BRADFORD OIL SCHEMES.

Indications That Cheer the Hopeful Speculator in Petroleum.

Special to The Scranton Tribune, Towarda, Jan, 1.-Since the organization of the Canton company of capitalists, the following has come to light: The company has been leasing large tracts of oil territory in the town and vicinity of Troy, this county, situated on the Northern Central railroad, and last Thursday afternoon began putting down a well near Troy. It is claimed there is a close resemblance between the lay of the land and general contour of the country about Foster Brook. near Bradford, and this locality. In-spired by a study of the United States geological survey maps and the fact that the Trenton sandstone, the real oil sand, is represented as underlying the Catskill formation of red shale through that region, the prospectors are very sanguine of success, W. H. Morgan, of Canton, and others are very active in leasing tracts, and are pretty certain that oil will be found. The truth is that the whole region of Bradford county is a terra incognita so far as oil prospects are concerned, In about 1866 or 1868 several wells were bored, but none of them were ever reached to a depth sufficient to form a Among the wells sunk at that time, the one at Sylvania, four miles west of Troy, went to a depth of 718 feet, and was then torpedoed without any further show of oil. The oil well at Alba went about 680 feet, and was then abandoned, and it was suggested that the well should be pulled up and cut up in suitable lengths, and then sold to the farmers for post-holes. One hold its annual election night before the well closed up and Friday evening, Jan. 12. during the absence of the president, ripe scholar and traveler. Dr. Silas E, Shepard, later president of the Hiram, O., college, some over-anxious stockholders secured a half barrel of crude oil and poured it down the hole, 'just to boom stocks." It had the desired effect for a short time, after which the short-lived vision of wealth vanished. Another well was sunk at Burlington, to a depth of 660 feet. These, with an attempt on the South Branch, which flows into the Towanda creek, from the territory at the south side of the stream, and where an attempt was made during the summer to attempt to pierce the earth at a depth of 1,800 feet, were the only serious attempts to find oil. How inadequate these efforts were may be understood by stating that Troy is 1.148 feet above the tide level, or 1,154 feet above sea level, That gas will be struck if oil is not found is quite likely, as a well sunk 219 feet at the Bowen tannery eight years ago has been furnishing a small flow of gas, which has been burning steadily ever since. It is claimed that the anti-clinal fold of the earth, extending from Farmington, Tioga county, through Troy to Ulster, is a true gasometer and can give a large supply of gas, which only needd to be tapped to yield.

FOREST CITY.

Special to The Scranton Tribune. Forest City, Jan. 1.-The car shop

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purchased by Alfred Harvey, of Scranmachinery, which is now on the road, can be got in place. Joseph K. Harvey, jr., who will be the local superintendent, has already moved here and with his family occupies rooms in the building formerly owned by C. W. Lott, on Hudson street. About one hundred operatives will be employed to start with, but it is intended to gradually increase the business until it will take between three and four hundred hands to do the work.

Benjamin F. Maxey, of Scranton, has been spending a few days of the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Benjamin Maxey. The Sunday school board of the Methodist church will meet tonight, when officers will be chosen for the coming year. A meeting of the church official board will be held Thursday

evening. Mrs, Joseph S. Kelsey and daughter, Edith, of Middletown, N. Y., are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette W. West-

Midnight mass was celebrated in St. Agnes church New Year's eve-Mrs. Thomas Brown, sr., is in Montose with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Maxey, assisting the family in getting

settled in their new home. Watch-night services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, "seeing the New Year

Miss Mable Monroe, of Preston Wayne county, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. F. W. Westgate. Enterprise Hose company, No. 1, will hold its annual election of officers on

J. M. Bivins leaves today for Stroudsburg, where he will spend some time with his son, F. W. Bivins,

TUNKHANNOCK.

Special to The Scranton Tribune

Tunkhannock, Jan. 1.-This being the day appointed by law for the county officers elected at last fall's election to go into office, there was a general change around in nearly all the offices at the court house. In the prothonotary's office, N. N. Reynolds, Republican, who has held the office for the past six years, is succeeded by John B. Donovan, of Laceyville, Democrat, and he will have a Mr. Platt, of the same town, for deputy. In the sheriff's office, A. G. Gregory, Republican, goes out, and will return to his former home at Meshoppen. He is succeeded by John W. Gray, of Beaumont, Democrat, with the deputy yet to be appointed. At the register's office there will be no change, W. U. Shaw having been reelected, and Miss Ora Stark being retained as deputy In the commissioner's office, the old board composed of Chas. Wheelick, Republican, F. H. Chase, Republican, and Michael Brown, Democrat, resign in favor of E. M. Vaughn, of Mehoopany, Democrat, Edward Farrer, of Nicholson, Democrat, and E. D. Robinson, of Forkston, Republican. The matter of commissioners' clerk will pears in its place. The work will be probably be for the court to decide, commenced in installing the Hall sysproperty on North Main street has been having been elected by them for a a few miles south of Towanda, and term of three years, and the new the work of measurement moves slowboard having appointed George W. Doyle of Nicholson township for the same period. The old board of county auditors, composed of C. B. Pickett, Republican, Henry Young, Republican. and George D. Wright, Democrat, are succeeded by Fred J. Kintner, of Mehoopany, Republican, Horace Ro-

D. Wright, the Democratic member or the board, was reelected. This places all of the county offices except the office of register and recorder and board of county auditors, in the con-

trol of the Democratic party. Last Friday evening the friends of Sheriff A. G. Gregory got together at his home here, and presented him with a gold headed cane, and his wife with a silk umbrella. Hon. E. J. Jorden made the presentation speeches ton, and a slik-throwing establishment Sheriff Gregory's term of office ex-will be started here as soon as the pired on Saturday, and he and his wife intend moving to his former home at Meshoppen this week. His friends took this occasion to express their regret.

Mrs. Catharine Townsend, of Scranon, is visiting in Tunkhannock, with her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Harding. J. R. Miller, chief engineer of the Pardee Mining company, at Hazleton, was in town on Saturday last.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Special to The Scrapton Tribune. Towanda, Jan. 1.-Means L. McGill s organizing a class in boxing and

L. C. Holmes, for some years proprietor of the Towarda Steam laundry, contemplates removing to Norwich. N. Y., his former home.

The society young people held their annual hop at Naiad hall last Thursday evening, at which one hundred guests enjoyed the occasion. The funeral of ex-Sheriff J. P. Van

Fleet occurs tomorrow. Charles L. Mead, of Athens, and Miss Olive Donley, of Owege, were married at the Congregational church at the latter place last Wednesday evening. They will reside at Athens.

The following have been enjoying the holidays with friends in Towarda; Miss Bess Davies, of Wilkes-Barre: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davies, of Harris-Mirs Daisy Randall, of Los Angeles, Cal.: Miss May Read, of Alameda, Cal.: Miss Hatfield, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Max Page, of New York city; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spalding, of New York city. Miss Nellie Duslane is spending the

holidays with her sister at Sayre. Four ruffians stepped into a Bernice hotel last Thursday and ordered drinks. But not getting them as quickly as they wished, revolvers were drawn on the bartender and the quartette took possession of the hotel, compelling the keeper to make his exit. After their wants were filled. they made their departure, but a posse was formed and at once put on their trail, and the game was captured and placed in the jail at Laporte. It is supposed this is the same gang that broke into Summer's store at Monroetown, on Dec. 23,

The Lehigh Valley railroad signal corps and representatives of the Hall automatic block signal system are taking measurements on this division for the installation of the Hall automatic system, to be used from the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg junction, its present terminus, to Euffalo, N. Y. The present system of blocking trains is similar to that new used on the Eric rathroad, and is operated by the telegraphers at the stations along the line. The Hall system is entirely automatie; a train entering a block causes a danger signal to be displayed on the signal post at the entrance to the block, and the same remains in view until the train has passed out of the block, when the danger signal is dropped, and the white board or light ap-F. S. Harding, clerk to the old board | tem next March, Surveyors are now the work of measurement moves slowly on account of its accuracy.

The residence of James Frederick at Rome was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. Mrs. Frederick received injuries in the flames. The house and contents was insured for \$1,400.

Fred J. Gress, who has been the efficient manager of the Postal Telegraph office here, has been ordered to Buffalo, to receive a promotion. Dr. Robert Carmody died at his home in Sayre yesterday, aged 20 years. He had been a sufferer for a time of congestion of the kidneys and liver, and was able to be out on Friday. He was the youngest son of John Carmedy, of Towards and bas a brother. Thomas, who has charge of a Catholic parish near Scranton, He was a native of Wyalusing and unmar-

MONROE COUNTY.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, Jan. 1 .- The monroe county commissioners organized today by electing Jacob Hartman president of the board. There were eleven applicants for the position of clerk. On the first ballot Stewart L. Moster was selected at a salary of \$400 per year. This is regarded as a victory for the independents who ran the recent campaign on the cry of reduced salaries for county officials. The salary of commissioners' clerk last year was six hundred dollars. William Van Gorden was reelected janitor. County Treasurer Ellenberger's fees was fixed at the same rate as the retiring officer's, J. M. Stick. The other new county officers who took the oath were Walter Shlubot, register and recorder, Fred W. Ellenberger, county treasurer, W. F. Dolker, prothonotary, The new members on the commission ers' board are Peter Pipher, Independ ent, and Jos. Zachanas, Demograt. The Republicans are not represented

New Year's day was observed quite generally, almost all the store and factories were closed. The stockholders of the Monroe County Agricultural society will meet on Tuesday at Grand Army hall. This evening the Luther League of Grace Lutheran church gave a recep-

tion to the members and friends of

the church. Jury Commissioner N. B. Demund had the misfortune to fall and break

He Had Cause to Rejoice.

"A young man came into our store yesterday suffering from a severe attack of cramp colic," writes B. F. Hess, miller and general merchant, Dickey's Mountain, Pa. "He had tried various home remedies without relief. As I had used Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I gave him a dose and it soon brought him out alright. I never saw a fellow so rejoiced." Sold by all druggists. Matthews Brothers, wholesale and retail

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"Dorothy and Her Friends."



A bright, cheery picture. For 8 lion heads and a 2c. stamp. A bright, cheery picture, represent-ing a little girlplay-ing with her chick-ens and her rabids. The predominating colors are rich reds and greens. Size, 14x28 inches.

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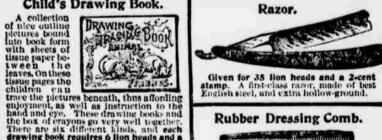
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Pre-Inventory Sale

Blankets and Comforts.

On account of the mild season we have not sold the usual quantity. Our department is overstocked. In order to sell them before inventory, we make a big reduction in prices.

Fine White and Dark Cotton Blankets at 58c, \$1.00. \$1.50.

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Fine Soft Silkoline Comforts, \$1.50. Very Heavy Comforts, 90c.

Large assortments of medium and extra fine comforts and down quilts, all at reduced prices.

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DAY'S DOINGS IN DUNMORE BOROUGH

AT HOME OF THE REV. AND MRS. W. F. GIBBONS.

Entertained a Number of Their Friends at the Manse Yesterday. Camp No. 226, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Elects Officers. Jean Washer, of South Blakely Street, Sustained a Serious Injury to His Eye-School Board and Council Will Hold Meetings To-

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbons gave an "at home" to the members of the Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Gibbons is pastor, at their house, "the Manse," on Elm street, last evening, The brilliantly lighted and tastily decorated rooms were filled during the earlier hours of the evening with representative people of the borough. Refreshments were served during the evening by the members of Mrs. Gibons' Sunday school class, who fulfilled their duties in a pleasing man-

It has been the custom of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, ever since the installation of the reverend gentleman as pastor of this charge, to hold a reception each year and their "at homes" have been looked eagerly forward to as the first of the year draws near. Last night's "at home" was one of the most successful ever held and reflects much credit on Rev. and Mrs. Gibbons, who have endeared themselves to the congregation during their stay here.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Camp No. 226, Patriotic Order Sons of America, have selected the following from among their members to serve as officers for this year:

President, Charles Hebron; vicepresident, William Kays; past president, Anthony Krotzer; conducter, Charles Jenkins; master of forms, Mr. Stansform; inspector, W. J. Purcell; outer guard, Nathan Kase; recording secretary, J. C. Slintz; financial secretary, W. C. Cummings; treasurer, Sam-

uel Cummings; trustee, to serve eighteen months, George Cummings.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT. Jean Washer, of South Blakely street, is suffering at his home with a badly injured eye, the result of an accident

which may cause him the toss of that Mr. Washer is a moulder at the Capouse avenue shops and was engaged in his duties pouring the molten metal into a receptacle, when particles of the hot iron spluttered in all directions, one piece striking him in the eye. He was taken to his home suffering untold agony, which was somewhat relieved by the medical skill of Doctors Burns and Winters.

OTHER NOTES.

The name of Herbert Brenan, of the Third ward, was omitted in the list of candidates for office as councilmen in yesterday's Tribune. Night school will be opened tonight

Nos, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 buildings. The amount collected in by St. Mary's hurch during Christmas week was the argest on record, \$912. Both the school board and council will meet at their respective place of meeting tonight.

under a corps of efficient teachers in

Hundreds spent yesterday afternoon t "Birds-eye," enjoying the excellent kating. The social and entertainment held

under the auspices of the Lackawanns Base Ball club in Manley's hall last evening was very well attended. The boys realized a neat sum from their efforts.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mentrose tonight. His subject will be Miss Anna Cunningham, of East Drinker street, and Mr. B. J. Kelly, of

Quincy avenue, will be married at Brooklyn, N. Y., tomorrow. Miss Jessie Swartz, of Electric avenue, returned to her studies at Strouds-burg Normal school this morning. Miss Clara Morrison, of Jersey City, N. J., is the guest of friends in town. Miss Jane Glencross, of Grove street, is visiting relatives at Avoca.

Democrats Own Monroe

today. The minerity party is not repre resented on the board. The board met and elected Jacob Hartman president are Stewart L. Mosier clerk, Fred W. Eile berger is the new trensurer. W. S. Dufor the register and recorder and Cicero Gearhart the district attorney.

straighten out the books. He called County Auditor Marsh to his aid and Scranton Pass Railway, first they have found a defaleation of 865, and they have four his city, 861,840, while the backs call for \$126,850. There is due the state for tax on money at interest for 1899, the sum of \$84,000,of which three-fourths comes back to this county, the net sum owing the state being \$21,950. Hershey is believed to have gone to Hershey is believed to have gone to Canada. His financial condition has been regarded with suspicion fo long time, but it is not believed that much, if any, of the county's each went to help along his regular business. He had been dathling in stocks speculation for some time and lately on an extensive scale, and it is claimed that in the slump of week before last he lost \$20,000. He also became a heavy poker player and his losses in this line have been a matter of talk on the street. Steek speculation and Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, of the Methos poker are believed to have practically dist Episcopal church, will lecture at cater up the entire amount of the defalcation.

The office was turned over to the treasurer today when the shortage was officially announced to be \$65.042.-41. Two of the bondsmen are brothers of Hershey, and one composed with the treasurer the firm of Amos Hershey & Bro., of Gordonville, against which execution for \$25,000 was issued last week. These judgments were held by relatives and were confessed but a few days previous. They will no doubt be contested and it is expected will be stood aside. The other bendsmen represented the different banks which held the county deposits, and it is expected \$1,304.70; western lambs, \$5.405.55. Rethe shortage will be made good with celpts-Cattle, 12,000 head; hogs, 23,000 Strondsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—The Demo-crats are in possession of all the county the shortage will be made good with-colless. The new officials were sworn in out litigation.

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations-All Quotations Based on Par of 100. Bid. Asked.

HERSHEY PLAYED POKER.

Shortage of the Lancaster Treasurer Amounts to \$65,042.41.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. L.—The continued absence of County Treasurer E. H. Hershey and the ugly steries concerning his accounts, which have been affect for a week past, prepared the public for the formal amounteement today that he is a defaulter and absender. Mr. Hershey's son was in charge of the office endeavoring to straighten out the books. He called BONDS.

Scranton Wholesale Market

(Corrected by H. G. Dale, 27 Lackawanna Avenue.) Buttes-Creamery, 24a27c.; print, 25a 5c.; dairy, tubs, 26c. Eurs Select western, 161gc.; nearby state, 23c.
Cheese-Fuli eream, new, 135c.
Reans-Per bil, choice marrow, \$2.30;
meslium, \$27 pea, \$2.
Ordens-Per bil, 5c.
Penators-Per bil, 5c.
Lemons-3150a3.75 per box.
Flour-\$1.36.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chleago, Jan. L.-Cattle-Good to choice rior kinds, slow; cow market, steady; feeders, quiet, unchanged; good to choice, \$5.400.50, poor to medium, \$1.15 gallet mixed stockers, \$3a3.85; selected feeders, 14.25a4.85; good to choice cows, 3.40(100) helfers, \$1.55(100) canners, \$2.55 3) buils, \$2.00(1.50) calves, \$40.55; fed Texas beeves, \$1.25a5.25. Hogs-Active, 5a toe, higher; tops, \$1.50; good clearance early; mixed and butchers, \$1.15a4.50; good to choice heavy, \$4.15a4.50; roughs, heavy, \$1.15a4.20 Hight \$4.10a1.421g; bulk of sales, \$4.3504.65. Sheep-Active, 10a15c. higher; lambs, 15a25c. higher; strong demand and early clearance; native wethers, \$4.25 al.85; lambs, \$4.25as; western wethers, hend; sheep, 10,000 head.

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