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Lackawanna "THE" Laundry. 268 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN. STOLE FROM HER HUSBAND.

That is the Charge Made Against Mrs. Nellie Dean. Six months ago James Dean, of 1621 Jackson street, took out himself as a wife Nellie Jones. Yesterday morning at 2 o'clock when Dean came home from work, he being a miner, he saw his house brightly lit up, but on entering found that his wife was gone. With her, however, had departed \$22 and several household articles.

REPAIRING THE BUILDING. New Superior Court Room to Be Supplied with Storm Windows. Carpenters are at work setting storm windows to protect the superior court room and the judges' retiring room. From some cause there are large cracks about the sill of the window through the wind blowing in such volume as to make it impossible to keep the place warm.

Niagara Electro-Chemical Company. This establishment has not been "within sight" of its orders since it started, so to speak. Its product is known as sodium peroxide, used chiefly in mining and for bleaching. The firm had been profitably engaged in the business at other points, but the late power developments at the Falls, supplying all the elements for the saving of cost, they decided to make this their principal plant. The proprietors wear the smile of contentment, which may always be taken as the outward sign of a successful business.

We Are Positively Retiring from Business. Bargains to Early Buyers. THE LACKAWANNA HARDWARE COMPANY, 221 Lackawanna Avenue.

WILL OF THE LATE AMBROSE MULLEY DOCUMENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO PROBATE. Was Written by Mr. Mulley and Is Dated January 13, 1897—To His Wife He Bequeathed the Homestead and the Contents and the Children Are to Share in the Proceeds of the Sale of the Store—Details of the Will.

The will of the late Ambrose Mulley was yesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to his sons, William A. and George M. Mulley, whom he names as executors. The instrument is written upon four pages of one sheet of foolscap and was drawn up by Mr. Mulley, himself. It bears the date of Jan. 13, 1897, and is witnessed by P. J. Maughan, C. K. Bigelow and R. E. Jones. The text of the will follows:

I, Ambrose Mulley, living at this place above mentioned, believing myself to be of sound physical and mental health, yet eminently desiring to leave my earthly possessions to my beloved wife and children in such terms as may avoid all dispute and litigation. First—I direct my executors, hereinafter named, to see that my beloved wife, as soon as possible, without serious loss to the legatees and without waiting for expiration of legal time during which payment may be deferred. Second—I desire that my funeral shall be plain and simple and the services held in the church of which I shall be a member at the time of my death.

TO HIS WIFE. Third—I will and bequeath to my wife, Mary Elizabeth Mulley, my homestead property lying between the Christian church and lands of Daniel Silkman, trustee, by lands of Elmira Silkman and bounded in the rear by lands of William A. Mulley, and fronting on North Main avenue, with all the appurtenances thereupon, including everything in the home belonging to me and not otherwise herein devised. I also give to my beloved wife the life and endowment policy, No. 266,192, with the principal sum and all emoluments thereto belonging or to be received by me or my heirs after maturity by issuance of a new policy or otherwise, as the total value of the policy or policies may be ascertained. I also give to my beloved wife the life and endowment policy, No. 266,192, with the principal sum and all emoluments thereto belonging or to be received by me or my heirs after maturity by issuance of a new policy or otherwise, as the total value of the policy or policies may be ascertained. I also give to my beloved wife the life and endowment policy, No. 266,192, with the principal sum and all emoluments thereto belonging or to be received by me or my heirs after maturity by issuance of a new policy or otherwise, as the total value of the policy or policies may be ascertained.

TO HIS CHILDREN. Fourth—I bequeath to my daughter Isabel my eight-day Seth Thomas clock. Fifth—I bequeath to my son Joseph my set of Chambers' encyclopedia. Sixth—I bequeath to my daughter Alice her choice of ten volumes from my library. Seventh—I bequeath to my son William my "Fayette Stratton, 1988," watch.

PART OF HIS LIBRARY. Eighth—I bequeath to my daughter Clara the second choice of twenty volumes from my library. Ninth—I bequeath to my daughter Amy my "Sohmer" upright piano. Tenth—I bequeath to my daughter Anna my cabinet containing models and medals in use in California placer gold mining during 1850, '51 and '52. Eleventh—I bequeath to my son George my "Century" dictionary of ten volumes, also my "Holman's" Family Bible, containing family records in my writing.

TO HIS GRANDCHILDREN. Twelfth—I bequeath to my grandson Ambrose, son of William A. Mulley, five hundred dollars, said \$500 to be safely invested and cared for by my executors as trustees until the said Ambrose shall be twenty-one years of age when the said \$500, with its earnings to my said grandson Ambrose, son of William A. Mulley, shall be paid. Thirteenth—I desire and direct that all my business, mercantile and personal, be sold and concluded as quickly as possible, without serious loss, as herein directed, and empower my executors to sell all my real estate, except as aforesaid disposed of, as quickly as may be expedient. The net proceeds of sales as above directed to be made are to be quickly and equally divided among my eight children, or so many of them as are living, share and share alike, either in my lifetime or at my death, or either of my children to my estate, whether evidence of such debts be mortgages, notes or accounts, as shown on my mercantile books, shall be deducted from each respective debtor. The debts above described are to be settled as above set forth, regardless of the date of their creation. No interest, however, shall be charged, or collected from any of the aforesaid debtors upon any of their indebtedness, whether mortgage, note or book account.

HOME ON A FURLOUGH. Dr. P. H. McAndrew Is Back from Puerto Rico on a Month's Leave. Dr. P. H. McAndrew, formerly a resident of this city but now serving as a surgeon in the regular army in Puerto Rico, is back on a month's furlough and is visiting at the residence of T. F. Howley, at 416 Elm street, Dunmore. Dr. McAndrew left this city in the spring of 1898 and went to Puerto Rico in the capacity of surgeon with the first detachment of troops which left Tampa, Fla., for that island. He has been in active service ever since and his present leave of absence comes as a welcome relief to him. He has a brother, a lieutenant in the Third United States Infantry, now serving in the Philippines, who was recommended for promotion for bravery displayed at the battle of San Juan. He is also a brother of Rev. R. W. McAndrew, of Wilkes-Barre. He was the latter's guest yesterday.

VIADUCT ORDINANCE PASSED. It Is Now Ready for the Consideration of the Mayor. The viaduct measure passed third and final reading in its amended form last evening at the special meeting of select council held for the purpose of considering it. There were only thirteen members present when Mr. McCann called up the ordinance. The following is the vote recorded on it: Ayes—Thomas, Williams, James, Roche, Melvin, Chittenden, Wagner, McCann, Schroeder, Lansing, O'Boyle, McAndrew—Nays—Schneider.

THE PURCELL CASE. Verdict Was Rendered Last Night by the Coroner's Jury—Hughes Established an Alibi. The coroner's jury sworn to inquire into the cause of the death of Michael J. Purcell returned the following verdict last night: We find that Michael J. Purcell was on Sunday, December 31, 1899, while lying on the tracks of the Scranton Railway company on Hicklock street, Scranton, killed by being run over by a car of the said company.

MATTERS POLITICAL. The Fourteenth ward Democratic caucus will be held this afternoon at the regular polling places between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock to nominate a candidate for school controller. This evening the Republicans of the Thirteenth ward will hold a caucus to nominate a candidate for select council and pass upon the advisability of adopting the Crawford county rules. The Seventeenth ward Republicans will caucus in Alderman Howe's office Monday evening to select a candidate for select council. Among the aspirants are Captain J. W. Kambeck, F. H. Clemons, Phil Roll, Matthew Stipp and Robert Allen.

COFFEE. Golden Rio, 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. Courson's "Beat," 35c; 3 lbs 90c. Courson'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.

LIABILITY REDUCED. The liability of spreading the disease through the schools would be very materially reduced, Superintendent Howell said, if it wasn't that physicians, as well as parents, are negligent. He personally knew of a case where a doctor gave to a child a permit to return to school the day after the funeral of a member of that child's household, who had died of contagious disease. Affected children were given permits at the first sign of convalescence, and came back to school with strong traces of the disease still about them.

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HEALTH OFFICER IS GIVEN FREE POWER USE HIS OWN DISCRETION IN CLOSING SCHOOLS. At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health Last Night Dr. Allen Was Authorized to Close Any or All the Schools Whenever He Deemed It Expedient to Check the Epidemic—Check Put on an Abuse Resulting from an Alleged Negligence of Physicians. A general closing down of the schools in the districts affected by the epidemic of contagious diseases is to be resorted to if the board of health in special session last night expressed its assent as believing this expedient and gave Health Officer Allen unlimited authority to carry the idea into effect. If in his judgment a school should be closed he is not to wait for the advice or suggestion of the board, but proceed at once to close it.

ESTIMATE PREPARED. Amounts the Board of Health Will Ask Councils to Provide for Year—Increase in Salaries. The board of health prepared its estimate for the coming fiscal year last evening, the total amount asked for being \$14,950, or an increase of \$7,225 over last year's appropriation. The estimate provides for a general increase of salary for the various officers of the board.

OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED. By Ezra Griffin Post and Women's Relief Corps Last Night. A public installation of the new officers of Ezra Griffin Post, No. 133, Grand Army of the Republic, and of Women's Relief Corps, No. 50, was held last evening in the post rooms, on Lackawanna avenue. Past Post Commander Fred J. Amstutz acted as installing officer for the post, and Mrs. E. L. Walter acted in the same capacity for the relief corps. The gold post president's badge was presented to Mrs. F. J. Amstutz, the retiring president of the latter association, by Miss Margaret Bristley. A camp fire followed the installation of officers and the speeches and singing continued the remainder of the evening.

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THE ECONOMY 221-223-225-227 Wyoming Ave. In Preparation—Our January Clean Sweep Sale.