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CITY NOTES

B. L. & W. PAYS.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company paid the yard men yesterday and the trainmen and drillmen will be paid today commencing at 8 a. m.

TRYING TO PREVENT THE ANNEXATION

MINOOKA MOVES AGAINST THE SECESSIONISTS.

Does Not Wish to Be Left Alone to Wrestle with the Big Township Debt and to Shoulder the Projected \$14,000 Issue of School District Bonds—Poplar Street Fence Case—Being Heard Before Judge Archibald—Grand Jury and the Liquor Cases—Court Notes.

Exceptions were filed yesterday by Attorneys M. J. Donahoe and W. J. Hand, representing Lackawanna township, to the petition for the annexation to Taylor borough of the portion of Lackawanna township lying to the north and west of Taylor, and an adjacent piece of what is left of Old Forge township.

The petition was filed last Monday and ordered to be referred to the grand jury today. On motion of the exceptions a rule was granted by Judge Archibald to compel the petitioners to show cause why the annexation proceedings shall not be set aside and the order referring the petition to the grand jury revoked.

First—The application was not properly advertised as required by law. Second—The application was neither made nor filed at the time specified in the same, to-wit: May 5, 1900. It was actually filed May 7, 1900. This does not constitute legal notice, and consequently the court has no jurisdiction to enter the proceedings.

Third—There was no proper and legal service of notice of said application on the supervisors of Lackawanna township. Fourth—The application, proper, sufficient, or legal service of the intended application on the burgess and town council of the borough of Taylor.

Fifth—There was no legal service of said notice on the township officers of the township of Old Forge. Sixth—The application is not signed by any of the inhabitants of that portion of the township of old Forge which is included within the limits of the territory sought to be annexed in this proceeding, nor by a majority of the freeholders.

Seventh—In this proceeding it is sought to annex two separate and distinct sections of territory, to-wit: a portion of Lackawanna township and a portion of what was formerly Old Forge township. Such a proceeding was not authorized by law and the court has no jurisdiction to entertain the same.

Eighth—The boundaries of the territories to be annexed are not set forth by notes and bounds and by courses and distances as required by law. Ninth—There is no proper or sufficient proof of the signatures to the said application.

Tenth—Publication of said notice was not made for a period of thirty days immediately before the presentation of the petition as required by law.

M. J. Donahoe, William A. Hand, attorneys for Lackawanna township.

The contest is the consequence of the big indebtedness which the authorities of Lackawanna township have allowed to accumulate. The taxpayers of the Poplar, Stone, Archibald and Continental settlements want to leave their neighbors of Minooka to wrestle with the big debt which Commissioner John E. Quinnan is to make report of in the next few weeks.

On the other hand the Minooka people are desirous that the secessionists shall not pull out till the debt is settled and the projected \$14,000 school district bond issue floated.

The Poplar Street Fence. Judge Archibald, yesterday sitting in equity, entered upon the hearing of the case of the Northern Coal and Iron company and the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, lessees, against the City of Scranton, lessee, in the suit in which the ownership of the Poplar street crossing is in question.

Last spring, when the Holt and Nut company began the erection of a plant, on the extension of Poplar street, to the west of the Delaware and Hudson tracks, the railroad company caused the crossing to be fenced up, with a view, as practically admitted by the company, of shouldering on some other party the expense of maintaining a watchman there if the crossing was to be open.

The fence was erected under a claim of title to the land. The city ignored the claim, relaid the crossing planking and tore down the fence. The company again relaid the fence, and again the city tore it down. The company then went into court and secured a preliminary injunction preventing the city from interfering with the maintenance of the fence, and once more the fence was raised. The preliminary injunction was later dissolved, and once more the fence was razed and the crossing relaid.

Yesterday the question came up for final hearing on the injunction petition. The company was represented by ex-Judge W. H. Jessup and W. H. Jessup, Jr. Associated with City Solicitor A. Vosburg were ex-Judge H. A. Knapp and C. H. Welles, the latter two appearing in the interests of the Holt and Nut company and the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company.

The plaintiff makes the claim that its predecessor, the Howard Coal and Iron company, by right of eminent domain, in 1866 entered upon the tract of which the land covered by the crossing was a part, and having been in continuous and sole possession of it up to the time of the attempt to put in the crossing, owns it now in fee simple, and can control it like any other portion of its private right of way.

The city contends that Poplar street was platted in 1866 by the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company and that it was replatted in 1871 and 1887, as maps of those dates will show. In answer to this, the company says that the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company could not do any replatting of Poplar street across the tracks after 1866, because it had nothing there to replat, the Howard Coal and Iron company having come into possession of that particular bit of land in 1866.

EXPLANATION OF THE DOWIE CULT

REV. GIDEON HAMMOND LECTURED IN GUERNSEY HALL.

Explained the Principles, Practices and Purposes of the Christian Catholic Church of Zion—Said That if Mrs. Boyd Is Arrested Every Dollar of the Church's Finances Will Be Used in Her Defense if Necessary—Said It Was No Wonder Mrs. Newell Died.

The principles, practices and purposes of the Christian Catholic church were last night expounded upon in Guernsey hall by Rev. Gideon Hammond, of Philadelphia, an elder in this new belief of which Rev. John Alexander Dowrie, of Chicago, is the head. This is the church to which belongs Mrs. Boyd, who, with others, was found responsible for the death of the late Mrs. C. F. Newell, of Throop, by a coroner's jury on Tuesday night. Mrs. Boyd was present at last night's meeting.

In beginning his remarks, Rev. Mr. Hammond, who is a short, dapper gentleman, full of nervous energy and evidently a sincere believer in the tenets of his faith, stated that his main purpose in coming to this city was to render Mrs. Boyd assistance in case it should be needed. He said that the devil might put it into the heads of certain people to unjustly prosecute Mrs. Boyd.

If he did, the prosecutors would have the whole church to encounter, he said, not only its numbers but its financial resources as well. "If this woman is arrested," said he, "every dollar at present in the treasury of the church will be used to fight the case, if necessary."

For the purpose of showing that the church has financial resources, he casually remarked that it had just purchased 6,000 acres of land in Chicago, worth \$1,000,000.

TITLE OF THE CHURCH. The title of the church, he said, is "The Christian Catholic Church in Zion." By Zion is meant all the children of God who are preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. The church is of course a mere part of Zion, but destined in time to encompass it all.

"The principles of this church," he said, "are simply the word of God. There are many denominations which make this claim, but their followers only pretend that they abide by the word of God. Christian Science believers maintain that that faith is built upon the Bible, but it is not. When the Bible is held up by Mrs. Eddy it is merely a blind, for Christian Science and the Bible do not harmonize."

The three main principles of the church, he explained, are salvation, healing and holy living. The divine healing feature is the one that brings this religion into prominence, he said, but it was authorized by the Bible. "The other Christian denominations don't believe in a whole Savior," he said, "they believe in a Savior that heals the soul and the spirit, but who leaves the healing of the body to drugs and medicines. We believe in the cure of the body who heals the soul, spirit and body."

By holy living, he said, is meant wholesome living, and that's the kind of living the Christian Catholic church insists that its members shall abide by. "This whole world," said he, "needs a general cleaning up in the matter of getting right with our neighbors and of truly repenting of our sins before God and there's a great big scrubbing brush in this church and the general overseer uses it freely. To lead a truly holy life one must live consistently with the teachings of the word of God."

Regarding the practice of the religion, he said that the Bible is the sole guide. There is a strict discipline, also, which many Christian churches are in need of today. In answer to the question "How did the establishment of this church come about?" he said:

WORK NOT BEING DONE. "God saw that there was a work not being done in this world; that there was a need of the preaching of the gospel of true repentance and of divine healing. He accordingly took upon a man, as perfect a one as he could find; a man who is endowed with many wonderful gifts and who is not a great hideous impostor; who isn't rolling in wealth and who isn't arbitrary, as some people are led to believe.

Regarding the church's practice of gathering money he said that they were merely paying certain tithes every year, though what is done with the money he didn't explain. The house to house visitation system and the great care which the church takes of its members were also dwelt upon. At this point he again referred to the Newell case.

"The devil may lead some fools to arrest Mrs. Boyd," he said, "but the more I investigate this case the more firmly I am convinced that it was no small wonder that the woman died when we take into consideration her gross negligence before the child was born. It was, indeed, small wonder that she died."

Referring to cases of divine healing, he said: "This religion does not exist in theory, but in real actualities. I have seen cases of consumption cured; I have seen the eating process of malignant cancers stopped and I have seen the diseased parts healed merely as the result of prayer." Another thing that the church was criticized for, he said, was its antagonism to secret societies of all kinds. These, especially Free Masonry, he characterized as being un-Christian and anti-Christian.

PURPOSE OF CHURCH. "The purpose of the Christian Catholic church," said he, "is to keep everlastingly at it. Zion has in all probability come into Scranton to stay. Wherever it gains a foothold there it remains, and it seems to thrive better wherever there is opposition. The purpose is to extend the gospel of salvation, of healing and of holy living to every quarter of the globe and to teach everybody the inconsistency of going to Christ to heal the soul and to the drug stores and doctors to cure the body."

Mrs. Boyd made a few remarks after Rev. Mr. Hammond had finished. She said that she did not lead Mrs. Newell into the church, the latter having become a member several months before she herself became one.

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DUNMORE DOINGS.

Funeral of Edward W. Clark from Family Residence on Chestnut Street—Other Notes.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral of Edward W. Clark from the family residence on Chestnut street yesterday morning. At 10 o'clock the funeral procession proceeded from the residence to St. Mary's Catholic church, where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated.

The procession were members of the Heptasoph, Plumbers union, Young Men's Institute and Benevolent Society, of which the deceased was a member.

Rev. E. W. Fitzmaurice, of Philadelphia, an uncle of the deceased, was the celebrant of the mass; Rev. Father O'Connor, of Philadelphia, was deacon, and Rev. Father Manley, sub-deacon.

Rev. M. B. Donlan was master of ceremonies and preached the sermon, taking for his text, the words, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." He paid a beautiful tribute to the worthy life of the deceased.

After the mass remains were laid at rest in the family plot in the rear of the church. The pall-bearers were: Patrick Haggerty, Joseph Doherty, William Crane, William Haggerty, James Sweeney and Stephen Healey. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES. Rev. E. W. Fitzmaurice, of Philadelphia, who thirty years ago was pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, was in the city yesterday, attending the funeral of his nephew, Edward W. Clark.

This evening an entertainment of high merit is promised by the young men composing the Sunday school class of St. Mary's Catholic church, at the school of the Methodist Episcopal church, when Miss Ada B. Dean, elocutionist, of Wilkes-Barre, will give a series of readings, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, under their auspices.

The class has volunteered to raise \$15 towards diminishing the church debt, and propose by this means to accomplish their object. A May dance will be given, under the auspices of the local lodge, Junior Order United American Mechanics, on Tuesday evening, May 15, at which prizes will be awarded to the participants.

The social held at St. Mark's church, under the auspices of the Boys' club, last evening, proved a pleasurable event and was well patronized.

The Dip and Nix, a collieries of the Pennsylvania Coal company will be idle today.

The Pennsylvania Coal company and Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad company will pay their employees their monthly earnings tomorrow.

Strayed—A cow with red and black stripes and one horn broken, to my premises on Throop street. Owner can have same by calling on August Ventler, Throop street.

Manufacturers Meet. New York, May 3.—The twenty-ninth annual convention of the National Association of Stone Manufacturers opened here today. A large attendance of out of town manufacturers is present.

Duke of Newcastle Sails. New York, May 8.—The Duke of Newcastle, who came to this country to visit the Lary cavities in Virginia, sailed on the steamship New York for England today.

MR. DURHAM REAPPOINTED.

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Harrisburg, May 9.—Governor Stone today appointed Israel W. Durham, of Philadelphia, insurance commissioner. Mr. Durham was originally appointed in January, 1899, for the unexpired term of Colonel James H. Lambert, of Philadelphia.

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