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PERSONAL

Attorney J. H. Thurns is in Philadelphia. Postmaster John H. Thomas, of Carbondale, was in the city yesterday. L. M. Horton has removed from Millin avenue to 616 Monroe avenue.

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

There will be a special meeting of Branch No. 87, L. C. B. A., on Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. to take action in regard to the death of their late sister, Mrs. Emily Doud. All members are requested to be present.

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NO MORE BOOKS TO BE CIRCULATED

Health Officer Allen Ordered the Circulating Department of the Public Library Closed and the Directors Compelled with His Wishes, Though They Thought the Measure an Extreme One—Books Now Out to Be Called in and Fumigated—Alarming Spread of Scarlet Fever.

Acting in accordance with the orders of Health Officer Allen, the directors of the Scranton Public Library yesterday afternoon decided to close the circulating department of that institution until such time as the health officer may deem safe for its reopening.

The matter was discussed pro and con at some length, the discussion being quite animated at times. The following resolution was, however, finally adopted:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED. Resolved, That in compliance with the order of the health officer, the library directors shall continue the issue of books for home use until permit be given by that officer for its re-opening and that all books now out when returned to the library are to be kept separate and not replaced on the shelves for circulation until thoroughly fumigated.

BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE. He said that the question has been thoroughly discussed a number of times at the meetings of the National Librarians' association. The last time it was brought up a resolution was adopted to the effect that in cases of an epidemic of contagious disease the closing of libraries was unnecessary.

WHAT BOARD HAS DONE. He further remarked that the board of health has done all in its power to prevent the spread of disease, having closed the schools, absolutely prevented public funerals and taken other steps tending toward a diminution in the number of cases of transmissible disease.

PRINCES OF BAGDAD MEET. Veda Sista, No. 77, Convenes in Malta Hall. A meeting was held last evening in Malta hall, in the Guernsey building, of Veda Sista, No. 77, Princes of Bagdad. It was an interesting session and a large number of members were in attendance.

Asparagus Tips. We offer 15 cases 3-lb cans at 19c, \$2.25 per doz. New York wholesale price is \$2.50. Asparagus Points, 18c, \$2. doz.

Coffees. Fresh Roasted Daily. Rio, 12c lb. Coursen's Java, 20c per lb. Breakfast Java and Mocha, 25c lb.

E. G. Coursen. You will find it cheaper to buy your Coffee of us and your presents when you require them.

PAPER ON CHURCH FINANCE

Read by Rev. S. F. Mathews at Baptist Conference. Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor of the First Baptist church, read a paper before the Baptist conference yesterday morning upon "Church Finance." The paper was quite novel in its treatment of the subject, presenting the two extremes of sentiment and principle upon which the matter of finance is based in the church economy.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE TITHES. The obligatory and the free-will offerings each in its place working as Jehovah had decreed that they should do, was presented as the divine plan in the solution of the vexed problem of "Church Finance." The illustrations drawn from the Scripture and from church life were vivid and forceful in their point and interest and yet very simply given.

RETURNS CONFIDENTIAL. Assurances Received with Reference to the Mercantile Appraisal That is Now Being Made.

A somewhat uneasy feeling has pervaded the bosoms of the wholesale merchants of this city, for fear that the appraisal of the mercantile appraiser will be published and the exact business done by them be thus made known to the public.

DEGREE WILL BE CONFERRED. Important Event in Knights of Malta Circles. The grand committee of the Knights of Malta, of Pennsylvania, will tonight hold a session in Wilkes-Barre, delegates being present from all over the state, for the purpose of conferring the degree of the past commander's degree upon all who have been past commanders since last May.

KEEPING TAB ON WITNESSES. Clerk Mahon Has Begun the Work of Registering Them. John P. Mahon, the clerk recently appointed by the county commissioners to keep tab on the witnesses in quarter sessions court, began that part of his duties yesterday.

THE CENTER OF THE CITY. The stations of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway are located in the very heart of almost every city along its route, and in some cases the principal connecting lines arrive and depart from the same depot.

GET NO PRIVILEGES. "I notice that there has been considerable discussion in this country as to whether the Jews and Roman Catholics are granted any privileges in the country, I desire to state that from my observation I can say that they are not."

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FRESH FROM SEAT OF SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

ROBERT JACKSON IS A VISITOR IN THIS CITY.

Forced to Leave the Transvaal Shortly After Hostilities Were Begun—Tells of the Causes Leading Up to the Present Struggle—Says That the Uitlanders, Who Paid Three-quarters of the Taxes, Had No Voice Whatever in the Government—Expects to Go Back.

Robert Jackson and wife, of Johannesburg, South Africa, who left the Transvaal since hostilities began, is at present visiting his brother-in-law, Dr. James Stein, of 101 Wyoming avenue.

Mr. Jackson was born in South Africa and has lived there all his life. He left Durban on the east coast on October 28, just a little over two weeks after actual hostilities had commenced.

Mr. Jackson was a commission merchant in Johannesburg and was forced to leave the country when the war broke out. His long residence in the Transvaal and the fact that he speaks Dutch as fluently as he does English makes what he says regarding the country carry much weight, and he talks most interestingly. In the course of a conversation with a Tribune man yesterday he said in part:

DISSENTED WITH BOER RULE. "You first want to know, I suppose, what the foreigners, or Uitlanders, as they are called, think of Oom Paul's way of governing them. These Uitlanders, it must be understood, are not all Englishmen. All nationalities are represented, but principally the English, American, Irish and German. You may be surprised at the latter, but there are a number of Germans in the Transvaal who don't stand in very well with the Boers. This includes, however, the English speaking, an English speaking person."

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THE AID OF WORKINGMEN. Requested for the Maintenance of Lackawanna Hospital. The attention of the workmen of the various large concerns in this vicinity has been attracted by large cards, put up about the works and in the offices, to the needs of the Lackawanna hospital, which requires funds to continue in its work.

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WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

Local Camp Formed in This City Last Night.

A local camp of Modern Woodmen of America was organized last night at 421 Lackawanna avenue with twenty-five charter members. The work of organizing was conducted by District Deputy J. R. Hughes, who has been here for several weeks, introducing the merits of the organization. He was assisted by Special Deputy W. M. Groves, of Illinois, and R. H. Peterson, of Pittston.

CONDITION OF THE MEN. Americo Mariangello and August Bonanni Resting Easily at the Lackawanna Hospital.

Americo Mariangello and August Bonanni, the two Italian miners who were shot, a week ago last night at Joseph Chipriano's residence, are resting easily at the Lackawanna hospital, where they were taken the day following the shooting.

As has been noted in these columns, Mariangello is a magnificent specimen of humanity, having a splendid physique and great strength. He will probably pull through. Both of the men prove very good patients, being quiet, docile and good-humored.

FLORIDA. Two Weeks' Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad. The first Pennsylvania railroad tour of the season leaves Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia February 6.

REV. DR. SPENCER CHOSEN. Will Be the Pastor of the Blakely Baptist Church. At a meeting of the congregation of the Baptist church at Blakely Monday night Rev. David Spencer, D. D., formerly of this city and now located at Dover, N. J., was chosen for pastor.

THE PURE FOOD QUESTION. has attracted a great deal of attention the past few years. No matter how pure the food may be, it will suffer, if cooked in a cheap enameled kettle that is not acid proof.

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DECIDED TO DRAW UP AN ORDINANCE

MEETING OF SPEAKEASY COMMITTEE LAST EVENING.

Mayor Wants the Cases Taken Out of Court and City Solicitor Vosburg Recommended the Drawing Up of an Ordinance Providing a Penalty for the Keeping of an Unlicensed Saloon—Recommendation Was Adopted and Measure Will Be Introduced Thursday Night.

The conference committee appointed by councils to advise with the mayor regarding the suppression of the "speak-easies" met last evening in the mayor's office in city hall and directed the city solicitor to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the selling of liquor without a license and afflicting a penalty therefor for a violation of its provisions.

City Solicitor Vosburg, who was present, stated that while the act of assembly governing third class cities gives cities power to restrain, prohibit and suppress the unlicensed sale of liquor, nevertheless that power is unoperative until taken advantage of by ordinance.

City Solicitor Vosburg was, however, directed to draw up an ordinance and to affix as a penalty a fine of from \$10 to \$50, at the discretion of the magistrate trying the case. This ordinance will be introduced Thursday evening in select council and an effort will be made to put it through as quickly as possible.

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