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SOCIAL EVENTS.

Today the Young Women's Christian association and its various branches will have open house, where a delightful entertainment will be given. These New Year receptions have been great features in the association in the past, and from year to year have enjoyed the interest and admira tion of the most prominent people of the city. Today various officers and managers will be present at all the rooms, both the central, South Side. North End and West Side branches. Coffee, cake, sandwiches, etc., will be served to all callers, and a charming musical programme has been prepared for each place. The public is cordially invited to attend the receptions at one or all of the association

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cramer von Storen gave a beautiful reception Saturday night at their home on Monroe avenu>. Mrs. Von Storch also received on the afternoon of that day. A very large number of people called during the afternoon and evening, when the chief topic of conversation was the Bache lor's ball, and the general verdict was that all "had the time of their lives."

Mrs. Von Storch was assisted in receiving by Miss Shotwell, of Glovers-N. Y. About the rooms were Mrs. H. T. Pennypacker, Miss Penny-

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Among those present Saturday evening were: Miss Curtis, of Washington. D. C.: Miss Anna Archbald, Miss Boles. Miss Katzenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, Miss Waring, Miss Weller, Miss eGrtrude Sprague, Miss Edith Miles, of Yonkers; Miss Janet Dickson, the Misses Reynolds, Miss Turnbull, of Baltimore, the Misses Matthews, Miss Sanderson, the Misses Nettleton, Lieutenant Orton Jackson, Messrs. Bar-rett, of Philadelphia, Katzenbach, New York, Baldwin, Courtlandt Jones, E. W. Holland, David Boies, lesse Jones, of Wilkes-Barre; Guerin, M. B. Fuller, T. P. Fuller, E. E. Chase, J. H. Brooks, Cross, Nettleton and others.

By an error the names of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson were included in the list of guests in th printed report of the Bachelors' bal-As they were not there, this correction is due to the honored pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, who with his wife is not seen at dances.

Mrs Thomas Sprague will have a large reception tomorrow afternoon at her new home on Quincy avenue.

Mrs. Everett Warren will receive this

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith will ntertain tomorrow evening in honor of Miss Galpin.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hulbert will tive a dancing party tomorow even-

This evening the New Year assembly will be held at the Bleycie club.

PERSONAL

Miss Miles, of Yenkers, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Janet Dickson. Robert Crossin, of New York, is visit-

Among the guests at the Jermyn are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stratton, of Washington, D. C. Alderman and Mrs. John P. Kelly on Saturday night left for New York city, where they will spend this week.

Mr. Frank Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arja Williams, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Dr. Olin, of Utica, Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, of Thompson, en tertained over Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brandow and daughter, Charlotte,

of this city. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Greene, George D. Taylor, Haydn Evans, H. G. Carr and J. Holden, of this city, were registered at the Hotel Albert, in New York, last week. William Haslin, son of T. Haslin, of hroop, has returned from Puerto Rico There he acted in the military hospital attached to the Third cavalry. Many ineresting mementos of his year ice were brought home by him.

Dr. Theodore Weisenburg, late house surgeon at the Lackawanna hospital, yes-erday afternoon left that institution for hiladelphia. There he will enter the Philadelphia city hespital, having ob-tained a place on its staff. Dr. Weisenfor about six months, and in that time nade many warm friends.

KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR.

cell, of Hickory Street, Crushed and Mangled Last Night.

A young man, thought to be Michael Purcell, of Hickory street, was struck and instantly killed at 11.45 o'clock last night by a Scranton bound Bellevue-Stone avenue trolley car No. 112, at the corner of Pittston avenue and Hickory street.

It was coming down Hickory street at a fair rate of speed when suddenly it struck a man's body.

Before the car could be stopped, the inert form had been dragged several yards, and when extricated from under the wheels, presented a terrible appearance. The entire body was fearfully mangled, the flesh being literally torn off, and the bones crushed and shattered. Blood streamed from every part of the frame, and the head was almost severed from the body. A crowd immediately gathered, but in the dark no one could recognize the features of the unfortunate man.

One member of the crowd was sent for Undertaker Cusick, who sent his ambulance to the scene, and the body was taken to the undertaking establishment.

A hat worn by the man had in it the initials M. P. A young man named Gordon, who lives on the South Side, and had ventured in, on seeing the man's face imediately said: "That's Mike Purcell. I'd know his

face anywhere." Purcell was a young man of about twenty, and boarded with his brother-in-law, a man named Welsh, living on Hickory street, near Irving ave-

He came here at few years ago from Carbondale, and obtained a possition as conductor with the Scranton Traction company. About six months ago he left their employ and has since worked in Clarke Brothers store. Neither Conductor Benett nor Motorman W. E. Weining, of the car, can give any satisfactory account of the way the accident happened. They say that if he had been standing he would have been lifted directly on the fender, and that he must have been lying on the rails.

Purcell was a young man of goo! habits and well liked by his fellow employes, and the news of the terrible death win be an awful shock to

HUNLOCK'S CREEK BURGLARY. D., L. & W. Depot Entered and

Robbed Saturday Morning. Burglars entered the Delaware. Lackawanna and Western depot at Hunlock's' Creek Saturday morning, but did not make much of a haul. They blew open the cafe and finally left, after securing 150 one cent revenue

stamps. They tore up a large number of tickets and time tables, however, and left behind a burglar's kit of a file, wrench,

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SCRANTON IS PROOF AGAINST BIG STORMS

SO OBSERVES WEATHER OB-SERVER H. E. PAINE.

In an Interesting Discussion of the Weather for the Year Just Closed He Expresses the Conviction That This Particular Valley Is Safe from the Insursions of the Big Storms-Despite the Dry Spell in the Summer the Total Precipitation Was Above the Average.

There are those of an observing turn of mind who contend that the year just closed was one of the dryest in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. but despite these observations and the fact that small water companies had to draw on the larger ones for their supply, and that water trains, for the first time on record, were run up and down the valley, it was not only not a 'drought' year, but wetter by some three-quarters of 1 per cent, than the average year in this end of the coun-

So. at least, says Weather Observer H. E. Paine, and he gets his information from observations made daily with apparatus furnished by the gov-The precipitation in 1899 was 34.35

inches. In 1898 it was 33.09; in 1897 it was 35.53, and in 1896 it was 31.58, The average precipitation for the four years was 33.61, or .74 less than it was PRECIPITATION BY MONTHS.

The fact that there was a dry spell when water was most in demand is accounted for by the following table showing the precipitation by months: January, 2.43: February, 4.20: March, .76; April, 1.96; May, 2.73; June, 2.66; July, 1.73; August, 3.62; September, 3.47; October, 63; November, 2.11; December, 2.05. The precipitation, as will be noticed, was in a large measure snow-fall. We got more than our usual share of wet in the winter and consequently ran short in the summer. The natural subteranean water courses and the artificial surface reservoirs filled up and overflowed and then surplusage was discharged and went its way to the ocean.

This prodigality, coupled with the fact that the precipitation for a certain locality does not vary as to its aggregate, explains the apparent anomaly of a severe drought in a year when the precipitation is above the verage.

The temperature, Mr. Paine finds was 1.31 degrees lower than the average. The mean temperature for the past four years was 49.21. For 1899 t was 47.90. The fact that nearly all of last winter's frigidity was crowded into the latter part of the winter accounts for this, Mr. Paine says. These months were unusually cold.

February having six successive daysfrom the ninth to the fourteenth-when the temperature was below zero for at least a part of each day. The coldest days of the year were January 2 and February 10, when the mercury was down to 15 degrees below zero. The summer months were quite normal. The hottest day of the year was August 21, when all three of the government thermometers agreed that it was 98 in the latticed coop erected Man Supposed to Be Michael Pur- on a four foot pedestal in the back Mr. Paine's garden

> RECORD BREAKING MONTH. Last month was a record breaker. The total snow fall for the thirty-one days was only 115 inches. This is the smallest snow fall in a December month that Mr. Paine has any record of and he has been keeping tabs on that sort of thing for twenty years, The maximum temperature of the month was 62 degrees which was reached on the twelfth. The minimum was zero, recorded last Saturday. Yesterday it was above zero. The month was characterized by a very even temperature, growing gradually colder and colder until the present zero weather was reached.

> Mr. Paine's observations has led him to the conviction that Scranton is impregnable to heavy general storms. The two great storm centers are the Carribean sea and the region about Manitoba. All kinds of cyclones and blizzards start from those points and head in this direction, but they invarably pass us by. The storm from the equator will be predicted to create serious ruction in Eastern Pennsylvania, but the storm always falls short of the prediction by the dis-tance between here and the Poconos. New Jersey will be deluged with rain. covered with snow or terribly tossed about by the wind, and we will experience nothing more than an ordinary little disturbance of the elements.

if any at all. There is sleighing now in New York state and New Jersey and several in hes of snow in Maryland. On Saturday it was colder in Louisville, Ky. than it was in Scranton. Just at present, Mr. Paine says, it is cold all about us, and a spell of crisp weather can be looked for.

FOR STEALING BEER KEGS.

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of Blakely, Saturday, Dominick Ro-many, Samuel Smith, John Cazeni, HARRIS' REMARKS Charles Mason, Anthony Langoff, An-thony Hildock and Andrew Wincheck were given a hearing on the charge of the larceny of beer barrels and kegs, and were held in \$300 bail for their appearance at court. The men live in the vicinity of Marshwood and were arrested on complaint of George Hofnagel, of the Dickson City Brewing

company. For a long time the lager beer breweries hereabouts have been missing large numbers of their beer barrels and kegs and they propose to make a determined effort to prevent further

LUDDEN FORMALLY COMMITTED Given a Hearing Before Alderman Millar, Saturday.

Thomas Ludden, of Minooka, who is charged with the killing of Patrick Rafferty and the wounding of Thomas McKenna at Old Forge, two weeks ago last night, was given a hearing before Alderman Millar, Saturday morning, and committed to jail without bail. Ludden's attorney, Hon, John P. Quinnan, wanted to waive a hearing, but District Attorney Jones insisted

upon the introduction of sufficient testimony to establish a prima facie case and the alderman granted his motion. Coroner Roberts described the wounds he found on Rafferty's body, and Engineer Matthew Barber and Fireman John Moran testified as to the occurrence in the engine room. Ludden's case will go before the grand jury this week. McKenna is im-

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS.

proving and will likely recover,

Commissioners and Auditors to Reorganize Today -- Nothing Authentic Known About Plans.

Nothing authentic could be learned yesterday of the plans of the incoming county commissioners regarding poscible changes in the working force of their office and the selection of a successor to County Solicitor H. A. Knapp. who has declined to serve another

It is generally understood, however, that Herbert L. Taylor is to be the next county solicitor.

As to the position of chief clerk, there is a variety of rumors, but the commissioners-elect will not say which of them is the correct one. In fact, they claim they do not themselves know what will be done in this regard. One of them said yesterday that even if the majority of the commissioners were disposed to remove Mr. Wagner, there is a question as to their power to do so, considering his appointment made recently for three years, under the act passed last year authorizing just this thing.

The commissioners will take charge at high noon and will at once enter upon the task of selecting their assist-At 2 o'clock a meeting of the commissioners with President Judge Archbald and Sheriff Pryor is scheduled to reorganize the prison board.

Mr. Morris says he will not resign his position on the board of six school controllers. He has been unable to discover anything in the law making the two offices incompatible and until such time as he is convinced that he must give up one office or the other, he pro-poses to hold both, "The people elected me to the offices; I'm willing to serve in them, and why should I give one of them up?" said Mr. Morris.

The retiring board of county auditors have ever been neglected. will file their annual report this morn ing, and at noon will reorganize, William E. Johns taking the place of F. L. Ward.

OVER AARONSON'S COAT.

It Was Taken From the Penn Avenue Synagogue.

While services were being conducted Saturday morning in the Penn Avenue synagogue, a stranger from New York, rejoicing in the affluent name of Rothschild abstracted an overcoat and departed from the premises. The garment belonged to Simon Aaronson. When the latter discovered the loss of his coat he instituted a search for the coat and Rothschild. He met the latter on Penn avenue yesterday and demanded to know where his coat was. Rothschild did not answer, but did his best to break away from Aaronson's grasp.

Patrolmen Rodham and Haggerty arrived on the scene, and took Rotischild to the Centre street police station. The overcoat was still missing. however, and Rothschild only could say that he had pawned it in a saloon for seventy-five cents.

Patrolmen Charles Perry and Victor Sartor succeeded in finally locating the coat in a Lackawanna avenue hotel, whence it was immediately re-moved. Rothschild will be given a hearing this morning before Mayor

THE PROVERE CALENDAR. It Has Been Issued by C. I. Hood & Co.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Proverb Calendar for 1900 is the prettlest we have seen. It is borne in front of two little girls, whose fresh, sweet faces, and dainty robes of blue and bink form a pleasing picture upon which to look during the coming year. The calendar is printed from large, plain type and gives valuable information.

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LAWYERS DON'T LIKE HIS RE-PORTED UTTERANCES.

Deny That There Is Any General Rate Cutting and Say the Proprieties Are Rigidly Maintained by the Members of the Local Bar.-At a Meeting Held Saturday Resolutions Were Passed Which Express the Sontiment of the Members of the Lackswanns Bar.

Nothing in years has occurred to so stir up the members of the Lackawanna bar as Attorney John M. Harris' reported criticisms at the meeting of the State Bar association committees in Pittsburg, as told in Satur-

day's Tribune. With scarcely an exception the lawyers who have expressed themselves condemn the speech as unwarranted, uncalled for, and highly indiscreet, That there is any general rate cutting or that the proprieties are not rigidly maintained among the members of the profession is emphatically denied. There may be some isolated instances of rate-cutting, the lawyers say, bu tion he did, even if it was made at home and to a purpose, instead of the manner in which it was made. The general indignation aroused by the reading of the press dispatch crystalized in a set of resolutions, adopted

THE RESOLUTIONS.

day afternoon.

directors of the bar association Satur-

Whereas, The Associated Press dis-patches of today contain reference to statements alleged to have been made by John M. Harris, a member of this bar, at a meeting of the general committees of the State Bar association held at Pittsburg yesterday, reflecting upon the pro-fessional standing of the bar and upon the willingness or ability of the court of this county to properly punish un-worthy members of the bar, the directors of the Lackawanna Law and Library as-sociation, which is the only associated body of the members of the bar of the county, place upon their minutes the folowing action: We realize that it would be unjust to

Mr. Harris to act upon mere telegraphic reports of statements alleged to have been made by him, yet the widespread publicity of the report makes it neces-sary that some actice be taken of it, and thus assuming, without prejudice to him, that he is correctly reported, we reply that the association has a most ex-cellent and efficient board of censors, composed of the following members of the bar: W. W. Lathrope, George S, Horn, Everett Warren, H. M. Streeter and Joseph O'Brien. This board of cen-sors has never refused or hesitated to promptly take up and thoroughly pursue any cherges made rgainst any member of the bar, neither have the judges of our courts been neglectful of their duty in this matter, but have always been quick to rebuke any breaches of professional propriety committed in their presence nd to assume jurisdiction of any complaints against members of the bar, and if such complaints were sustained, to promptly and rigorously punish the offender. Neither the association, the board of censors, nor the court, however, can act in a disciplinary manner in any way except upon specific charges made against particular individuals. No such charges and action upon such charges

STANDARD IS HIGH. We further state our conviction that the tandard of propriety, honesty and honor in this county is quite equal to that of any section of the state, and that the bar of this county has been for years particularly noted for the esprit de corps among its members. We further state that the standard of examinations for admission to the bar of this county has been steadily raised for a number of years past and there is no bar in the state in which the standard is now higher or the examinations made more thorough

and rigorous. James H. Terrey, H. A. Knapp, H. Osthaus, John P. Kelly, T. P. Hoban, W. A. Wilcox, Walter Briggs, Directors.

Mr. Harris had not returned up to late hour last night and inquiry at his home in Taylor elicited the information that it was not known when he would return. His close friends are hoping that he will show he was misquoted in the dispatch.

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CLUBS MUST PAY TAX.

Opinion of Judge McPherson in

United States District Court. Judge McPherson, of the United States court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia Saturday filed an opinion in the test suit of the United States against the Alexia club, holding that the club is liable for the payment of the special tax of \$25 per annum to the government as a reaffer of liquor.

This important and much disputed question, whether a club which serves quors to its members should have to pay the government tax, was argued a short time ago. The decision is farreaching, as it has a bearing to the effect that clubs throughout the country must pay this tax.

COMMISSION BEGINS WORK.

Will Proceed to Condemn Part of

Drinker Turnpike. W. W. Lathrope, master, and John H. Fellows, Dr. H. H. Harris, A. B. Stevens, J. H. Rittenhouse and William H. Roe, viewers, comprising the commission appointed to pass upon the petition for the condemnation of so much of the Roaring Brook turnpike as is within Dunmore borough, met Saturday and, after being sworn in, proceeded to lay out its work. The commission will go over the road tomorrow and then take up the matter

of hearing testimony. it is not such as would warrant Mr. Ninth Ward Republican Primaries. The Republican primaries for the nomination of a select councilman, register of voters, judge and inspector of election will be held at the polling

booths of the Ninth ward on Thursday, Jan. 4, from 5 to 8 p. m. The flag ticket Crawford county system will be at a specially convened meeting of the followed. Candidates announced for council: C. E. Chittenden, W. S. Huslander, Peter Haan. By order of the vigilance committee.

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