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LACKAWANNA, THE LAUNDRY
208 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

FELL OFF A LADDER.

Patrick Murtaugh, of Providence,
Suffers Painful Injuries.

Yesterday morning a crowd of
Providence miners and workmen were
gathered at Taylor's hotel, on the Pro-
vidence road. The men were drinking
and having a general good time. Pat-
rick Murtaugh, in particular, was en-
joying himself and had imbibed more
of the amber colored liquid than was
good for him.

One of his comrades dared him to
climb a ladder standing against the
hotel and Murtaugh tried to ascend it.
When he was about twenty feet from
the ground he lost his balance and fell.
It was thought at the time that his left
leg was broken and word was sent to
the Lackawanna hospital.

The ambulance went for the man
and he was taken to the hospital, where
his injuries were examined and given
the proper attention. It was ascer-
tained that his left ankle was fractured
and that he was suffering from a dis-
location of the knee. At the hospital
he said he worked in the Von Storch
shaft, and that he lived on Oak street,
Providence.

FOR...R STREET FENCE AGAIN.

D. & H. Has Erected It and Torn Up
the Crossing.

The Delaware and Hudson company
has quickly taken advantage of the
injunction granted them by court on
Wednesday and has re-erected the
much talked about and much-torn-
down Poplar street fence. The cross-
ing lately laid by the city across the
tracks has also been torn up and con-
ditions at this place are just as they
were a few weeks ago.

Mr. Zehnder, of the bolt and nut
works, stated yesterday that the work
of that plant was necessarily hand-
icapped to a great extent by the erec-
tion of the fence, but that teams were
enable by a very circuitous route to
reach the works. The city, of course,
can take no forcible measure again and
all parties concerned hope that an early
settlement of the difficulty may be
affected.

A Card.
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to
refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of
Green's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it
fails to cure your cough or cold. We also
guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove our
factory of money refunded.

Steam Heating and Plumbing.
P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.
Spanned Lace Robes, Black and
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Conrad's Hat Store open tonight
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Each.

THE
LACKAWANNA HARDWARE
COMPANY,
221 Lackawanna Avenue.

MEETING OF THE POOR BOARD.
New Members Have Taken the Oath
of Office.
At yesterday's regular meeting of the
poor board Messrs. Paine, Fuller,
Dickert and Shotton, the directors
lately re-appointed by Judge Archbald,
took the oath of office, which was ad-
ministered by Secretary Fellows, of
the board of control.

An average number of cases of out-
side relief were disposed of, the appli-
cants in all but one or two instances
being found to be worthy of assist-
ance. The monthly report of Superin-
tendent Beemer, of the Hillside Home,
was read and ordered placed on file.
The report showed 439 inmates at the
home now, which is considered a very
large number.

The report was as follows: Number
of inmates in home on Oct. 31, 430; in-
sane males admitted during Novem-
ber, 6; sane males admitted, 11; insane
females admitted, 2; sane females ad-
mitted, 4; insane discharged, 1; sane
males discharged, 4; sane females dis-
charged, 4; insane males died, 2; total
now at home, 439; classified as follows:
Insane males, 131; sane males, 115; in-
sane females, 135; sane females, 58.

ELKS LODGE OF SORROW

Memorial Exercises Will Be Held in
the Lyceum on Sunday Night.
Programme for the Event.

The arrangement committee on mem-
orial services for the Scranton Lodge of
Elks met Thursday night and yes-
terday afternoon and made final ar-
rangements for the Lodge of Sorrow
to be held at the Lyceum tomorrow
evening.

The services are in commemoration
of the departed members of the lodge.
During this year four prominent Elks
of this city have passed away. They
were: George A. Mervine, T. J.
Jordan and T. J. McTigue. The pro-
gramme has now been definitely ar-
ranged and will be a very fine one. T.
J. Jennings will make the memorial
address and another prominent feature
will be a poem, "The Ministry of Sor-
row," which was written by A. J. Col-
born and will be recited by Miss Bessie
Slote. The committee in charge of the
arrangements is as follows: Chairman,
J. G. Reese; George Gunster, John Mc-
Eachan, H. J. Schubert, Alfred Rice,
E. M. Strong, W. S. Gould and T.
E. Jones. The services will be con-
ducted as follows:

- Opening Ceremonies.
Pique Dame.
Bauer's Band.
Ministry of Sorrow. A. J. Colborn
Miss Bessie Slote.
(a) Largo. Handel.
(b) Fantasia of Martha. Flotau
Arranged by Gregoin and Leonard.
F. Vandervekin.
"Lead Kindly Light." Mrs. Pugh Evans
Mr. P. H. Warren.
Del Lurley. Hans Seeling
Miss Lena Reichart.
Memorial address. T. J. Jennings
Trio-(a) Andante, Adagio Cantabile.
Haydn
(b) Grand Mere. Vander Veken
Messrs. F. Vandervekin, C. Koempfe.
Recitation, selected. Miss Bessie Slote
Sancta Maria. Ch. Gounod
(c) "Heaven and Earth." Ciro Pennati
"Intermezzo of Cavallero Rustic-
cano." Mascagni
Miss E. Thomas.
(d) "Song of the Gulls." Dupont
"Polonaise." Wienicki
F. Vandervekin.
"From Foreign Songs." Bauer's Band
Closing Ceremonies.

Invitations have been extended to
the members of the Wilkes-Barre and
Pittston lodges and it is likely that the
latter lodge will attend in a body.
Seats have also been reserved for any
out-of-town Elks who are visiting in
the city.

STRIKE IS NOT OVER.

What a Member of the Soliciting
Committee Has to Say.
A committee representing the miners
of Nanticoke who are on strike
were in this city yesterday soliciting
aid for the strikers. They said that
the telegraphic reports sent out from
Nanticoke to the effect that the strike
has been settled were misleading.

"The strike has not been settled,"
said a member of the committee to a
Tribune man, "and there has been no
time fixed for returning to work.
Neither are we awaiting the sanction
of the officers of the United Mine
Workers' union to end the strike. We
are in hopes that the strike will soon
come to an end that will be satisfac-
tory to the men and the company. Even
if the strike should come to an end
it will be from five to six weeks
before any of these men will receive
their wages from the company and it
will require some aid to tide them over
this period."

JOHN M'GAFFIN ARRESTED.

He Was Working a Gambling Game
on Penn Avenue.
John McGaffin was arrested yester-
day at the instance of Chief of Police
Robling and had his hearing before
Alderman Howe last night. McGaffin
had rented a hall on Penn avenue,
the same place where John P. Quinn
has been using in his expose of
gambling devices.

McGaffin set up in this hall his para-
phernalia and then threw his doors
open to the public.
His machinery consisted of a large
frame and several base balls. Any one
wishing to play the game was allowed
four shots for 15 cents, the idea being
to lodge the balls in the holes in the
frame. The successful thrower would
then be rewarded with some cheap
pips.

Alderman Howe treated the man len-
tly and imposed a fine of \$5, with the
condition added that he take both
himself and his paraphernalia out of
the city at once.

LEAVES RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Miss Hattie Taylor Removed by Re-
corder Warnke.
Miss Hattie Taylor yesterday severed
her connection with the recorder's of-
fice, where she has served twelve years
as chief clerk.

The duties of the position will be
looked after by Recorder Warnke him-
self.

"On and after December first, 1899,
Peckville and Olyphant cars running
outbound, from the corner of Penn and
Lackawanna avenues, will be run on
Penn avenue to the intersection of
Mulberry street and Penn avenue, in-
stead of running via Lackawanna ave-
nue, Wyoming avenue and Mulberry
street. The Providence cars will run
as heretofore."

Scranton Railway Company.

COL. H. M. BOIES
MAKES HIS REPLY

EMPHASIZES HIS STATEMENT
TO BOARD OF TRADE.

Declares It Costs Four Times More
Per Gallon for Water Than It
Costs for Culin to Convert It Into
Steam—Explains How the Reduc-
tion of Water Rents at the Car
Wheel Works Was Brought About.
Asks Mr. Scranton to Pay Over
\$1,000 to a Charity.

Editor of the Tribune:
Sir: Mr. W. W. Scranton's rather
sarcastic "comments" upon the report
published of the part taken by me in
the recent discussion by the Board of
Trade of the water question, and the
manufacturers by his company, require,
in the interests of the public and of truth
some correction, for which I crave the
courtesy of your columns briefly.

The condensed report of my remarks
which was published, was incorrect in
stating that I said, "but after a short
time the company put in a meter, and
from that time on the water at the
Wheel Works cost more than the fuel;"
what I actually said, as I think those
that heard me will recall, was in illus-
tration by some experiences of mine at
the Wheel works of the argument I
was making, that the water rates here
were excessive and unduly high, not-
withstanding the certain extent ad-
vantages of cheap fuel as an inducement
for the establishment of manufac-
turers here. It was in substance
that after the meter was reduced it
seemed to be impossible to make much
reduction in the monthly bills by de-
creasing the quantity used as the rate
per thousand gallons seemed to in-
crease as the quantity used decreased,
and the tax of the Water company re-
mained about the same whatever econ-
omy was accomplished; that the cost
of water was about as great as that of
fuel to evaporate it.

FOUR TIMES AS MUCH.

Therefore, Mr. Scranton charges just
four times as much for his 10,000
gallons of water as the coal costs
that he used to evaporate it. There is no
D. Now, Mr. Scranton has secured
most of the stock of one of the
most valuable water companies in the
country, the Lackawanna Water Com-
pany, and he has secured it for a
corporation I know about. No one but
Mr. Scranton can find out what the
annual expenses are, or how much
revenue he derives therefrom, or what
becomes of its profits. Its capital is
invested in a permanent plant and
in reservoirs, which should last for-
ever, and which are not subject to
depreciation. The water which he
uses at the single rate of \$6, he
pays \$200,000 per annum. If he
thereby pays \$200,000 per annum for
the use of his water, and if he
pays \$15,000 per annum for the use of
his coal, he is paying for his water
\$13,500,000 per annum, or \$135,000
per family. It may be fairly assumed that the
profits are at least 20 per cent. on
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AN ILLUSTRATION.

A statement which I believe to be
sufficiently accurate as an illustration,
for I find upon reference to my
books that there was a meter when
the hard coal bills were only about
\$15 more than the water bill, and
there were no "leaks" that month
through the meter, but that for other
purposes than making steam, and it
is not a fair or reasonable assump-
tion either from the published reports
or what I said, to include the cost of
soft coal and for generating gas in the
discussion.

CONCERNING THE AGGREGATE OF \$4,948.23

Given by Mr. Scranton as the total cost
of water at the Lackawanna works,
July 1st, 1888, and March 1st, 1897, it
should be remembered that these eight
and two-thirds years included five of
the most severe winters on record in
this country has experienced during
which the works were partially or
wholly idle much of the time, therefore,
the division of this sum by the 184
months to fix upon \$47.58, the monthly
cost of water for the works is utterly
fallacious and false. The amount
of water bills actually paid in 1888 was
\$318.01, and in 1896, \$79.14, consider-
able efforts were made for a consid-
erable time, it was not located in an
underground pipe until the works were
shut down in 1896, in turning the
water into a new superintend-
ment. It was detected by my engineer
from the noise made by the escaping
water which could be heard when the
works were quiet. I suppose it had ex-
isted in an increasing quantity two
months subsequent to March, 1897.

USED RESERVOIR TANKS.

The "astute people" at the head of
the Steel Tired Wheel company were
so impressed with the importance of
reducing the costs for water at their
works, that they immediately insti-
tuted reservoirs, tanks and a plant for
economizing its consumption, at a cost
of over \$250,000, which they so con-
sidered that they were able to save
them money above the annual 10 per
cent. charges for interest, taxes and
repairs of \$75,000, which saving and
charge former to the Water Com-
pany and is the reason the average
amount paid by them is diminished,
although "he understands the
work done in the plant is greatly in-
creased." Thus when the plant is re-
moved, which it was built up, Mr.
Scranton's whole superstructure of
attempted sarcasm and personality
falls into—well, "innocuous desuetude."
It is quite common for those who
recognize the weakness of their po-
sition to try to hide it, like the Squid,
in a cloud of ink, or kick up a dust of
some kind to distract attention from it.

The real question before the public
is too grave and important to be be-
fogged in this manner. It rises above
persons and personalities.
Is the cost of water for industrial
and manufacturing purposes in Scranton
injuries and in so doing, can it be
reduced? That is the point at
issue in this discussion. Now I have
been a manufacturer all my life. I
was the first to see the benefit of
knowledge and belief, to begin the use
of culm in this anthracite region for
generating steam under boilers, some
twenty-five years ago at the Moseley
Powder works. For many years we
have used nothing else there for gen-
erating steam.

COST OF FUEL.

I am well informed on the subject
of making steam with coal and culm.
While I have never made any ac-
curate or scientific tests of the
evaporative efficiency of culm there
in our practice, we have found that we
use about the same amount of water
to produce a pound of steam as when
using culm. A day for making steam
at Moseley as we do of coal when it
has been used. With the best burning
facilities, the evaporative efficiency of
culm is but a little inferior to that of
coal. When we bought this culm by

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Practical Argument of Its Neces-
sity—Erysipelas Patient at the
Lackawanna Hospital Had to Be
Isolated in a Tumble-Down Build-
ing in Raymond Court—Better
Quarters Secured for the Nurses.
Another Resident Physician.

There is pressing and urgent need
at the Lackawanna hospital for a con-
tagious ward, an even greater need
than for a children's ward and almost
every day brings forth a practical ar-
gument in favor of the building of
such an addition.

ONE SAD INSTANCE.

A man came to the hospital yester-
day whose little daughter, he said,
was suffering from scarlet fever in its
most malignant form. His wife is also
sick and he is in danger of losing his
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OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

Asa B. Stevens Chosen Commander
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The members of Ezra Griffin Post,
Grand Army of the Republic, conducted
their annual election of officers, last
evening in their rooms on Lackawanna
avenue.

Comrade Edward L. Buck acted as
judge of election and the following
were declared elected when the ballots
were counted: Commander, Asa B.
Stevens; senior vice commander, W.
F. Albro; junior vice commander, W.
Marshall; quartermaster, Sam H. Stev-
ens; surgeon, Charles H. Fisher; chap-
lain, Rev. Walter Quincy Scott; officer
of the day, George E. Shafer; officer
of the guard, Joseph R. Hayer; trust-
ees, S. B. Mott and A. R. Raub.

The following representatives and
alternates to the next department en-
campment, to be held in Gettysburg,
were also elected: Representatives, P.
J. Amundson, S. B. Mott, Rev. Walter
Quincy Scott, Ezra H. Ripple, E. W.
Pearce and S. H. Stevens; alternates,
George E. Shafer, W. M. Darling,
George F. Miller, W. F. Albro, William
Love and Moses Micoy.

At the conclusion of the election Col-
onel E. H. Ripple, Commander Asa B.
Stevens and several others made in-
formal remarks.

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