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**CITY NOTES**

CIRCUS COMING.—Forepaugh's circus will exhibit in the city on May 10.

DEGREES CONFERRED.—The Knights of the Ancient Escur Order conferred degrees on several members in Malta temple last night.

L. & H. PAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson completed their payments for the month yesterday by paying the employees of No. 5 and No. 4 at Plymouth.

HORSE KILLED.—Dr. William Haggerty's horse, which was injured in a runaway in South Scranton on Wednesday, was so badly injured that it had to be shot.

AMATEUR NOTE.—The Electric City Stars would like to organize league, if there is any team under fifteen years of age would like to organize. Answer in The Tribune.

BOARD ORGANIZED.—The board of engineers of the fire department met last night in city hall and elected Chief John H. Walker chairman and Hugh A. Jones as secretary.

WALL WAS CONDEMNED.—Building Inspector T. B. Jackson yesterday condemned a considerable portion of the Penn avenue wall of the Copehouse, which is now being removed and replaced.

MEDICAL BLUE BOOK.—Morris Williams has just issued the "Medical Blue Book of Scranton," which contains the names, addresses and office hours of the physicians of Scranton, the medical societies, hospitals and graduated nurses.

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL.—At Siegel's dancing academy last night the married folks' dancing class conducted a social to which they invited a number of their friends. It was attended by about 100 couples and proved a delightful affair.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.—The members of the Lady Oakford Woman's Veteran Union are requested to meet at the residence of the late Mrs. William Ham, corner of Irving avenue and Locust street, at 8:30 a. m. Friday, to attend the funeral of the court house at 8 o'clock.

LAST MEETING OF SEASON.—The household economics section of the Women's club will hold the last meeting of the season in the Green Ridge Library today at 3:30 p. m. On Monday the election of officers of the club will be held at the same hour.

SOPCAZ INQUEST.—Conover Roberts will tonight hold an inquest in the case of Joseph Szepak, who was killed at the blast furnace Wednesday and with whose death Joseph Roberts is charged. It will be conducted in the arbitration room of the court house at 8 o'clock.

SERVICE TO RUSSIA.—The money order service to Russia, as arranged in the recently made agreement with that country, has now gone into effect, and any one desiring to send any money to the domain of the czar can obtain an order at the postoffice. The system provides for the direct exchange of postoffice money order and fol-

lows the same plan as those adopted with other continental powers, the regular international form, receipt, coupon and letter of advice being used.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOYCE.—The funeral of Mrs. Patrick Joyce will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from the late residence, 344 Third street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at Holy Cross church, Belvidere. Interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

INJURED MINER DIES.—Robert Eddy, of Blakely, the miner in Johnson's shaft at Priceburg, who was taken to the Lackawanna hospital Thursday as the result of a premature blast, died yesterday afternoon. The man suffered from a compound fracture of the skull and his recovery was despaired of from the first.

ABUSED HIS WIFE.—James Finnigan, of North Washington avenue, was arrested Wednesday night at the complaint of his wife, by Patrolmen Convery and Jones. He was in an intoxicated condition and had driven her out of the house. Mayor Moir yesterday sentenced him to pay a \$10 fine or go to the county jail for 10 days.

FOR STARVING INDIA.—Rev. Robert F. Pierce, D. D., pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist Church, is arranging a special service next Sunday to collect money when collection will be taken up for the benefit of the starving millions of India. He will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion and Bauer's orchestra will furnish special music.

CO. E. INSPECTION.—Major W. S. Millar, inspector of the Third brigade, yesterday afternoon left for Homestead, where he last night inspected Company E, of the Thirteenth regiment. Those who accompanied him were Major B. Rush Field, of Easton, commander of the Second battalion; Adjutant D. R. Atherton, Quartermaster Frank M. Vandall and Inspector of Rifle Practice George Morrison.

JONES FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Rev. Charles Jones, of Nanticoke, will take place Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted by the Rev. J. W. Durkin, of Plymouth, assisted by other clergymen. The funeral party will leave for this city on the 11:30 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train. Interment in Washburn street cemetery, Hyde Park. All passengers that wish to go to Nanticoke leave on the 6:30 train in the morning.

CRIMSON RAMBLERS GIVEN AWAY.

This beautiful and popular rose bush will be given gratis to customers buying \$5.00 worth of goods, Friday, Saturday or Monday. Nurseryman's price \$1 each. Come and get a fine two-year-old bush free. It will bloom this year. You can see one in blossom in our window. Mears & Hagen.

**MILITARY BALL.**

Given Last Night by Company B at Music Hall.

COMPANY B OF THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT GAVE A MILITARY BALL LAST NIGHT AT MUSIC HALL, WHICH WAS VERY LARGELY ATTENDED AND PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS. THE STAGE WAS HANDSOMELY DECORATED, A GREAT FLAG FORMING THE BACKGROUND, AND ARMS BEING SLACKED ON THE PLATFORM. BAND'S ORCHESTRA WAS IN ATTENDANCE. CAPTAIN J. W. KAMBECK WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES, AND THE OTHER FLOOR OFFICERS WERE:

ASSISTANT MASTER OF CEREMONIES, LIEUTENANT E. E. BERRY; FLOOR MANAGER, CORPORAL GEORGE MALOTT; FLOOR COMMITTEE, CORPORAL ARTHUR P. RIDGWAY, CORPORAL JOHN CODKLEY, CORPORAL CHARLES COLWELL, CORPORAL WILLIAM SAVILLE, PRIVATE THOMAS REED; RECEPTION COMMITTEE, SERGEANT EUGENE BIESECKER, SERGEANT ORLE COOLWELL, SERGEANT CHESTER SMITH, SERGEANT BERT KELLY, SERGEANT ALFRED BERRY, CORPORAL JOHN LACK, CORPORAL ARTHUR WEEKS, CORPORAL HARRY COLONY; PROMPTER, PRIVATE GEORGE KERN.

**Spalding Bicycles.**

Some of our competitors being unable to meet us in fair competition and hold their own, on account of the superior quality of the SPALDING BICYCLES, have circulated the report that the manufacture of the SPALDING BICYCLE would be discontinued after this season, and to assure the numerous riders and prospective buyers we publish the following letter from Mr. A. B. Barkman, manager of the Spalding Sales Department:

"OFFICE, 53 CHAMBERS ST., NEW YORK.  
APRIL 18, 1899."

"MESSRS. FLOREY & BROOKS, SCRANTON.—Gentlemen: Replying to yours of April 13th, in which you state that a rumor is afloat by travelling men to the effect that the Spalding Bicycle will not be on the market another season, we would say that reports of this kind are simply absurd, and have no foundation of truth whatever. The same report has been circulated regarding the Crawford and several others controlled by the American Bicycle Co., that had nothing whatever in them. All bicycles of recognized merit and standing will be manufactured and their names kept prominently before the public, and you need have no fears regarding either the Spalding or Crawford lines for next year, and in every case where this rumor comes to your notice you have full authority to contradict it flatly."

"Yours very truly,  
A. B. BARKMAN."

We have sold more Spalding Bicycles this season than the combined sale of our competitors of all other makes of high grade wheels.

The prices on Spalding are: For chain wheels, \$35.00, \$40.00, and \$50.00. Chainless, \$60.00 and \$75.00.

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GEORGE W. OKELL RETIRES FROM THE CONTEST FOR SHERIFF.

To my friends and supporters for the nomination for sheriff:

Finding that I can not attend to my employment and at the same time run for office, as matters now exist, I hereby withdraw from the contest for sheriff in favor of my life-long friend, ex-Major John H. Fellows, and I shall be more than thankful to all my friends if they will do all they can to aid Mr. Fellows to procure the nomination for this office. With sincere thanks for what has already been done for me, and regretting that circumstances and conditions will not permit me to continue in the contest.

I am sincerely yours,  
George W. Okell.

SCRANTON, PA., APRIL 19, 1900.

The store of Gunster & Forsyth, 225-227 Penn Avenue, will be closed today and tomorrow, owing to the death of Mrs. Gunster.

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**FIRST BLOOD FOR THE LEXOW VICTIMS****MITCHELL, SEIDMAN AND WOELKERS EXONERATED.**

COMMONWEALTH UTTERLY FAILED TO MAKE OUT A CASE AGAINST THEM AND VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY WAS DIRECTED.—H. C. Pease, owner of Slot Machines, on Trial—Guilhot and Merlier Reiterate Their Story Before Judge Kelly.

THROUGH some misadventure, not at present made clear, the last grand jury found indictments against Detectives Ike Seidman, Constable Ira Mitchell and Constable Joseph Woelkers, charging them with larceny and receiving. The allegation was that they illegally carried away four slot machines and abstracted therefrom the nickels they contained. Justice, however, has prevailed, the mistake shown up, and the defendants exonerated.

THIS all happened yesterday afternoon before Judge Swartz in the superior court room. The story, as the grand jury had it, was to the effect that the three officers, in September last visited the hotels of P. F. Durkin, Frank Callahan and Joseph Cassesse, of Lackawanna avenue, took away a slot machine from each place, carried them to Mitchell's dining room, kept them there for three or four days, and that when they were returned they were devoid of whatever they had contained in the way of coin.

THE stories of the witness, however, did not bear out the misdemeanor charged. Mr. Durkin said they came to his Grand Central hotel and they said they were there to confiscate the slot machines. Seidman drew a constable's badge from his pocket and started to show it, but was interrupted by Mr. Durkin with "Never mind any warrant; take it away if you want to. I don't care." Mr. Durkin did not know whether or not there was any money in the machine at the time and was not about when the machine was returned four days later, so could not tell who brought it back.

CALLAHAN'S TESTIMONY.—Frank Callahan testified that the machine that was in his place was taken away by Seidman, Woelkers and some other man he did not know. Seidman offered to read a warrant, but Callahan told him he didn't care to hear it and bade him take the machine if he cared to. He supposed it contained some nickels, but could not say positively that it did. He was away from the place when the machine was returned. It had a different look on it, but further than that it was just the same as when it was taken away, as far as he knew.

JOSEPH CASSESE testified that there officers came to his place and announced that they were about to confiscate the slot machine in his bar room. Seidman offered to read a warrant but Cassesse said he didn't care to hear it, and addressing his bartenders said "Go ahead, and let them take it." Four or five days later it was returned, but he happened to be away at the time and could not testify as to who brought it back. He did not know positively that there was any money in it when it was taken away.

THE witness was asked if there was any money in the machine when it came back, but the court ruled the question out on the ground that the defendants were not charged with loading the machine up with money before allowing it to be returned.

HORN DID NOT KNOW.—E. J. Horn could not tell who took the machine away as he was not in his saloon at the time. His bartender, John Keagen, however, testified that Mitchell, Woelkers and some third man, unknown to him, were the parties who took the machine. Some of them announced that they had a warrant for the arrest of the machine and inquired for Mr. Horn, that they might read it to him. When they learned he was not in, they took the machine away.

P. F. CALLAHAN AND FRANK AGLI were called by the Commonwealth but did not respond. Then the Commonwealth rested.

THE defense at once moved for binding instructions on the ground that no larceny had been shown. Addressing Assistant District Attorney Soper and County Detective Leyshon, the prosecutor, Judge Swartz said: "Unless you can do better than that, we can't help you out. These defendants have not been shown to be guilty of any crime. These were gambling machines and from the evidence adduced here they confiscated them as they had a right to do." Then he directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty.

"There is some chance for innocent men, after all," remarked Mr. Scragg, as he turned to tell the defendants they were free to go. The defendants' attorneys were John F. Scragg, Joseph O'Brien, Ralph L. Levy and R. J. Murphy.

THE PEASE CASES.—Messrs. O'Brien and Scragg succeeded in having the seven cases against H. C. Pease called next before Judge Swartz. He was indicted as a result of the Lexow for maintaining slot machines and as a result of a dissenting salvo. Judge Archibald suggested before consenting to having the cases called for court room No. 2, as he thought they ought to be tried before some local judge. "You know, there might be a motion for a new trial," he explained. After some argument it was decided to proceed with the four cases set down for yesterday, and if the witnesses can be gotten around, include the three cases which were down for last Thursday and had to be put over. With this understanding, the jury was sworn in all seven cases.

THE JURY WAS SELECTED WITH THE GREATEST CARE. IT IS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:

Thomas Collins, laborer, Scranton. John J. Morgan, miner, Scranton. William Peterich, miner, Scranton. J. J. O'Leary, conductor, Scranton. David S. Thomas, miner, Scranton. Richard Roberts, miner, Scranton. James F. Finzen, merchant, Taylor. P. J. Nealis, conductor, Scranton. Roland D. Thomas, street commissioner, Scranton.

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**A WEST SCRANTON CANDIDATE.**

FRANK B. REESE SEEKS THE NOMINATION FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS.



HEREWITH is presented the portrait of Frank B. Reese, of West Scranton, of which section he has been a resident since birth. He is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Recorder of Deeds, and was the first candidate in the field. Frank, as he is best known, received his education in the Scranton public schools, and later pursued courses in the English and bookkeeping departments of the Scranton Normal school at Millersville, and was a graduate with the class of '91 of the City Fire Department drum corps; recording secretary of the Pilgrim Club of Anthracite commandery. He is a resident of the Fifth ward, has always been a staunch Republican and has never sought office before. He is an excellent penman, a splendid accountant, and has held a position as such at Storrs' shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company for the past eight years. These experiences fully qualify him for the responsible duties of the office of Recorder of Deeds. At the Millersville Normal school he developed exceptionally fine athletic ability, and on coming home he associated himself with the Young Men's Christian association, on whose athletic teams he has gained such a widespread acquaintance throughout the county. He was one of the promoters of all athletic contests, and worked hard in the interests of the young men who many times called him to carry their colors to victory. He feels that he has that calling again, and promises to carry their standard on to victory in the coming primaries. He is one of the recognized young leaders of his party, and has given them nine years of faithful service. He was one of the chief factors in the amalgamation of the West Side Republican league and club about one year ago. He is identified with many societies of prominent and occupying positions, a donor and trust fund. Mr. Reese is president of the West Side Central Republican club, one of the best known and strongest clubs in the state; sir knight commander of Anthracite commandery, No. 211, of the A. and I. O. K. of M.; president of the Storrs' Mine Accidental fund; an officer of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Mutual Aid society; president of the City Fire Department drum corps; recording secretary of Aug. 18 Hose company, No. 1, and treasurer of the Pilgrim Club of Anthracite commandery. He is a resident of the Fifth ward, has always been a staunch Republican and has never sought office before. He is an excellent character, and has a host of friends who are working hard in his interests, as far as he knew.

**MRS. J. H. GUNSTER DEAD.**

SUDDEN STROKE OF APoplexy Resulted in Her Demise Yesterday Afternoon at 3 O'CLOCK.