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CITY NOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL.—The Y. P. C. U. will give a social in the Universalist church, on Pine street, between Adams and Jefferson avenues, Friday evening. Cake and ice cream will be served.

CLOSING SOCIAL.—On Thursday evening, April 27, the Enterprise Dancing class of which Professor Harry D. Taylor is instructor, will conduct its closing social in Excelsior hall on Wyoming avenue.

SCHOOL REPAIRS.—The building committee of the board of control will meet tonight to make up a schedule of the repairs to be made on the different buildings, and were suggested by the tour of inspection, concluded Wednesday.

NO RECRUITS.—A large number of men were examined yesterday at the recruiting station on Spruce street but none were sworn in. This matter of giving the men a choice of Philippine service means a little delay as most of them want to think it over.

NO MEETING.—The meeting called for last night at the armory by the members of Company D, Thirtieth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was held on account of non-attendance. The fire on Lackawanna avenue proved too great an attraction. Captain Gilman will call another meeting later.

BIBLE LESSONS.—The Friday evening Bible class study will be held in the Penn Avenue Baptist church, on Pine street, Rev. R. P. Y. Pierce will give the address and conduct the study of the lessons for the coming Sunday. All teachers in the Sunday schools of the city are cordially welcomed. Class meets from 8 to 9 o'clock.

FOR VOLUNTEER MEETING.—The friends of the Volunteers of America will be pleased to know that through the kindness of J. D. Williams, his store room at No. 219 Washington avenue, has been secured for volunteer meetings. Their first service to commence at 8 o'clock this evening and every evening in the week. The public are invited to attend.

TO REHEARSE AN OPERA.—The Scranton Musical Culture club will meet this evening to commence rehearsal of an operatic work which they will produce next season. The great success attending their first concert given last evening inspired the members to still greater efforts. They have received several applications for membership since their concert and have decided to increase their number to about fifty people.

REMAINS ARRIVE TODAY.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the remains of the late Adam S. Edinger will arrive at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western depot in this city, and be taken to Forest Hill cemetery for interment. The deceased was an old member of the Masonic lodge of Stroudsburg and a delegation from that lodge will accompany the remains here. Members of the Masonic order from Stroudsburg and this city will participate in the burial service at the cemetery.

ENTERED BAIL.—Winton Shaffer, gate keeper at the Bunting Brook turnpike toll house, was arrested by Constable Code yesterday on a warrant issued from Alderman Howe's office. Shaffer was charged with assault and battery. J. E. Mordock, of this city, furnished the information and alleged that Shaffer wanted to impose upon him. When he

objected defendant assaulted him. Shaffer waived a hearing before Justice of the peace at Elmhurst and entered bail for his appearance at court.

BOY'S FOOT CRUSHED.—John Clarke, 14 years of age, living at Tripp's park, attempted to jump on a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train at the West Lackawanna avenue crossing at 10.30 o'clock last night, and falling beneath the wheels had one of his feet badly crushed. He was taken to the West Side hospital.

MUCH BETTER.—Louis Butch, the workman who was so murderously assaulted by a companion at the Lackawanna avenue crossing Wednesday evening, was much improved last night at the Lackawanna hospital, where he was removed after the assault. An operation was performed yesterday morning and the fracture of the skull reduced. His assailant has not yet been captured.

THERE IS TROUBLE AHEAD.

New Electric Light Company Has Run Against a Snag.

The following letter has been received from Secretary of the Commonwealth W. W. Griest by Hon. M. F. Sando:

My Dear Sir: I beg leave to advise you that Hon. M. E. Ometstead and A. C. Stamm, attorneys for the Scranton Light and Heat company, have this day lodged a protest against the incorporation of the West Side Electric Light, Heat and Power company. In brief the allegations of the protest are:

First—That the protesting company has an exclusive right to supply light, heat and power by means of electricity in the city of Scranton, part of the territory covered by the application.

Second—That the name of the company is so similar to that of another company already in existence, to wit, the West Side Electric Light company, that its use would create confusion in the accounting and other departments of the state government and uncertainty in the service of judicial process.

Third—That there is no authority of law for the incorporation of an electric light company for more than a single municipal district.

It will be necessary to have a formal hearing on this matter at which Mr. Sando will be present at the hearing in Harrisburg on May 9.

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WHITE-VON STORCH NUPTIALS.

Ceremony Performed in the Home of the Bride at Edella.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, of Edella, Wednesday evening, April 19, when their daughter, Miss Ethel Ruth, was united in marriage to Justus von Storch. The bride was becomingly attired in a handsome gown of white lace. They were united by Rev. W. H. Lowell, of Clark's Green. Miss Clara Von Storch, sister of the groom, played the wedding march.

Following the ceremony, the immediate relatives of the bride and groom sat down to the wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Von Storch will at once begin housekeeping in their new home at Justus, the gift of the groom's father.

CHILDREN ENTERTAIN.

Give a Concert at the African Methodist Church Hall.

Once every month an affair of some kind is held at the Howard Place African Methodist church hall for the purpose of raising funds to meet current expenses in the church work. Last night one of these affairs was given by the children of the Sunday school. Mrs. Sadie J. Morton was in charge.

The hall and platform were artistically decorated for the occasion with bunting and flowering plants. About twenty-five children took part and exercised, consisted of solos, choruses, recitations and dialogues. Two features of the entertainment were the flag drill and the cake walk. A substantial sum was realized.

MORE SUNDAY TRAINS.

They Are to Be Placed on the D., L. & W. Road.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company will increase its Sunday train service beginning next Sunday. The new schedule has been so arranged that train No. 12 will leave here at 5.10 a. m. for New York, and train No. 3 will arrive here at 1.52 p. m. from New York, leaving this city for Buffalo at 1.55 p. m. These will be the only trains on the main line.

On the Bloomsburg division No. 1 will leave here at 10.05 a. m., and train No. 2 will reach here at 8.42 a. m. No. 5 will leave this city at 5.40 p. m. and No. 8 will arrive at 9.07 p. m.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

Our stores, 312 and 314 Lackawanna avenue, were badly damaged by fire last night. We have saved a large part of our candy stock and all of our bicycles, and will be able to take care of our wholesale customers in the basement of 318 and 318 Lackawanna avenue, under Horan & Merrill's clothing store, this morning.

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HEAVY LOSS IN A FIERCE FIRE

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stal men stood on the only portion of the flooring that did not go down and had their ten feet further towards the front they would have gone down with it. The men on the roof, fortunately, kept a position to the rear on the somewhat more elevated roof of the easterly side of the building. The men on the ladders were struck by flying debris, but were more scared than hurt. They and the men on the rear of the roof sought safer places in-stantly, but the Crystal men kept their position until they had subdued every bit of fire within reach.

Great excitement prevailed on the roof when the crash came. It was several minutes before it was fully relieved by the assurance that no one was on the portion that fell.

CONTROLLED THE FLAMES.

This caving-in of the Shopland building made it possible for the firemen to get the upper hand of the flames and at 10 o'clock they were practically under control. The suburban companies were gradually released and an hour later there was nothing remaining to do but to finish off the victory.

Nothing but praise was heard of the daring, energetic work of the firemen and the effective manner in which it was directed by Chief Hickey and his assistants. No paid department could have done better with the means at hand.

The police also did praiseworthy service in handling the immense throng that gathered from all parts of the city. Ropes were stretched at Wyoming and Penn avenues and the entire block was kept clear for the firemen. This work was directed by Lieutenant Davis.

The loss on Mr. Ladewig's stock is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and is said to be fully insured. His building and fixtures would run the loss up to \$10,000 more. He purchased the property from Meyer Goldsmith two years ago for \$45,000. The building then was valued at \$5,000 and additions and improvements were made which would enhance its value \$2,000.

MR. WELCKER'S LOSS.

Mr. Welcker stated that his stock is valued at about \$7,000. After a cursory survey he thought the damage would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 or \$12,000. The damage to the building can be repaired for \$1,500. The fixtures were but slightly damaged. He carried \$17,000 insurance in the Boland, Kiesel and Norman & Moore agencies.

Mr. Welcker was in his store directing work in the millinery department when the flames were discovered next door. They had no sooner reached the street than the flames were bursting out of the front of the Four Cent store making it almost impossible for one to go into or come out of his store, so intense was the heat.

J. D. Williams & Bros. carried a stock valued at between \$35,000 and \$40,000. Fully one-third of it was totally destroyed or so badly damaged that it will not be salable even at a sacrifice. Fortunately for them, they recently rented the basement of the adjoining Henwood building and had most of their bicycles and much other valuable stock stored there.

When the fire broke out they carried to this basement all the portable goods that was in the basement under their own store, and as much as they had time for of the goods on the ground floor. The water followed to the Henwood basement and made them move some of the goods a second time, placing them on elevators at the second moving. The firm will be ready in the morning to proceed with their wholesale business. Entrance to the basement is through the westerly door of the Henwood building.

COVERED BY INSURANCE.

Williams & Bros.' loss is fully covered by insurance in companies represented by Phillips and Holmes, Henry Boland, Jr., H. S. Keller, Schlager & Co., Payne & Son, and C. E. Smith.

The three buildings east of the three burned last night were destroyed by fire Sept. 15, 1894, known as the Matthews Bros.' drug store fire and one of the costliest of the city ever experienced.

George Aschbold, a member of the Liberty company of the North End, was overcome by smoke during the latter part of the night and was taken to the Lackawanna hospital. He will be all right in the morning the physicians say.

About 2 o'clock this morning flames began to dart from the roof of the Williams building, but they were extinguished without an effort.

BIG BUILDING WAS AFIRE.

Flames Did Much Damage in a Basement Storeroom.

At a few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a disastrous fire broke out in the basement storeroom of D. I. Phillips' furniture store in the board of trade building. It required nearly an hour's work on the part of the firemen to extinguish the flames and in the meantime \$5,000 worth of stock was destroyed or badly damaged.

At no time, however, was there any imminent danger to the building. The store room is encased with brick tiling on all sides and the flames in consequence were confined as in a furnace. The fact that there was no entrance to the basement from the street had, therefore, the firemen to a large extent.

What caused the fire has not been explained. Mr. Phillips is at a loss to understand its origin. The furniture was insured in companies represented by D. J. Campbell, Phillips & Holmes, C. G. Boland and J. D. Evans. There was no damage to the building.

He Didn't Mind.

"You know," said the man who was suggested difficulties, "the Phillips are not all one people. There are the Taginis and the—"

"That's all right," said the cheerful companion; "all Phillips look alike to me."—Puck.

Protheroe & Co. have today commenced their opening sale in their new furniture store, 293 Lackawanna avenue.

MARRIED.

LEWIS—LEWIS.—At residence of bride's mother, North Main avenue, on April 18, 1899, by Rev. William Edgar, Mr. Samuel Lewis and Miss Mame E. Lewis, both of Scranton.

DIED.

CAREY.—In Dunmore, April 20, 1899, Patrick Carey, at the residence on Patrick street. Funeral Saturday morning. Services at St. Mary's church. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

PAULL.—In Green Ridge, April 20, 1899, F. E. Paull, 75 years of age, at his residence, 134 Sanderson avenue. Funeral Monday afternoon.

WHITE.—In Scranton, April 20, 89, Mrs. Emily L. White, mother of Mrs. Edwin S. Williams, aged 48 years, 10 months and 12 days. Funeral from her late residence, No. 22 North Washington avenue, Saturday afternoon, 10 o'clock. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

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ANSWER IN THE POOR BOARD CASE

FILED YESTERDAY BY DIRECTOR FRANK J. DICKERT.

Makes a General Denial of All the Facts That Have Heretofore Been Set Forth in the Case—Answer Will Probably Be Demurred to by Mr. Murphy and Then the Matter Will Come Up for Argument Before the Court.

The answer of Frank J. Dickert, substituted as defendant in the place of Frederick L. Terpe by order of the court, made the 30 day of April, 1899, was filed yesterday and is in brief as follows:

After admitting many of the facts stated in the information for quo warranto, he denies that he was appointed as a director of the Scranton poor district for that part of the district comprising the Eleventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards of the city of Scranton and avers that the said South ward of the city of Scranton, as the respondent understands and believes the same, did not comprise the said territory, viz., the Eleventh, Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards.

The respondent denies that Frederick L. Terpe assumed the duties of director of the poor of Scranton poor district without any legal rights thereto and in violation of the act of assembly of the state of Pennsylvania, approved the 9th day of April, 1898, and its supplements, approved the 16th day of March, 1896, and in violation of other laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

He further avers that the term for which L. Terpe was appointed had not expired at the date of the alleged election to the said office of the said John J. Murphy, as is suggested by the relator. He denies that there was any vacancy existing in the office of poor director of the South ward district at the time of the said election, and further denies that there was any vacancy existing which could or was filled by the said election.

The respondent avers and maintains that the said John J. Murphy on the 15th day of February, 1898, at the general election held in the city of Scranton, was not duly elected a director of the Scranton poor district for the South ward poor district.

Finally the respondent avers that "on the 21st day of March, 1899, several months after the resignation of the office of director of the poor of the Scranton poor district of the South ward of the former borough of Scranton, of the said F. L. Terpe, that on the 21st day of March, 1899, Hon. R. W. Archibald, president judge of Lackawanna county, appointed your respondent a poor director to fill the said vacancy for the unexpired term then existing, and since said date has then elected the said office and exercised the duties appertaining to the same and at this time is still in possession of the said office, all of which matters and things I am ready to maintain and place myself as to disputed facts upon the country."

This answer will in all probability be demurred to by Mr. Murphy, and after that the matter will come up for argument. The apparent object of the answer is to gain as much time as possible before the case can be finally disposed of.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

The following order, which speaks for itself, has gone into effect:

Hereafter orders for supplies, such as oil, kerosene, turpentine, etc., will be issued to contractors only. No orders for supplies of any kind will be issued to brake-men. All orders must be called for before 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 p. m. (Signed) Garrett B. Stinebaugh, Superintendent.

RASH ACT OF SCRANTON MEN.

Tried to Commit Suicide in the Far West.

Edward H. Williams, aged 47 years, brother of Mrs. Thomas B. Jones, of South street, and Joseph Morgan, aged 29, son of Mrs. Ann Morgan, of 132 Academy street, both of whom left her on April 3 to go to Seattle, Washington, tried to commit suicide while en route to their destination on Wednesday.

He cut his throat and the other tried to jump out of a car window. They claimed they had been drunk and lunched and did not know what they were doing. Both were arrested. They will recover.

The relatives of the men knew nothing of the occurrence when seen by a telegraph operator last evening, but have telegraphed the authorities at Seattle for information.

DETECTIVE MOIR INJURED.

Fell Into an Area Way at the Board of Trade Fair.

Detective John Moir had his arm painfully injured at the Board of Trade building fire yesterday afternoon. He ran into Phillips' store from the rear, passing over a grating in doing so, and after a moment ran hurriedly and heedlessly out again. In the short interval some one had removed the grating and he pitched violently into an area way ten feet in depth.

He struck on his right side, with his arm beneath him, and severely strained the ligaments at the shoulder. This did not, however, prevent him from active service until the fire last night. He was the first man to get a line of hose to the roof of the Williams building, accomplishing this with the aid of a coil of rope which he carried up through the Henwood building.

THIEF CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Patrolman McColligan Discovers a Tramp Attempting Robbery.

About 12 o'clock last night, Patrolman McColligan caught a burglar attempting to effect an entrance to Edwin C. Curtis' barber shop, 714 West Lackawanna avenue.

He is a tramping looking youth, says his name is Michael McLaughlin, and that he came here from Jersey City six months ago. He was locked up in the West Side station house.

YOUNG IDEAS.

"Well, Johnnie," said the minister to a little fellow, aged 6, "I hear you are going to the young men's club and looking for a job." "And what part of it do you like best?" asked the good man. "Comin' home," was the prompt and truthful answer.

Harry, aged 5, had his photograph taken recently, and when the proof was sent home his mamma said he looked so solemn and asked him why he didn't smile. "I did smile, mamma," replied the little fellow. "But I guess the man forgot to put it down."

"I just think our mamma is an awful gossip," said a 6-year-old Walter to his little sister. "Oh, how can you say such a thing?" she exclaimed. "Well, that's true what she is," replied the little fellow. "Everything I do she runs and tells papa. A gossiping woman makes me uneasy."

"Mamma," asked little Willie, "did Daniel Webster build the dictionary?" "No, dear; it was Noah; but why do you ask?" said his mother. "Why," replied the youngster, "our teacher said that Noah built the ark, and I thought he might have got Daniel to build the dictionary for him if he was busy."

Tommy, aged 5, and his cousin Willie, aged 8, had several little arguments, in which Tommy invariably got the worst of it. One day his mamma said to him: "Tommy, to-morrow is Willie's birthday; would you like to buy him something?" "You just better believe I would," was the

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