by the law for resale to taxpayers, and direct to taxpayers by the several collectors and their stamp deputies. Very respectfully, (Signed) N. B. Scott, Commissioner.

Telegraph companies on the one hand and the general public on the other are awaiting with interest the attorney general's decision on the treasury department's inquiry as to whether the companies or their patrons shall pay the tax on dispatches. The companies have assumed that the tax should be paid by the public although it is claimed it was the intent of congress that the companies should pay. As several million people are put to what they say is illegal expense and trouble, the importance of the attorney general's opinion may be inferred.

POSITION IS CORRECT.

Internal revenue officials, while not venturing official opinions, incline to the belief that the telegraph companies' position is correct; that a telegraph company is not considered in the same light as a railroad or an express company under the act. Commissioner Scott recently ruled as follows: Each bill of lading made out by any common carrier for transportation of goods for the United States under the eighth paragraph of schedule A of the act of June 18, 1898, requires the one-cent stamp, as does also each duplicate thereof. Notwithstanding the rule adopted by such common carriers, the other of such common carrier to affix the stamp to such bill of lading and duplicate. "This means," said Collector Treat, "that the express companies and telegraph companies must place the stamps on packages and telegrams themselves. There is no doubt that they come under the head of common carriers." It is the concluding paragraph in Commissioner Scott's ruling to which the telegraph companies take exception and not without some reason. The ruling was made on an express company case. The including of the telegraph feature was unsolicited and, the telegraph people say, without due regard to advice. In answer to Commissioner Scott, the telegraph companies offer a previous ruling which was as follows:

A PREVIOUS RULING.

Section 7 makes it a misdemeanor for any person to make, sign or issue any instrument, document or paper requiring stamps without having thereupon the stamp to denote the tax. This decision is in accordance with previous rulings of the department, and upon which our action and instructions were based. The law, furthermore, makes it obligatory upon telegraph companies to see that this is done, and the government will hold responsible any person failing to comply, while it will permit messages to be transmitted without stamps.

The postal company predicts ruin if obliged to heed the ruling first printed in the foregoing. The company claims it would be taxed \$150,000 per year, 20 per cent. of the net profits, and, as the business pays but 4 per cent. on its actual capital, none of which is "water," it would be impossible to reduce its income by such a large amount and do business.

The best revenue authorities say the railroad and express companies figure in an entirely different light. According to the statements of these officials every penny paid by individuals for a stamp to be affixed to a bill of lading or other receipt is a tax, which should be paid by the company. This view is based upon the clear provision of the war revenue act that stamps shall be affixed by the person, company, etc., from whom the document issues. The giver of a check affixes the stamp; so does the giver of a note. The same rule applies in relation to legal documents. According to this rule the sender of a telegram must have a stamp affixed to the message because the message emanates from him. Continuing this argument telegraph companies say, and most revenue officials agree, that the question as to whether the companies are common carriers, does not operate.

Reduced Rates to Buffalo on account of the E. Y. P. U. convention, July 14 and 17, 1898, via Lehigh Valley. Consult ticket agents for rates, trains and further particulars.

HAS CUT THE PRICE OF COAL.

Action of the D. L. and W. Company Is Causing Much Uneasiness.

The New York Times is authority for the statement that "much uneasiness was caused in the anthracite coal trade by the news that a further cut in the price of coal had been made by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. An open circular issued by the Lackawanna company announced a reduction in the quoted price of stove size from \$4.50 to \$4 per ton. This is the third cut in price made by the same company within the past three or four weeks, and it is regarded by the officers of other coal-carrying railroads as of serious import. "At the office of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company in this city inquiries regarding this cut in coal prices were met by the answer that Fred S. Hirona, who was out of town, was the only person authorized to talk. Coal men generally expressed the opinion that in view of the recent unsatisfactory condition of the coal market this cut might be designed to stimulate an abnormal trade and work off stock on hand."

REFUSED TO ANSWER

Anthony McHugh, of Luzerne Street, Would Not Say Whether or Not He Had Received Money.

One of the questions asked of every witness examined to date in the Langstaff-Kelley contest was, "Did you receive any money or valuable consideration or the promise of such for your vote?" Among the witnesses examined yesterday was Anthony McHugh, of Luzerne street, and he refused to answer that question.

Mr. Holgate said the record in McHugh's testimony would be certified to court and an order asked for to compel him to answer or be punished for contempt by going to jail for ten or twenty days. The attorney for Mr. Kelley asserted that McHugh was justified in refusing to answer the question. It is a man's constitutional right to refuse to answer an incriminating question.

Toward adjourning time McHugh came around again and was ready to go on the stand and answer the question but Mr. Holgate would not satisfy him so far as to call him. McHugh was abrupt in his answers. When asked if he owned property, he suggested that the recorder of deeds be visited and the books examined. Detective T. E. Reynolds was a witness. The purpose of his testimony was to throw some light on a vote cast in the Fourth district of the Fifth ward. The name of John Dunleavy appears at the lists of voters. Mr. Reynolds traveled all through the district and found only one person of that name, and he was only 18 years old. Young Dunleavy swears that he didn't vote at all on Nov. 2 last. The question is, who voted on that name? Mr. Reynolds said he was unable to come out. Evidently someone did, or it would not be on the voting list.

The voters examined were from the Fourth ward and were as follows: August Melade, Jr., Michael Lavelle, John Gallagher, J. G. Cole, M. J. Dacey, Pat Crane, Bernard Flannery, P. F. Moran, Patrick McDead, Harry May, Jr., Anthony McNulty, John J. O'Grady, Patrick McNamara, Pat McColligan, M. J. O'Hara, J. T. Kearney, Anthony McHugh, Michael H. Hart, Thomas Murray, Michael Carden, Michael Doid, Michael Glancey, Michael Graham, John McCarroll, M. J. Reap, Thomas Gilroy, Robert Moran, Pat J. Quinlan, William P. Snaith, Anthony Tierney, Patrick Degan, John F. McHugh, August McDade, sr., John Dillon, Frank Dillon, Frank Tyrell, John Flynn, William E. Reese, John Carroll, Thos. Gleason, Dominick Needham, Patrick McNulty, James Needham, Michael Gibbons, Michael Cullin, John Staab, Patrick Conroy, James Conroy, M. O'Brien, Michael McHugh, James Coleman, Patrick Higgins, James Duggan, Patrick Rainey, Patrick Dunleavy, John Gallagher, John Dunleavy, T. E. Reynolds, Peter Merrick, Patrick Toole, John Reap, John F. McHugh, Anthony McHugh, Jr., Arthur Mullen, Thomas Moran, Hubert McManamy, Patrick Callahan, Michael Hughes, Owen Callahan, William Lee, Martin Collins, Matthew Knight, Michael Gallagher, James Durkin, John Fagan, Thomas Maloney and Andrew W. Judge.

M'MANUS TAKEN TO REFORMATORY.

Three Charges of Burglary Against Him at Last Term. David McManus, the West Side youth who broke into Max Blume's bakery and did other unlawful acts too numerous to mention, was taken to the Huntington reformatory yesterday by one of Sheriff Prey's deputies. McManus had three different cases against him at the last term of court. He is a bright boy, but full of mischief.

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NATURAL REACTION OF THE BIG BOOM

Willis Pratt Describes the Present Condition of South Africa.

FOR TWO YEARS HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON ELECTRIC PLANTS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED COMPANY AT JOHANNESBURG—NINETY PER CENT. OF THE MEN HOLDING RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS ABOUT THE MINES ARE AMERICANS—OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THERE.

Willis Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pratt, arrived home on Thursday night after a stay of two years and more in South Africa. During that time Mr. Pratt was in the employ of the "Consolidated" on electric plants in the gold fields.

He has been at work on a "property" about eight miles out of Johannesburg, but is by no means in love with the country, although aside from the horrible dust storms the climate is pleasant. He says that South Africa is now suffering the natural reaction of a boom. Not twenty per cent. of the gold mines are paying. As to the diamond mines at Kimberly the residents of Johannesburg know little more about them than we know in America.

Three years ago Mr. Pratt says there were great opportunities for a young man with a few thousand dollars capital when investments could have been made that would have realized well. Now he considers that the opening for the average person is not particularly bright. People are leaving the region as they are conservative to the last degree, being content to secure a mere living and to be left in peace. They exist upon their farms where but little is raised, and add to the modest income by cartage for the mines. No native garden produce or fruit is seen; all live is brought into the country.

Great feeling exists between the Americans and the English as all the high salaried positions are held by the former. The Englishman seems to be unable to comprehend why it is that a wild and woolly Westerner can come out to the gold fields and immediately find a responsible position. Most of the skilled managers and operators in the mines are young men from California and other western states where they have had practical experience in mining. Ninety per cent. of the men in these positions are Americans.

WAGES HAVE BEEN HIGH.

Up to this time wages have been very high, a common mechanic receiving a pound a day, while earliers of skilled workmen were large in proportion. The living rates, however, in more necessities of life, are at least fifty per cent. higher than here, the cheapest boarding houses not receiving less than six pounds per month.

As to the Boers Mr. Pratt says there will never be much progress while they occupy the principal part of the region as they are conservative to the last degree, being content to secure a mere living and to be left in peace. They exist upon their farms where but little is raised, and add to the modest income by cartage for the mines. No native garden produce or fruit is seen; all live is brought into the country.

WILL REMAIN HERE.

Mr. Pratt and Mr. George Mair returned together and will soon enter the employ of the General Electric company, whose headquarters are at Schenectady. They believe that just as good opportunities for skilled electricians are to be found in this country as in South Africa under present conditions, with the advantages to be gained at home to be also considered. Johannesburg, however, has more electrical appliances in every shape and form than any other place on the globe.

RAILROAD REORGANIZED.

The Bloomsburg and Sullivan Is Now on a Firm Footing. The Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad company has been reorganized, and most of the security-holders have received their new bonds. When the plan of reorganization was first issued there was little attention paid to it, and early in the year the committee on reorganization issued a circular to the security-holders, stating that unless there was unanimous consent, the road would be foreclosed. This seemed to have the desired effect, and the plan was agreed upon by the security-holders. The plan called for the issuing of a

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new bond to take the place of the \$600,000 5 per cent. bond now outstanding. The old security-holders were to receive 66 2-3 per cent. of the new 5 per cent. bond, and the total issue was not to exceed \$400,000. They were also to receive 33 1-3 per cent. of the income mortgage 5 per cent. non-cumulative bond, which was not to exceed \$200,000. Besides this, the security-holders who held four overdue coupons on the old bond were to surrender them on the payment of \$10 cash. All these requirements have been met, and the fixed charges of the road are now greatly reduced. The road is earning about \$10,000 over its fixed charges.

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