

NORTON'S BULLETIN.

Wall Decorations.

We invite your inspection of our large and excellent variety of Interior Decorations. All grades, from finest to lowest. Our patterns and styles are exclusive—cannot be found elsewhere in town. OUR DECORATIVE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED THIS SEASON. Having changed the management of it.

We now have a young man in charge of it, whose experience and skill for decorating rooms and making attractive combinations will please artistic and fastidious people. We furnish competent workmen. Don't wait for the spring rush. Interior work can be done better and cheaper in cold than warm weather. Have some REMNANTS to clear out AT HALF THE USUAL PRICES—SEE THEM.

NORTON'S 822 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. 34 S. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

BANK FOR... WOMEN. Many of the ladies of Scranton and vicinity do not know that the Dime Deposit Discount Bank desires their accounts. Scores of them do, and make use of its strong vaults as a repository of their savings. We solicit the accounts of women. We pay 3 per cent. compound interest on time deposits, 10c. and upward received. Over \$1,000,000.00 now entrusted to us for safe keeping by the people of this region. Chas. du Pont Brock, President. H. G. Dunham, Cashier.

DR. TAYLOR, DENTIST, 131 Wyoming Avenue, next door to Hotel Jermyn. Residence, 1700 Sanderson Avenue. Experienced, practical, scientific. No complaints against charges or work.

Lackawanna "THE" Laundry. 205 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

PERSONAL D. W. Wagner is entertaining at his home Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weir and son, J. Holman, of Jeanville, Pa. Miss Margaret Crosbie, of Madison Avenue, is confined to her home by a sprained ankle. Robert M. Gillespie and Zenas C. Gillespie, of Elmira, are the guests of Thomas Shotton, of Oak street, their uncle. Charles Tartart, son of Vice Consul Tartart of the United States of the West Indies, and whose home is at Martinique, West Indies, is the guest of School Controller Edward Leonard. Mrs. Franc T. Vail, was in Philadelphia Saturday attending the funeral of her cousin, the late Attorney Lewis D. Vail, who, it will be remembered, drafted the Brooks high license law, and was a candidate for judge in Lackawanna county on the prohibition ticket in 1888.

German Begins Today. Professor Colby's five weeks' course in German begins at 4:20 and 8 o'clock tonight in Guernsey hall, 218 Washington Avenue. A practical speaking and reading knowledge of German is guaranteed in five weeks. A large number of well-known ladies and gentlemen have already joined the classes and many others will do so tonight. Any person who has not investigated Professor Colby's system is invited to attend this evening and judge for themselves. M. A. Friedlander & Co.'s spring millinery opening, Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29, 510 Spruce street, opposite court house. Beecham's Pills will dispel the "blues."

FIXTURES HORSES AND WAGONS FOR SALE. We offer at low prices all our fixtures including Counters, Shelves, Scales, Paper Holders, Safe, Typewriter, Cash Register, Cash Conveyor, Two Horses, Three Wagons also plenty of Hardware Tools, Ranges, Furnaces and Plumbing goods. Our retail department will be closed in a few days. Lackawanna Hardware Co., 281 Lackawanna Avenue.

GRAND JURY IS A DETERMINED LOT

BOUND TO SECURE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES.

One Member of the Jury Says It Will Remain in Session All Summer, if Necessary, to Secure the Witnesses Who Are Wanted and Who Are Avoiding the Subpoena—One Certain Man Can Supply Testimony That Will Be Disastrous to Certain Officials.

"Certain witnesses who are very material to this investigation are eluding us, but they cannot escape an examination. We will secure their testimony if we have to continue our sessions all summer." Thus spoke a prominent member of the grand jury in conversation with a Tribune reporter yesterday.

"We expect one of them, who is particularly wanted, will be brought in tomorrow. If he will tell the truth, and he can do without incriminating himself, there will be indictments returned against a number of officials who are now practically boasting that nothing can be proven against them. They may be very much surprised men before many days."

As yet the only parties against whom charges have been conclusively proven are those implicated in the slot machine deal. There will be indictments in connection with this scandal against several aldermen and constables and two other parties who can only be designated by name and who, consequently, cannot be designated at this time without doing them an injustice and, probably, defeating justice. As to the councilmen, there is yet wanting evidence necessary to secure a conviction before a jury, though the grand jurors are themselves convinced of the truth of some of the worst of the many charges that have been made against them, particularly against those composing the leg-pulling cabal which sought to levy monthly tribute on a large corporation, and the "Spaniards" who were herded together to hold up the new telephone ordinance until they were convinced by the most persuasive arguments that it was a good thing. Among the missing witnesses are those who are counted upon to supply the missing links that will complete the chain of evidence by which the accused can be convicted. Witnesses examined last Saturday were Select Councilman J. J. McAndrew, ex-Sheriff John J. Fawcett, Common Councilman David Reese, Constable John Davis, H. B. Pease, Henry Oblinger and Albert Buchta. A grand juror when asked yesterday by a Tribune man to give an estimate of the amount of money paid out monthly to secure protection to unlawful transactions said that \$10,000 a month was a low figure. "I am pretty well acquainted with this city," he said, "and from what I have heard in the jury room last week, I am free to say that there is only one unlawful business in this city that is not taxed by some extortionist or another. That one instance is where a gambling house keeper paid in advance for his protection by political work."

In Common Pleas Court. The county commissioners' case, which adjourned over Saturday, will be resumed this morning before Judge Savidge in the Superior court room. It will likely be concluded tomorrow. Judge Archbald will continue to preside in No. 1, and Judge Albright, of Allentown, will assist in No. 2. Among the cases scheduled for trial are: M. W. Guernsey against J. W. Guernsey, assumpsit; Northern Coal and Iron company against the Scranton Gas and Water company, trespass; B. M. Winton, administrator, against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, interpleader; Mary D. Willmore against Patrick Leonard, ejectment; Julia Gogolin against the City of Scranton and A. B. Dunham, assumpsit; Ex-County Commissioner John Demuth is one of this week's jurors.

Director Murphy Removed. Timothy Durke, of the firm of Burke Brothers, contractors, was appointed by Judge Archbald, Saturday, a member of the board to succeed P. J. Murphy, from the Dunmore part of the district, whose term has expired. Mr. Murphy was the oldest member of the board in point of service, having been appointed by Judge Rice, of Luzerne county, in November, 1883. He made an excellent record for himself during his seventeen years' incumbency. His petition for re-appointment contained the names of the best men of the borough.

Kinback Buys the Rudolph. George W. Kinback bought the Hotel Rudolph for \$250,000 at the sheriff's sale, in the arbitration room of the court house. The property was sold to C. H. Soper, on the previous day, for \$15,000, but as the conditions were not complied with it had to be resold. The property of Catherine Norton, in Dunmore, was sold to C. S. Woodruff, attorney, for costs.

Court House News Notes. Court, on Saturday, made absolute the rule to strike off judgment in the case of Moses Seidman against J. S. Mer.

W. G. Stetson, of Waverly, was on Saturday appointed constable of Waverly borough to succeed W. A. Sherman, resigned. A rule was granted, Saturday, to show cause why the hotel license granted to John W. Ladd should not be transferred to John W. Ladd.

Attorney H. D. Carey secured a writ of habeas corpus, Saturday, directing the sheriff to deliver in court Tom Orlofski, who was committed to the county jail by "Seamus Mendelsohn, of Jermyn, in default of \$800 for perjury. Rosamond Zilk began proceedings in divorce against her alleged deserting husband, Georg M. Zilk, Saturday. They were married February 22, 1897, and lived together only fourteen months. B. F. Finkham is Mrs. Zilk's attorney. The report of the viewers in the matter of the opening of Wyoming Avenue was confirmed, finally, Saturday, the Delaware and Hudson company, through Welles & Torrey having withdrawn its exceptions, without prejudice, and reserving all its rights in the case. In the suit of the Borough of Taylor against the Postal Telegraph company, a rule was granted, Saturday, on motion of Attorney John M. Harris, to compel the defendant to show cause why judgment for the plaintiff should not be entered for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense.

FIRE AT PECKVILLE.

The Store of Merchant Tailor Gunn Badly Damaged.

The alarm of fire sounded about 7 o'clock last evening at Peckville from Box 5 was caused by a fire in the store of Merchant Tailor William Gunn, on Main street. Smoke was discovered issuing from the building by several persons standing near the building. An employee of Mr. Gunn was about to enter the building as the discovery of the flames were made and he quickly opened the store door. Several members of the Wilson Fire company, who were on the spot, entered the building, which was filled with smoke. A pile of clothing on a counter was burning brightly. They were hastily thrown out doors. Meanwhile an alarm had been turned in and the hose company responded, but their services were not needed. Mr. Gunn's loss consisted of a number of suits of clothes burned and damage to his stock by smoke. The fire was caused by an electric light wire, which had become heated, coming in contact with some clothing.

AN ORGANIZATION FORMED

Those Who Have Identified Themselves with the Hispano-American War Veterans' Association.

The veterans of the Hispano-American war, who organized Sunday, March 18, came together yesterday in Snover's hall and held a very lively meeting. The membership was increased by several new men and there are now fifty names on the rolls. The question of applying for a charter from the national league of veterans of the late war and to become a permanent camp was brought up and was held over for one week. An organizer will be sent here from headquarters and the organization will be firmly established. A communication was yesterday read from Henry A. Axline, adjutant general, in regard to the charter and by-laws.

The purpose of the association is "to keep alive memories of the late war with Spain and to promote the interests of all those who engaged in it. Also to encourage and spread universal liberty and rights and justice to all men." All soldiers or sailors, either of the regulars or volunteers, who served during the war with Spain and the Philippines, are eligible for membership. J. Warren Keifer, of Springfield, O., is commander-in-chief and William Jennings Bryan is one of the council of administration. The next meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon at the same place and hour.

The full list of members of the local organization follows: President, A. E. Vorhis; vice-president, J. S. Shopland; secretary, P. J. Golden; treasurer, L. Steele; sergeant-at-arms, J. D. Bloomer; J. D. Keiper, Will Newman, John Herlinger, T. J. Sullivan, Will E. Gibbons, W. L. Baker, Jr., P. S. Syron, John Fisher, M. J. Burke, T. W. Morrison, T. H. McGeehin, Philip Schooner, D. H. Williams, Joseph O'Malley, F. Woodhull, J. W. Jones, P. B. Klamm, J. W. Benjamin, J. A. O'Hara, A. J. Mullen, L. J. Duggan, Thomas F. Measitt, Frank F. Jones, M. F. McGuire, Harry P. Decker, Harry S. Colman, William M. Sprague, John J. Kernan, David W. Thomas, William Loughney, Jenkin Jenkins, Charles Cutler, Eli Whitstone, William E. Delman, Daniel Sullivan, H. G. Beane, Joseph F. Burckhouse, G. C. Rogers, W. H. Hitchcock, Patrick P. Quinn, Patrick Flannery, M. J. Monaghan, E. L. Gross, Oscar Handelson, Charles Constantine, J. J. Mullighan, William Gross, E. R. Conner, Alexander D. Major.

CORONER'S CASES.

Suspicious Death of an Italian at Simpson Yesterday. Coroner Roberts went to Ransom on Saturday to inquire into the death of David Lurne, who died of paralysis of the heart. An inquest was not necessary. An Italian, whose name could not be learned, was found in an unconscious condition outside his boarding place in Simpson yesterday, and died shortly after being taken in the house. The coroner will investigate the case today.

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Consumers' League, the following preamble and resolutions on the death of Joseph H. Steel were adopted: Whereas, it hath pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from us our beloved friend and co-worker, Joseph H. Steel; and Whereas, it is fitting that this board should testify to Gold many words and give expression to its sincere sorrow at his sudden and unexpected death; therefore, be it Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Steel one has passed beyond, who was true to every trust reposed in him, a faithful and energetic worker in the interest of his company; he was charitable in all his dealings with his fellow-men, and by his upright Christian character, won the respect and esteem of all who come in contact with him. The city of Scranton has lost a son who gloried in her progress and was foremost in every effort for her advancement. To the family who has been bereft of this ideal husband and father, we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy. In their sorrow is embodied the consoling promise, "Because he was faithful over a few things I will put him in charge of many." Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the city papers and a copy forwarded to the family of our departed friend.

40% to 50% Can be saved by smoking American Cigars. The best Havana Tobacco is now used in the Tampa factories. Our "Nadine" cigar is one of the finest made—\$3.25 per box; \$65 per 1,000. E. G. Coursen

BRIEF MENTION OF MEN OF THE HOUR

MAYOR MOIR NOW APPRECIATES THE OTHER SIDE

Can Realize What a Grievous Offense a Man Commits When He Gives Information to a Newspaper Based on Hearsay—Emil Bonn Has Announced His Candidacy for the Republican Nomination for Recorder of Deeds—Editor Barrett's Experience as Foreman of Jury.

Mayor James Moir is now in a position to appreciate what a disagreeable thing a man does when he furnishes information to a newspaper that he has gathered from hearsay on the street. When Richard J. Little was on trial for libelling Colonel E. H. Ripple, the mayor was one of the men who was called by the defendant in an attempt to show some authority for the statements made. The mayor swore that he had told certain things to Little, and things that he had heard here and there, but of which he had no personal knowledge, and Little swore and his attorney argued to the jury that it was largely because of the construction of the mayor that the defamatory articles about Colonel Ripple were written.

Some one recently told one of the bright young men of the Free Press a number of circumstances that could be construed to the injury of His Honor and these found their way to the public through the columns of the Free Press. Naturally, he was angry, and after consulting his attorney, he had the proprietors of the Free Press arrested. It is unfortunate that the mayor of this progressive city should be put in a false position before the public and every good citizen deprecates it. It is rather a striking coincidence, however, that the mayor should feel the very weapon in the very way he carried it against a fellow man. It would seem that there is an eternal fitness in all things, even to the lading out of punishment.

In another column formal announcement is made by Emil Bonn of his candidacy for the office of recorder of deeds. Three years ago he was put forward for this office and had every assurance of making the nomination, but as ex-Recorder Charles Heuster was very desirous of trying for a second term, he was not so successful. His friends protested vigorously against this at the time and argued that it was a mistake. They were proven partly correct and now they are anxious to prove they were wholly correct by having the office of Recorder of Deeds or any Democrats who may prove himself stronger than Mr. Warnke.

Mr. Bonn is one of the most valued workers in the ranks of the young Republicans. To have his active support means that the Republican side will be thoroughly cared for. He has helped many a Republican candidate to victory, and now his friends think it is time he had an opportunity to help himself. That he will make a good official no one will question, who has business to do in the office of the clerk of the courts, where Mr. Bonn has been deputy for ten years. In the whole court house, the lawyers say, there is nothing in accuracy, neatness and convenience of arrangement with those of the Orphans' court, which are entrusted entirely to his care.

If there was one man more than any other who has been sorely subjected to temptation during the last couple of days of the past week that man was P. A. Barrett, editor and manager of the Scranton department of the Elmira Telegram, and now serving as foreman of the grand jury in its city hall session. He has been doing more than any other thing Mr. Barrett can do it is to dish up a readable resume with spicy fitting comments on just such a mass of racy disclosures as have been made, as is alleged, in the grand jury room last week. And again, if there is one man more than any other who has been sorely tempted during this thing Mr. Barrett delights in doing, this thing is that thing.

But the solemn oath which Jurymen Barrett took not to disclose any of the proceedings in the jury room prevented him from delighting himself and the reading public by presenting the proceedings as Editor Barrett saw them. In yesterday's issue Mr. Barrett explained to his readers the reasons that prevent him from going into the grand jury investigation to any extent. He could not state facts that came to his attention as a juror and he feared if he dealt with the rumors about these rumors might be accepted by some as authoritative statements.

Professor Albert N. Welles, of the High school faculty, who gave the lecture on liquid air at the High school Thursday night, on which occasion, as will be remembered, the air evaporated and prevented any experiments being made, was a very chagrined man after the lecture was over. No one felt more sorry over the inexplicable action of the mysterious atmosphere than he did. "I really can't understand it," he remarked to a Tribune man. "We made satisfactory arrangements for the shipping of it here and when it arrived in town the can certainly was heavy enough to contain the air. Unless the can was opened on the way here, or otherwise hampered with, I do not see how the affair could have fizzled out as it did."

Mr. Welles is one of the most expert chemists in the state, and formerly was of the faculty of Lafayette college, whence he came here. He is professor of chemistry and physics at the High school and is one of the most conscientious and best liked teachers at that institution. He takes a hearty interest in school matters and has been actively engaged in the furthering of several societies dealing with the literary and scientific side of school life.

THE NEW MILK TEST.

Percentage of Butter Fat May Now Be Found at Once. Food Inspector Widmayer has just received a new and exceedingly ingenious device by means of which he is enabled to ascertain the average per cent. of butter fat in milk at almost a moment's notice. The apparatus may be easily carried in the pocket, which fact constitutes its handiest feature. Heretofore the only test which could be made on the street was the lactometer test, by means of which only the percentage of water and solids in the milk could be ascertained. In order to discover the percentage of butter fat it has been necessary to take sam-

ples to the office and put them through an elaborate chemical analysis. The new device will accordingly greatly facilitate Mr. Widmayer's milk examinations. It is of German manufacture and consists of a small round plate of peculiar black substance called kauchuck. A few drops of milk is placed on the centre of this and over it is placed a round disc of glass, containing around its edge six spaces, each painted a different shade of bluish white, and each representing a certain percentage. The center of the glass is left unpainted and through this may be seen the milk showing against the black ground. Whatever color on the outer rim it corresponds with shows the average per cent. of butter fat. Mr. Widmayer reports the general quality of the milk at present as excellent.

SEILER-NIEMEYER WEDDING.

Ceremony Performed by Rev. I. J. Lansing Saturday Morning. Adolph Zeller, of New Albany, Ind., and Miss Helen A. Niemeeyer, of 140 Madison Avenue, Dunmore were united in marriage at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Niemeeyer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride was becomingly attired in a tulle dress and wore orange blossoms sent from her brother's orange grove in Florida. Following the ceremony a reception and dinner was ten red Mr. and Mrs. Zeller and the bride were on a motor train for New Albany, where they will reside.

COLLECTIONS AT HOUSES.

Letter Boxes That the Government Has Decided to Allow Household-ers to Use.

There has been received at the local postoffice several samples of the new private dwelling collection letter boxes, lately authorized by the postoffice department and now in operation in New York and a number of other large cities throughout the country. The boxes will be offered for sale at once by the local carriers who are permitted to solicit orders for them when not on regular duty. The plan in brief is that any person who purchases one of the boxes and installs it on his porch need never stir from the house at all to mail his letters or purchase postage stamps. All that will be necessary for him to do will be to drop his letter in the box and the carrier who delivers mail at his house will do the rest, collecting it as he does the mail from the boxes on the street corners.

The boxes are very ingeniously constructed and are manufactured by the Postal Improvement company of Norristown. They contain two compartments, one for the carrier to place the mail he has to deliver in and the other for mail to be collected. A unique feature of the boxes is an indicator which will be necessary for a glance whether there is mail to collect or not. The box is so arranged that no letter can be placed in the collection compartment without causing this indicator bearing the words "U. S. Mail" to appear. When the carrier opens the door to take out the letter or letters, this indicator flies back again. The boxes are made of heavy metal and are furnished with regulation United States mail locks. They come in several styles, some being intended to be placed outside the door and others inside with an opening through the door. They come in several finishes and are very handsome to look at. With each box purchased there is furnished a leather pouch with a celluloid face. This contains a card containing a printed form of orders for stamps. If the person owning the box desires, say ten two-cent stamps he incloses twenty cents in this pouch, marking a cross before this line on the card, reading "ten two-cent stamps."

The pouch is then dropped in the box and is taken out by the carrier who takes it to the office and has the stamps placed on the letters.

Shirt Sale. All of our last season's Negligee Shirts that were \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 will be placed on sale today at 89c. These goods are just as good styles as any we shall have later, but we wish to start the season with a fresh stock. HAND & PAYNE "On the Square," 203 Washington Ave.

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order filed by the stamp clerk. He then takes it back with him on his next round and drops it in the box as he would an ordinary letter. The postoffice department not only sanctions the use of these boxes, but encourages it as well, as it is claimed in the official order regarding them that "they greatly increase the safety and speed of mail facilities." The company authorizes no one but the regular carriers to sell the boxes.

SPECIAL SALE OF PATENT MEDICINES

- Lydia Pinkham's 70c. Scott's Emulsion 80c and 70c. Fain's Galery Compound 75c. Hood's Sarsaparilla 75c. Burdock's Blood Bitters 60c. Wyeth's Beef Iron and Wine 60c. Pierce's Favorite Prescription 75c. Pierce's Golden Med. Dis. 75c. Green's Nervura 75c. Ayer's Sarsaparilla 75c. Kilmer's Swamp Root 35c and 75c. King's New Discovery 35c and 75c. Cuticura Resolvent 75c. Maltine Medicines, all kinds 70c. Pond's Extract 30c. Jayne's Expecterant 40c. Hand's Medicines 10c. Syrup of Figs, 50c size 30c. Atwood's Bitters 20c. Extract of Beef 20c. Husband's Magnesia 20c. Mennen's Talcum Powder 15c. Cuticura Soap 20c. Shiloh's Consumption Cure 10c and 30c.

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This Carpet Store is Forging Right Ahead. Something we have to offer for early Spring purchasers will add to this store's popularity, too. Ten patterns of Tapestry Brussels Carpet, every one a beauty; good \$1.25 carpets; our price for ten days, made ready for you. Floor, \$1.00 per yd. Our offer is included to purchasers of above bargains, viz: FREE: A Carpet Sweeper with every purchase of carpet amounting to \$15.00 or over. Credit You? Certainly



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This Carpet Store is Forging Right Ahead. Something we have to offer for early Spring purchasers will add to this store's popularity, too. Ten patterns of Tapestry Brussels Carpet, every one a beauty; good \$1.25 carpets; our price for ten days, made ready for you. Floor, \$1.00 per yd. Our offer is included to purchasers of above bargains, viz: FREE: A Carpet Sweeper with every purchase of carpet amounting to \$15.00 or over. Credit You? Certainly