

STRUGGLE OF ANTHRACITE OPERATORS

The Hearing at the Fifth Avenue Hotel Yesterday.

SCRANTON MEN TESTIFY

New York State Railroad Commissioners Listen to Evidence to Sustain the Claims of the Operators That the Projected Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway is a Necessity.

New York, Jan. 31.—The state railroad commissioners continued today their hearing in the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston railway company for a permit to construct a road from Lackawanna to Kingston.

James H. Torrey, a lawyer of Scranton, was then called to define the Pennsylvania law as to the rights of the Erie and Wyoming railroad company to extend its tracks from Hawley to Lackawanna.

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Mr. Platt would not let the witness say why the road was not built, although he explained that it was only abandoned when the operators were convinced that the Delaware Valley and Kingston road would open the New York market to the coal fields now closed to them by the combination of the Erie and Ontario and Western railroads.

Colonel Cole decided that if the railroad companies of had formed a combination of foreign corporations to the detriment of the people of this state of New York it was pertinent to the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston railroad company and the commission could take cognizance of the matter.

WARM DEBATE IN THE SENATE

AN UNDIGNIFIED OUTBURST OF ELOQUENCE

Debate Grows Out of a Phase of the Philippine Question—Senator Pettigrew Stirs Up the Rumpus by One of His Characteristic Speeches

Washington, Jan. 31.—Debate in the senate, ordinarily calm and dignified, burst today into passionate utterance and bitter recrimination. Senators hurled denunciations at one another until the auditors quivered with excitement.

BLOW AT CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Women's Christian Association Believes That Men Should Be Substituted for Young Girl Teachers

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—At the annual meeting today of the Women's Christian Association of Philadelphia, a letter was drafted and forwarded to John H. Converse, president of the Christian League, protesting against the practice of permitting young women to teach Chinese in the Sunday schools.

DOES HIS OWN TALKING

But Mr. Bryan Cannot Define His Political Position

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 31.—William J. Bryan was questioned today with reference to the telegram which Milton Park, editor of the Southern Mercury and chairman of the national committee of the Middle of the Road Populists, had recently sent to him.

ROME DOCTORS ACCUSED

The Medical Society to Investigate Charges of Intemperance

Rome, Jan. 31.—The movement started by the Rome medical society some weeks ago to oust Dr. S. B. Kingsley from the office of consulting physician to the city hospital, has been revived.

PENNSYLVANIA EARNINGS

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company's comparison of earnings and expenses for the month of December, 1899, and for the same month of 1898, is as follows:

Miles Will Lay Cornerstone

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—Provoost Harrison of the University of Pennsylvania, today received a dispatch from General Dyer accepting an invitation to lay the corner stone of the memorial tower being erected at the entrance of the university's new dormitories.

FIFTH AMONG STATES

Report of Agricultural Interests of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Jan. 31.—Prof. John Hamilton, secretary of agriculture, today issued an advance sheet of his annual report for 1899. He says good work has been done during the year in the farmers' institutes and many interested farmers have begun recollections of their own through the encouragement of the institutes.

JAWBONE FLEW TO PIECES

Strange Affliction of Duke's Juror Drove Him to Suicide

Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 31.—Jacob Liston committed suicide today as the result of a remarkable accident, of which he was the victim while sitting with his family in his home in Stewart township one day six months ago.

EMILE ZOLA ACQUITTED

Petit Journal Loses Its Libel Suit Against the Novelist

Paris, Jan. 31.—The court here today acquitted Emile Zola in the libel suit brought against him by M. Ernest Judet, of the Petit Journal.

DEWEY'S LETTER

Washington, Jan. 31.—The following is the text of the letter of Admiral Dewey to the Hon. Secretary of War, which was read by the latter:

THE MOLINEUX CASE

Juror Brown's Condition Not Improved—Ordered to Saratoga

New York, Jan. 31.—It is believed today that the fate of Roland B. Molineux will be finally settled in Saratoga.

MRS. LAWTON'S GRATITUDE

She Had Not Heard of Fund Being Raised for Her

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Lawton knew nothing of the fund for her until she reached this city. The news was taken aboard by Pilot Reed and communicated to Mrs. Lawton by General Colwell.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY

Will Operate Long Distance Lines in the Middle States

Hagleton, Jan. 31.—The plans of the recently incorporated Interstate Telephone and Telegraph company, of which former State Senator C. W. Kline is president, and Alvan Marble and Charles Mans, of this city, directors, were made public today.

Narrow Escape from Lynching

Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 31.—Anthony Conroy, of Centerville, entered a restaurant here today and finding Mary Kemp, a 15-year-old waitress alone in the place, committed a felonious assault upon her.

HOT TIME IN KENTUCKY

Governor Taylor Prevents Meeting of Democrats

TROOPS BAR THE PASSAGE

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 31.—The condition of Governor Goebel at 11:30 tonight was better than at any time during the day. He was resting comfortably, but unfavorable symptoms had appeared and it was announced that he would unquestionably get through the night in good shape.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR AND COLD.

- 1 General-Goebel Sworn in as Governor. Hearing in the Application of the New Railroad to Tidewater. Buller Will Again Attempt to Relieve Ladysmith. Warm Debate in Congress. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. Local-Barquet of the Knights of Columbus. Court Proceedings. Editorial. News and Comment. Local-Action of the Lackawanna Bar on Judge Guister's Death. Special Meeting of the Presbytery. Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Round About the County. Local-Live News of the Industrial World.

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