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PERSONAL

Mrs. T. V. Powderly and Mrs. M. L. Collins, of North Main avenue, left for Washington, D. C., yesterday.

Miss Margaret Deckelniek, of Trenton, N. J., has returned from a visit with her cousin, Mrs. George Deckelniek, of this city.

Mrs. C. H. Zehnder is the guest at the home of Mr. Will Zehnder on Quincey avenue. She will return to Allenhurst, N. J., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vosburg, of Sixth street, Mrs. Donald McMurrie, Miss Lucy Vosburg, of Bromley avenue, have returned home after a week's vacation among relatives at Vosburg and Meshoppen.

Dr. H. B. Ware attended the meeting of the New York State Homeopathic society which was held Tuesday and Wednesday at Binghamton, N. Y. At yesterday's session Dr. Ware read an interesting paper on "Nasal Stenosis and Its Relation to the Voice." He returned to this city in the afternoon.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Republican county committee passed at a regular meeting held on Saturday, August 19, 1899, the county convention will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at 2 p. m. in the court house, Scranton, for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention and transacting such other business as shall be brought before it.

Primary committees will hold primary elections on Saturday, September 23, 1899, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. Each election district shall elect at said primary election three qualified persons to serve as vigilance committee for the next ensuing calendar year, whose names shall be on the returns to the county convention.

Candidates who have thus far registered their names with the secretary and those who are desirous of registering will observe the requirements of law, which reads as follows: "Each candidate shall pay his assessment to the county chairman at least twenty days before the primary election, or his name will not be on the list of candidates, or his name will not be printed on the ballot." Saturday, September 2, is the last day for registering and paying the assessment.

E. N. Willard, Chairman.
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IMMENSE MAIL BUSINESS.

Correspondence School of Mines Gives a Big Order for Postal Cards. Local Office Stalled at Times.

Postal business has increased the public attention for the past fortnight in such a way that Scranton, has through the letter carriers become one of the most talked of cities of the country.

The enormous business carried on by one institution in advertising Scranton through the medium of the post-office was a source of much amazement to the visitors during the convention. The National Correspondence school, located on Wyoming avenue, is daily making it evident that the post-office at Scranton is entirely inadequate to the needs. The postage of the business now averages \$1,000 a week and the mail business has reached such proportions that a horse and wagon is necessary to convey matter to and from the office. As far as possible all extra trouble is saved the postoffice people as the correspondence force puts up the mail in such a way as to give the least work, but frequently it reaches such an amount that the postmaster is obliged to forward some of it to Wilkes-Barre as the local force is too small to accomplish the work, all of which shows that we need more clerks.

Recently 200,000 postal cards were ordered by the company and yesterday 100,000 of these arrived on a special order in sheets of 100 each for facility in printing.

Place I tend to end these cards would reach a seven-ton and one-half ton of the distance between this city and Wilkes-Barre. As far as is known here this is the biggest single order of postal cards ever given.

COMMISSIONER WILL ATTEND.

County Auditors' Report to Be Discussed by Green Ridge Men.

The Men's union of Green Ridge Presbyterian church will hold its first meeting after the summer recess this evening at 8 o'clock in the parlors of the church.

A good programme has been arranged, including an address on "Cuba—Its Past, Present and Future," by M. D. Barreto, a native Cuban, now a resident of this city; special music under the direction of G. F. Whittemore; and a feature which should interest every citizen of Lackawanna county, the reading and discussion of the county auditors' report, touching on the repairs of the court house.

The county commissioners will be represented by one of their number, who has consented to be present and answer any questions or make any explanations desired. All men are welcome, and the members in particular are urged to make a special effort to attend this opening meeting.

THE ELKS BOWLING CLUB.

It Is Getting in Shape for the Coming Season.

The Elks Bowling club met for practice at headquarters at the Elk cafe, last night, after a suspension of practice games during the summer months. The new officers assumed their positions.

They are: Ex-Sheriff Robinson, president; William Welch, treasurer; George Phillips, secretary and Charles Fowler, captain. The club is now playing practice games to qualify for the match games to be played with the Troopels Bowling club of Buffalo, Oct. 15.

The members of the Elk Bowling club are: Peter Zeigler, Edmund Bartl, George Phillips, Joseph Madenspacher, Charles, William and Emil Welch, Charles Fowler, E. Schimpf, Fred O'Connell, Dr. John Walker and Ed. Siebecker.

CONSERVATORY RECEPTION.

Number of Prominent Women Will Assist the Faculty in Receiving.

The faculty of the Scranton Conservatory of Music will hold a reception this evening in the rooms of the conservatory, Adams avenue, at Linden street. The following persons will assist the faculty in receiving: Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. C. M. Giffin, Mrs. L. A. Waters, Mrs. T. H. Dale, Mrs. M. W. Lowry, Mrs. W. H. Pierce, Mrs. F. Carlton, Mrs. E. A. Cross, the Misses Grace Norton, Ruth Dale, Sarah Hawley and Grace Hicks.

A large number of conservatory students and others will assist in conducting the guests through the studio. Each person attending will receive a copy of the new Conservatory journal, "The Keynote." The art exhibition will be elaborate.

Dewey Day Celebration at New York
Sept. 29 and 30, 1899.

The Delaware and Hudson railroad will sell excursion tickets from all stations to New York and return at one fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets will be good going Sept. 28th and 29th and good to return on trains leaving New York on or before Oct. 1st, and to destination on or before Oct. 5th, 1899.

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SEPTEMBER BRIDES
EIGHT IN NUMBER

FITZGIBBON-JORDAN NUPTIALS
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Ceremony Performed by Rev. P. J. Gough—Marriage of Architect Hancock and Miss Katherine Warner—Smith-Dymond, Leber-Steincke and Hogan-Madigan Weddings in West Scranton—Dunham-Gibson Nuptials in Green Ridge. Two Marriages in North Scranton.

The marriage of John W. Fitzgibbon, superintendent of motive power of the Lackawanna railroad, and Miss Mary Jordan, of Adams avenue, was solemnized yesterday morning at 7 o'clock in St. Peter's Cathedral by the Rev. P. J. Gough.

There was a large number of the friends of both parties present when the couple preceded by John and Daniel Jordan, brothers of the bride, moved up the centre aisle to the altar rail where the ceremony was performed. A nuptial mass was then celebrated.

The bride was handsomely attired in a costly gown of silk made on train and trimmed with velvet applique and crepe de chine. She wore a pink algrette in her hair and carried a white satin prayer book. The bridesmaid, Miss Margaret Jordan, a sister of the bride, wore a costume of blue whipcord trimmed with pearl satin and Duchesse lace. The groomsmen were Michael Fitzgibbon, a brother of the groom.

At the conclusion of the mass the couple were driven to the bride's home on Adams avenue where a wedding breakfast was served to a number of the more intimate friends of both parties by Caterer Hanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgibbon left at 12:35 on their wedding tour, which will include New York, Washington, August, New Orleans, Chicago and Montreal, Canada. They will reside on Platt Place upon their return.

Smith-Dymond.

J. Clarence Smith, a car inspector for the Central Railroad of New Jersey and Miss Myrtle Dymond, of Spring Hill, Laceyville, were wedded at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rev. James McLeod, of the Hampton street Methodist Episcopal church assisted by Rev. J. E. Sweet, of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church were the officiating clergymen. Miss Lois Feltow played the wedding march. The bride was attired in a travelling dress of blue with silk trimmings.

The spacious residence was prettily decorated for the occasion and after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will visit in New York state during their wedding trip, and upon returning will reside on Hampton street.

Leber-Steincke.

William Leber, of Hampton street, and Miss Dora Steincke, of Sweetland street, were married at 8 o'clock last evening by Rev. James McLeod, pastor of the Chestnut Street German Presbyterian church.

The event occurred at the residence of the bride's brother, 1122 Sweetland street. Miss Caroline Shaeffer was bridesmaid and John Steincke, acting as groomsmen. The ladies wore costumes of blue laces with white satin. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony and attended the reception following. Mr. and Mrs. Leber will reside on Sweetland street.

Hogan-Madigan.

John J. Hogan, one of the most popular clerks at Clarke Bros' department store, and Miss Annie C. Madigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Madigan, of 511 Broadway, Bellevue, were married at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Holy Cross church by Rev. William P. O'Donnell. The church was crowded by friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Annie Shields, of Binghamton, N. Y., cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and James Madigan, brother of the bride, was groomsmen. Miss Kate Brien, of Binghamton, was bridesmaid and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Her maid wore a dress of moss green, with chiffon trimmings, and carried pink carnations.

A reception was held at the bride's home last evening and at Golden's hall, where the wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left on the 1:40 train for Philadelphia, Washington and New York, and will reside at 611 Broadway when they return.

Skiffington-Gerrity.

A very pretty wedding was seen at Holy Rosary church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Julia Gerrity and John Skiffington were united in marriage. Rev. J. J. O'Toole performed the ceremony. A large number of friends were at the church to witness the nuptials.

After the ceremony the bridal party enjoyed a short drive and afterwards returned to the bride's home, where a wedding supper was served.

Garden-Foley.

Miss Mary Carden and Michael Foley were married at the Holy Rosary church by Rev. N. J. McManus yesterday afternoon. After the ceremony the couple repaired to the home of the groom, where a supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Foley will reside on Cayuga street.

Whitford-Day.

Marvin B. Whitford and Miss Rena E. Day were united in marriage yesterday at the bride's home by Rev. Richard Horan.

SUMMARY OF GAME LAWS.

When Various Game and Fish May Be Taken.

Below are given the principal features of the revised fish and game laws.

The killing of deer, except during the month of November, is punishable by a fine of \$100. Squirrels may be killed only between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15. Rabbits only between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15. Wild turkeys between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15. Pheasants may be killed between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15.

The killing of Mongolian, English and Chinese pheasants is prohibited until 1902 under penalty of \$25 fine for each one killed.

No more than ten ruffed grouse, fifteen quail, ten woodcock or two wild turkeys may be killed in one day. It is, of course, unlawful to kill any song birds at any time of the year.

The shooting of game on Sunday is prohibited under penalty of \$25 fine. Web-footed fowl may be killed between Sept. 1 and April 1.

Species of trout may only be caught with hook and line and then only from April 15 to July 15. No trout under five inches long may be caught at all. Pickeral may be caught between June 1 and Feb. 1. Susquehanna rainbow may be caught only between May 30 and Jan. 1.

The catching of lake trout in the months of October, November and December is strictly prohibited. Fishing on Sunday is also prohibited under penalty of \$25 fine.

A Welcome to Admiral George Dewey, the Hero of Manila.

On September 29th, there will be a grand land parade, led by the marines who did such gallant service for the flag in that great engagement before Manila.

On September 30th, there will be a grand naval parade up the Hudson River, led by Admiral Dewey's famous sea fighter, the flagship Olympia.

On September 28th and 29th, the Lackawanna railroad will sell reduced rate tickets to New York and return, good to return on or before October 4th. Sixteen solid vestibuled trains between New York and Scranton every week day. Only four hours' ride, or two hours quicker than any other route.

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No 15826

Was the lucky number that won the magnificent Emerson Piano on Wednesday, Sept. 20. The fortunate family was James Carroll No. 245 Walnut street, Dunmore. Mr. Carroll is a miner employed in the Pennsylvania Mines and his family consists of six children, 3 boys and 3 girls. They are overjoyed with their good fortune. This makes the sixth \$400.00 Piano that Clarke Bros. have given away free to their customers. The next one will be given away on Thursday, Dec. 28.

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Yesterday the members of the Young Men's Institute of this valley celebrated the birth of the illustrious Carroll, of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The event was held at Lake Ariel and despite the unpropitious weather there was a large attendance.

The members of the Young Men's Institute now observe Carroll Day in some manner to every city in the country where there is a council. In this valley the custom was adopted four years ago and since then the day is pleasantly anticipated each year.

The weather yesterday morning was very disagreeable and it was apparent that many were disappointed. The result was that not as large a crowd as

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IN THE MATTER OF
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CITY SOLICITOR VOSBURG ANSWERS KNotty QUESTIONS.

Upon the Request of City Controller Howell He Gives an Opinion Setting Forth How the Bonds are to Be Treated and How the Inspectors and Incidental Bills for Which There is No Direct Provision, Are to Be Paid—Affects South Side Sewer.

Following is an opinion from City Solicitor Vosburg dealing with the difficulty which threatens to stop the work on the South Side sewer—the delay in paying partial estimates to the contractor:

CITY CONTROLLER'S LETTER.
Sept. 19, 1899.
Mr. A. A. Vosburg, City Solicitor.
Dear Sir: Please advise me as to whether there are any legal obstacles to my certifying accounts to the mayor for the purpose of issuing bonds for payment to contractors of seventeenth district main sewer, Section C, Fifth sewer, North Main, Providence road and Philo street sewer.

The peculiar wording of the ordinances affecting these contracts and their failure to provide an adequate pecuniary sum for the city's portion, or for the inspectors' pay, incidentals, etc., a bond issue being prescribed for each estimate furnished by the city engineer, making it incumbent on the city treasurer to credit cash received to bond account for each sewer, renders an intelligent interpretation of their provisions extremely difficult. With the issue of park bonds, the city's right to issue bonds for its share for sewers, I take it, has ceased until consent is given by the vote of the election to increase the issue. The city's portion I shall therefore deduct.

Will the approval of the joint auditing committee of the city council to all vouchers or estimates answer for approval of the council? This point has been raised. Is it the duty of the city treasurer to credit the several sewer accounts proper with enough cash to cover inspectors' and incidental bills?

Yours respectfully,
A. A. Vosburg, City Controller.

MR. VOSBURG'S OPINION.
Scranton, Pa., Sept. 20, 1899.
Ezra Howell, Esq., City Controller.
Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry of the 19th inst., I would say:

First—That in issuing bonds in the matter of North Main avenue,