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CITY NOTES

PAY-DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid salaries to its employees Nov. 4 and 5 at Plymouth, thus completing the pay for November.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.—A regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon at 7 o'clock at 314 Washington avenue.

NEW DIPHTHERIA CASES.—Out of a total of twenty new cases of contagious disease reported last week to the board of health, nineteen were of diphtheria. There were two deaths from diphtheria and membranous croup.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.—The following officers were elected at a meeting of the German Building and Loan association last night: President, August W. Schenk; vice president, Joseph L. Medway; secretary, N. G. Goodman; treasurer, John Lohmann. There was no competition except for the office of treasurer. Mr. Lohmann and Gustav Kridgstein contested for the position.

CANDIDATES FOR THE BAR.—A number of young men are taking the final examinations for admission to the bar. The examination began yesterday and will continue for several days. The candidates for the bar are: William C. Neff, Joseph J. Conroy, and Mr. Hicks. In the third and fourth books of Blackstone and property.

ARREST.—The woman who was arrested in West Scranton early last Friday morning while trying to steal milk from the doorway of a residence on Eighth street, and who was committed to the county jail for fifteen days in default of bail, has given a name and residence as Mrs. J. M. Williams, 101 1/2 North Second street. Her name is "Jane Doe," alias McCormick, residence Seventh street, at least it is so recorded on the register at the county jail. Does any one know her?

AN ARRAY OF TALENT.—A splendid array of talent will participate tonight in the closing concert of the series of entertainments given under the auspices of the Men's club of Green Ridge. It will be given in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. The artists will be Miss Knott, the Timberman, contralto; Miss Caroline Conkling, alto; J. Alfred Pennington, pianist; and Alfred Wooler, tenor, all of the Scranton Conservatory of Music; M. E. McCormack, telephone operator, and the Orpheus club, F. H. Waldmayer, violin; W. M. Andrews, clarinet; William Stanton, cornet; and Charles Doersam, piano.

CHIEF OF POLICE MAKES DENIAL.—Chief of Police Currell follows "The Tribune" to deny the following interesting comment which was published in connection with the shoplifting cases against Mrs. H. M. Williams, Mrs. Rachel Wincham and Mrs. Mary Thomas: "Verdicts of not guilty were taken in the four other cases against Mrs. Williams and the three women against Mrs. Rachel Wincham and Mrs. Mary Thomas. The chief of police stated that the business men interested did not care to push the matter further." Chief Currell denies that he made the statement attributed to him and says he is ready to go on with the cases.

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BEGINNING OF ARGUMENT COURT

MANNER IN WHICH CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.

Only a Small Number Were Argued, and Court Adjourned Early in the Day—Large Number of the Cases on the List Were Continued Until Next Term, or for the Purposes of Settlement—Cases That Were Settled or Submitted.

Argument court began yesterday morning with the three judges on the bench. After the list was called and the disposition to be made of the cases ascertained it was found that there were only a few cases ready for argument yesterday and these did not consume much time. Court adjourned early in the afternoon until this morning. Action was taken on cases as follows:

Argued—City of Scranton against James McKelvey, to strike off judgment, rule discharged; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against J. E. Ryan, rule to strike off judgment order drawn; McCoy & Co. against Robert Levy, rule to take off judgment; rule discharged; James P. Hiron against Thomas Luke, execution to report of referee; Hill & Connel against Robert Levy, rule to take off judgment; B. Gordon against City of Scranton, execution to report of referee.

Settled—New York and Ontario Land company against Tony Galowsky, rule to open judgment; Allen Price against E. G. Warden, rule to open judgment; Borough of Winston against Thomas J. Mack, rule to open judgment; E. M. Lewis against Chandler & Short, rule to satisfy judgment; J. W. Guernsey against Reuben Levy, rule to open judgment; Casey & Kelly Brewing company against Isaac and Mary Mellin, et al., rule to open judgment; Pennsylvania Brewing company against Isaac and Mary Mellin, et al., rule to open judgment.

Submitted—Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against Patrick Thomas, rule to open judgment; Guya Peltier against Lina Peltier, rule for decree in divorce.

STRIKEN FROM LIST.

Stricken from list—M. J. Callender against Olyphant Trust company, rule for new trial; rule to set aside verdict; John Miller against City of Scranton, City of Scranton, et al., rule to set aside verdict; Joseph Galbesh against Revue Publishing company, execution to report of referee; Use of Lackawanna county against John Vonatonic et al., rule to open judgment; Clementine Bewick against Robert Bewick, rule for decree in divorce; John McGuire against K. P. Aswell, certiorari; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex rel. James A. Dolphin against William J. Schubbuhl, et al., in re against lunacy of Catherine O'Hara, rule to pay over money; Elizabeth D. Pritchard against Charles L. Pritchard, rule for decree in divorce; C. E. Wetherby against George W. Harberger, et al., rule to set aside attachment execution; P. P. Pries against A. B. Bingham, rule to open judgment; J. B. Lesh against Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, certiorari; Joseph Golewinski against Frank Haros, certiorari; William McKouze against James Flynn, certiorari; Peter Moslyar against Mary Moslyar, rule for decree in divorce; Dora E. Smith against J. E. Thomas, Mohawk Condensed Milk company against C. M. Butts, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against J. B. Lesh, Louisa A. Hickok against H. Hickok, rule for decree in divorce; Stover, Harris & Co. against William Heald, rule for decree in divorce.

Richard Swartz Bros against Richard Osland and Scranton Overall company, rule for new trial.

Continued—John G. Dominick against Corcoran against John Groom, certiorari; Marks & Garson against R. Altman, et al., rule to dissolve attachment; Argument of rule to dissolve attachment in case of James R. Koser against William C. Brunson, et al., was discontinued.

OTHER CASES.

In the case of Joseph A. Dolphin against Jane Gallagher the rule to take off non suit was made absolute on payment within ten days by the plaintiff.

The rule to open judgment and set aside the return in the trial of Mary Rowan against J. E. Ryan was discharged without prejudice.

By agreement, the rule to amend declaration of Frank Welles against the City of Carbonade was made absolute.

By consent of counsel the rule to open judgment, Keystone Brewing company against Patrick J. Kane, et al., was discharged.

Rule for decree in divorce by consent of Bellant, Florence Fish against Halsey W. Fish, was discharged.

Judgment was reversed by agreement in the case of Mary Mitchell against Thomas Naughton, certiorari. In the case of United States Bank against the Life Insurance Clearing company the demurrer was sustained, with leave to file an amended statement.

DEPOSITIONS WERE NOT TAKEN

Mr. Burns Could Not Be in Two Places at the Same Time.

It was the intention to take depositions yesterday morning in the injunction proceedings brought at the instance of the Alcatraz Paving company to restrain the city from proceeding further with its contract with the Barber Asphalt Paving company for the resurfacing of the asphalt paved streets of the city.

The three judges were engaged in argument court and it was the intention to take the depositions before Court stenographer H. H. Coston in court room No. 2. Attorney J. H. Burns, who represents the Barber Asphalt Paving company and City Solicitor McGinley were in the main court where the argument list was being called and Attorney C. Conroy, who represents the Alcatraz company, sent word to them that the taking of depositions was about to begin. They replied that they were engaged in the main court room and that the depositions could not be taken at that time, "very well," replied Mr. Conroy, "we'll proceed without them."

When Mr. Burns learned this he informed the court that he desired to be present when the depositions were taken and as he was then in the main court room and could not be in two places at the same time he was at a loss to know how he could join Mr. Conroy.

Judge Archibald sent for the latter and informed him that the depositions must be taken at another time. It was thereupon agreed to do the work in the afternoon, but at that time an adjournment was taken until Wednesday, Dec. 28, when the depositions will be taken before Judge Gunster, who granted the preliminary injunction.

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FIGHTING THE FIRE.

Pennsylvania Coal Company Has a Big Task on Hand to Extinguish the Fire That Started in No. 6.

To extinguish the fire in the No. 6 mine of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Pittston preparations on a large scale are being made. Owing to the fact that the company's mines in the vicinity of the fire are all connected they must individually be protected in one way or another against water as well as fire, and to do this the operations contemplated are about as extensive as any company in this region has ever been obliged to undertake.

The fire started in the lower half of the 1,600-foot rock tunnel or slope connecting the Pittston vein of No. 6 shaft with the 14-foot vein of No. 14 shaft. The latter vein, it should be understood, is the lower. When the fire started it was fought from above and kept from spreading up the slope, but it burned away the timber, and, in consequence, several hundred feet of the roof caved in. The flames gradually spread downward to the 14-foot vein and along it until now all the workings in the Nos. 6 and 14 shafts are threatened.

It has been deemed best on account of the danger from gas to stop regular mining operations in Nos. 6 and 14 shafts and transfer the men employed therein to No. 11 shaft and No. 14 tunnel, respectively. The latter two workings are sufficiently removed to be free from danger.

No. 14 shaft is at Port Blanchard. Here operations will be directed against the fire. About 100 workmen have been engaged in the preparations since Sunday morning. Two large pumps have been ordered to force water from the river bank to the shaft. The work of laying the water and steam pipes is being pushed rapidly and they will be in place by the time the pumps are ready to do their part. Barriers of dams are being built in the No. 14 headings in order to confine the flood within the proper territory. To guard against danger from possible breakage, thick brick dams are being constructed in remote workings. A whole carload of cement, two car loads of brick and a large quantity of other materials were lowered into the mines during Sunday and masons began yesterday to construct the walls.

Meanwhile, the fire is spreading in the workings below the Pittston vein of No. 6. Successful measures have been taken to keep the flames from eating their way into the main workings of the latter shaft.

General Manager Smith and other company officials were on the scene during all of yesterday.

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WATRES.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watres, a daughter.

DIED.
BARRITT.—In Scranton, Dec. 19, 1898, at her residence, No. 31, Putnam street, Mrs. Annie Barrett, aged 31 years.

TIERNEY.—In West Scranton, Dec. 19, 1898, Peter Tierney, aged 45, at the residence, 229 Luzerne street, general tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Cathedral cemetery.

YEAR 1898 IN AN INDUSTRIAL WAY

CONDITIONS ALMOST SIMILAR TO THOSE OF 1897.

Industries of This City, Speaking of Them Generally, Will Do About the Same Amount of Business This Year They Did Last—Outlook for the Coming Year Is Encouraging. Very Much of an Improvement Over the Prospect Presented One Year Ago.

To the one who would make a close study of trade and industrial conditions for 1898 in this city an interesting fund of information would surely be opened up. A comparison of results between the year just drawing to a close and 1897 would further produce interesting results.

Dealing with the subject in a general way and basing conclusions upon information at hand, it might be said that this year while very good in many instances in the industrial phase, has fallen behind somewhat. In other words, conditions have maintained themselves in a fairly advantageous position and, as compared with 1897, are but little better. The ending of the war has given an impetus to business and the outlook for 1898 is encouraging. The indications are that it will be an improvement on several of its immediate predecessors.

Naturally, the first thing to be considered in touching upon the question of the better condition of the industrial trade is the fact that in all respects so far as the coal trade is concerned. Though not the only one, it is the most important one so far as the Electric City is concerned and to arrive at a perfectly satisfactory conclusion is made harder by the fact that the coal trade is always about one year behind other industrial trades.

ABOUT THE MINES.

The largest operating company hereabouts is the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. It has a dozen shafts in operation in or about the city. All in all up to the present time the company has done fairly well, and particularly so during the last two months. If good coal weather is the rule in stead of the exception during the winter months, great results are anticipated. Last year the collieries averaged between fifteen and eighteen days apiece for the whole year. This year, so far, the general average has been less. This fact is accounted for by the non-operation of two large collieries during the greater part of the year, and the idleness of another large one for several months. This 1898's results may possibly be less than those of 1897, or even up, either condition being satisfactory considering everything.

The above summing up applies very closely to the Delaware and Hudson company, probably the next largest operating company hereabouts. In a general way it was computed that up to the present time, their collieries are producing about three-quarters time for the general average and this is considered very good. The 1898 record will hardly exceed that of 1897. The individual coal operators have about the same to tell.

Next in point of general benefit to the laborer is the industrial world comes the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's big plants. Here, too, is found that if the general results of 1897 are equalled satisfaction will be felt. Last year some parts of their plant was idle some part of the time and this year parts of the last year were working continuously. The rebuilding of the south mill kept an important part of the plant idle for a long period. During the last two months everything has been working up to the limit. Every available man is employed, but how long this steady work will continue is not known. It was said in Dan's Review last week that the Lackawanna company had received an order for 100,000 tons of steel rails from western roads.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

The Dickson Manufacturing company has done very well, even a little better than in 1897. The securing of several large sub-contracts on government work has helped considerably, inasmuch as it kept men on who would otherwise have been laid off. The company is crowding the big competitors in the world's market for their products and so far have been fortunate. This good condition will no doubt last well into the spring.

The electric light companies doing business in this city have so far held their own. The big lumber merchants and planing mills all report an excellent condition of affairs. The other industries, such as the



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