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MORE FINES COLLECTED.

Persons Caught in Police Raids Paid Fines in Court Yesterday.

Over one hundred dollars were yesterday added to the city treasury as a result of the two raids made Thursday night in Raymond court. Daisy Miller and Nellie Bly, two pro-

prietresses, wire each fined \$25 apiece, while the women and men arrested paid \$5 each. Three Through Trains to Chicago.

Under the Lackawanna's new time schedule, effective Dec. 17, 4hros through trains are run daily to Chicago. Passengers may catch these trains at all large stations. Ask your agent for further information.

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DEPUTY HARTLEY

ARE HAVING A LIVELY ROW OVER THE POLICE FINES.

Mayor Gave Out a Statement to the Effect That the Controller's Office Is Trying to Annoy and Badger Him and Mr. Hartley Makes His Reply in the Form of a Letter to the Public in Which He Gives His Side of the Case-The Affidavit Made by the Mayor.

There is a lively row on between Mayor James Moir and Deputy City Controller Charles A. Hartley over the matter of police fines. Mr. Hartley says the mayor has not paid over the sums that fall into his hands with the promptness the law requires, and Mayor Moir alleges that the controller's office is endeavoring to annoy and

badger him. Mr. Hartley's position is set forth in the following, which he has addressed

o this office for publication:

Editor of The Tribune Sir: In an article in the Republican f this date, under the heading "Mayor Makes Reply," the reporter states that the mayor "intimated to Mr. Hartley that, unintentionally or otherwise, he had assisted in creating the misapprehen-sion," referring to the passage preceding, "rumors have been current that Mayor Moir was a defaulter," etc.

If the mayor made any such remark.

it certainly escaped my hearing. At the interview referred to the mayor informed me that I had "hadgered him" ever since he had been in office, and added that he would report the controller to he councils for dereliction of duty. When asked him to state the dereliction he informed me that, contrary to the law, the controller had paid ex-Chief Hickey the few days in dispute after he (the ayor) had removed him.

LETTER TO THE MAYOR.

First, a word as to my "badgering" the nayor. I offer the following two letters, from the controller, to the mayor for areful perusai "Scranton, Pa., Nov. 8, 1899.

James Moir, esq., Mayor, "Dear Sir: * * Another matter which I am compelled reluctantly to draw to your attention is that you are now in arrears in settlement of mayor's fines or such revenues as may come into your hands belonging to the city. On Nov. 1 the amount charged to you, as per your books, and now in your custody, was about \$3,69 (your books are not yet in order for October audit). You are created with 8,375.59, leaving a balance due the city of about \$1,600, which amount you are directed to pay the city treas-

rer by the 15th Inst. "Of course I am aware that a part of bis amount is in the form of pledges aken in lieu of money, but I must ask hese pledges will aggregate. You, no loubt, understand that my duties, under the law, are imperative, and I must insist that these revenues hereafter are promptly turned over to the city treasurer. If you fail to do this I am com pelled to resort to the only means you leave open to me, viz.: report the de-linquencies to the councils.

"Very truly yours,
"E. Howell, City Controller."

ANOTHER LETTER.

"Dec. 11, 1899. Moir, esq., Mayor, Sir: Your attention is drawn Act, May 3, 1893, Art. VII Sec. 3, I specifully request you to file with me monthly statement of all fines and ther revenues which may come into our hands for account of your departent, and verify same under outh, as rescribed in said section.

"Regarding payment of fines, etc., re-ceived by you, to the city treasurer (see Art. IX, Sec. 3), I have to say unless they are paid over to the city treasurer immediately after statement is drawn up nd sworn to, I shall, without further and sworn to, I shall, without further notice, report the delinquency to the cit-councils. I am compelled to do this by an unfortunate delay on your part is making settlement of fines to date.

"The action of select council in request ing me (by resolution) to report on condition of your accounts was, in a sense humiliating to me, for I should have an-ticipated the move and submitted to the nnells the status of your accounts, and oft the same in the hand of the counils for their disposition. I advise you o state in your sworn statement amounts seeived in actual money and amount rereived in pledges. Naturally you will de-luct these pledges from the fines you receive when paying over money to city treasurer. Do so, but payments must be made promptly each month for moneys

"Very respectfully,
"E. Howell, City Controller." Second, as to the payment made to ex-Chief Hickey, I would say that if the mayor can show that the controller ille-gally paid over this money, I will cheerfully refund the money out of my own pocket, to the city. The fact of the mat-ter is that the money was paid, only, after the city solicitor (M. A. McGinley, at that time) had furnished an opinion poort of the controller's action As between the mayor's acts and my own (and I have read the papers of to-I leave the public to judge.

> C. A. Hartley, Deputy Controller. MAYOR'S AFFIDAVIT.

After the interview referred to in the above communication had taken place the mayor went before Notary Public E. D. Fellows and swore to the

following statement, which he desires Mayor's Office,9 Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14, 1899. The total amount of fines collected for the present fiscal year in police court

ire as follows: June July 424 85 August 347 50 September 429 95

over to the city treasurer.

I hereby certify the above statement to be true and correct to the best of my

knowledge and belief. James Moir, Mayor. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of December, 1899. E. D. Fellows, Notary Public.

Deputy Controller Hartley stated yesterday that this statement was

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misleading inasmuch as the average person reading it would fancy that the mayor had paid the amounts collected each month promptly at the end of each month, which he stated was not so and offered the following statement

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WHAT STATEMENT SHOWS. The deputy controller said that this statement shows that the mayor has been owing the city since he has been in office. He pointed out that in June when the amount due the city for April and May was \$862,50 that the mayor had paid over only \$473.50 and that at one time, namely, Nov. 1, the mayor owed the city \$1,941.49.

Mr. Hartley points out that in Noember the mayor paid over \$1,971.40, leaving a balance still due of \$879.40, which sum was not paid until the afternoon of December 7, a regular meeting of select council was scheduled for. The amount of fines collected during the month of November was \$582.45 which sum, according to the records, was not paid until 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon last just prior to the meeting of common council. The controller had a letter already prepared for submission to council reminding them of the fact that the mayor still awed \$582.45, when he received notification of the payment of the money.

"I regret that this matter has come up in the shape it has," said Mr. Hartof this office to annoy or badger him in any respect. But the fact is the mayor has not been as prompt as he should in paying over the fines and it became our duty to remind him of it. "The controller has directed that in future the mayor must file with him a monthly statement of all fines collected, basing his contention on Article vii. Section 3, Act of assembly, 1889, governing third class cities which in de-

fining the duties of the mayor, says: "He shalf charge and receive for all official services the same fees and osts as pertain by law to the aldermen of the city for similar services, but shall pay over the same into the city treasury monthly according to a state-ment iil d thereof by eath or affirmation before the controller and filed with

When seen yesterday all the mayor would say was that the statement eworn to by him before the notary pubie was a correct one and showed that he was entirely paid up to December 1. He said that the number of piedges and orders given sometimes rendered It difficult for the entire amount to be got together at the end of each month.

THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED. They Will Be Voted for by the Mem-

bers of Lady Oakford Union. The Lady Oakford Women's Veteran Relief association yesterday met in Guernsey hall and after conducting the regular business nominated officers for tion will take place December 21 at a special meeting. Installation will be made at the first meeting of next

Yesterday's nominees were: president, Mrs. L. A. Kimble; senior vice president, Mrs. Bortree, Mrs. Anna Mackintosh; junior vice president, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Lesh James; conductress, Mrs. I. Broadhead; chaplain, Mrs. Scholl; treasurer, Mrs. Hartman; secretary, Miss Anna Gaughan.

Call for a Primary Election.

The Republican voters of the Sixeenth ward of the city of Scranton will please take notice that, by order of the vigilance committee of the first and second districts of said ward, there will be a primary election held in the said distrcts of said ward, on Saturday, December 16, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination Republican candidates for the following offices: One candidate for the office of common council; one candidate for the office of school controller, and one assessor of voters in each of the said districts.

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SUPERIOR COURT DEALS WITH THE BREWERY COMBINES.

A Company Controlling a Number of Breweries Can Operate Them Under One or a Number of Brewers' Licenses, and Also Can Be Granted a Wholesale Liquor License—Judge Smith Writes the Opinion Affirming the Finding of the Lower

The Superior court made a series of mportant rulings at its session in Philadelphia this week upon the question whether or not a company controlling a number of breweries can operate them under one or a number of breweries' licenses. The opinions were delivered in the appeal of Lyman E. Davis, remonstrant, from the order of the Quarter Sessions court of Allegheny county, granting twelve licenses

to the Pittsburg Brewing company. The corporation was alleged to have absorbed thirteen of the fifteen breweries of Allegheny county. Mr. Davis filed a remonstrance alleging that the court had no power to grant licenses o any person or firm having an interest in more than one brewery, and that the company was not entitled to them, because it had abused its corporate authority in forming an illegal combination or trust. The case was argued before the court on Oct, 3 last,

An order was handed down by the ourt stating that the six judges who heard the ease were equally divided in opinion, and the order of the lower court was therefore affirmed. Judge P. P. Smith delivered an opinion, in which "There is no desire on the part Judges Beaver and W. W. Porter con curred, ruling in favor of the brewing company. An opposite view was taken in an opinion delivered by Judge Orlady, in which Paesident Judge Rice and Judge Boober concurred. Judge Smith also handed down an opinion affirming the order of the same court granting the brewing companya wholesale liquor license.

LANGUAGE OF OPINION

Both opinions contain interesting and exhaustive reviews of the license laws of this state, says the Philadelphia Ledger. In his favorable ruling on the appeal, Judge Smith says, among other things: "In none of the legislation on this subject is there an express prohibition of a license under the circumstances here existing, nor express provision for it. Our conclusion is that the Interest in a brewery is not within the purview of the clauses of the peti tion required by the Act of 1891 relative to other places where liquors 'are sold or kept for sale,' and that, however these clauses may be construed, the Act of 1897 authorizes the grant of more than one browery license to the same person by the court of quarter sessions, and, to this extent, repeals them if they are inconsistent with this provision of the latter act."

Judge Orlady says, in taking the op-"The net of June 9, 1891, prescribes just what is required of an applicant for a brewer's license to authorize the court of quarter sessions to grant it, and no subsequent legislation has rethe following year. Several members the following year. Several members were proposed as officials, but nontistatutory requirements. The sixth and statutory requirements. seventh clauses of the fourth se present an absolute bar to the granting of more than one brewer's license to a one such license has been granted by the court to one person, a partnership or corporation, the authority of the

court is fully expended." ATTITUDE TOWARD TRUSTS. Judge Smith's opinion contains an aportant statement regarding the attitude of the courts in relation to trusts. "The legislature," he says, "having authorized the incorporation of the appellee, with the right to engage in the brewery business and hold property for that purpose, its business thods are beyond our consideration. No good reason appears why two or more breweries, which may be conducted by different persons, should not be conducted by the same person. No public interest requiring the intervention of the police power is in any way affected by a single ownership. however, the operation of thirteen breweries by one company, instead o thirteen individuals, shall prove injurious to the public, it is for the legis lature to apply a remeay. The courts cannot, on this ground, refuse the license provided by law for the business which the applicant is by law author-

ized to conduct." In affirming the order of the lower court granting the company a whole sale liquor license, Judge Smith says ward. The primaries will be held from | that the statutes clearly give a brewer the right to dispose of his product as wholesale dealer.

The case will probably be taken to the supreme court for a final ruling The ultimate decision will affect large interests in this city, where a combina tion of brewing firms and companies exists.

The opinions have a particular local interest, as the same questions were passed upon by the Lackawanna court when the Central Pennsylvania Brewng company made its application for licenses for its several breweries in this county. The decision of the local judges was in line with the one affirmed by the superior court,

DINNER OF NEW ENGLANDERS. Annual Event at the Board of Trade

Friday Night. D. B. Atherton, J. G. Sanderson, J. E. Burr, Russell E. Dimmick and J. H. Fisher, the committee in charge of the forthcoming dinner of the New Engand society, has issued the following:

The thirteenth annual dinner of the New England society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, will be held at the board of trade rooms, Friday evening, Dec. 25, "Forefathers" Day." The reception wall commence at 6.20. Dinner will be served at 7.00. Members are urged to be on hand aromethy. and promptly. The speakers for the evening, in addition to President Homer Greene, esq.

of Honesdale, will be Rev. William Ellle Friffis, D. D. L. H. D., one of the high est and best authorities on the Eastern McElroy, LL. D., so long known as a leading editorial writer of the New York. Tribune and now of the Mail and Express, New York: Hon. Willis L. Moore, of the Signal Service Bureau, so well and favorably known/in Scranton, and Rev. Robert F. F. Pierce, of the Penn Avenue Bastrist, church; Haptist church.

The dinner will be served by O'Neil.

The designs for the menu cards are by Mr. George B. Dimmlek. The salutation of the flag will precede the dinner.

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CHRISTMAS CHAT.

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> Preparations for surprises are near at hand and all will be puzzled with the everlasting question "What Shall I buy that will be acceptable? For ladies there are thousands of dainty novelties, but to please a man-

that's different. The fact is a ma prefers to buy his own gifts and he loes it at a men's furnishing house where Gloves, Neckwear, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Suspenders, Umbrellas, Canes and other useful things are offered for sale that are the style

of the season. Ladies, you may not know the difference between up-to-date neckwear and the dry goods store kind, but the

NEW MARKET AND GROCERY.

Thomas & Brandamore Will Open Today in the Pauli Building.

Persons passing the new Pauli build ng on Spruce street this morning will eatch a glimpse of what they will undoubtedly pronounce one of the neatest and most up-to-date business places that Scranton boasts of. It is the new grocery market of Thomas & Brandamore, a firm of young Scrantonians, wkhich bids fair to take a front rank

in local commercial life. A. J. Thomas, the senior member of he firm, formerly conducted the Paror grocery at the corner of Webster enue and Mulberry street. B. C. Brandamore, the junior member of the firm, has been in the market business since boyhood and was recently with W. H. Pierce.

They propose to conduct a first class and thoroughly modern store. Staple anl fancy groceries, oysters, fish, vegetables and fruits will be their spe-The display of hot house regetables, which will be a feature of the opening day, is in itself well worth a visit to the store

A new idea which will be carried out by this firm is a special oyster service. Parties can telephone for oysters to be delivered for any meal and can have them at the house on the half shell, on ice, in specially designed tin case ready to serve.

TON OF FISH CONDEMNED.

It Had Been Frozen a Second Time and Then Thawed Out.

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away when they thaw out for the sec-

ond time. This latter is what hap-

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Joseph Davis, Taylor,

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