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SOCIAL EVENTS.

Mrs. Thomas Sprague gave one of the most beautiful receptions of the season yesterday afternoon in her handsome home on Quincy avenue. The residence, which has been completed within the past year, has an interior whose charm is surpassed by few in the city. The rooms were elaborately decorated by McClintock, masses of luxuriant ferns being a noticeable feature. The dining room, which is exceptionally pretty, was most attractive with pink carnations, ropes of smilax and lovely ferns. Bauer's orchestra was established in Mr. Sprague's "den," screened by giant palms. Hanley was the caterer. Mrs. Sprague, assisted by Miss Sprague, received in the Empire drawing room. Mrs. C. H. Welles and Mrs. C. S. Davis, of Boston, a sister of Mr. Sprague, presided at the table. About the rooms were Mrs. C. E. Wade, Mrs. W. A. Coleman, Mrs. W. G. Fulton and Mrs. C. B. Penman. Mrs. Walter Henwood, assisted by Miss Fredericks Derman, served frappe in a cosy corner of the library. Miss Gertrude Sprague, Miss Joseph and Miss Helen Matthews assisted in the dining room. Despite the intensely cold weather a very large number of ladies called during the hours of receiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith gave a card party at their elegant colonial home on Clay avenue last night in honor of Miss Cornelia Gulpin and her guests. Miss McGee, of Jersey City, Miss Joseph, of Rahway, N. J., and Miss Johnston, of South Carolina, who assisted Mr. and Mrs. Smith in receiving. Other ladies who were about the rooms were Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, Mrs. N. Y. Lee, Mrs. George du B. Dimmick and Mrs. H. H. Brady. The company was quite large, including a hundred or more of the young people of Scranton society and their out-of-town guests.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hulbert gave

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dancing party last night at their residence on Jefferson avenue, which was attended by a large number of the representatives of the younger set. Among the guests were: Misses Myrtle Foote, Jessica Ripple, Jessie Peck, Essie Blair, Elizabeth Foster, Mary Logan, Gertrude Beckwith, Clara Porter, Mable Fritz, Amy Clark, Lois Schlager, Mabel Schlager, Anna Russ, Katherine Steel, Clara Woodruff, Gertrude Hatton, Ruth Hanley, Marguerite Koshler, Maud May, Mary Goshart, Margaret Lewis, Ruth Archibald, Eleanor Moffat, Edith Hill, Nellie Steel, Anna W. Clark, Anna Salmon, Florence Bower, Gertrude Courson, Helen Wilcox, Messrs. Edwin W. Shaffer, Ezra Ripple, L. R. Hamlin, Stuart Plumley, Harry Jones, William Scranton, Gardner Plumley, Arthur Test, John Blair, John Kelley, Washington, D. C.; George Owen, Edgar Connell, Ralph Megargel, Howard Plumley, Henry Campbell, Robert Hitchcock, Roswell McMillen, George Russ.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Medway have issued invitations to the marriage reception of their daughter, Josephine, to Mr. William Arthur Mandeville, Thursday evening, Jan. 11, at their residence, 1646 Adams avenue.

Major Montrose Barnard, general superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mines of the Kingston district, entertained a number of his intimate friends and business associates at a stag dinner at the Wyoming Valley hotel last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Fourteen guests enjoyed the major's hospitality and each one voted the dinner a grand success. The guests were: Evan J. Evans, Thomas J. Williams, Reese A. Phillips, district superintendents, Scranton; H. A. Filmore, Thomas R. Thomas, George H. Montgomery, James B. Lewis, Richard Evans, Elton Lloyd, Edward Barber, Morgan V. Lewis, Thomas H. Carey and John T. Evans. The table decorations were unusually elaborate and elicited warm praise from the guests. Each of whom declared it was the most gloriously set table they had yet seen—Wilkes-Barre Times.

PERSONAL

V. W. Phillips, of the firm of Finn & Phillips, is in Cincinnati.

Hon. William Connell returned to Washington, D. C., Monday.

Martin Gill, of Stroudsburg, returned home last evening from a short stay in the city.

Councilman E. J. Coleman, of Penn avenue, has returned from a business trip to New York.

Robert C. Wills, wife and children, yesterday returned from Towanda, where they passed New Year's.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Kearney returned last evening from their wedding tour. They will reside on Wyoming avenue.

John Beamish returns to the University of Pennsylvania today, after having spent the holidays with his relatives here.

M. J. Walsh, master mechanic of the Buffalo division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was in the city yesterday.

H. W. Schoch and C. R. Burnett have returned home on a holiday trip to Old Point Comfort, Va., and Stroudsburg, where they stopped while returning home.

Owing to the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Woolner, of Peoria, Ill., their only children, Mr. and Mrs. B. Mezes, of Mulberry street, yesterday left for Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Christian and family, of Binghamton, N. Y., have returned to their home after spending a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, of 43 Birch street.

A. R. Gould, of A. R. Gould & Son, carriage manufacturers, yesterday morning left the city for a trip to Washington, Philadelphia, Cumberland, Md., and Ohio, where he will close contracts for the output of the year.

R. A. Keenan, mayor of Kemmerer, Wyoming, and his wife, are in this city at present on their bridal tour, staying with Mr. Keenan's brother, Hugh J. Keenan, manager of the Scranton Transfer company. Mr. Keenan is a former Scrantonian, having left here fifteen years ago for the west, where he has since acquired wealth and distinction. He and his bride will remain in Scranton a few days.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

Held by Congregation of Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

The annual business meeting of the congregation of the Penn Avenue Baptist church was held in that edifice last evening. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen, in most cases the officials being re-elected, and the various reports from the different sources were read and approved.

They all showed a very prosperous year, the membership of the church being considerably enlarged, and the finances in a flourishing condition. Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce presided over the meeting which was very well attended.

The officers elected were the following: Deacons, D. A. Capwell, L. M. Horton, John Woodhouse; trustees, D. J. Thomas, A. B. Warman, Luther Keller, J. W. Browning, treasurer, J. L. Miller, clerk, H. J. Hill.

The advisory committee was chosen from the members of the church, as follows: M. W. Lowry, S. Fletcher Weyburn, H. E. Paine, professor W. Bryant, E. C. Browning, chorister for prayer and social services, H. A. Browning; assistant pianist, Gertrude Long; organist, Mrs. Pierce; treasurer of benevolent funds, L. M. Gates; chairman of ushers, H. A. Browning.

COURT HOUSE WAS VERY COLD.

It Was a Hardship on Those Who Had to Occupy It.

As is usual on an extremely cold day, the court house was so frigid yesterday that it was actually a hardship on those who were compelled to occupy it for any length of time. Judge Savidge and the others who were engaged in equity court left the main court room for the afternoon. Hoping to find it warmer in the smaller apartment. It was somewhat warmer, but not to such an extent that any complaints were provoked thereof. One sympathetic lawyer was moved to suggest that it would be an act of charity to take the bandage from the eyes of Miss Justice and wrap it around her bare feet.

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IS CHARGED WITH WILFUL MURDER

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN THE RAFFERTY CASE.

Held Last Night at Hotel of F. M. Lynch at Old Forge—John F. Murrain, Matthew Barber and Tony Comingain Told of the Manner in Which Thomas Ludden Shot Officers Rafferty and McKenna. Murrain Described the Incidents Leading Up to the Shooting.

An inquest into the death of Patrick Rafferty, who was killed in Old Forge on the evening of December 11 by Thomas Ludden, was conducted last evening by Coroner Roberts in F. M. Lynch's hotel in Old Forge. Three witnesses were examined, John F. Murrain, Tony Comingain and Matthew Barber, all three of whom were present when the shooting occurred.

Murrain, the fireman at Jermyn No. 2 breaker, in the engine room of which the tragedy occurred, again went over the story of the affair. He described how he and Barber, the watchman, came into the engine room and saw Ludden there standing over Tony, the Italian, with the two revolvers in his hands. He told of the shout and a half pistol shot which Ludden fired at Barber, Tony and himself threatening to shoot if one of them made a move.

BLOWING THE WHISTLE.

He then described the blowing of the breaker whistle by Ludden and the arrival a few minutes later of Officers Rafferty and McKenna. Murrain said that as the two officers approached Ludden raised one of the revolvers and fired first at McKenna and a moment later at Rafferty. He then paused for a moment, and noting McKenna leaning against the engine he was just about to fire when Murrain said that he leaped upon him from behind, bearing him to the floor.

He then told his struggle on the floor with Ludden and the desperate efforts made by the latter to use one of the revolvers, biting him on the wrist during the struggle. From his story it would appear that Tony and Barber must have left the room when he got Ludden down, as he stated that neither of them came to his assistance until after he had taken away one of the revolvers and was about to take away the second.

The stories of Barber and Tony coincided with Murrain's in the main points. After hearing the evidence the jury returned the following verdict:

THE JURY'S VERDICT.

We, the undersigned jurors, after hearing all the evidence in the case and under the following verdict: That the said Patrick Rafferty came to his death by a gunshot wound received from a revolver in the hands of Thomas Ludden in the breaker engine room at Jermyn No. 2 mine in Old Forge borough on Dec. 11, 1899, and we do further find that the said Thomas Ludden did deliberately and wilfully shoot and kill.

Edward T. Mason, James H. Conway, William Kerr, Richard Joyce, F. M. Lynch and John N. Cooke.

McKenna has now recovered sufficiently to be out of danger, though he is still in a rather weak condition.

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

William Williams, of Priceburg, Sent to Jail by Alderman P. De Lacy to Await Trial.

William Williams, of Priceburg, was yesterday afternoon committed to the county jail by Alderman P. De Lacy to await trial on charges of arson and attempt at arson, preferred by Fred Kiefer, likewise of Priceburg.

In the month of April, 1899, a barn belonging to Mr. Mary Kiefer, was destroyed by fire, the total loss amounting to about \$400. Williams was the first man to give the alarm. Dec. 4, an ineffectual attempt was made to destroy Kiefer's hotel, the boards being saturated with kerosene, and then set on fire.

About Dec. 29, a mule barn owned by the Johnson Coal company was set on fire, but the blaze was checked before any real damage was done. Deputy Sheriff's Henry Fisher and Richard Barron arrested Williams, on the charge of attempting to fire the mule barn, and he was committed to the county jail by Alderman W. S. Miller, of the Eighth ward.

Kiefer, who had his suspicion of Williams, owing to his bad blood having existed between the two for some time, then had warrants issued for his arrest at Alderman De Lacy's office. Detective W. F. Clifford, who was taking charge of the case, advising the steps.

Yesterday he was given his hearing. Williams is a young, boyish looking fellow, and is only 18 years old. He pleaded not guilty to the charges, both of arson and attempt at arson. He took the entire affair as a very cool matter, and throughout the hearing puffed diligently away on an old corn-cob pipe.

It was brought out as evidence by Detective Clifford that Williams had often made the assertion that he would not even touch kerosene. The detective furthermore declared that he had strong evidence that Williams had admitted burning the barn and had, in fact, boasted of it. He did not produce his evidence, but said he would reserve it for the trial.

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Golden Blo, 10c; 5 lbs 50c (limit at price). O. G. Java, 25c per lb. O. G. Java and Mocha, 25c per lb. Triple Blend, 32c; 5 lbs \$1.50. Coursen's "Best," 35c; 3 lbs 90c. Coursen's Breakfast Java, 28c per lb; 10 lb lots 27c. Our Coffees are bought in the green, roasted fresh daily and are fresher and cheaper by .05c per lb than stores who give presents.

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RED CROSS DEGREE WAS CONFERRED

IMPORTANT EVENT IN KNIGHTS OF MALTA TEMPLE.

Anthracite Commandery Conducted a Red Cross Council Last Night Which Was Attended by about Three Hundred and Fifty Members of the Order—Knights Were Present from Sunbury, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Other Places. Officers in Charge of the Services.

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SCHOOL BOARD WARRANTS

They Will Only Need the Signatures of President and Secretary—An Appeal Will Be Taken.

At next Monday evening's meeting of the board of control a resolution will probably be passed directing Attorney D. J. Reedy, the solicitor of the board, to enter an appeal from the decision of Judge Archibald relative to the signing of school warrants by the city controller, the grounds on which the appeal will be taken being that the judge has decided that the act of 1874, under which the present board is acting, is unconstitutional.

As regards the signing of the warrants, Controller Howell regards the decision of court as being a victory for him, inasmuch as the students signed only by the president and secretary of the board, taking as his precedent the case cited in Judge Archibald's ruling, where a peremptory mandamus was served upon the school treasurer of the Harrisburg district, compelling the official to honor warrants signed only by the president and secretary of the school board and not countersigned by the city controller.

There has never been any objection on the part of the school board to the supervision of the accounts of the district by the city controller, it being generally accepted that such a supervision was a good thing. The only objection was to the paying of extra compensation for the work of supervision. Solicitor Reedy stated yesterday that as court has decided that the city controller has no jurisdiction in the matter whatever, it might be possible for the board to hire him as a special auditor of the board's accounts, providing the members thought a continuation of such supervision as being necessary.

In this case the board could, if occasion should demand, rescind the power of supervision which it gave.

Property at Niagara Falls is Rapidly Increasing in Value.

The Pittsburgh Reduction company established the first aluminum works at the Falls in September, 1895, using 1,500 horse-power. Since then this place has been greatly enlarged and another of equal capacity erected on the grounds of the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing company. The two concerns are unsurpassedly over 6,000 horse-power. These are the only manufacturers of aluminum in the United States. This material is adapted to a great variety of uses, but the product of these mills is the aluminum in ingots, rods, sheets and wire. It is largely manufactured into cooking utensils, table ware and toilet articles, in Buffalo, N. Y., and manufactured in Connecticut, Valley. The metal is being largely used to replace brass and copper, and is now being sold at relatively equivalent prices of these metals. The industry is in its infancy, but the demand for this ware shows that it is rapidly coming into use.

The direct electric current is essential in the manufacture of aluminum. For this reason the company is to be congratulated on their location at Niagara Falls, where unlimited electric power is furnished at the minimum of cost, the transmission of cheap water power by electricity greatly cheapens the process of manufacture, this will have much to do with introducing this product into general use.

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SMOKER OF THE CLERKS.

Held in Connection with the Installation of Officers.

The Scranton Clerks' association held its usual business meeting last night and after transacting the regular routine business indulged in a smoker at Carpenters' hall, on Wyoming avenue. The most important part of the evening, however, was that devoted to the installation of officers, when the following were installed: President, W. F. Cowles; vice-president, Miles J. K. Levy; corresponding secretary, Ernest Brady; financial secretary, David Evans; treasurer, Joseph Custard; guide, Charles Luton; organizer, Martin Flaherty, of the Central Labor union.

Last night's smoker was for the members of the association alone, but on Jan. 16 an open meeting and entertainment will be held for the friends of the club. The committee which conducted last night's affair consisted of Herman Frutcher, Miles J. K. Levy, Joseph Custard, Frank M. Viner and Samuel Lupson.

WORK OF BIBLE SOCIETY.

What Has Been Done by Agent Harner During Three Months.

The Lackawanna Bible Society still finds work in the home field. H. G. Harner, superintendent of Bible distribution, reports for three months ending Dec. 25, 1899: Volumes distributed, 788; Sunday School pupils and other individuals supplied, 362; destitute families supplied, 13.

Much of his time has been taken in soliciting funds for the benevolent work of the society or he might have done more in the work of Bible distribution. Many of the Sunday schools are seeking to it that every member is supplied with a Bible or Testament.

HERE'S HOPING IT WON'T.

Instance of How We Are Pictured by York State Farmers. Frank J. Irish, of Millport, N. Y., and Miss Inez Frost, of Athol, N. Y., secured a marriage license here yesterday and were later married by the Rev. Dr. Giffin, of Elm Park church.

They stated to the clerk that their purpose in coming this distance to be married was for the purpose of keeping their marriage secret for a time. The

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bride is a school teacher and if her marriage was known to the school directors of her township she would have to resign as they don't permit married women to act as school teachers there. She is desirous of holding her position to the end of the present term, and therefore selected this little out of the way place for the ceremony, satisfied that it would not get from here to the outside world before the school term in Athol township ended. The groom is 25 years of age and the bride is 25. The groom gives his occupation as a musician. The bride is the daughter of Miles Frost, a leading citizen of that neck of the world.

WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

Lackawanna Hardware Company Decides Upon Quitting.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lackawanna Hardware company yesterday it was decided to go out of business just as soon as the stock can be disposed of. It appears the business has not been as profitable as investment and effort required for it would warrant, and as the present is a very propitious time to dispose of hardware it was decided to take advantage of it for closing up with the least loss possible.

The company was organized eight years ago with a capital of \$60,000, succeeding to the business established by McMullen, Schlager & Ferber. The directors are Charles Schlager, president; Howard A. Stelle, secretary and treasurer; W. C. Cowles, H. W. Williams, Luther Keller, Charles Lord, J. W. Howarth, W. M. Finn and E. S. Peck.

The Dime Bank has paid its depositors for the year 1899 over \$20,000 in interest. Every savings depositor is requested to bring his pass book to the bank that interest may be credited thereon.

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