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PERSONAL

Professor A. Langerfeld has returned from New York. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Merriman announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Francis Martin Lynch. Dr. S. L. Foulke arrived in town yesterday and will take charge of his store on Linden street for the next two weeks. W. D. Langerfeld has returned from an extensive European tour and will join his father in the construction of machinery for preparing coal. George B. Morgan, of 60 Pine street, was discharged Saturday from the Lackawanna hospital, where he was successfully operated upon for appendicitis by Dr. Fulton, assisted by Dr. Logan. Edzell, son of Warden W. T. Simpson of the county jail, returned Friday to Mansfield State Normal school to resume his studies after the holidays. Young Simpson is well known in the city as "Ted," and has acquired considerable local reputation as a base ball player. Last year he played on the Mansfield football eleven as quarter back and put up a star game. This is the same team that Olenka, one of the best players in the county, played on a couple of years ago, and it is great credit to young Simpson to have made it. He is 17 years old and although short in stature weighs 125 pounds, which gives him a sturdy build.

DO NOT RECEIVE DOUBLE RENT.

Real Facts in the Hull-Kennedy & Carter Case.

In the case of John L. Hull, assignee, against Kennedy & Carter and others, in which Judge Archibald rendered an opinion, discharging the rule to take off the compulsory non-suit, a misapprehension seems to have been gained that the defendants have been receiving full rent from two parties during the period named in the lease. The fact is that but 18 per cent. of the Hull rent has been paid. Half of the Carter-Kennedy building on Washington avenue was built according to plans and specifications made to be satisfactory to S. P. Hull, who desired to lease the structure when completed. In fact, the original plans were changed at a material extra cost at his suggestion. He leased the building in April, 1897, for five years, but made an assignment Oct. 1 following. The assignee paid two months' rent, and after a year or more the auditor's award gave one year preferred claim from Oct. 1, pro rata. On the balance, the term less than 18 per cent. has been paid. The building was subsequently leased to Hill & Connell, which firm pays \$1,100 a year less rent than was indicated in the terms of the five years' lease with Hull. Thus it can readily be seen that the landlords have not been receiving double rent for their property.

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SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BOERS.

A. O. H. of the County Will Express Their Feelings by Resolution.

Pro-Boer sentiment was very much evident yesterday at the quarterly convention of the Lackawanna county union of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Father Mathew hall, Carbon-dale. Expressions of sympathy for the Boers were heard from a number of those present and it was finally decided to appoint a committee to draft up a set of resolutions expressing the sentiment of the meeting. The following committee was accordingly appointed: Senator J. C. Vaughan, M. F. Conry, C. C. Donovan, John J. Fahey and John J. Costello, all of this city. It was decided to abandon the St. Patrick's day parade this year for various reasons and a large amount of regular routine business was transacted. County President Dawson and about eighty delegates, representing the fourteenth district in this city, attended the convention.

RECEIVERS FOR THE LEADER.

J. W. Carpenter Appointed by the United States Court.

On petition of certain creditors, represented by Attorney A. V. Bowler, the assignment of Lebeck & Corin to H. A. Zimmerman was vacated by the United States District court, at Pittsburg, Saturday, and the business placed in the hands of Attorney J. W. Carpenter, as receiver. It was ordered that the store at once and dispose of the goods. His bond was fixed at \$25,000. The petition was presented by Attorney Josiah Cohn, of Pittsburg. It set forth that the firm has on hand a stock valued at \$75,000 and that as much of it is winter goods, serious loss would be entailed by delaying its being put on the market.

OBITUARY

John Kaufman, one of the best known German residents of this city, passed away at 47 Precourt avenue, Saturday morning, aged 68 years. An especially dramatic feature of his death was the fact that around his bedside he passed peacefully away with his wife and family of twelve children. The deceased came to this city some ten years ago from Clifton township, he having spent for thirty-three years prior to that time a resident of Berks county. Mr. Kaufman was a true Teuton, possessed of a strong, vigorous and rugged nature and an unblemished reputation. He is survived, as above mentioned by a wife and twelve children as follows: John, head bartender at the Scranton House; Charles W. James, Engineer, William Frank, Harry Anna, Margaret, Jennie and Lesie, of this city, and Mrs. David Devine, of Delaware, N. J. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock out of his residence and interment will be made in the Dunmore cemetery.

Thomas Devaney, of Wales street, died at his home Saturday morning from the injuries received in the Storr's mine last Tuesday. Devaney was employed as driver and was riding his car out of the chamber when a large piece of rock fell from the roof, striking on the shoulders, breaking his collar bone. The injuries were doing as well as could be expected but in some way he caught a cold, which developed into pneumonia. The deceased was 37 years of age and had a number of acquaintances, all of whom were notified of his decease. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted in Holy Rosary church, interment in Catholic cemetery. Undertaken O'Donnell has the funeral in charge.

Robert L. Shaffer, a young unmarried man residing in the borough of Dunmore, died yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. Deceased was 23 years of age and a member of the Peckville council, Junior Order United American Mechanics. He was generally respected by those whom he had come in contact with. The funeral will occur Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. After services conducted at the home the funeral procession will move to the Erie and Wyoming Valley station, where the train will be met and the remains and relatives and friends taken to Georgetown, Pa., where interment will be made.

Mrs. Clara Bullock, nee Crispin, wife of John Bullock, died at the former's home on Grove street, Dunmore, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She had been ill for the past twelve months of cancer of the stomach and although the family knew the end was coming, it was not expected. Deceased was a member of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church and was much esteemed. Her husband and seven children survive her. The children are: Ella, Edie and Mary and Martin, Wesley, Samuel and Boyd Bullock. The funeral announcement will appear later.

Mrs. Jane Humphrey, wife of Thomas Humphrey, died at her home, 321 Oak street, Saturday afternoon, after a short illness of a week. The deceased was 48 years of age and was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends who will be grieved to learn of her sudden demise. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence from the home. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock in the North Main Avenue Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member.

Patrick Crossin, one of the best known residents of West Scranton, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, corner of Lincoln avenue and Swanton street, after a lingering illness. Deceased was for many years employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, as conductor at the North Scranton yard. He was a member of the Mutual Aid. His wife and several children survive him, namely, Mrs. William McBride, John, Miles and Leo Crossin. The funeral will be announced later.

Mary, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy, of 29 South Irving avenue, died yesterday after a five weeks' illness. Her death was caused by a severe attack of bronchitis following a bout with scarlet fever. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house with interment in the Cathedral cemetery.

William Nutt, a well known young man of Moosic, died last night at 8 o'clock after a two weeks' illness of appendicitis. He was 28 years of age and of exceptional physique, standing 6 feet 3 inches and weighing over two hundred pounds. Among all who knew him he was held in the highest esteem and his untimely death will occasion them profound grief.

Mrs. Ida D. Broome died at her residence, 197 Mulberry street, at 3:30 last night. She died at the residence Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment private.

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Dr. P. H. McAndrew, assistant surgeon at the United States military hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with the rank of first lieutenant, and of whose presence in this city on a leave of absence mention was made in Saturday's Tribune, speaks very interestingly on the present and future of the little tropical island now a part of this country. In chatting over a present condition of affairs to a Tribune reporter yesterday he said: "I first landed in Puerto Rico on Aug. 2, 1898, with General Schwan's brigade and saw active service in a few small battles until Aug. 13, when the peace protocol was signed. I was then stationed at Mayaguez until July 19, 1899, when I was ordered to San Juan, where I have since remained. "San Juan is the largest city on the island, with a population of about 35,000 and is a fairly up-to-date place. American customs are being gradually introduced, the natives evidencing a great desire to learn them and also the English language, but while they may learn the former it is not so easy with the latter. I am of the opinion that the present generation will never learn it, but the rising generation will, as it is the only chance for them in the public schools which are being established on all parts of the island. The children come flocking to these eager and anxious to learn.

NOT MUCH INVESTING.

"Has there been much American capital invested on the island? No, there has been scarcely any, owing to the present unsettled condition of the government of the island and until some gross gives it a legal status I do not think there will be much invested. "There is opportunity, galore, however, for the person desirous of investing money in the island. It is undoubtedly the most fertile country in the world and there is a great chance for the cultivation of tropical fruit, every variety of which may be found wild in all parts of the country. The oranges, bananas and coconuts are as fine as any grown in any part of the world. If a fruit company were organized it would have to be along the lines of the Boston Fruit company, which has extensive plantations in Jamaica and a special line of freight steamers of its own.

"The island is in a very devastated condition just at present, as it is only slowly recovering from the effects of the terrible cyclone which ravaged it last August. This destroyed the crops to such an extent that the coffee and sugar yield for this year is only thirty-three per cent. of what it generally is. "The present government of the island is, of course, military, the man in charge being General Davis, who is governor general, with headquarters at San Juan. The military force consists of two regular army regiments, the Eleventh infantry and the Fifth cavalry, and six companies of natives, composed entirely of natives, which were organized under the direction of Secretary of War Alger, the idea being in time to have the islands garrisoned entirely by natives, the present force to serve as a nucleus. The natives have adapted themselves readily to the art of soldiering and will in time probably make very good soldiers.

PROVISIONAL COURT.

"The administration of the laws is at present in the hands of a provisional court, consisting of Chief Justice Pettinshall and Majors Dimmock and Thomas, and a number of native courts. The provisional court, however, is the only court of any importance and it probably has the greatest scope of any in any civilized country in the world. It tries all kinds of criminal cases from assault and battery to murder, and also all kinds of civil cases. The state law of Massachusetts and some Spanish law is what obtains. "The people of the island don't hope for admission as a state for many years. What they do want is to be admitted as a territory and given a territorial form of government.

"In regard to the question now before congress as to whether the property of the Catholic church in the island belongs to the church or to the municipalities, I am of the opinion that congress will decide in favor of the church. The Spanish government built the churches and turned them over to the church authorities, and now that the Spanish have evacuated the islands the various municipalities are claiming the properties. The districts in which that is the case, are not religious, being exceedingly indifferent. The various Protestant denominations, whose missionaries are now working in the island, are not meeting with much success. "The general climate of the island is very healthful, the average temperature being 80 degrees and the minimum

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