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PERSONAL

Miss Kathryn Malburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Hollister, of 228 Van Pelt street, Philadelphia.

Miss Van Cleef, of Sanderson Avenue, will spend several weeks with relatives in New York and Brooklyn.

Joseph Mullarkey, a prominent young business man of Augusta, Ga., was the guest of Scranton friends yesterday.

City Solicitor A. A. Vosburg is attending the Supreme court in Philadelphia this week as attorney in a Schuyler county case.

Samuel Wertheimer and son, Henry Wertheimer, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Dr. G. E. Roos, on Adams Avenue.

Among the interested spectators at Saturday's hockey match at Lake Scranton were Attorney Will Boyle, J. M. Walker and Clarence Ballentine.

THE BOOK-KEEPERS' CLUB.

Topic to be Discussed at Tonight's Meeting.

A meeting of the Book-keepers' club will be held in Guernsey hall this evening. This society is very helpful to book-keepers and young business men generally, as it affords a meeting place for social enjoyment as well as the discussion of topics relating to actual business, higher accounting and the practical work of the office.

The society is fortunate in having secured the free use of rooms in the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building, thus securing for its members all the privileges of that association, while the expenses are made very low.

There are some inducements offered to book-keepers who join before the opening of the new building. The topic for discussion on Monday evening is "Forms and Uses of the Ledger."

Still in Business.

The statement made in some of the local newspapers to the effect that the Boston Tea Party company, No. 127 Penn Avenue, had retired from business, was erroneous. Manager Phillips wishes the public to understand that they are in Scranton to stay.

Finest wines and cigars at Lane's, 320 Spruce street.

Smoke the "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c.

Plumbing Goods

We have too large a stock of Plumbing Goods on hand. Will from this date make very satisfactory reduction on same.

We have still a large stock of the celebrated

Irving Ranges

At Bargains.

Our Furnaces were all bought on old contracts, which enables us to quote you low figures.

If you want but a dollar's worth of any goods in our line it will pay to come and purchase at once.

Lackawanna Hardware Co.,

321 Lackawanna Avenue.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

Broke into the Office of Palmer & Company.

The office of Palmer & Company, dealers in candy, cigars, etc., in the Arcade building, was yesterday morning entered by burglars, who got away with several boxes of cigars and other booty, the exact amount of which is not yet known.

The burglary was discovered yesterday morning by two newsboys, who notified Mounted Officer Burke, who was passing by. The latter, in company with Patrolman May, then went into the Arcade and found that the window of the door had been broken and ingress effected by the burglar reaching in his hand and opening the door from the inside. The attempt had been made to force the lock and a large piece of the wood around it had been cut away.

When they entered the police officers found the place filled with cigars and other stock, and in one corner a small safe, which had apparently been tampered with.

Mr. Palmer, the proprietor, who lives in Dalton, has not visited his office since it was burglarized and until he does it will be impossible to know just how much stock was removed.

The proprietor of the Elite Photographic company, who lives above his apartments in the Arcade, says that he heard the crash of the breaking glass and thought it to be his show case. When he got down stairs, however, he soon found out what the trouble was, but did not see any sign of burglars. The police believe that the breaking into the place was done by boys.

RAFTER'S FATAL FALL.

Tumbled Down a Flight of Steps in a Building at 439 Raymond Court Yesterday Afternoon.

Thomas Rafter, a man 52 years of age, who resides at 536 Gordon street, was fatally injured, about 5 o'clock yesterday by falling down a flight of steep steps in the building at 439 Raymond court.

Rafter is a well known man who did contract work in a small way. For several weeks he has been drinking to excess and it had the effect of somewhat unbalancing his mind. Yesterday afternoon he left his home and soon before 5 o'clock was seen by some children emerging from a passageway leading from Penn Avenue into Raymond court between Mulberry and Vine streets. He asked them for a pull evidently intending to get some beer in one of the saloons of the neighborhood. The children could not get him the pull and he went to the house of Nathan Suravitz and asked for one, talking in a maudlin kind of a way.

When he returned to the house he found a vessel and evidently remembering that he knew Jacob Loveland, who lived on the second floor of the house, at 439 Raymond court, he went there. The stairs are steep and narrow and about 5 o'clock Mrs. Loveland heard a great noise in the stairway and going down found Rafter lying in a pool of blood at the foot of the stairs. There was a great gash in his head and he died a few moments later, evidently from fracture of the skull.

The body was taken to the morgue of the Lackawanna hospital, where it was viewed by the coroner and the following jury, which he empaneled: John Peuster, Matthew Dougherty, Matthew Lathan, Matthew Scanlon, Stephen McKane and Leon Levy. The coroner will perform an autopsy this morning.

Rafter is survived by a wife and the following children: Mrs. George Baskerville, of Carbon street; Thomas, Michael A., Joseph and William Rafter.

TRIP WAS IN VAIN.

Return of Constable Cole, Empty-handed from Hazleton.

Constable William Cole, of Alderman Howe's court, returned empty-handed, Saturday morning, from Hazleton, where he went, armed with a warrant, for the arrest of one Frank Matoski, who had run away from here with Mrs. Kowkowski, whose husband promptly swore out a warrant for his arrest.

When Cole reached Hazleton, he found that Matoski had left, and was no longer in town. He met Mrs. Kowkowski, but was unable to learn from her the whereabouts of her lover, and whether he had cast her aside or was merely absent to evade arrest.

Kowkowski did not wish to prosecute his wife and eventually she was not brought back to this city.

FLORIDA.

The Direct Route to Florida and All Southern Resorts, Including Aiken, Augusta, Summerville, Asheville and the "Land of the Sky" is via the Southern Railway.

The New York and Florida Limited leaves Broad street station, Philadelphia, daily, except Sunday, at 3:14 p. m. This magnificent train is composed exclusively of dining, library, compartment, observation and drawing-room sleeping cars between New York and St. Augustine, also carries Pullman drawing, sleeping cars to Aiken, S. C., Augusta, Ga., and Tampa, Fla. Three other through trains leave Broad street station, Philadelphia, daily for Florida and points south via the Southern Railway. Dining car service on all through trains of the Southern Railway. Charles L. Hopkins, District Passenger Agent, 828 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, will be pleased to furnish all information.

A Busy Saturday.

The sale of men's collars in this city on Saturday formed one of the most striking examples of what it is possible to achieve in merchandising. It was no small experiment to bring thirty-six thousand collars to Scranton, yet Jonas Long's Sons risked it, and successfully. The sales of Saturday approximated nineteen thousand, requiring the continuous services of thirty-seven clerks, two special and four regular cashiers and six bundle wrappers. Never did the big store entertain such a continuous crowd. The selling continues today and while the collars last. As yet, the sizes and styles are quite complete.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Has been used for over FIFTY YEARS BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS FOR CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, who suffer from COLIC, SOOTHING THE CHILD, SOFTENING THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN; CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA, sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and like no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

MAYOR HAS MADE CONTROLLER ANGRY

"STATEMENT OF CONTROLLER IS FALSE," WROTE MAYOR.

This Was in a Communication He Had Addressed to the Select Council Saturday Night—Controller Refers to It as a Slanderous Letter and Says It Was Actuated by Malice—"I am but Little Surprised at the Undignified Tone of the Mayor's Letter," Says the Controller.

Mayor James Moir and City Controller Edmas Howell are like Pip's sister in "Great Expectations" out "On the Rampage," and each has to say some very uncomplimentary things about the other. The mayor said his things in a letter read in select council Saturday evening and the controller said his in an interview with a Tribune man yesterday regarding the letter to explain his position.

It will be remembered that at last Thursday evening's meeting of select council a communication was read from the controller calling the attention of council to the fact that there were a large number of delinquency bills filed in his office and giving the various amounts by departments. The mayor's department was charged with a deficiency of \$106.55, which Mayor Moir claims was misleading, inasmuch as people would be led to believe that he had created the deficiency, whereas his forerunner in office is the responsible person.

The following is the exact text of the mayor's letter, read in select council Saturday evening, explaining the matter from his viewpoint and incidentally saying the afore-mentioned few things about the controller:

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION.

Scranton, Feb. 10, 1900.

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils.

Gentlemen: According to the published report of the last meeting of your honorable bodies a communication was presented to you by E. Howell, city controller, representing that certain appropriations had been exceeded. Among others he represented that the amount of \$106.55, which Mayor Moir claims was misleading, inasmuch as people would be led to believe that he had created the deficiency, whereas his forerunner in office is the responsible person. Under the circumstances I would not take up your valuable time with such matters, but this unwarranted official misrepresentation of my office by the controller cannot allow to go unchallenged. The statement of the controller is false, and I have no objection to your making public intention to mislead.

Respectfully submitted, James Moir, Mayor.

When seen regarding this letter last evening, by a Tribune representative, the controller was very indignant at the statements made by the mayor and his eyes flashed with a momentary excitement as he gave his side of the case.

PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.

"I am but little surprised, however," said he, "at the undignified tone of the mayor's communication, as we are prepared for almost anything from him now. The statement which I sent to council was a statement of all delinquencies up to date. Why should I be brought up over the matter any more than the street commissioner, the chief of the fire department or the head of any other city department, I am entirely at a loss to understand.

"The mayor states that he may attempt to explain his misstatement by alleging a deficiency by a predecessor in office, but no explanation of this nature appears in this communication. Had he taken the trouble to read my communication before penning his villifying effusion he would have found that such an explanation was made.

"I have not a copy of my letter with me at present, but as I recollect, the clause covering this point was as follows: A great number of these debts were incurred not by the present heads of departments but by their predecessors in office. Could anything be plainer than that? The statement was not, as the mayor alleges, false, but was correct in every particular.

"His further statement that my communication was written with deliberate intention to mislead, does not trouble me in the least, and is only on a par with all his previous acts. I look upon it as a mere play to the galleries, but a play which will not, I am sure, deceive the public in the least.

SAYS IT IS MALICE.

"To show that malice and malice only prompted the mayor's letter, I need only refer to the fact that on Saturday afternoon his secretary, Mr. Hatto, called on my deputy, Mr. Hartley, and wanted to know if it was meant that the deficiency mentioned was created by the present incumbent of the mayor's office.

"He was told emphatically no and was shown that portion of the letter referred to above wherein was mentioned the fact that a number of the bills were created by past heads of departments. Yet after his attention being called to this, he wrote the slanderous letter. It is enough to make anyone mad."

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10c Buys macaroni and cheese, 3 pound can; value 20c.

10c Buys our own Java and Mocha, special; value 30c.

12c Buys our Best Rio Coffee, whole bean; fresh roasted.

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AMOUNT OF THE BLAIR ESTATE

It Is Said to Be Only Three Millions of Dollars.

According to an article in yesterday's New York Herald the estate of the late John Insee Blair, which was variously estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 at the time of his death, now transpires to be only \$3,000,000, at least that is the par value of the amount disposed of by his will just filed with the surrogate of Warren county, New Jersey. There are some who now believe that Mr. Blair's wealth was overestimated.

It is also said that everything is not satisfactory to the heirs, and that legal complications may follow. The will was drawn up some twenty years ago and the question has been raised as to whether gifts of real estate made during his life and not recorded at the time of his demise do not lapse. His son, David C. Blair, has been made executor of the will.

GOVERNOR IN NO HURRY.

Indicates in a Telegram to Senator Vaughan That Appointment Will Not Be Made Immediately.

In a telegram to Senator J. C. Vaughan, received Saturday, Governor Stone indicated that the appointment will not be made till the latter part of this week at the earliest. The telegram was in response to a query from Senator Vaughan as to when it would be convenient for the governor to appoint the position for Hon. John P. Kelly's appointment and the transcript of the proceedings of the bar meeting which was ordered transmitted entire to his excellency. The answer read as follows:

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 10, 1900. Hon. J. C. Vaughan, Scranton, Pa. I will see you in Harrisburg Tuesday or Wednesday. No reason exists for immediate action. W. A. Stone.

Senator Vaughan and John M. Harris, who is secretary of the bar meeting, will go to Harrisburg tomorrow to wait on the governor. Deputy Attorney General F. W. Flutz was in Harrisburg yesterday and made the following statement with reference to the judgeship:

"I am sure that Governor Stone desires to carry out the wishes of the Republican party in this county in making this appointment. The endorsement of Mr. Kelly will have great weight with him, as it properly should. I may say that as a consistent Republican I favor the appointment of a member of my own party for the place. Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Carlin are the only Republicans, and either would make a good judge. Further than that I have nothing to say."

METER CAUSES SUIT.

Jennings & Neary Are the Plaintiffs and Casey Brothers the Defendants—Cause of the Trouble.

One of the results of the installation of the water meters is a split war between two prominent business firms, in the relation of landlord and tenant, with a \$10,000 trespass suit as the main feature of the conflict. Casey Brothers are the landlords and Jennings & Neary are the proprietor of the restaurant at 105 Wyoming Avenue, the tenants. The yearly lease provides that the landlords shall pay the water bills. Last December the Scranton Gas and Water company put a meter in the hotel and simultaneously the landlords had all the faucets fixed with spring cocks. The hotel-keepers deemed it necessary to have running water behind the bar and in the toilet room, and to effect this, tied down several of the spring cocks.

The water from these several open faucets splashed merrily day and night for thirty days and thirty nights. At the end of the month the meter man came around, did his tabulating and figured it out that Neary & Jennings had used \$36.45 worth of water. The monthly rent is \$100.

Jennings & Neary wouldn't pay it and Casey Brothers would not pay it. The water company said some one had to pay it or the water would be shut off. "Shut it off, then," said the landlords. The company shut off the water and after some proceedings succeeded in collecting the bill from the landlords, but the water company is not contented to distinctly understand it would pay no more such bills. The water company could give no assurance that such bills would not be regularly rendered. Jennings & Neary refused to order the water on their own responsibility. Casey Brothers served formal notice that they would not be responsible, and the consequence is that the water was allowed to remain turned off.

For nearly three weeks now the hotel tenants have been unable to maintain a wash room or serve beer or ales on draught, their trade being compelled to satisfy itself with bottled goods. Such water as is essentially necessary is brought to the hotel by a drayman who has contracted with the hotel people to furnish the same for a cent a gallon.

The fight promises to continue till April 1, when the lease expires. M. A. McGinley is Neary & Jennings' attorney in the trespass suit.

DIED IN PUERTO RICO.

Remains of Alfred Heckel Will Be Interred at Washington.

The remains of Alfred Heckel, who enlisted in the Thirtieth regiment at the outbreak of the war with Spain, afterward serving in troop L of the Fifth cavalry at Puerto Rico, were on Friday received in New York, and from there were sent to the Arlington National cemetery in Washington, where interment will be made.

The cause of death was a horse's kick, which resulted in lock-jaw. His sister, Miss Sophia Heckel, left for Washington to attend his funeral.

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COUNCILS PASSED IT, MAYOR SIGNED IT

LACKAWANNA COMPANY HAS SECURED FRANCHISE.

At Saturday Night's Special Meeting of Select Council the Ordinance Passed on Third Reading and Immediately Went to the Mayor and Was Approved by Him—What A. P. Bedford Has to Say About the Plans of the Company for the Future—Details of the Ordinance.

Select council Saturday night granted a franchise to the Lackawanna Telephone company to lay the wires in the streets of the city and immediately after the ordinance was passed it received the signature of Mayor James Moir. The ordinance was passed by the common council some months ago, but was held up in select council by an amendment to the rules which was repeated Thursday night.

A. P. Bedford, of this city, the vice president of the Lackawanna Telephone company when seen yesterday by a Tribune man, stated that a meeting of the officers and directors of the company would be held some day this week and definite plans for the immediate future outlined.

It is the intention of the company to be decided to begin work as soon as the necessary plans could be prepared and as the weather permitted, and proposed that by the early part of the fall a large portion of the system would be in operation.

It is the intention of the company to construct lines as far south as Pittston, where connection can be made with the People's Telephone company, of Wilkes-Barre, and service secured with the latter city and places in its near vicinity. It has not yet been decided how far the service lines will be extended, but they will probably run as far as Carbondale at any rate.

TO GO UNDER GROUND.

All of the wires in the Central City are to be placed under ground in conduits, and these will be laid next the street, necessitating the raising up of the asphalt pave for a space about four feet wide. The pave torn up however, is to be laid again at the company's expense.

The officers of the company are as follows: President, W. J. Lewis; vice president, A. P. Bedford; secretary and treasurer, S. E. Welland; directors, Reese G. Brooks, W. L. Connell and Charles Robinson.

The Lackawanna telephone ordinance, aroused last Thursday evening from the dead, was thus given life at Saturday evening's special meeting of select council, when it passed third and final reading and a few minutes later received the signature of Mayor Moir, who was in his office in the municipal building.

Not only did the measure pass, but there was only one vote recorded against it and that was Mr. Roche's. Messrs. McCann, Shea and Ross, who voted against the ordinance Thursday evening, came over to the sea side, while Messrs. Chittenden and Kearney, and their opponents, were not present. The vote stood as follows:

Ayes—Ross, Finn, Thomas, Williams, James, Melvin, Wagner, Schneider, Shea, Sanderson, McCann, Fellows, Schroeder, Lansing, O'Boyle, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew—13. Nays—Roche—1. Absent—Kearney, Chittenden.

The last stand against the measure was made by Mr. Roche, who contended that unless a modifying phase was inserted in the clause providing for a poll tax of 50 cents on every pole the city could never raise the rate. Mr. Roche's contentions however went for naught.

FULL TEXT OF ORDINANCE.

The full text of this important ordinance, showing just how much a year the company can charge for 'phones and the other regulations, it must conform to, is given below:

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Lackawanna Telephone Company to Construct and Operate Lines of Telephone in the City of Scranton, State of Pennsylvania, Under Certain Conditions. Section 1. Be it ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Scranton, that it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Lackawanna Telephone company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, be and is hereby authorized and granted permission to erect and maintain the necessary poles, string wires and operate lines of tele-phones upon the several streets, courts and places of the city of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Sec. 2. In consideration of the rights, privileges and franchise granted by this ordinance, the Lackawanna Telephone company shall, before October 1, 1901, erect and put in operation a telephone system sufficiently large to supply at least five hundred subscribers and the maximum rates to be charged by the said company for the use of the telephone in the city shall be as follows, viz: Thirty-six dollars each annually for business 'phones, twenty-four dollars annually for residence purposes and fifty dollars annually for two 'phones for business and residence purposes combined.

Sec. 3. The said company is also granted permission to construct, lay, operate and maintain under and over the streets, avenues, courts and places of the city, conduits, ducts, mains or pipes with the necessary manholes, poles and other appliances for the purpose of maintaining and placing therein and thereupon its wires, cables and appurtenances [Continued on Page 8.]

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