

AMONG THE FIRE LADDIES

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY NAY AUGS LAST NIGHT.

Those Who Were Chosen to Guide the Company's Destinies for the Coming Year—Much Interest Being Manifested in the "Firemen's Exempt Bill" Which is to Be Introduced in the Legislature Soon.

Proposed Reduction of Firemen's Relief Benefits.

The members of the Nay Aug Hose company met in the assembly room on the third floor of their handsome house last night and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Isadore Goodman; vice president, Eugene L. Moir; treasurer, P. W. Zizelman; secretary, Theodore Zizelman; trustees for five years, Frank B. Reese; foreman, J. W. Moir; first assistant foreman, Charles Rehl; second assistant foreman, Joseph Foster; pipeman, Henry Braun.

At the conclusion of the election there was a general jollification with limburger cheese and liquid refreshments on the side. The officers elected will take office on January 1.

The report for the year read by the secretary at the meeting showed that eighty-seven fires had been attended during the past year by the company with an average attendance of seventeen men at each.

This last is a most remarkable record, very few companies mustering more than five or six men at a blaze.

Considerable interest is being manifested in this city in what is known as the "Firemen's exempt bill," which is to be introduced during the coming session of the legislature.

This measure is intended principally to retain for the use of the volunteer firemen the tax on foreign fire insurance companies which now comes to them under the provisions of the Clarancy law.

The idea is to permit the organization in such cities of associations to be known as "Firemen's Exempt Associations," to consist of all volunteer firemen who have served a certain number of years.

The money now going to firemen's relief associations in these cities it is proposed to have go to these associations to be used in paying sick benefits.

There are several members of the Firemen's Relief association who are going to make an effort in the near future to have the present benefit rate of \$2 per day cut down.

There are two reasons which are advanced by those who favor a reduction of the benefits.

The other reason advanced is that one big fire with a falling wall, explosion or some other catastrophe resulting in the injury of fifteen or twenty men would completely wipe the fund for that year out of existence.

The annual election of officers of the Century Hose company will be held on December 28.

HE WILL BE RENOMINATED.

No Opposition to President Lansing, of the Board of Trade.

At next Monday night's meeting of the board of trade officers will be nominated for the coming year and there is no doubt but that the present president, James A. Lansing, will be the only nominee.

NURSES FREE TO THE POOR.

Humane Scheme Adopted by the Hahnemann Hospital.

changing the condition of the patient and giving the necessary care.

Often it is of more value than a doctor's prescription to these wretched ones. The physicians of the city have been notified of the readiness of the nurses for such service, which is given free.

OFFICERS OF UNION LODGE.

They Were Chosen at a Meeting Held Last Night.

The following officers were elected last night at an especially well-attended meeting of Union lodge, No. 291, Free and Accepted Masons:

Worshipful master, J. Francis Wardell; senior warden, Frederick E. Saylor; junior warden, James Truesdale; treasurer, E. P. Kingsbury; secretary, Morris M. Clark; representative to Grand lodge, William H. Hubler; trustees, John Beckhorn, Alexander Dunn and William H. Hubler.

A QUARTETTE OF SPEAKEASY CASES

The North Scranton Proprietors of Tippling Houses and an ex-Resident of Throop Arrested.

There were four speakeasy arrests yesterday, and a quartette of proprietors of tippling houses were arraigned before Alderman Miller and Howe.

Three of these, Patrick McCafferty, Mrs. Mary Ann Moran and Mrs. Murphy, were arrested on warrants issued at the instance of Mayor Moir, and the other, Joseph Potelmas, was taken into custody at the instigation of Deputy Constable Jack Tierney.

McCafferty keeps a place in the North, and when arraigned before Alderman Howe, acknowledged his guilt. He was fined \$10 and the costs in the case.

Mrs. Mary Ann Moran, of West Market street, and Mrs. Murphy, of Tripp's park, were dealt leniently with by the magistrate of the Seventeenth ward.

Joseph Potelmas was arraigned before Alderman Miller and in default of \$500 bail was committed to the county jail. Potelmas is charged with formerly running a speakeasy in Throop. He is now a resident of Forty Foot.

RIDICULOUS IDEA OF ANOTHER STRIKE

Organizer Benjamin James, of the United Mine Workers Referred to the Matter in a Speech in West Scranton.

National Committeeman Benjamin James, of the United Mine Workers of America, addressed a mass meeting of miners in St. David's hall, West Scranton, last evening, and spoke in a very hopeful vein of the existing conditions in the anthracite regions.

In concluding his remarks he took occasion to remark that he may not be with them much longer and urged his hearers to have implicit confidence in their leaders and to select capable men to conduct their business along business lines.

"My friends, I am pleased to be among you once again and to know that you are so well organized in the Lackawanna valley. This is something I have looked forward to for several years. When I witnessed the trouble at Latimer on Sept. 19, 1897, I made a firm resolution to always do what I could for the cause of labor.

"At that time there were but 1,200 members in our organization in the Lehigh region, but today we numbered are in the ranks and recently we gained the greatest victory ever recorded for organized labor in America.

"I do not expect any trouble on April 1, and if the operators take care of themselves they won't have any trouble. The talk about operators' meeting for a strike is absurd. The probability is that they will arbitrate whatever grievances may arise, instead of inviting trouble.

"I do not look for a fight because I believe the operators will be willing to continue the ten per cent. increase, and possibly later on will grant additional concessions. I believe that if our organization is thoroughly perfected, strikes will be a thing of the past.

"I believe the general public will realize that the proper way to settle all disputes will be by the operators and employees meeting together on the same floor and discussing questions of importance to them.

"Capital has full sway in our country in every line of industry, and if labor don't awaken to the true condition of affairs, what is going to come of us? Labor will not receive any consideration whatever unless organized. Steer clear of politics in your organization, but you must be thoroughly organized to demand justice. It appears to me if we cannot have a law declaring docking illegal, we can at least have a say as an organization.

"The laws pertaining to mining were not put into effect because your organization was not effective hereto-

fore. The miners' organization will now enforce the laws on the statute books. The only law that has been enforced is that mine inspectors should draw a salary of \$3,000 a year. It is time for you to wake up and enforce the laws, and if they are not good, have them repealed. I have worked in places where if the law was enforced the conditions would be better than a ten per cent. advance."

LIQUOR MEN DID NOT MEET.

Will Get Together Monday to Consider the Transition Question.

The committee having in hand the matter of planning a campaign for the Retail Liquor Dealers' Protective association against the entrance of Scranton into the second class was not ready to report yesterday, and the meeting that was to have been held in Durr's hall in the afternoon was in consequence postponed until Monday afternoon.

The association is considering the advisability of sending a committee to the board of trade meeting Monday night to air the liquor men's views on the transition question.

THOMAS FELL DOWN THE BRISBIN SHAFT

Thought He Was Stepping on the Carriage and Instead Went Headlong Down the Opening to His Death.

Thomas T. Thomas, of 1212 Academy street, employed as a pump-runner in the Brisbin mine, was instantly killed by falling down the shaft Thursday night, at a distance of about 300 feet. The gate at the head of the shaft was left open, and Thomas walked into the opening, thinking that the carriage was in his place.

He fell headlong to the bottom, a distance of several hundred feet, and almost every bone in his body was broken.

The body was frightfully mangled when picked up by workmen, who were attracted to the foot of the shaft by the noise when the body struck the surface.

The remains were conveyed to his late home and Coroner Roberts notified. He will make an autopsy this morning and decide whether or not an inquest is necessary. Deceased was 45 years of age and survived by his wife and three children. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Cambria cemetery, on Washburn street.

OLYPHANT.

The funeral of the late Thomas Mulderic will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home on Dunmore street. Interment in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Miss Maud Kelly is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, of this city, near the Danforth street.

The pupils of St. Patrick's academy are preparing for an entertainment, which will be held in the Father Mathew opera house next Friday evening. The programme is as follows: "Olympic Games," "The Whistle Band," "Small Boys," "Turkish Tunes," "Minnie," "Holy Night," "Opera, Juniors," "Calling a Boy in the Morning," "Gertie Hannick," "Christmas Stars," "The Christmas Story," "The Christmas Tree," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Morning," "The Christmas Day."

Among those present were Superintendent Williams of Scranton; J. P. Campbell, Thomas Horn, Jones J. Jones, John Connell, Thomas Connell, P. H. Murrin, Morris and William Clifford and P. J. Powderly, of Carbondale; W. H. Murphy, of Archbald; W. J. Lewis, Jr., of Providence; D. J. McAndrew and E. Miller, of Scranton.

Mr. Smith has just passed his fiftieth birthday. He has lived here all his life. He and Mrs. Smith are among Carbondale's most prominent residents, and he is more than popular among his associates in the coal and railway business.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 39, Catholic Mutual benefit association, held on Thursday evening at St. Rose hall, the following officers were elected for the next year:

President, J. H. Connaughton; first vice president, Thomas Smith; second vice president, William McNulty; recording secretary, P. F. Carroll; assistant recording secretary, William Grady; marshal, Alexander McDonald; financial secretary, J. A. Boylan; treasurer, P. Coogan; guard, P. H. Powderly; trustees, Michael McCann and Patrick Hart.

MINE WORKERS MEET.

A meeting has been called for tomorrow afternoon of the officers of all the mine workers' locals from Jersey to Forest City. One of the principal matters to be discussed is the silk mill strike. The union men have aroused an interest of the union men, and the matter will be thoroughly gone over. The committee of miners, which, in company with the strikers, waited on Manager Frieder, will make a report. Other matters of interest will come up for the miners to deliberate on.

Remember the Hospital.

If you want to make a Christmas present to somebody that will appreciate it, send something to the hospital. Apples, potatoes, groceries, bread, cash, preserves, jellies, all most anything will be received with pleasure. Emergency hospital has been free to every one since its doors were opened and it will continue on this plan. It has been pronounced one of the best hospitals in the state, and it deserves assistance.

Hostlers on Strike.

The hostlers at the Mayfield yard of the Ontario and Western railroad went on strike on Wednesday night. The men presented their grievances to the president, among other things asking for an advance of two cents an hour and that additional help be hired. Last night a number of Italian laborers, who have been doing track work for the company, went to work in the places of the hostlers that struck.

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CARBONDALE.

Shipping Agent Smith Remembered by His Friends on His Wedding Anniversary.

Twenty-nine years ago Thursday, on Dec. 12, 1871, Frank L. Smith and Miss Catherine Graves, of this city, were married. Mr. Smith is now shipping agent for the Ontario and Western railway in this city and lives in a beautiful home at 31 Garfield avenue. It was his intention to not celebrate this anniversary of his wedding except in a very quiet way with his family. So yesterday he had his faithful and long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, of Scranton, come up and spend the day.

But he had forgotten some of his friends. They had planned to help Mr. and Mrs. Smith enjoy this anniversary without letting the gentleman of the house know anything of their intentions, they repaired to his residence in a body, all of them being associates of his on the Ontario and Western Railroad, and they capped all the way from Scranton and stations along the route between that city and Carbondale.

Mr. Smith was certainly nonplussed when he saw a formidable delegation of more than a score of coal and railway men coming marching into his house and taking possession of his parlors. But his astonishment changed to dismay and then to happiness as he beheld a beautiful library table suddenly appear in the center of his handsomely furnished parlor, and he realized the object of his visitors. In a few felicitous words, Mr. P. J. Powderly, of this city, told Mr. Smith of the pleasure it gave his friends to bestow the gift. Mr. Smith was almost overcome by the sudden surprise, but accepted the gift with heartfelt thanks.

The gift is a beautiful oak library table, hand carved. The bottom shelf is supported on lion's claws and above it on either side rise heavy carved griffins and the top shelf is of elaborate and beautiful workmanship. The table is about six feet long and four feet wide and finished in the highest grade of the cabinet-makers' art. It was the gift of the coal inspectors and weighmasters of the Ontario and Western railroad.

After the presentation and acceptance of the table came another surprise. Mr. John P. Campbell, of this city, drew from some concealment a handsome silk umbrella with handles of ivory, and, advancing before Russell B. Williams, of Scranton, superintendent of the Scranton division of the Ontario and Western, proceeded to make a speech, much to that gentleman's astonishment. He said that the coal inspectors and weighmasters of the road presented Mr. Williams this token of esteem and appreciation. Mr. Williams, as soon as he could swallow his gasps, thanked the gentlemen for their beautiful gift and wished them all prosperity and many thanks. Then the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, of Trinity Episcopal church made a short congratulatory speech to Mr. and Mrs. Smith and to the coal and railway men.

During the evening, Miss Bridget, of this city, rendered a piano solo; Mr. Watkins, of Peckville, sang several selections; Mr. Gilroy, of Archbald, played a violin solo, and there were several selections on the phonograph by Mr. Smith and W. J. Lewis, of Providence. During the evening a luncheon of fried oysters, devilled olives, potato salad, sandwiches, coffee and cream, was served. Perfectos were passed around and the gentlemen enjoyed themselves immensely.

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Officers Elected.

Captain George A. Randolph camp, Sons of Veterans, has elected the following officers: Captain, John Hallstead; first lieutenant, Francis Smith; second lieutenant, Isaac Colvin; delegate-at-large, Charles Alexander; delegate to department encampment, Francis Smith.

Foot Ball Players Dance.

The Carbondale Indians' foot ball team held their annual social last evening in Burke's hall. The hall was crowded with merry revellers and all present had an exceptionally good time. It was one of the most successful events ever held in the hall.

A Basket Social.

Carbondale canteen, No. 49, Patriarchs Militant, at its meeting on Thursday night reported progress on the arrangements its members are making for their basket social, which will be given on Monday in January and will mark the first anniversary of this canteen.

A New Laundryman.

Daniel Little, formerly with Little's sewing machine agency on South Main street, has secured a position with the Carbondale steam laundry. He has already entered into the intricacies of his new vocation.

United Mine Workers Enjoy Themselves.

The members of the United Mine Workers, Local No. 110, are providing for a social which they will give some time in the early part of next month.

The Passing Hour.

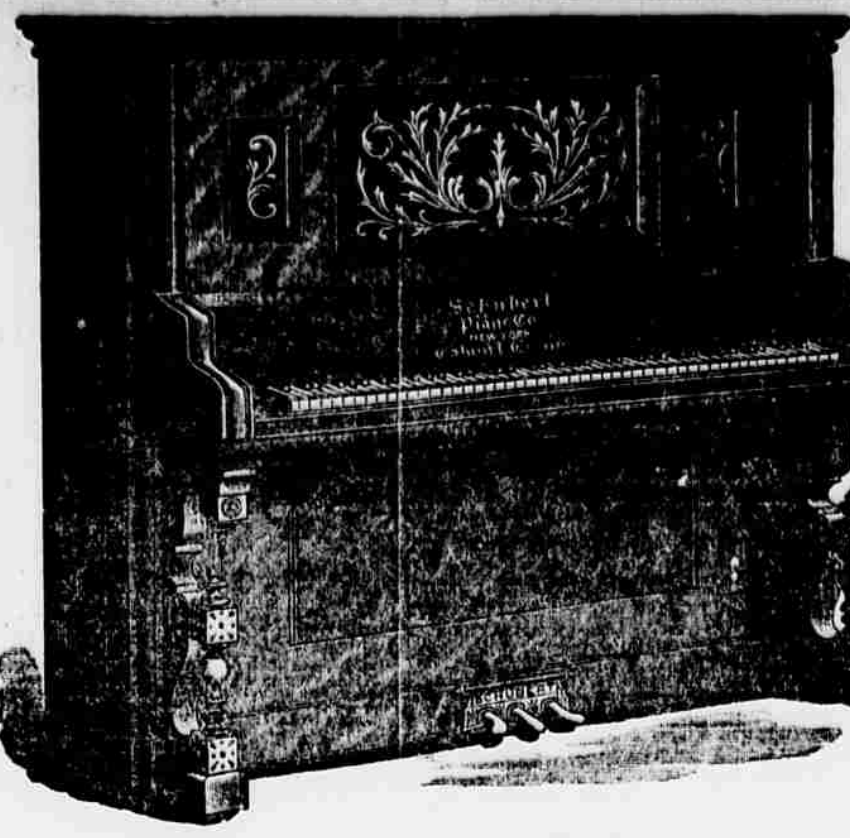
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Parkhurst; oratory, "The Lord is My Light," Mr. Parkhurst; anthem, postlude. Services in the Presbyterian church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. S. H. Moon, D. D., pastor. Subject in evening, "Zaccheus"; in the evening a sacred concert will be given. Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst will participate. Mrs. Parkhurst will sing, by request, "The Holy City." All welcome. Peckville Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Thomas, pastor; services tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The Practice of the Presence of God"; evening subject, "Mr. Moody, the 'Soft Whimpy'."

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