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PERSONAL. P. J. Casey went to New York yesterday. Ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson is in New York city. Miss Elizabeth Doersman is in New York city, the guest of Mrs. Henry C. Bond, formerly of this city. Frank C. Roth, who was in attendance at the funeral of the late Judge Gunster, resumed his studies at the University of Pennsylvania yesterday. C. P. Davidson, Major J. W. Oakford and P. L. Peck are in Hollidaysburg, Miss., attending the annual meeting of the J. J. Newman Lumber company, in which they with other Scrantonians hold the controlling interest.

COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET. Mayor Did Not Have the Notices Sent Out. Owing to the failure to notify the joint viaduct conference committee of councils, the proposed meeting of that body was not held last evening. Mayor Moir gave Councilman Calpin to understand that he would call a meeting, but he did not do so. The election at which the viaduct proposition is to be voted upon is now only two weeks off and yet the taxpayers have no definite information as to how much either the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company or the Scranton Railway company will pay towards the proposed improvement. The matter has been placed before the officials of the Scranton Railway company and an answer is being awaited from them, but no effort whatever has been made to see the Lackawanna officials, and unless steps in this direction are taken at once, the people will be in the dark regarding the matter on February 20.

IT'S FINANCIAL REPORT. Statement Issued by St. Vincent de Paul's Society. Following is the financial statement issued by St. Vincent de Paul society, a charitable organization connected with St. Peter's cathedral. Balance on hand January 1, 1899, \$106.35; total receipts during the year 1899, \$411.12; total expenditures during the year, \$441.59; balance on hand January 1, 1900, \$266.96; received from the poor boxes in the cathedral for months of January, 1900, \$10.64.

Open Until 9 O'clock. As our time is limited in which to close out our large stock of Hardware Tools, Cutlery, Ranges, Heaters, Furnaces, Etc., Etc., we will not close until 9 p. m. daily. For bargains come quick. Lackawanna Hardware Co., 221 Lackawanna Avenue.

THEY HAD A LIVELY LITTLE WORDY WAR.

VERBAL TILT BETWEEN GRIER AND H. E. PAINE. Squabble was at a Meeting of the Joint Auditing Committee and Was Over a Claim of the Abington Turnpike Company—Mr. Grier Said the Claim Was Outrageous and That the Company Had a Bulge on the City and Was Taking Advantage of It. The old Abington turnpike question was again resurrected at last evening's meeting of the joint auditing committee of councils and its resurrection furnished the cause for an exceedingly lively and animated verbal tilt between Common Councilman James J. Grier, of the Third ward, and President H. E. Paine, of the company, in which the lie was passed on two separate occasions. The company yesterday presented a claim for \$199.89, the same being for work done by the company on that portion of the turnpike lying within the city limits, in the months of September, 1896, and October, 1899. The claim was accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by Mr. Paine, stating that due notice had been given the city before the work was done.

TALK ON VENTILATION. Delivered by Dr. Reed Burns Before Economic Section of Woman's Club at Green Ridge. The economic section of the Green Ridge Women's club held an interesting meeting yesterday, when the subject under discussion was "Ventilation." Previous to the chief address of the afternoon committee reports were heard. Mrs. C. P. Davidson presided over the meeting. Mrs. H. E. Hurley read the report of the investigating committee, which has been visiting dairies. One visited last Friday was pronounced immaculate in its conditions. It was stated that about eight dairies had been found tolerably sanitary in method.

Accused of Attempt to Enter a South Washington Avenue House. About midnight, Patrolmen Walsh and Feeney brought to the Centre street police station a man by the name of Lally, who lives in Providence, and who they had arrested on South Washington avenue, where he was attempting to break into a house on the block between Hickory and River streets. Their attention had been attracted by three men who were kicking away at one of the doors of the place and who seemed to be trying to force an entry. On the patrolmen approaching them, two of the men ran away, but the other was captured.

ANNIVERSARY BALL. Given Last Evening by Montefiore Hebrew School. The fourth anniversary of the Montefiore Hebrew school was celebrated last evening by the sponsors and patrons of the institution at Music hall, a hall before given. Music was furnished by Bauer's orchestra. A very large number of guests were present and enjoyed dancing and other pastimes until a late hour, a grand march being given at midnight. The affair was in charge of the president of the association, H. C. Levy; the secretary, Louis Trechterberg, and A. R. Cohen, Isidor Finkelstein and A. M. Levy.

BANK'S ANNUAL MEETING. Old Officers and Board of Directors Were Re-Elected. At the annual meeting yesterday of the Lackawanna Trust and Safe Deposit company the former officers were re-elected as follows: President, J. Benj. Dimmick; vice president, Raymond Ayers; treasurer, John W. Fowler; directors, William Connell, Henry Bell, Jr., Conrad Schroeder, J. Benj. Dimmick, R. T. Black, George Sanderson, P. J. Moran, C. S. Weston, C. H. Welles and T. C. Snover.

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OFFICERS OF TODAY'S MASS. Priests Who Will Assist Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban. Following are the officers of the anniversary high mass of requiem which will be celebrated in St. Peter's cathedral this morning at 10 o'clock for the late Rt. Rev. William O'Hara: Celebrant, Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban; assistant priest, Rev. P. C. Nasic, of Wilkes-Barre; deacons of honor, Very Rev. Thomas Coffey, of Carbondale; Rev. P. J. Murphy, of Olyphant; deacons of the mass, Rev. P. F. Brodick, of Susquehanna; Rev. Peter Christ, of South Scranton; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. J. Loughran, of the cathedral; assistant masters of ceremonies, Rev. P. C. Winters, of Hawley; thurifer, Andrew Zychowicz; acolytes, Rev. Daniel McCarthy, of Plymouth, and Rev. Walter Gorman, of Minooka; book-bearer, Rev. Anthony Kaputas.

HEARING OBJECTIONS. Judge Archbald Settled a Number of Disputes About Certificates and Nomination Papers. Judge Archbald spent most of yesterday settling disputes arising from rival claims for places in one or the other of the columns of the official ballot for the coming election. Several papers and certificates were declared invalid, but in no case were any serious objections made. The defeated contestant either withdrew altogether or is a candidate of some other party.

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MEMORIAL HALL LOT BRINGS \$875 A FOOT. BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL CONSUMMATED YESTERDAY. Local Investors, Headed by C. P. Davidson and Major Oakford, Secure This Valuable Property for \$20,000 Cash and Half of the Pierce Lot, Opposite the High School, on North Washington Avenue—Transfer Means Two More Handsome Buildings. Negotiations were concluded yesterday for the transfer of the Memorial hall property, 123 Washington avenue, to a company of local investors, in which Major J. W. Oakford and C. P. Davidson are the moving spirits.

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