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PERSONAL

Isaac Case, of Tobyhanna, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. Anna Clarke has returned from a vacation spent in Philadelphia.

Aaron Goldsmith, of Goldsmith's Bazaar, has returned from a week's stay in New York.

Mrs. W. F. Halstead, of Wyoming avenue, left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Syracuse.

Edward F. Ilowit, who has been visiting relatives in the city, has returned to Guadalajara, Mexico.

Judge and Mrs. H. M. Edwards, of South Main avenue, went to New York yesterday on the 3.33 p. m. train.

J. D. Williams, the well known confectioner, returned yesterday afternoon from a trip to Alamosordo, New Mexico.

S. A. Norris, a well known man in business circles, living on the West Side, is suffering from an attack of throat and stomach trouble.

Messrs. David L. Harris and Corney Simcoe, who have been circulating among friends in this vicinity for the past ten days, will leave today for their homes in Catskill.

Miss Rosa Ross, of 221 Pine street, is expected home Saturday from Europe, where she has made a four months' visit. Miss Ross is at present on her way across on the "Furst Bismarck."

Sen. Bacharach, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly deputy United States marshal, and now executive clerk to Governor Stone, spent yesterday visiting Scranton friends, on his way home from a ten days' vaca-



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BOARD OF TRADE DOINGS.

Scranton Will Be Represented in the International Congress.

Captain W. A. May and Captain D. B. Atherton, the Scranton board of trade's delegates to the international commercial congress to be held Thursday in connection with the export exposition will leave for Philadelphia tomorrow night, and at next Monday night's meeting of the board will present a report of the fair as they viewed it. There is every promise that it will be an immensely important event as all the boards of trade, chambers of commerce and governments of the civilized world have been invited to send representatives. Hundreds of foreigners, particularly the representatives of European governments and chambers of commerce are already in Philadelphia to attend the congress.

Captain Atherton says he does not exactly know what is expected of the Scranton delegates but if there comes an opportunity of telling somebody something of Scranton, that opportunity will not be lost.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

House in Which Mr. Jay, of Bald Mount, Resided Set on Fire in Some Unknown Manner.

A tragic occurrence happened a little north of the village of Bald Mount last Thursday in a small house, formerly owned by the late Mrs. Jane Courtright, but recently purchased and occupied by Mr. Jay.

The latter was formerly a shoemaker, but for the last few years has been incapacitated for labor by reason of his age and feebleness. On the evening when the tragic occurrence happened, he had spent the evening with his neighbor, G. J. Cuthbert, at whose home he had passed a convivial evening with his host and other friends.

After he left there, nothing more was heard or seen of him, but between the hours 12 and 1 o'clock, James White, a farmer, living about a mile farther north, saw a huge blaze in the direction of Mr. Jay's residence.

On hastening to the spot he beheld the house in flames, and the body of its unfortunate owner literally charred.

The cause of the fire will never be known, but it is probable that Mr. Jay accidentally overturned a lamp, and as a result the fire with its tragic ending took place.

FATHER MATHEW DAY.

Annual Parade This Morning and Events of Afternoon and Evening.

The one hundred and ninth anniversary of Father Mathew's birth will be fittingly celebrated today by the societies connected with the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Northeastern Pennsylvania. All the societies from Hazleton to Forest City are expected to participate in the parade this morning.

The Knights of Father Mathew, of Archbold, will be the guard of honor and will be followed by carriages containing the clergy, the officers of the union, and the members of the Father Mathew of Carbondale, the oldest society in the state. Peter McCoy, of this city, will be grand marshal and Walter McNicholas, chief of staff.

The first division will form on Wyoming avenue, right resting on Mulberry street; the second on Vine street, right resting on Wyoming avenue, facing west, and the third on Mulberry street, right resting on Wyoming. The Hazlet societies will arrive in the city at 10.30 o'clock and the parade will start as soon as they take their places in line.

The first division will be led by the St. Aloysius society, of Wilkes-Barre, the largest society in the union. St. Joseph's of Lackawanna, St. Joseph, of Olney, to Adams, to Spruce, to Washington, to Gibson and counter-march to Central Park, where the picnic will be held.

It is expected that about 3,000 men and boys will be in line. Wilkes-Barre will get 300 drilled cadets, who are under the direction of Rev. D. J. Bustin.

The Father Whitty society, of North Scranton, will also hold a picnic at Laurel Hill park. In the evening the Hyde Park Father Mathew society will conduct a ball at the armory on Adams avenue.

WINNERS OF FAIR PRIZES.

Tickets Presented for the Articles Chanced Off by the Firemen.

Peter Eau, an employee of J. W. Guernsey, was the lucky holder of ticket 231, which won the piano chanced off by the firemen.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR CONVENE TODAY

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

Reports of Officers and Committees and an Address by Supreme Dictator Shannon Constitute Today's Features—Tomorrow the Convention Will Elect Officers and Pass Upon Legislation—Visits to Coal Mines and Silk Mill Among the Entertainment Features.

The biennial session of the grand lodge, Knights of Honor of Pennsylvania opens today morning at 9 o'clock in Old Fellows' hall, Wyoming avenue. All of the state officers and all but a few of the 126 delegates had arrived before 10 o'clock last night.

The convention will have two sessions daily, morning and afternoon with a public session to-night which will be attended with social features.

This morning, the delegates upon convening will be formally welcomed by Mayor Moir, who is a member of the order. The response will be made by Grand Director H. W. Allison, ex-mayor of Allentown.

The rest of the morning will be devoted to the presentation of the reports of grand lodge officers, state committees and delegates to the supreme lodge.

In the afternoon the auditing committee and special committees to which the officers reports were submitted will make reports, and following this there will be an address by the supreme dictator, Hon. John P. Shannon, of Ellerton, Pa.

At 8 o'clock the delegates will be escorted through the Bellevue mine by John Fern. In the evening they will attend the open session to which all the members of the order and the public in general is invited. Addresses will be delivered by Supreme Dictator Shannon, Grand Dictator Allison, Grand Reporter Robinson and other officers. The coming meeting will take place in A. O. U. hall.

WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Wednesday will be devoted to the election of officers and legislation. A visit to the International Correspondence schools and one of the silk mills will be featured in the day's entertainment programme.

Lively contests are on for a number of offices, particularly that of grand dictator. The present incumbent who has served two terms declines to stand for re-election. Past Grand Dictator John G. Hansborough, of Allentown, and Grand Vice-Dictator James S. Bradcock of Mt. Pleasant are most prominently mentioned as his probable successors.

As yet there is no opposition apparent to the re-election of Grand Reporter William J. Robinson of Erie, or Grand Treasurer, William H. Young, of Pittston, but for representatives to the supreme lodge and the other offices there is no end of applicants.

Grand Dictator Allison yesterday appointed T. J. Litzberg, of Allentown; Charles E. Daniels, of Scranton, and L. Goodman, of Pittston, a committee on credentials and they were at the headquarters in Hotel Jermyn all day and evening receiving and enrolling the delegates.

Among them are two prominent in their localities and not a few who are known throughout the length and breadth of the state.

PROMINENT MEMBERS.

Hon. H. W. Allison, the grand dictator, is an ex-mayor of Allentown, having served two terms. Grand Reporter W. J. Robinson of Erie is well known to the state politicians, having served as reading clerk of the senate in 1896 session. He was also editor and manager of the Erie Dispatch for a number of years and at present is proprietor of a large printing establishment in Erie.

Rev. T. N. Boyle, who came with the Allegheny delegation last evening in the motor of the West End Methodist Episcopal church of Pittsburg, and a prominent G. A. R. man. Grand Vice Dictator J. S. Bradcock, is a leading business man of Mt. Pleasant. Grand Assistant Dictator E. B. Pierce is deputy clerk of the county of Bradford.

Among the fifteen Philadelphia delegates is Past Supreme Dictator J. Warner Goheen, the celebrated Philadelphia lawyer. Among the delegates are H. W. Rathbun, editor of the Oil City Blitzard and W. W. Evans, of the Waynesburg Independent, two of the best known inland newspapers of the state. The medical profession has two prominent representatives in Dr. J. W. Coble of Tananqua, and Dr. M. R. Hughes, of Shickling. Rev. M. F. Dumstrey, pastor of the German Reformed church of Philadelphia, and Hon. J. W. Smith, member of the house of representatives from Clinton county are two other well known men among the delegates.

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A RE-ARGUMENT ORDERED.

Supreme Court Will near the Gibbons Case Again.

Readers will doubtless remember the proceedings against John Gibbons for contempt of court in refusing to answer certain questions in the Lahnstaff election contest. Our county court ordered him to answer, but, under advice of counsel, he refused. The court ordered him committed to jail, but he immediately appealed to the supreme court and was admitted to bail pending the hearing.

Upon the argument before the superior court the public and the lawyers manifested much interest and the court room was packed. Mr. Gibbons' counsel, Attorneys Burns, of this city, and Palmer, of Wilkes-Barre, strenuously maintained that the proceedings were fatally defective because the alleged contempt was not committed in open court and for the further reason that the action of the election board in admitting his vote was final and conclusive.

The superior court decided against Gibbons and he appealed to the supreme court. The case was there argued last April, the court not hearing the attorneys for the commonwealth, which generally indicates that the decision of the lower court will be sustained. The fact that the supreme court has now ordered a re-argument before a full bench seems to indicate that the court is unable to agree. It is very unusual for a court to fail to agree after refusing to hear the appeals.

Mr. Burns when interrogated upon this point said that he attributed the action of the court in ordering a re-argument to the fact that they no doubt keenly realize the treat they had lost in not hearing Mr. Holgate's speech, or that they do not want to decide against him without giving him a hearing.

The case will now regularly come up for argument next February. In the meantime Mr. Gibbons stands in no immediate danger of being the compulsory guest of Sheriff Fryor.

HAVE REBUILT FENCE.

Delaware and Hudson Company Is Determined Not to Have a Grade Crossing at Poplar Street.

The fence along the Delaware and Hudson tracks at Poplar street which Street Commissioner Thomas tore down Saturday has been re-erected by the company and yesterday last night two men sat on the fence and refused to move it until they had again re-erected it. Not far away a large gang of men were at work with a gravel train and this train was making very frequent trips over the disputed crossing all during the day. The work train was not in that immediate vicinity Saturday.

Street Commissioner Thomas did not go near the scene yesterday. He was satisfied to learn through Foreman Hiltz that the planking which the company tore up Sunday was piled up in an orderly way and not damaged to any great extent.

Mr. Thomas had his commission in his inside pocket at all times yesterday ready to proceed to the scene at a moment's notice and assert the authority of the city. Mayor Moir, however, thought it inexpedient to take any action in the matter not advised by the city solicitor, and as Mr. Vosburg counseled a cessation of activity until such time as an effort to amicably adjust the matter had failed, the mayor left the company in undisputed possession of the field.

City Solicitor Vosburg made several attempts to communicate with Hon. W. H. Jessup, attorney for the Delaware and Hudson company, but was unable to do so. Another effort at a conference will be made today.

The trouble comes from the company's unwillingness to have a grade crossing, with its extra expense of gates and gate tenders. If this matter can be compromised it is believed the difficulty will be solved.

The erection of the bolt and nut works and the consequent opening of the Lawrence street crossing, the company's plot for building purposes brought with it the laying out of a thoroughfare that would be an extension of Poplar street. The railroad company forthwith built a high fence along its tracks at the end of Poplar street, with the pretended intention of preventing the street being connected across its tracks. Protests from the property holders and the demand of the bolt and nut company for an exit from its works roused the council to action and a resolution passed ordering street commissioner to open the street. The bolt and nut company agreed to pay for the planking of the crossing if the street was opened at once and on Saturday the street commissioner with the sanction of the mayor proceeded to remove the fence and put in a plank crossing. The next day the company tore up the planking, rebuilt the fence and, as told above, hold the fort.

FRIGHTENED WORKMEN QUIT.

Another Cave-in on North Main Avenue Sewer Yesterday.

Another cave-in occurred in the sewer trench below the excavation on North Main avenue, between Jones and Wood streets, yesterday morning, disturbing the street car tracks to such an extent that it was deemed unsafe to run cars over it until the trench had been propped up and the tracks re-balanced. In the meantime passengers were compelled to walk around the obstruction.

The soil at this point is very sandy and unless the greatest care is exercised a cave-in is liable to occur at any moment. The heavy street cars running two feet from the edge of the trench, have a tendency to make a cave-in. A number of the laborers who were nearly caught in yesterday's cave-in refused to return to work.

FIRST AUTUMNAL MEETING.

Members of McCall Mission Gathered in Second Church.

The first autumnal meeting of the McCall mission was held yesterday in the Second Presbyterian church, with an encouraging attendance. Interesting articles were read on the work. The president, Mrs. J. A. Price, read a paper on "Intemperance in France." Mrs. W. J. Hand read an article on "Sunday School Work," and other subjects were also discussed. It is hoped that Mr. King, who has been prominently connected with the McCall work abroad, will give an illustrated lecture to the Scranton auxiliary in the near future.

SEWER WORK NOT TO BE IMPEDED

COUNCIL TAKES HEROIC MEASURES TO AVOID IT.

Resolution Adopted by Special Joint Session of Councils Empowering the City Solicitor to Confess Judgment as the Partial Estimates Become Due on the Sewers Now in Course of Construction—Contractors Can Negotiate the Judgments and Thereby Save Money.

The interruption to the work of constructing the sewers now underway which was threatened by the city's lack of ready money to meet her share of the expense has been circumvented. Councils in special joint session last night adopted a resolution authorizing the city solicitor to confess judgment for the city's share as it becomes due, and as this will enable the contractors to raise the money on the partial estimates as they are certified from the city engineer, the contractors are satisfied and will continue the work to completion.

The meeting was attended by sixteen selectmen and fourteen commonwealthers, as follows: Selectmen Ross, Pinn, Thomas, James, Roche, Chittenden, Wagner, Schneider, Shea, McAnn, Schroeder, Lansing, O'Boyle, Frable, McAndrew, and Commoners Reese, Morris, V. Morris, Griffiths, Godshall, Galpin, Ruane, Zizelman, Tewksbury, Suggell, Phillips, Wenzel, Watkins, Smith, Norton.

Mr. Chittenden having been elected chairman, the clerk read the mayor's call, in which, in addition to stating the object of the meeting, the information was conveyed that if the resolution presented was adopted the difficulty now confronting the city would be obviated and the contractors satisfied.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED.

The resolution was then introduced by Mr. Schneider and was read by Clerk Morris, as follows:

A resolution authorizing and directing the city solicitor to confess judgment in suits brought against the city of Scranton for the share of said city of the cost of constructing sewers therein.

Resolved, That the commonwealth, as a number of sewers in the city of Scranton to be constructed under the provisions of an ordinance of said city, which are in progress of construction, and some of which have not been begun, and whereas, the contractors for the same are obtaining from said city the amount assessed against her for her share of the cost of constructing said sewers; and whereas, the said city has no money available at this time for the payment of her share of the cost of constructing said sewers, and cannot legally incur any indebtedness for the payment of the same without the consent of the electors of said city, now therefore be it

Resolved, That for the purpose of saving the said city the cost and expense of litigation with such contractors which would be fruitless, as said city has no legal defense to interpose against the collection of said amounts assessed against said city for her share of the cost of constructing said sewers, the city solicitor be, and is, hereby, directed and authorized, to appear for, and confess judgment against said city for the amount assessed against said city for her share of the cost of constructing any such sewers, in any suit or action which may hereafter be brought against said city for the collection of any such assessments made or to be made against said city.

MR. WAGNER'S AMENDMENT.

Before being adopted the resolution was amended on motion of Mr. Wagner by striking out of the preamble the words "and some of which have not been begun," and by the insertion of the following clause:

Provided that the city solicitor shall not confess judgment for more than the amount of the city's share or proportion, as certified by the city engineer, at any one time.

These amendments were prompted by the desire to meet the objections of a number of the members who feared that the resolution might be interpreted to cover all sewers that might in the future be commenced.

In answer to a question by Chairman Chittenden, Mr. Wagner answered, and the other members silently assented, that it was the sense of the councils that the resolution only covered such sewers as are actually under construction, which sewers are the one on the South Side and the three in the North End.

The vote on the resolution was unanimous. All agreed that it was deplorable the city should find itself in such a financial condition that it would have to take such a step, as the resolution contemplated, but they also all agreed that as the city had started these contractors to work and as they have a right to be paid as the work progresses, it was only fair that the city should make it possible for the contractors to negotiate their claims.

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Roche that these judgments will not necessarily confront next year's auditing committee as the very first thing for which provision must be made. These judgments, Mr. Roche explained, are the best kind of investments and whoever holds them will be perfectly willing to have them earning six per cent. as long as the city agrees. It is quite safe to assume, Mr. Roche said, that the judgments will never be presented until the city calls them in.

The estimated amount of these judgments is \$50,000. The city's share of the South Side sewer is \$23,000 and of the three Providence sewers, about \$23,000.

EVIDENCE IN REBUTTAL.

Witnesses Heard Yesterday on the Part of the Defendant.

The contestant in the Langstaff election contest yesterday began the work of offering evidence in rebuttal. The following witnesses were examined: Taylor, First ward—David J. Howells, John J. Thomas, William Richards, Erastus Jones, David Williams, John Jacobs, Thomas W. Reese, Thomas J. Davis, William Reynolds, Morgan D. Lewis, David J. Harris, Peter Price, John R. Thomas, W. H. Thomas, Thos. H. Jenkins, James Morris, John E. Owens, George F. Phillips.

Dumore—George Zipp, Joseph Pembroke, Sidney Matthews, Mark Medway, Robert Dennison, William Jeffries, Joseph Medway, Joseph A. Thickst, W. N. Thomas, Christ Vlckery, Hall Thornton.

THE LAND OF PROMISE.

Subject of Lecture by James G. Shepherd.

James G. Shepherd, who spent several months in the Holy Land, will deliver a lecture at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church next Friday evening on "A Pilgrimage to the Land of Promise." The lecture was delivered in Elm Park church some time ago and many requests have been made to have it repeated.

Mr. Shepherd is a pleasing talker and possessed of the ability to thoroughly interest his audience in his subject. The tickets for the lecture are now being sold, and judging from the number already disposed of a large audience will greet the lecturer.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Grammar A Grade to Be Tested Thursday and Friday.

The examinations for entrance into the high school, for the students of Grammar A grade, will be held in the high school, Thursday and Friday afternoons. This will be the first of a series of two examinations, the successful passing of which determines the fate of the pupil.

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