

COLLECTION CHARGE TO STAND.

At Least There Are Strong Intimations That It Will.

The three months probationary period of the check-charge rule adopted by the New York clearing house association ended yesterday, and an announcement will be made this afternoon or tomorrow it is expected, as to whether or not the rule will be made permanent.

More than twenty large banking cities, Scranton among them, representing eight different states, have sent in petitions for a modification of the rule, but intimations that have been given out from time to time by the clearing house committee tend to the belief that there will be few concessions.

It is plain that there will be many disappointments. The clearing house committee will treat every application with the greatest respect. Each will be considered. It may be stated, however, from a source entitled to weight, that the rule will not be materially altered, if at all.

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NO OPPOSITION TO ARCHIBALD'S MEN

TWO MORE DECLARED UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED.

In all the Election Districts of Lackawanna County Not a Single Vote Was Registered Against Any of the Four Candidates Named by Judge Archibald as His Personal Choice for Delegate to the State Convention—Second and Fourth District Conventions.

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Today is the anniversary of the declaration of independence. This announcement is for the information of everybody within hearing distance, excepting the good people of Wallsville, who, alone of all the residents of this region, have arranged anything bordering on a fitting celebration of the nation's great day.

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NO GENERAL CELEBRATION. There are to be family basket picnics and public picnics, excursions to all nearby resorts, a base ball game, Caledonian games, a balloon ascension, church festivals and a whole lot of other things arranged solely for making money, but there is to be no parade, no big fireworks display, no public demonstration of any kind. Above all, there is to be no "patriotic speech by prominent orator at 11 o'clock" such as thoughtful, appropriate, patriotic Wallsville is to have.

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The local weather indications presage rain for today but the weather bureau makes no mention whatever of wet in its prognosis received by wire at midnight. "High temperature" is about all it omits to guess at.

WHERE THEY WILL GO. A good portion of the population will spend the day on the East Mountain enjoying the delights of the beautiful roads for which Scranton should be so grateful to the Elmhurst Boulevard company and William W. Scranton. Thousands, it is safe to say, will go to the always popular Lake Ariel where Professor Glasgow is to make a balloon ascension and his crew of a cannon in mad-air and drop to earth in a parachute. Farview will also attract a large crowd as usual, although the trip has been robbed of some of its delights by the substitution of steam for gravity as the motive power across the mountain. There will also be an excursion to Mountain Park over the Jersey Central under the auspices of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Britons.

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