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LACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY. 78 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARTMAN.

BEFORE BREAKFAST. Mr. O'Leary certainly cannot be held solely responsible for all the thieving in the city.

The poor dogs are having a doubtful time of it. The muzzle business is about as absurd as anything that could well be devised.

Home Is Where the Heart Is. and the heart should be with the unfortunate victim of the liquor disease.

TO THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD will but increase my pain. If you have thrown away money for medicines that did not cure, now begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Colliery Engineer Co. Stock for sale, 20 shares. Comerys, Broker, Dime Bank Bldg. Drowsiness is dispelled by Beecham's Pills.

Finest wines and cigars at Lane's, 220 Spruce street. Smoke the Hotel Jermyn Cigar 10c.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING WITH PERFECT SUCCESS.

"catcher." It's a case of sympathy with the dog every time these dog days.

Speaking of dogs is a reminder that a prominent professional man of this city has had to endure considerable good natured chaffing lately on account of a fall in an enthusiastic and indefatigable entomologist and has fine collections of beetles, butterflies, etc.

PERSONAL.

Captain Fremont Stokes is dangerously ill. Miss Agnes Vickers is visiting at Livingston Manor, New York. Miss Lou Manchester is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Myron Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. von Storch have opened their summer cottage on Ehrlich's Bay, Long Island, N. Y. J. Fred Schenk, money order clerk at the postoffice, is able to be about again after being laid up with a sprained ankle for several days.

At Bucknell yesterday the Sophomore declaration prize for women was awarded to Miss Mary P. Davies, daughter of Rev. W. P. Davies, of this city.

Miss Rose Donnelly pleasantly entertained a number of her friends at the home at 1020 Chestnut St. Mrs. P. Donnelly, of Beech street, South Scranton, last evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis left last evening for Mansfield, O., where she will spend a fortnight. Upon her return she will conduct dances at Laurel Hill park during the remainder of the summer.

Miss Josephine Wirtz, of New York, is the guest of Miss Carrie Knittle, of Jefferson street. Miss Wirtz and Miss Knittle were schoolmates at St. Mary's academy, Wilkes-Barre, and are attending commencement exercises at that institution today.

FENCED IN POPLAR STREET.

Delaware and Hudson Company Shuts Off a Thoroughfare. People living on Poplar street, in Pine Brook, have called Street Commissioner O'Boyle's attention to a fence that has been erected by the Delaware and Hudson company, cutting off that thoroughfare at the eastern side of the railroad.

The street is not open on the western side of the tracks and there is a question if a street exists there. Mr. O'Boyle is looking into the matter and will have the fence removed if he finds that it is built on or blocks off a city street.

Inquiry at the land office of the Delaware and Hudson company brought forth the statement that there is no street west of the tracks and that the fence is on private property.

The street leads to the site of the new bolt and nut works and that concern will very likely want to put in a grade crossing there.

Reduced Rates to Gettysburg via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Dedication of the General Reynolds Monument. On account of the dedication of the monument of General Reynolds at Gettysburg, July 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from points on its line in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia to Gettysburg at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on June 30 and July 1, good to return until July 5, inclusive.

Low Rates to Los Angeles, Calif. For the above occasion the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway will make very low rates from Buffalo to Los Angeles, and return, allowing passengers their choice of direct routes. Tickets will be on sale June 24th to July 7th.

Complimentary Soda Water. We have just installed one of the finest Onyx Soda Water Fountains built by James W. Tutts (the largest manufacturer of soda water apparatus in the country), and to introduce our high grade soda water to the public we will give a complimentary soda check to every customer buying 5 cents worth or over of our fine bread, fancy cakes, confectionery, ice cream, etc., on Wednesday, June 21.

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AUDITORS HAVE FILED THEIR REPORT

SURCHARGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH \$16,500.83.

They Believe That Amount Was Unnecessarily Expended in Rebuilding of the County Court House—Total Cost of the Work Was \$149,515.40—Auditors Give in Detail Their Reasons for the Different Surcharges Against the Commissioners.

The long delayed and anxiously awaited report of County Auditors A. E. Kiefer, F. L. Ward and P. W. Costello was filed with the county yesterday. The report is for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1897, and in it the auditors surcharge the commissioners with \$16,500.83, money which the auditors believe was unnecessarily expended in the rebuilding of the county court house.

In detail the surcharges on the various contracts are as follows: Plumbing and gas-fitting contract, Hunt & Connel, contractors, \$2,100.00; New Jersey Wire Cloth company, contractors, \$86.26; Main contract, court house alterations, Conrad Schroeder, contractor, 4,414.40; Interior woodwork, John Benegre & Son, sub-contractors, 533.24; Decorations, Superior court room, James T. Hall & Co., contractors, 7,533.18; Steel roof, Berlin Iron Bridge company, contractors, \$20.00; Roof tiling, Charles T. Harris, contractor, sub-let by Conrad Schroeder, contractor, 57.45.

Total, \$16,500.83. The auditors thus review the action of the commissioners in making the improvements on the court house.

AUDITORS' REVIEW. To the honorable, the judges of the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county: We, the undersigned auditors, beg to submit, together with the subjoined audit of the accounts of the county commissioners of the expense incurred for remodeling the court house, the following report:

In the summer of 1896 the remodeling of the court house began and the work continued until late in 1897, for which the gross amount expended, as shown by the vouchers of the county commissioners, was \$149,515.40. No work was provided for in part by contracts under which several contractors claimed and received, in addition to the contract price, extra to the amount of \$31,546.06, going to make up the above stated total. In some instances, no contracts appear to have been made. In one instance, viz., the interior finish and decoration of the Superior court room, no effort appears to have been made to secure a contract for the work done at the instance of the commissioners by a firm known as James T. Hall & Co., of New York, who were authorized to do the work at a rate of ten per cent, additional charge for profit.

The first contract awarded was for the steel roof and was given to the Berlin Iron Bridge company at \$20,000. What is known as the principal contract for the remodeling of the court house, covering the masonry and carpenter work, at \$61,457. A contract was awarded to James T. Hall & Co. for decorative work on the court house at \$4,250; another to J. B. McCoy for electrical fixtures for \$4,800; another to Hunt & Connel for plumbing, etc., for \$4,881. All of these contracts were claimed by the county commissioners to have been awarded to the successful bidder among several competitive bids. These bids are not on file in the commissioners' office and cannot be found, and the only evidence of such bids are the minutes kept by the county commissioners' minute-book, except in the case of Hunt & Connel bid for the plumbing, one letter is found referring to an alleged proposal of a date a few days earlier than the letter.

FIGURES IN DETAIL. The amount of these contracts as well as of the extra work, the number of vouchers, the amount and date of payments, together with the name of bidder is shown by tabulated statements hereto attached.

There have been submitted to the auditors for approval claims embodying the contracts and bills of extras from the several contractors amounting to something more than the total above stated; from this certain deductions were made by the county commissioners and remitted, leaving a net payment as shown by the warrants of the county treasurer by the amount of \$149,515.40.

The auditors have thus far from the papers submitted to them been unable to ascertain positively what items go to make up the difference between the two amounts. We have found it necessary to have the assistance of legal advice and have brought before us by subpoena all of the witnesses who could be expected to be able to identify or explain the payments that seem to be open to question. We have called upon the county commissioners for the production of all papers in any way relating to the expenditures. We have also compelled the production of plans, maps and drawings which were in the possession of B. T. Lacey, the acting architect of the work under the firm name of T. I. Lacey & Son.

It is possible that some of the items disallowed by us may be included in the deductions which were made by the county commissioners either on their own motion or at the instance of Mr. Lacey, the architect, because in many instances we have found that neither the county commissioners nor the architect could identify or explain what certain deductions covered or for what reason they were made. If an item-

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E. G. Coursen. Phone 2542.

used statement of these deductions had been kept by the county commissioners and submitted to the auditors, much trouble and expense would have been saved. This report was due in December, 1898, but for want of sufficient information to be had in the county commissioners' office the auditors have been compelled to go over a great deal of ground and consume a great deal of time in order to ascertain the facts necessary to an intelligent auditing of these accounts, and have reached the result herewith shown as speedily as possible under the circumstances.

HAD TO CHANGE PLANS.

It appears that when the commissioners planned the remodeling and reconstruction of the court house they determined, for the sake of economy, not to disturb certain portions of the building, considering that the original construction would answer all purposes, but from developments during the progress of the work it was ascertained that to secure strength, durability, and national compactness and uniformity would be necessary to make the changes and this accounts for a considerable amount of the extra work shown as speedily as possible under the circumstances.

The plumbing and gas-fitting were not publicly advertised and it appears from the testimony in the latter books that two separate sets of specifications were in existence, one of which contained gas-fitting and the other omitted it. This statement seems to be borne out by an examination of the bids, or rather the books kept by the competitive bidders, known as estimate books. The architect refused to certify the bill for gas-fitting rendered by the Hunt & Connel company until after the commissioners had adopted an opinion from the county solicitor advising its payment.

The auditors give in detail the reasons for the various surcharges. They contend that a good deal of the work charged as "extra" and for which no contracts appear to have been made, was done at the instance of the commissioners and the contractors were not entitled to anything in the way of additional compensation for this.

The auditors report the following amounts due the county by tax collectors: 1897, \$7,376.43; 1898, \$7,172.69; 1899, \$590.75; 1894, \$169.33. These amounts are subject to exonerations and commissions.

County Treasurer C. H. Schadt began the fiscal year 1897 with \$7,859.22 in the treasury and during the year received \$20,343.24. During the year 1897 he paid out \$22,145.72, leaving a balance in his hands to turn over to his successor, M. J. Kelly, of \$5,993.61.

Aside from the surcharges noted above, the auditors find no errors in the county officers' accounts.

CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

Work of Repairing the Streets Can Now Be Commenced—It Will Be Pushed with a Good Deal of Vigor.

The Barber asphalt repair contract was made operative yesterday at noon by the signature of City Controller Howell. He will certify this fact to City Engineer Phillips today and forthwith request the contractor to see that the Barber company the work of repairs will be commenced.

The contract was signed shortly before noon. Controller Howell only hesitated long enough to have the bond properly approved, city solicitor Youngberg examining it and finding it regular and in every way sufficient, submitted it to Chairman Williams, of select council and Chairman Keller, of common council, and upon these officers attaching their signatures, the provisions of the ordinance were all complied with and the contract was thereupon countersigned by the controller.

His certification is for one year's appropriation only, but as that is all that was expected of him, it is satisfactory in every respect.

The Barber company had its files going and is organizing its work gangs with a view of entering upon the work without a moment's delay. Inside of two months every street that is badly worn will be resurfaced and those that are but slightly worn will be graded.

General Manager Griffith estimates that \$30,000 worth of work will be done on the streets before snow flies.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Scranton post office, Lackawanna county, Pa., June 21, 1899. Persons calling for these letters will please say advertised and give date of list; Ezra H. Ripple, postmaster:

Editor American. E. W. Taylor, Samuel Bigley, Dr. William R. Brown, Miss Jessie Lee Berry, Miss Maggie Bird, Miss May Durkin, E. E. Dean, Mrs. R. Duchobury, Daniel Davis, Pauline Edwards, Miss Alice Beasley Fitzgerald, William Fitzgerald, Mrs. Joseph F. M. Giles, Francis E. Gaffney, Arthur Gardner, William Glasgow, Dr. F. M. Gardner, David Hughes, E. L. Hopkins, L. H. Hamilton, Miss Ingraham, Mrs. Jennie M. Jones, Mrs. William Jenkins, Mrs. John Kerchan, J. H. Kinick, Mrs. L. Lester, Miss Jessie Lee Berry, W. Merrifield "Special," Mabel Mortimer, David Michael, Mrs. L. S. Moody, Mabel Moore, Miss Minnie Mottram, George F. Rowell, Miss Addie Pharrago, S. E. Powers, Thomas Quinn, Steve Roobar, Miss Ollie B. Stewart, William Steere, D. Glad, Addison G. Sargent, Miss Carrie Stephens, Miss May Saye, D. W. Stevens, Mrs. Shubert, H. A. Savers, Miss Gertrude Stanton, Miss Mary Stearns, Fred Stubbins, Mrs. Maggie Shanley, Mr. Shell, Mrs. Sherman, E. E. Sibbes, James E. Thomas, P. M. Trantow, Miss Anna Taylor, E. L. Williams, Mrs. Mary Walker, "Special," William Wallace, Mrs. Rosa White, C. M. West, Miss Mayne Walsh. Third class—Minnie Alick, book.

Christian Endeavor Excursion. Scranton to Detroit and return \$12.50. Tickets on sale July 3, 4 and 5. Good to return until July 15 inst, except by depositing ticket with joint agent on or before July 12 and payment of 50 cents, extension of time to Aug. 15 will be granted. Special party will leave Scranton 7.15 a. m. July 4, via D. & W. to Buffalo and Washburn railroad to Detroit; arriving at Detroit 7 a. m. July 5. For full information call on or address either Charles H. Chandler, Powell's Music Store, 131 Washington Avenue, or Edwin M. Frear, 896 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Pa., or M. L. Smith, D. P. Agent D. L. & W. R. R. Try the Hotel Jermyn Cigar, 10 cents.

A Card. We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Winslow's Soothing Syrup, if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 50-cent bottle to donate to every mother who writes to Dr. S. B. Dunmore, Scranton, Pa.; John P. Donahue, Scranton, Pa.

WANTS TO LOCATE TIN PLATE FACTORY

SECRETARY ATHERTON AFTER ANOTHER BIG INDUSTRY.

L. K. Torbet, a Chicago Tin Plate Manufacturer, Believes Scranton an Exceptionally Favorable Place for Such an Industry and Is Willing to Back His Belief with \$25,000—Board of Trade to Be Interested in the Matter—An Exhaustive Report Will Be Made.

Tin plate is now the battle cry of the board of trade. Having settled satisfactorily the bolt and nut question, the decks are clear for a new campaign, and it is the purpose of the reformed secretary, Captain Atherton, to enter upon and push one with his characteristic vigor.

He had his mind firmly set on reviving the tin plate movement that was on three years ago and which was re-suscitated for a time last year, and had about matured plans for getting the matter before the people in inviting shape, when along comes a letter from a Chicago tin plate man, L. K. Torbet, offering to establish a plant in Scranton and subscribe the first \$25,000 for the organization of a stock company to back the enterprise.

Scranton, he says, offers special inducements for the manufacture of tin plate and to his mind a modest and not very expensive plant could be made to expand into one of the biggest industries of the country.

In other cities where the conditions for tin plate manufacture are not nearly so favorable as they are in Scranton, the manufacturers are making money at the rate of fifty per cent, on their investment and have been doing it for years. Scranton, Mr. Torbet thinks, ought to make as big a profit as any of them.

Mr. Torbet is the same gentleman who was discussed as manager of the Scranton tin plate factory when the agitation was on three years ago. That he is sanguine of the success of a factory here is attested by his willingness to back the enterprise with his own money to the extent of \$25,000. Secretary Atherton has a lot of tin plate data at hand and as soon as he can put it together in presentable shape, will submit it to the board of trade, through the manufacturers' committee. When the board convenes in September a comprehensive report on tin plate with recommendations are likely to be one of the matters the manufacturers' committee will have to present as evidence that it was not idle even during dog days.

Smoke the Pocono, 5-cent Cigar.

Getting Posted.... MOST WOMEN FOLKS do the buying now-a-days, and they are getting posted that cheap shoes are dear at any price. Some shoes are made just to sell, and you get sold when you buy 'em. You get posted on just what the shoe is when you buy of us, for we KNOW it's no guess work.

Our Tan and Russels for Children and Misses are cut to less than cost to us.

Children's Tan Lace and Button, regular price, \$1.00; cut price, 65c. Children's Tan Lace and Button, regular price, \$1.25; sizes 8 to 11; cut price, 89c.

Misses' Tan Lace and Button, regular price, \$1.50; cut price, 99c. Only a Few Days.

SCHANK & SPENCER

410 Spruce Street. Artificial Teeth for which other dentists charge \$15, \$12, \$8 and \$5. Our price, \$8, \$7, 5 and \$2.75.

Gold Crown and Bridge Work for which others charge \$10, \$5 and \$3. Our price, \$5, \$4 and \$1.50.

Gold and other Fillings, 25c up. We extract teeth, fill teeth and insert Gold Crowns and Bridge Work without pain.

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The Cuban Army. Does not want to let go of its arms. We did not want to let go of our stock of Men's Union Suits for Men for as Low a Price as \$1, but we had to do that or carry them as old stock, which would never do.

CONRAD, Hatter, 305 Lackawanna Avenue.

BOTTLERS WILL CONVENE.

Are Not Disposed to Compromise Prosecution.

The Anthracite Bottlers' association will meet in Pittston on July 20, and consider the report of the work done in prosecuting dealers who have been guilty of trafficking in labeled bottles, belonging to members.

The law committee has refused to compromise with these men and will advise carrying the cases through. The exchange committee will advise the establishment of a central exchange in this city.

We Will Dispose of Our STOCK OF BICYCLES BEFORE REBUILDING.

We must have the room. Sale beginning today we close out Victors' '99 Model, all latest improvements, were \$50, at \$28, net cash. Bells, lamps and brakes extra. We have a number of makes and can please all. Some second-hand ones still left at lowest prices.

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Solid Gold Misses' Rings, \$1.00. Fine Belt Buckles, 50 cents. Solid Gold Spectacles, \$3.50. Solid Silver Thimbles, 25 cents. Fine Silver Tea Sets, \$3.50. Roger Bros' Teaspoons, 50 cents. Roger Bros' Sugar Shells, 37 cents. Alarm Clocks, warranted, 69 cents.

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