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PERSONAL.

Miss Florence McKinney will be the guest of friends in New York until after Christmas. Dr. James Cush of New York city is spend.

ing the holidays with his parents in this city. Miss Minnie La Reaux, of Hawthorne street, is entertaining Miss Margaret Ware, of Danville, Miss Mary Spitzer, of Albright avenue, has returned home after spending a year in the west. Robert Crossen, of New York, is spending a few days at the home of his mother on Madison

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Realff, of Philadelphia, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Leeds, of Pine street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wertman, of Danville, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Keller, of 203 Edwards court. W. P. Boughton, president of the Speedway

Rapid Transit company, is spending a few days at his home in Buffalo. Mrs. Horace S. Althouse is spending the holi-days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parion, of 250 Mifflin avenue.

William Bushnell, of Schenectady, N. Y., i spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents on Clay avenue. Miss Gertrude Alworth, a student at the Schoo

of Applied Art, is spending the holidays with her parents, in Green Ridge.

Miss Christine Parker, of Clark's Green, a stu dent at the West Chester State Normal school, is home for the Christmas vacation, Miss Louise Mace, of Peckville, will be

ried today at the home of her parents, to Pro-tessor William M. Dennison, of Lanesboro. Tom Gippel, tenor soloist of the Second Pres-byterian church, leaves this morning for Hunt-

ingdon, Pa., where he will sing a concert en-

Clarence Morss, Harry Jackson, Arch Morgan and Leigh Morss, students at Lebigh university, are spending the holidays with their parents in North Scranton. Harry L. Williams, son of L. J. Williams, bas

returned from Riverview Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to spend the holidays with his parents at Hotel Nash. President John Birkinbine, of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia; Judge Alfred Hand, Rev.

ond at an informal dinner at Richmor

of J. Gomer Evans, of this city, to Elizabeth Perigo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perigo, of Montrose. The ceremony will be performed in the Baptist church at Montrose tomorrow.

BATTLE OF GIANTS.

Splendid Foot Ball Game at Athletic Park Tomorrow.

veritable battle of the giants will be tomorrow afternoon's foot ball game at Athletic park, between the old Scranton team and the eleven composed of the pick of the St. Thomas and Thirteenth regiment teams. The Scranton men will report for final practice this afternoon.

Charles Gelbert, Pennsylvania's mighty player, will captain the team and play left end, and Otto Wagonhurst, another Pennsylvanian of renown, will be at right tackle. The line-up of the two teams will probably be as follows:

Seranton. Thirteenth. Cleveland center Breig or Farrel Zang left guard Thomas
Coggins left tackle Neufer Vagonhurst... right tackle .. Kelliher, Haggerty C. Gelbert...... left end Tabbs, Miller Owens..... right end Keefe Posner...... right half back McAndrew F. Gelbert...... full back O Horo

THIS WAS BURGLAR'S CHEF D'OEUVER

Drug Store of John J. Loftus Entered and Safe and Register Robbed of About \$130.

Another and by far the most suc cessful of the series of early Sunday morning burglaries which have occurred during the last several weeks, occurred yesterday, when the drug store of John J. Loftus, at 237 Wyoming avenue, was entered from the rear and the safe plundered and cash

One hundred and twenty-five dollars in bills and silver was secured from the safe and \$3 or \$4 from the register. It is believed that the burglars were thoroughly conversant with the scenof their operations, and it is practically certain that they knew the combination of the safe, as this was locked by Mr. Loftus shortly before he left the store at 1:40 o'clock yesterday morning. No force was used in opening the door, but the inner strong

box was pried open. Entry was effected in a rather peculiar manner. In the room immediately in the rear of the store proper is a large double window. By the use of a diamond or sharp instrument a hole was cut in one of the upper panes. a hand thrust through, unlatched this and the upper part of the sash then upper shutter, as it happened, had been left open, and over this then leaped the burglars.

On opening the outer door of the safe an obstacle was overcome in finding the inner apartment, the strong box, fast locked. This was removed from the safe and taken into the rear room, as the visitors evidentdid not wish to work in full view of those passing up and down Wyoming avenue. The burglary was discovered about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning by the store clerk, Thomas Judge, who found the rear door unregister had been opened, and all the change removed.

Every cent in the safe was taken except a \$5 gold piece, which, lying under a mass of checks and paper, escaped the burglars' search. was evidently the only thing the visitors wanted, as nothing else was taken. The police yesterday morning examined the premises. They entertain the opinion that the job was the work of amateurs.

DESERTERS IN CUSTODY.

E. Button and W. B. Rhodes Gave Themselves Up.

Two deserters from the United States irmy surrendered themselves yesterday afternoon to Patrolman Thomas Jones, and were locked up in the central station. They are A. E. Button, of Company A, Eleventh infantry, and William B. Rhodes, of Company B, Eleventh infantry. Their regiment is stationed at Fort

Columbus, New York harbor, and the two men deserted two weeks ago. They will be sent back there.

GERMANY STOPS THE DEAL.

Turkey Is Asked to Settle Herr Krupp's Little Bill. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.-The expected imperial tirade authorizing the signature of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding company, together with the initial deposit of 100,000 pounds, has not yet been issued.

It appears that the German embassy has protested to the porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

AARONSON'S DEATH.

Bicycle Rider Expired from Pneumonia Contracted During Race.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.-By an autopsy performed on the body of Oscar Aaronson, the six-day bicycle rider, today, it was found that he had died from pneumonia instead of injuries from the fall he had in the Madison Square Garden race. He contracted pneumonia, however, during the race. The body was removed to Aaron-

son's home in Brooklyn, and the funeral probably will take place tomor-

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MURDER OF AN **OLD WOMAN**

Dead Body of Mrs. Gelia McDonell, Aged 54, Found Near the Speedway Hotel.

BEEN STRANGLED

Around Her Neck Was Tightly Wound a Woolen Shawl-Coroner Roberts Says That She Could Not Possibly Have Strangled Herself and That She Was Murdered Beyond the Question of a Doubt. Was Last Seen at Home Thursday Evening-No Motive for the Crime Is Suggested.

most shocking tragedy was brought to light yesterday morning, when the dead body of 54-year-old Mrs. Celia McDonnell, of Bunker Hill, Dunmore, was found hidden in a crevice between two rocks on the hillside behind the Speedway hotel. That the old woman was murdered

s certain, for around her neck was tightly wound a shawl, which strangled her to death. Coroner Roberts scouts the idea of suicide as impossible and says that the woman's leath was the result of foul play.

Mrs. McDonnell lived on Bunker Hill with her son, Patrick L., who keeps a saloon on Chestnut street. She was ast seen about the house on Thursday vening between the hours of 5 and 6 'clock by a little Italian boy, whose ame the authorities have not as yet been able to discover.

According to her son's story, he got iome late Thursday night and found his mother not there. He was not alarmed, because he thought she had come to this city to visit ner sisters, who live here. The only thing that surprised him was the fact that there were several pies and cakes in the oven burned to a crisp and the materials ready on the table for the making of bread.

WAS STILL MISSING.

He could not understand how his mother could have gone out and left these things there, but he gave the natter little thought until Friday night, when, upon returning home, he found his mother still missing. ommunicated with her sisters and found that she had not visited them, He immediately notified the neighors and on Saturday morning scouring parties were organized and thorough search of the country in the deinity begun. The searching party had no success on Saturday, but yes-terday morning about 7 o'clock An-

searchers, came across the body of the unfortunate woman on the hillside behind the Speedway hotel. It was lying in a sort of crevice or miniature ravine and around the neck was wrapped a small shoulder shaw! belonging to the woman. It was wound around three times with remarkable tightness and the woman's

drew O'Hara, a young man who had

been among the most active of the

face was black and horribly distorted. The remains were removed at once to Golden's undertaking establishment, where an autopsy was later performed by Coroner J. J. Roberts. In speaking to a Tribune man last night regarding the result of his examination, the cor

oner said: "The woman's death was caused by strangulation. There were no marks of violence on her body except the marks left by the shawl. This was wound around her throat with remarkable tightness. It must have been done by some person of great strength. By no by the woman herself.

possible chance could it have been done "That would have been impossible, She was murdered, in my opinion, beyond the question of a doubt. The walls of the throat were compressed together so tightly that nothing could be passed through them. The neck was also dislocated, but whether this was the result of the squeezing by the shawl or was caused by the body being thrown or dropped into the crevice in which it was found. I am unable to say positively. I am inclined to believe, how-

ver, that it was caused by the latter.' INQUEST IN THE CASE. The coroner stated that he would hold an inquest in the case tonight, if possible. County Detective Leyshon vesterday visited the place where the body was discovered, and is making a

thorough investigation. The generally accepted theory seems to be that the woman was either murdered in her house or lured outside and there killed, the body being taken and hidden, where found, by the murderer or murderers. No possible motive for the crime is suggested.

The remains will be buried this afternoon in the Dunmore Catholic ceme-

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ASPHYXIATED BY COAL GAS.

Body of an Unknown Man Found on Sibley Culm Dump.

Coroner Roberts held an inquest la he case of an unknown man who was found dead on the culm dump near the Sibley mine recently. The man's death was due to asphysiation by coal

The body was found with the face downward by a number of breaker boys. His identity was not revealed. but from the implements of trade found on the body it is supposed he was an umbrella mender. The remains were interred at the expense of the poor authorities.

BURNED IN BLAZING HOUSE.

Frank Shuminskey Received at the Lackawanna Hospital

Frank Shuminskey, of Minooka, was taken to the Lackawanna hospital yesterday, suffering from serious burns about the face. They were received in the early part of last week. Shuminskey's house caught fire, and

while removing from the burning building some valuables, he plunged into a part of the home which was a veritable oven, and was terribly burned, He received treatment at Minooka last week, but it was yesterday decided best to take him to the hospital.

IS EN ROUTE FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Victor Pinckney Going to Manila as Confidential Clerk of General Davis-Arrived from Porto Rico.

Victor Pinckney, formerly of Dunmore, whose pen has contributed much valuable matter to the columns of The Tribune, spent yesterday at the home of his parents in Dunmore, Mr. Pinckney went to Porto Rico in the summer of 1898 as a member of the Eleventh United States infantry and after his discharge from the service was ap-pointed to the position of clerk at the headquarters of Brigadier General Davis, the military governor of the island.

He attracted the attention of General Davis and for many months has been the latter's confidential clerk. Recently General Davis was transferred from Porto Rico and directed to proceed to Manila to become inspector general of the army in the Philippines. At General Davis' request Mr. Pinckney was detached from the Porto Rican service and ordered to the Philippines with

Friday, General Davis and staff arrived at Newport News and Mr. Pinckney at once started north to visit his parents in Dunmore, He left night on a Lackawanna train for Chicago, where he will join-General Davis tomorrow. They sail from San Francisco on Jan. 1.

Mr. Pinckney married a charming Porto Rican young woman some time ago, who will remain there for the present, it being deemed inadvisable for her to make the journey during the cold weather. Mr. Pinckney expects to return in the summer for the purpose of taking his wife to the states, and, after a visit with his relatives here, proceeding to the Philippines.

General Davis is believed to be selected for the position of military governor of the Philippines. This theory is given credence from the fact that General Davis' commission as a brigadied general of volunteers will expire in a few months. It is thought that he would not be sent on such a faraway mission if the authorities did not have something big in view for him.

Excitement on Lackawanna Avenue.

While walking down the avenue Saturday our reporter was surprised to see an immense crowd thronging around a lighted doorway. Men, women and children were pushing, elbowing and scrambling to advance to the front ranks. On making inquiries, he discovered the cause was the great Receiver's Sale now in progress, where in order to realize money, goods are being sacrificed at any price. It was absolutely necessary in order to protect the customers in the store and to enable the clerks to do full justice, to lock the door at different intervals Come early and avoid the rush. Store open until midnight. 225-227 Lackawanna avenue-Gallen's store.

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POWERS OF CITY COUNCILS

JUDGE KELLY GAVE A RULING ON THE MATTER.

Question Arose in Connection with the Viaduct Equity Case and the Judge Ruled That Councils Are Not Bound by the Increase of Debt Allowed When a Question Is Submitted to the Voters-This Puts New Face on the Situation. Viewers Will Be Asked For.

Judge John P. Kelly, who is hearing in chambers the bill in equity brought by Luther Keller to test the validity of the ordinance authorizing the construction of a viaduct over the West Lackawanna avenue crossing of the Lackawanna railroad, made a ruling Saturday morning which is of great import-

It will be remembered that at Fri day's hearing the defense raised the contention that the plaintiff's state ment that councils had by passing the viaduct ordinance exceeded the two per cent, debt limit, was not true, for the reason that an issue of \$250,000 worth of bridge bonds issued in 1894 was authorized by a vote of the people and could not be counted in a general statement of the city's indebtedness, made to bear out the contention of the plain-

In other words, it was contended that councils had the perfect right to increase the city's indebtedness up to wo per cent, of the assessed valuation without taking into consideration any other increase of indebtedness which might have been authorized by the people. This point was raised by At-

forney J. S. Clarke, of Philadelphia. Attorney Ira H. Burns, representing Mr. Keller, vigorously opposed it on Saturday morning and argued that if the entire indebtedness of the city was equal to or more than two per cent. of the assessed valuation, without regard to how it was authorized, the councils had not the legal right to go beyone that limit one cent.

RIGHT OF COUNCILS.

Major Everett Warren and City Solicitor Vosburg answered Mr. Burns and claimed that his contention was a plain misrepresentation of the law, and said that councils at all times had the right to increase the city's debt to two per cent, of the assessed valuation, providing the total indebtedness did not exceed seven per cent, of the assessed valuation, that being the constitutional limit, beyond which a city's debt cannot be increased by councils, the people or anybody else.

Judge Kelly concurred in this view and announced that councils, in his opinion, have the right to make an increase themselves up to the two per ent. limit, regardless of any increase which the taxpayers may authorize. The net indebtedness of the city of Scranton when the last debt statemen of the city controller was filed in April of this year was \$435,477.95. Two per cent, of the last assessed valuation at that time was \$436,397.82, or \$949.87 more than the indebtedness. If the \$250,000 bridges loan were subtracted it would

leave a margin of just \$250,949.87 for the construction of the viaduct. The plaintiff will endeavor now to prove that the damages resultant from the erection of the proposed viaduct would equal that amount. They have also a number of technical points raised against the ordinance to fall

back on Judge Kelly allowed the plaintiff to amend the bill by adding the following

clause: AN AMENDMENT. "That this court will restrain the defendants, each and all of them, from proceeding to construct the viaduct until such time as the city shall have filed such security for plaintiff's damages as is required by law or shall have agreed with the plaintiff thereon." Exceptions to this amendment were made by the defense.

The case will be continued this morn ing and will probably consume the entire day.

It is understood that the intention of the attorneys for the plaintiff is to apply to court for the immediate appointment of viewers to assess the damages done to property along the route of the proposed viaduct. This is in line with Mr. Keller's contention and plea that the city should

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other property owners before directing the erection of the structure. Under the ordinance the viaduct was to be erected before the appointment of view-

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGED BY LALLY

Frank Mangan and Michael Mc Donough Are Accused of Assaultand Ribbing John Lally.

Frank Mangan, of 331 Fifth street, was committed to the county jail Saturday night by Alderman Millar, on the charge of highway robbery and assault and battery. The warrant was issued at the instance of John Lally, of 1939 Lafayette street, who swore that Mangan and two others assaulted him early Thursday morning and after going through his pockets, knocked him down and kicked him in the face.

Mangan claimed that while he met Lally, Thursday, he was not one of the trio who participated in the assault. Michael McDonough, of Luzerne street was arrested Saturday night as one of Lally's assailants, and will be given a hearing this morning.

The constable given the warrant to serve was unable to locate Mangan until Saturday evening, when Lally rushed into Alderman Millar's office with the information that the searchedfor man was in a Lackawanna avenue saloon. He was arrested there by Dep. utles Byars and Greenburger.

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