

FIVE DIVORCES GRANTED BY JUDGES

BICYCLE FIGURED CONSPICUOUSLY IN ONE OF THEM.

Because Metters Could Not Ride His Wife's Bicycle He Beat Her, at Least That Is Her Version of the Matter—Mrs. Darling Was Deserted by Her Husband After They Had Been Married a Few Months. Rehearing of the Hamm Case.

Five divorces were granted by the court yesterday and in one of them a bicycle seems to have been the indirect cause of the separation of the couple. On May 21, 1898, John Edward Metters, of Poekville, took to himself a wife. On June 6 Metters beat his wife for the first time but he made amends for his tardiness by repeating the performance frequently up to Aug. 23 when Mrs. Metters left her husband. He threatened to cut her throat with a razor and she feared he would make good his threat.

When asked why he beat her she said it was because her husband could not ride her bicycle. He was also angry because her father would not secure a position for him. Metters did not approve the divorce. They have one child.

Eugene Fiddin, of Carbonate, was granted a divorce from Lucia Billeberg to whom he was married at Shohola, Pike county, Sept. 9, 1893. On Oct. 23 of that year Mrs. Fiddin deserted her husband but never returned. Mrs. Emily C. Parker, in whose house the Fiddins were married, said that Mrs. Fiddin told her a few weeks after the marriage that she would not live with her husband. She supposed he had money when she married him, but learned that such was not the case.

BARRIER CASE.

William and Amanda Barrier were married on July 26, 1899, and for eighteen years past Barrier has resided at Taylor. They have three children. In 1892 he broke his collar bone which greatly displeased his wife. He went away for a time and when he returned they quarrelled and separated. For three years past Barrier swears his wife has been living with a man named Cohen in West Scranton.

Daniel and Maud Darling were married in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1894, where Mrs. Darling had resided since birth. They went to Buffalo to reside and in 1897 she deserted her husband and she has never seen him since. She now resides in West Scranton.

On Sept. 6, William E. Moses, of Priceburg, filed his application for a divorce from Ella Moses to whom he was married on June 6, 1888. They kept house for eighteen months after their marriage and then went to live with Mrs. Moses' parents. He did not like that arrangement and prepared a home of his own but she would not accompany him to it. They have not lived together since Sept. 1, 1898. She does not speak to him or recognize him when they meet on the street.

THE HAMM CASE.

In argument court yesterday the rule to open the divorce proceedings in the case of Jacob W. Hamm against Mary E. S. Hamm came up for consideration. Hamm applied for a divorce on the ground of cruel and barbarous treatment but when the evidence was presented it was shown that the only cruel and barbarous acts Mrs. Hamm was guilty of was using intoxicants and snuff.

Judge Gunster did not deem that sufficient ground for divorce but Hamm felt the judge was mistaken and asked for a rehearing. The case was again submitted to Judge Gunster yesterday.

MORE SILVER IN SIGHT.

Mine Officials Receive Good News and Increase Capital Stock. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Tenoro Mining and Milling company in its offices in the Traders' Bank building yesterday afternoon, an increase in the capital stock from \$24,000 to \$40,000 was authorized. The meeting was called for that particular purpose.

On Wednesday evening W. W. Watson, treasurer of the company, received from Superintendent Benton at Honduras, where the company's silver mine is situated, a cablegram confirming information previously called in definitely that a vein of silver which was being worked continues into the mountain near which the mine is located and does not crop out as was feared. The mine produces a very high grade of silver ore.

John I. Matthias, of Mahanoy City, is president and C. W. Kirkpatrick, of this city, secretary of the company. Other Scranton men interested are: T. J. Kelly, Horan & Healey, J. D. Oakley, A. W. Dickson and Alfred Harvey.

THE FAUROT WILL CASE.

Order Made by Judge Archbald With Reference to it.

Judge Archbald yesterday handed down an opinion in the matter of the will of the late John Faurot, of this city. After the will of Mr. Faurot was filed his niece, Estella Woolsey, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., asked that it be set aside on the ground that Mr. Faurot never attached his signature to the will and that he was of unsound mind. Register Hopkins decided against Mrs.

Woolsey and an appeal was taken to the orphans' court. In passing upon the appeal from the register and request for an issue Judge Archbald said yesterday:

"There is not a scintilla of evidence of undue influence and the request for an issue upon that score may be dismissed without more. Nor is there enough in our judgment to go to the jury on the question of want of testamentary capacity." The following order was made in the case:

"And now Dec. 22, 1898, decree is directed to the court of common pleas for an issue to try the question whether or not the writing bearing date of Oct. 18, 1896, purporting to be signed by the decedent, John Faurot, as and for his last will and testament, was in fact signed and executed by the said John Faurot as such, in which said issue the proponent of the will, Mary Faurot, shall be named as plaintiff, and the contestant, Estella Woolsey, shall be defendant."

MORE TESTIMONY HEARD.

Hearing in the Impeachment Proceedings Against Alderman John Kelly of the Eighteenth Ward. Peculiar Official Acts.

There was another hearing before Commissioner J. W. Carpenter yesterday in the impeachment proceedings against Alderman John Kelly, of the Eighteenth ward. The testimony was taken by Mr. Schuch, Attorney E. P. Loughran conducted the impeachment proceedings and Attorney W. W. Baylor appeared for Mr. Kelly.

Charles Cooper, John Newman, John Wagner, Jr., Casper Neagley, Samuel Porter, Mrs. Samuel Porter and Andrew Poncilion were the witnesses examined. The Porters testified that they had a warrant issued in Alderman Kelly's court for a culprit located in Wilkes-Barre. The constable had to go to that city twice before he could serve the warrant and each time they paid the expenses. Notwithstanding this Alderman Kelly's bill in the case charged the county with mileage, etc., in the case.

Andrew Poncilion said he had to pay \$6 to get out of the county jail after being committed before Alderman Kelly. It was maintained by Kelly's attorney that the \$6 was paid to John Kelly, sr., for going Poncilion's bail. Casper Neagley alleged that the costs taxed in a case he was interested in were far too high.

John Newman and John Wagner were charged with felonious wounding before Alderman Kelly and settled the case by each of them paying \$80. Alderman Kelly did not receive the money, but he must have known that it was paid for he was in the room when the settlement took place.

The final hearing on the part of the petitioners will take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

BURGLARY AT TAYLOR.

Thomas Davis Caught with the Sunday School Collection Pennies.

About 11:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening as Robert Llewellyn was walking down Union street, Taylor, he discovered a light in the grocery store of John J. Price. He stopped and looking in the window saw a strange man moving about the place in a mysterious manner. Llewellyn hastened to the store and entered the store. He discovered a light in the grocery store of John J. Price. He stopped and looking in the window saw a strange man moving about the place in a mysterious manner. Llewellyn hastened to the store and entered the store. He discovered a light in the grocery store of John J. Price. He stopped and looking in the window saw a strange man moving about the place in a mysterious manner.

While the police were being assembled the light in the store was extinguished but the robber did not appear. The proprietor of the store, who had been notified, arrived on the scene and was elected to lead an attacking party while the crowd remained outside, blockading all exits.

A light was procured and Messrs. Price and Llewellyn entered the store. They could find no signs of the visitor until Mr. Price discovered that the trap door leading to the cellar had been used. They went below and after a search found Thomas Davis crouched in one corner between a vinegar barrel and a cask of New Orleans molasses. The burglar surrendered without a struggle. He had in his possession a bag of candy, a bag of cookies and \$7.18 in pennies, the collection money of the Welsh Congregational church Sunday school, of which Mr. Price is treasurer.

Davis was taken before Squire Dolan who committed him to jail in default of \$500 bail. The prisoner is 31 years old; was employed at Oxford mines and has hitherto borne a good character.

WELLSBACH LIGHTS APPROVED.

Council Committee Wants to Give the New Idea a Trial.

The light and water committee of select council met yesterday afternoon to consider the proposition of the Wellsbach Gas Light company to install a number of lights in the suburbs for experimental purposes. A representative of the company attended the meeting.

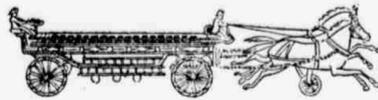
According to the company's offer, which was read at the last meeting of select council and referred to the committee, the lights would be operated at the rate of \$30 per light per year, nearly one-third less than the rate now paid for arc lights. The committee decided to recommend to councils that a few lights be installed for a few weeks, the company agreeing to give that

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- Wheelbarrows that were 59c are to go at 39c
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- Trains of Cars that were \$1.49 are to go at 95c
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