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SOCIAL EVENTS.

Major J. W. Oakford gave a dinner last evening at the Scranton club to the members of the bicycle party who annually give a tour to New Jersey on Memorial day.

It was a violet dinner, the hue of that favorite flower being repeated in candle shades, bon-bons and decorations. The favors for the ladies were corsage bouquets of Parma violets, the men having violet buttonholes.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. G. Robertson, Miss Welles, Miss Wilder, of Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Bell, the Misses Archibald, the Misses Sterling, of Orange, N. J.; Miss Hunt, Miss Damm, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Linberg, of Trenton, N. J.; Messrs. Foster, P. B. Bell, Hickok, of Harrisburg; Watrous, of New Haven; Smith and Larned, of Orange, N. J.; Hunt, Brooks, Blair, Richard Storrs, T. F. Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warren gave a New Year reception yesterday. The guests of honor were Mrs. Bartlett, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., who received with the host and hostess. At the table in the dining room were Mrs. E. N. Willard and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury. Mrs. T. H. Watkins presided at the frappe table. She was assisted by Misses Edith Holland and Dorothy Warren. In the dining room were: Misses Marguerite Warren, Sophie Price, Marguerite Bellin and Ruth Archibald.

About the rooms were Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick, Mrs. C. S. Weston, Miss Clara Reynolds, Miss Manness, Miss Welles, Miss Bell, the Misses Archibald, Miss Anderson.

The Scranton club was one of the merriest places in all the city yesterday. Many of the members and some guests spent the day there, enjoying the amusements the house affords and partaking of the choice refreshments which Steward O'Neil had prepared.

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Bargains We are selling at Mark-Down Prices. Itchen Utensils, Tinware, Oil Heaters, Gas Heaters, Oil Cans, Carpenters' Tools, Cutlery, Razors, Wringers, Etc., Etc.

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last night at the Bicycle club. It was an elegant affair, and was very largely attended. Mrs. Welles, Miss Archibald, Miss Hunt and Miss Bell constituted the committee. The chaperones were: Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick, Mrs. T. H. Watkins and Mrs. A. C. Twitchell.

PERSONAL

Miss Agnes Hart, of the telephone exchange, spent New Year's with relatives in New York. Mrs. Mary Niland, of Green Bluff, was yesterday the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Burke, of Carbondale. Mrs. Henry C. Doud and son, Charles Doud, have just returned to their home in New York city after spending the holidays with Scranton friends. Mrs. Frank A. Brandt will give at her residence, Adams and Woodlawn avenues, on Wednesday evening, January 3, a "conundrum social" for her Sunday school class. This will also be a farewell party for Mrs. Brandt, taking up her residence in New York city.

DEATH OF PURCELL.

Is Involved in Mystery—There is No Satisfactory Explanation of Way He Got on the Track.

Considerable mystery envelops the death of Michael J. Purcell, of Carbondale, who was terribly mutilated and crushed under the wheels of a Stone avenue-Belleuve car, late Sunday night. About 11:30 o'clock, as the car was coming down Hemlock street, it suddenly struck a prostrate body, and before it could be stopped it had passed over the form. The result was a terribly mangled and disfigured mass of bones and flesh. The body was taken to Cusick's morgue and there identified as the body of Michael J. Purcell, of Carbondale, employed at his brother-in-law, William Welsh, of Orchard street. The manner in which he was killed is conclusive proof that he was lying on the track, for if he had been standing the motorcar would have seen him. It is pretty certain then that he was lying on the track, and he was known to be a young man of strict, temperate habits and the supposition is therefore gone away with that he was in an intoxicated condition. As for foul play in the case, it seems even more difficult to gain any evidence on this point and the jury left his body at 7:30 o'clock, intending to go to town and attend the midnight mass at the cathedral. He left for town, alone, and after that no more was heard of him. It is not likely that he was waylaid and killed for any valuable on his person and the fact that he was on the track is the only thing of any value that he carried was a gold watch, and this was found on him at Cusick's. He was never known to have an enemy, and it is improbable that his death was the result of any sort of foul play. The fact of his being on the track at that hour is accounted for, by the reason that in all likelihood, owing to the great crowd at the cathedral, he could not gain admittance and started for home. Only one more explanation for his death can be given and that is that he may have fallen in a faint across the track. Yesterday morning his brother, Patrick, arrived from Carbondale and in the afternoon at 5:05 o'clock left for that city with the remains. They will be interred there Wednesday morning, with services at St. Rose's church, and interment in the Carbondale cemetery. His mother, five sisters, Celia, Mary, Katie and Margaret, of Carbondale, and two brothers, John and Patrick, survive the dead man. The coroner was notified of the case yesterday morning, and in the afternoon paid a visit to Cusick's and examined Purcell's remains. They were in such a terrible condition that it was impossible to give a post-mortem examination, so the coroner satisfied himself with a look at the body, and later impelled a jury to hold an inquest at some near date. The following will be the jurors: Chauncey H. Derby, John Peuster, M. A. Rafter, David Owens, W. H. Mallia and J. F. Mitchell.

CHARGED THE GRAND JURY.

Court Was in Session for a Brief Period Yesterday.

Judge Archibald, yesterday, charged the grand jury after appointing Charles A. Wiggins, foreman. Court and the jury then adjourned till 9 o'clock this morning. A week's session of equity court will begin today. Judge Savidge, of Northumberland will preside.

WILL BUILD A LARGE NEW PLANT.

Hayes Grate and Mantel Company Is Organized—New Plant Will Be Located Near the Dobbie Foundry and Will Give Employment to Many Men.

The Hayes Grate and Mantel company, was organized in this city yesterday. It will erect a plant and manufacture iron grates and mantels. Employment will be given to a large number of men. Readers of the Gazette will remember that the Dobbie Foundry, something over a year ago, secured the contract for manufacturing an iron grate patented and designed by Henry O. Hayes of Elmira. This grate has proved so successful and the demand for it has been so large that the foundry can no longer meet with the orders. It was decided to form a separate company and this was done yesterday. No officers have yet been elected except the directors for the first year. They are: Henry O. Hayes, John Dobbie and J. Challis Jones, of Pittsburg. A large plant will be put up near the Dobbie Foundry. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. A large number of men will be given employment and work will begin on the new plant as soon as possible.—Niagara Falls Gazette, Dec. 29, 1899.

To Taxpayers.

Prompt payment of 1899 poor tax before delinquent lists are made out will avoid penalty. City treasurer's office.

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LOUIS SEYMOUR TO FIGHT THE BOERS

FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS CITY FORMING A REGIMENT.

Two Other Former Scrantonians, George Poore and Robert McKay Are Assisting Him in London. Seymour Was Formerly Employed as Draughtsman in This City but Is Now a Millionaire and Gold Mining Expert—Captain Stokes Tells Why They Want to Fight.

Word has reached here that Louis Seymour, formerly of this city, but now of South Africa, is a volunteer in London organizing a volunteer regiment of engineers for service against the Boers. It is also stated that Robert McKay, George Poore and another man named Robeson, all of whom at one time lived here, are associated with Mr. Seymour in the work. All of these were at one time members of Company A, Thirteenth regiment.

Since Mr. Seymour left this city, some ten years ago, he has had an especially varied career and is now reputed to be a millionaire, in addition to holding one of the most important mining positions in South Africa. He was employed while in this city as a draughtsman and machinist by the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, and later by the Dickson Manufacturing company.

While working for the latter company he was sent to South America to superintend the erection of an engine. He there met the representatives of the firm of Frazer & Chalmers, manufacturers of machinery, with plants in London and Chicago. They were so impressed with his rare mechanical ability that he was offered the position of general manager of their London plant. He accepted the position and remained in London for three years in that capacity.

UNDERGROUND ROADS.

While in London he saw the possibilities of the underground railway system there and invested a large amount of his savings in the stock. He has since added to this and is now one of the largest stockholders in the company.

He was sent to South Africa in 1893 by his employers and while there came under the notice of some of the directors of the Rand Mining company, an immense corporation, controlling upwards of twenty-five gold mines in and around Johannesburg. He was offered the position of consulting engineer of all the mines, a position which he accepted and still holds.

His salary in this capacity is said to be about \$25,000 a year, and by investments in various ways in that Klondike for investors, South Africa, he is now reputed to be worth at least \$1,000,000. The fact of his being on the track at that hour is accounted for, by the reason that in all likelihood, owing to the great crowd at the cathedral, he could not gain admittance and started for home.

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WHAT STOKES SAYS.

Captain Fremont Stokes, of Company A, Thirteenth regiment, and who, up to two years ago, was also employed by the Rand company in the capacity of civil engineer, says that Seymour is considered one of the greatest engineers in all Africa. "I can readily understand," said the captain yesterday, "how these men would desire to fight against the Boers after having put up with their intolerance for so long. The personal indignities which Englishmen and other foreigners experience at the hands of the Boers almost beggar description. I have had personal experience myself and I know whereof I speak. "A foreigner isn't one, two, three in the Transvaal and he never was. If he gets into a railroad car and takes a seat, it is just as likely as not that an overbearing Boer will come along and push him out of it. Even one word of resentment would be the signal for his arrest and justice is not very blind there. Even in the stores one cannot be treated with even the rudiments of common decency."

Captain Stokes said that while the Uitlanders would undoubtedly prefer English rule to that of the Boers, that he believed an independent government was what they desired most of all.

FUNERAL OF MRS. REYNOLDS.

Services Held Last Evening at the Home on Madison Avenue.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Frank Reynolds took place last evening at the family residence on Madison avenue. Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin officiated. The rooms were filled with floral offerings. The remains will be taken to Kingston, N. Y., this morning for interment. A peculiarly sad feature of the occasion is the serious illness of the husband of the deceased.

HELD FOR FURTHER HEARING.

William Kelly, of New York, Suspected of Larceny.

William Kelly, of New York city, was arrested early yesterday morning on Penn avenue by Patrolman Peuster, while trying to dispose of several articles in his possession. On his arrival at police headquarters he was searched and there were found on him a small gilt clock, a lady's belt, a pair of fancy slippers and several other articles. Yesterday morning at his hearing he could not give any satisfactory explanation as to how he gained possession of the things, and he was held over for a further hearing.

JOHN BARTIS STABBED.

Andrew Ognisley Slashed Him with a Knife.

As the acting sergeant at the police station in Providence was yesterday morning warning himself before his fire, the door was suddenly burst open and a man rushed in, saying in broken English that one Andrew Ognisley had tried to murder him, and showing in evidence a knife cut in the region of his abdomen. The man, whose name was John Bartis, was taken to Dr. T. H. Boudhan, who bandaged up the wound, after which the injured one left. The blade of the knife had not penetrated his flesh to any extent, but had merely made a severe scratch. The fight in which the stabbing took place occurred in a loading room on Lloyd street and was merely a drunken brawl. After the fracas was over, Ognisley took to his heels and has not been arrested.

TO SUCCEED LANGSTAFF.

Samuel Williams Appointed by Judge Archibald to Fill an Alleged Vacancy on Poor Board.

DEATH OF S. M. ROGERS.

Well-Known and Respected Resident of Peckville Passes Away.

Mr. Samuel Major Rogers died at his home on Hickory street, Peckville, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon of heart failure. Deceased was aged 46 years. He was born in Cornwall, England, June 20, 1853. At the age of 18 years he came to America and took up his residence at Dover, N. J. He was married in 1876 at Dover, and sixteen years ago moved to Peckville, where he had since resided. He began his labors there for the Delaware and Hudson Coal company at their Grassy Island colliery. He remained with the above company as a trusted employe until about two years ago, when his health began to fail. After a short resting spell, with no apparent benefit to his health, he decided to visit Alamogordo, New Mexico. On Oct. 12, 1898, he started for this health-giving place and upon his arrival there he soon found that the climate did not agree with him and he then journeyed to El Paso, Texas. For six months he resided there and then visited Denver, Col. His health still did not return, and on Aug. 1 he returned to his home at Peckville. His health continued to rapidly fail, and about a month ago became confined to his bed. On Sunday morning he complained of a strange feeling about the heart and shortly after became unconscious, and only at long intervals did he regain consciousness to recognize his family at the bedside. When the end came he passed peacefully away. Deceased is survived by a wife and three children—Willie, aged 22; Walter, aged 12, and Olin, aged 8. A brother and a sister of the deceased reside at Cornwall, England. Deceased, who was formerly a Tribune correspondent, was one of Peckville's most respected citizens, and was a member of the Blakely school board. At the time of his death he was a member of the Order of Knights of Pythias and was also a member of Oriental Star lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; also a member of the Order of Eastern Star. He was a regular attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church before his illness and was greatly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church. The remains will not be exposed to view at the church. Those who wish to view the remains may do so at the residence on Thursday from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Rev. S. C. Simpkins, assisted by Rev. J. B. Sweet, of Scranton, will perform the funeral services. Interment will be made in the family plot at Prospect cemetery. Steam Heating and Plumbing. F. F. & M. T. Howley, 221 Wyoming ave. Smoke the "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c. Finest wines and cigars at Lane's, 329 Spruce street. Smoke the Peconic 5c. cigar.

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The Wilkes-Barre Record almanac for 1900 is without doubt the most complete of any that have been issued from that establishment, having been compiled with great care in the way of condensation and accuracy. While the book contains less than 100 pages, nothing of interest locally seems to have been omitted.

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