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RAISING MONEY FOR THE HOME Matter Considered at a Meeting of the Managers. .

The managers of the Home for the Friendless held a regular meeting yes-terday at the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. C. P. Matthews presiding. The chief topic inder consideration was the project of alsing the debt on the building. Recently J. L. Stelle offered to be one of the ten to give a thousand dollars, the amount of \$10,000 to be raised by August 1. Another friend of the home has made a similar pledge, which, with about \$525 contributed toward the fund since Jan. 1, reduces the amount to be collected nearly one-quarter. The whole amount of the matter is that the debt must be raised in some way. the interest, \$1,800 a year, is enough to support the institution if it could be turned toward the current expenses. No small sum will be overlooked if contributed toward this fiendish incu-

There are seventy-six inmates to be provided for in the institution. They re old, infirm women and helple. ittle children. It is proposed to canass the town for aid. If any one has word of cheer or a dollar to swell ne fund let him give it to the oldest harity of the city, which cries for as-

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INQUEST BEGUN IN MT. PLEASANT CASE

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Further Than Admitting the Probability of Certain Theories as to How the Accident Occurred They Were of Little Help to the Jury. The Hearing Was Farcical in the Extreme at Times-Coroner Was Late and a Juror Failed to Appear-Was Drunk All Day.

Coroner Roberts last evening began the investigation of the Mt. Pleasant shaft accident of last Monday, by which four men, Frank Woodward Thomas Williams, William Gilbert and John Regan, lost their lives. Two witnesses were examined, Inside Foreman William R. Wilson and Outside Foreman Alonzo Robinson, but their evidence failed to disclose even so much as what primarily caused the catastrophe. Each gave it as his theory that the carriage possibly struck a profecting fan, but neither threw any light on how it was possible that a fan was projecting. Another hearing s to be had next Monday afternoon at

The inquest was held in the arbitration room of the court house. Over half a hundred persons were in attendance, including witnesses, friends of victims, mine officials, attorneys and stenographers. These were kept waiting nearly forty minutes by the coroner's delay in putting in an ap-pearance, and another half hour w25 spent in a futile wait for a juror. It was finally agreed to proceed without him. The coroner declined to give his name "because the poor fellow had been on a drunk all day." The other five jurors were S. B. Powell, William A. Jones, Thomas R. Davis, C. P.

Parry and C. C. Mason. Joseph O'Brien, of O'Brien & Kelly, was present as counsel of the Fuller Coal company. C W. Dawson, of Vosburg & Dawson, represented Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Gilbert was represented by C. Comegys and George W. Peck. Mine Inspector H. O. Prytherch was also present and assisted in the examination of the witnesses.

A LUDICROUS AFFAIR

Vexatious delays resulted from the fact that some of the questioners were sadly ignorant of the matter on which they presumed to examine the witnesses. The coroner, four attorneys, five jurors and the mine inspector took turns at firing questions into the witness box, and the coroner ever and anon provoked a tilt with an attorney by objecting to a question. It was most of the time farcical in the extreme. The Dreyfus trial, as described by Dooley, is only a slight exaggeration of its more ludicrous periods.

Inside Foreman Wilson's material testimony, in substance, was that he has been filling that position at the Mt. Pleasant for seven months and that during that time no one ever complained to him of the carriage being unsafe; that never to his knowledge had a second carriage, for hoisting rock, been chained to the bottom of the wrecked carriage; that he occasionally inspected the carriage and never found anything wrong with it. and that the fireboss was expected to

inspect it daily. He examined the broken carriage when it was dropped to the sump, but did not find any evidence of an old break or fracture in any part of it. He also examined the fans at the Clark vein, where the carriage is supposed to have met an obstruction, and found that the one on the east side of the shaft leaned out about an inch, which, in his opinion, would catch the "shoe" of the carriage.

APPLIANCES WERE MODERN. Mr. O'Brien, the company's counsel, contented himself with asking if the carriage and appliances at the shaft

were modern and in good repair. Affirmative answers were given. In answer to a question from one of the jurors Foreman Wilson said there was no ice about the fan that would interfere with its proper operation, and in answer to a question from the coroner he stated that the carriage had made several trips up and down past the Clark vein just previous

to the fatal trip. He further testified that the Clark vein is not being worked except for dumping rock and that no man is employed at the Clark vein landing except when rock is being hoisted, which s usually between 11 o'clock p. m. and o'clock a. m. On the morning of the accident this man quit work at 5 o'clock. The accident occurred at about 6.58. Fully fifteen trips were made by the carriage past the Clark vein in the interim.

Inspector Prytherch had the witness give a detailed description of the construction of the carriage and the shaft, and interrogated him at length on his duties in various respects under the mine laws. The witness did not know whether or not the law required that a man be kept permanently at the opening of an abandoned vein.

It was possible, the witness admitted, that shaking and jarring could have caused the fans to swing out a short distance into the shaft, if the pin holding the lever by which they were controlled was not securely set. It was also possible, he said, that something heavy, a large block of ice, for instance, might have fallen down the shaft struck and bent the rod reaching to the fan from the lever, and caused the fan to be drawn out into the shaft far enough to catch the cage as it de-

Mr. Wilson says that seven men got off the carriage at the Rider vein and that Regan got on at the Rider vein to

ROBINSON'S TESTIMONY.

Outside Foreman Robinson's testimony contained nothing relevant that selling cheap enough to tempt tion of Inside Foreman Wilson. He you. If you want Shelf or said the headman was supposed to examine the carriage every day and that men were employed to remove the learning the said the headman was supposed to remove the learning that the said men were employed to remove the ice from the sides of the shaft and the landings every morning. One "shoe" on the eastern side of the carriage was broken, he said, but he could not tell whether the break was caused by a collision with some obstruction in the

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shaft or by being dropped into the

sump.

He did not see the carriage when it was hanging by a single bridle chain in the shaft. He has been foreman at the Mt. Pleasant for a year, and never knew of a rock carriage being chained on to the bottom of the main carriage, Nothing was adduced from either vitness tending to show that the fans at the Clark vein bore any evidence of naving been caught by the carriage. nolds was finished with and the corone adjourned the hearing to Monday af-

OTHER CORONER'S CASES. August Flail, aged fifty years, died suddenly yesterday morning, after a brief illness, at the home of his brother in Jessup. There was no attending physician. Coroner Roberts was notifled, but did not investigate. He says he will look into the matter the first thing this morning.

The Kneirm inquest which was postponed to 6.30 o'clock last evening, after two previous postponements, was again postponed, owing to the inability of the

coroner to be present. The coroner does not know when the inquest in the Weaver case will take

HILLSIDE HOME CROWDED.

Now 478 Inmates the Largest Numller on Record-New Building May Have to Be Erected.

There are now 478 inmates at the Hillside Home, which is the largest number ever housed in that institution at one time. Superintendent Beemer in speaking of the matter at poor board meeting yesterday stated that the number of inmates was gradually growing and that if this growth kept up a new building would have to be erected in the near future.

The insane department is especially crowded, he said, but this congestion will be shortly relieved to a certain extent by the withdrawal of some thirty odd patients belonging to the Wilkes-Barre district, the large new insane hospital of the latter having now been completed.

The detailed report of Superintendent Beemer is given below: Number of inmates on January 21, 1909, 461; admitted during month, insane males, 8; insane females, 7; sane males, 7, and sane females 5; born, males, 3; Disharged during month, insane male, 1; insane females, 3; sane male, 1; sane females, 2; died, sane males, 2; sane male, 1: inmates in home on Feb-

ruary 28, 1900, 478, classified as follows; 131 insane males, 137 insane females, 136 sane males, 74 sane females. Superintendent Beemer's bond for the coming year was presented and approved and some fourteen applications for outside relief were passed

PRO-BOER MEETING.

John Devoy to Speak on Boers'

Struggle for Liberty. At the Academy of Music, tomorrow evening, will be celebrated the anniversary of Robert Emmet, and the celebration will be made the occasion of a demonstration in favor of the Boers who are struggling for liberty against the oppressors whose shackles Robert Emmet tried to strike from the limbs of Ireland. The address of the evening will be delivered by John Devoy, of New York, the well-known Irish patriot, who is familiar with every phase of the Boer question, and who has suffered many years' imprisonment through his love for his native land. The following will be the programme:

Chairman, Mr. C. T. Boland. Piano selections, Irish national airs, Miss Mary Johnson Song, selectedMrs. Joseph O'Brien Recitation, selectedMiss Mary Boland

(a) "Believe Me if All Those En-

(a) "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms,"
(b) "Father O'Flynn,"
Mr. Joseph P. Burns.
Song, "Who's at My Window?"
Mrs. Josephine C. Walsh,
Address, "The Boers' Struggle for
Liberty". Mr. John Devoy, New York
Song, "Asthore" Sidney R. Hughes
Recitation, "The Fighting Race,"
Mr. H. P. Mellet.

(a) "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls," (b) The Dear Little Shamrock," Mr. Michael Dunighan.

long, selectedMrs. Joseph O'Brien (a) "Asleep in the Deep." (b) "Off to Philadelphia.

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COMMON COUNCIL TAKES A SHY AT THE MEASURE.

Numerous Amendments Adopted, the Most Important of Which Was One Taxing the Gross Receipts of the Scranton Railway Company. Electric Lighting Resolution Referred to Committee-Mr. God-Method of Street Repairing.

The license tax ordinance was very horoughly amended last night before t passed second reading in common council. All of the amendments offered, with a few exceptions, were passed unanimously and the majority of the mensbers seemed to evidence a sort of don't care-whether-it-passesor-not sort of a disposition towards the measure, and unless it is pushed through it is not believed that it will pass before reorganization.

When Mr. Calpin called the measur up Mr. Grier moved to refer it back to its proper committee, but Mr. Calpin wouldn't have this, saying that there seemed "to be a disposition on the part of council to shirk its work." Mr. Grier's motion was lost, and the ordinance being before council, the amendments began to pour in. T. F. Morris, the father of the measure, had a long list and so had many others.

The most important one adopted was one offered by Mr. Keller taxing the gross receipts of the traction company 2 per cent. in 1900; 3 per cent. in 1901; 4 per cent. in 1902, and f per cent. in 1903 and thereafter. Mr. Calpin succeeded in having this changed to 3 per cent, for the first year; 4 per cent. for the next two years, and 5 per cent. for every year thereafter. Some one suggesting that this was a little bit nard on the company, Mr. Calpin replied that "they only pay taxes now on two sick horses and a vacant lot."

INSURANCE TAX. Mr. Griffiths made an effort to have the clause taxing insurance companies stricken out, but his motions were separately defeated. The clause providing for a tax on the business of book agents were stricken out and a number of smaller changes made,

The select council resolution awarding the electric lighting contract to the Scranton Electric Light and Heat company, for a period of ten years, came up but was referred to its proper committee on motion of Mr. Grier, who claimed that in its present shape it was not legal.

A communication was received from the mayor vetoing the concurrent resolution permitting the Scranton Ice company to run staves into the retaining wall of the Linden street bridge, on the ground that it was unsafe. Another communication was read from the city engineer, stating that the action would be perfectly safe. A motion to pass over the mayor's head was lost, but this action was later re-considered and the resolution again adopted.

The ordinance providing that all butchers sell poultry drawn and with the heads and feet removed received its death by council adopting an adverse sanitary committee.

The communication from Chief Robling, read in select council Thursday night, regarding \$200 transferred from the January police fines for the bringing back from Montreal of the two men who shot Officers Keys and Snyder, was read and the action of the chief approved, the only objection being Mr. Calpin, who thought the city had enough to do itself without taking care of Dunmore prisoners.

NO APPEAL IN SAUL CASE. The resolution directing the city solicitor to take an appeal from the ruling in the Saul case was lost, Mr. Grier bitterly opposing it, claiming that the lower courts were pretty nearly always right and it would be a needless waste of money.

The following resolutions were concurred in: Directing the city solicitor to examine the charter of the Scranton Gas and Water company to see if there s any legal obstacle preventing the city from building its own water works; directing the city clerk to advertise for bids for the printing of ordinances. Mr. Godshall introduced an ordinance

providing for a change in the method of expending money for street repairs. It provides that the city be divided into four districts, as follows:

First-First, Second, Third and Thireenth wards, and First district of the Pwenty-first. Second-Fourth, Fifth, Fourteenth, Fif-

teenth and Eighteenth wards and Second district of the Twenty-first. Third-Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth wards. Fourth-Eleventh, Twelfth, Ninetsenth

The ordinance provides that all the appropriations by districts and that all expenditures be made by the street

A resolution directing the city solicitor to confess judgment in the sum of \$375 in favor of John J. and Michael Ruddy was passed. The following ordinances passed third and final reading: Providing for four electric lights in the First ward; providing for the widening of South Main avenue, between Oxford and Fellows street: providing for the opening up of Wayne avenue, between Ferdinand and Putnam streets; providing for the erection of a fire hydrant in the Twentieth ward.

HE GOT AN EXTRA FIFTY. Permanent Man May Has Been Re-

ceiving Too Much Money. Harry May, appointed permanent mun of the hook and ladder company last September, is likely to get no salary for the month of March; at least that's what Controller Howell says, and he has it in his power to "cut it

out," as the slang expression has it.

The ordinance providing for the ap-

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pointment of May provided that he be paid as are the other paid men of the department. Chief Walker drew out the five monthly orders for \$60 shall's New Ordinance Fixing a month and they were accordingly signed by the controller and May received that amount.

The controller learned yesterday that there is an old ordinance governing the pay of permanent men which pro-vides that for the first year they receive only \$50 a month, and the second year \$60. May has accordingly been paid \$10 a month more than he should have received, or \$50 in all, and by holding out his salary for this month, as the controller intends to do, matters will be evened up. The other permanent men recently appointed receive \$50 per month.

NEW VIADUCT ORDINANCE.

It Was Introduced by Councilman Godshall, of the Fifth Ward, in Common Council Last Night.

That interest in the viaduct is not dead yet was evidenced last evening, Common Councilman Godshall, of the Fifth ward, introduced a new ordinance regarding the improvement,

in common council. The ordinance provides that the viaduct ordinance be referred to the joint streets and bridges committee, in conjunction with the city engineer and the city solicitor, with instructions to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the improvement. The ordinance also provides that an ordinance be drawn up by the committee providing for the issuance of bonds for the payment of the cost of the viaduct in case the electors of the city decide that such an issue is to be made The ordinance further directs that the city ascertain the cost of the viaduct and, if possible, the damages arising contractors and on drummers and by reason of its coestruction. The matter of location is left solely in the ommittee's hands.

BACKUS BOWLERS WIN.

Defeat West End Club at Wilkes-Barre by Eighty Pins.

The Backus Bowling club journeyed o Wilkes-Barre last evening and played the strong West End club on its own alleys and won out finely, at the end of the evening being eighty pins to the good.

The Scranton men displayed magnificent form, especially in the second game, when they made 813, averaging 162 3-5 pins per man. In the same game the Wilkes-Barre bowlers showed up in fine style by rolling 792. The totals were: Backus club, 2,276; West End team, 2,196.

Will Welchel, of the Backus team was high man, with 189 to his credit, and the highest average of the evening was also scored by him, he making Captain Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, with 165 1-3. The Backus team is bowling better in every game played, and is rapidly gaining a reputation as the tar team of the valley.

The detailed scores of the evening Wright 132 Witmer 158 Green 167 Davis (Capt.) 155 Weigand 130 682 BACKUS TEAM. 156 123 115 169 157 Weichel 157 Weber 134 Becker 146 Hopkins (Capt.) 135

750 713 \$13 Monday evening the Backus and Bicycle club teams will meet on the latter's alleys and will bowl off the game played in the early part of the season, which was nullified on account

of new pins being used. Tuesday the West End club bowlers come to town and will play the Backus team on its alleys. The Wilkes-Barre men will want to wipe out the stigma of last night's defeat and, as the Backus boys intend keeping their lead in the league, the game promises to be splendid one.

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