



SCRANTON OF THE FUTURE

EFFECT OF THE ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR.

D. B. Atherton Says It Will Be to the Advantage of the City if the Money Released from Mining Enterprises Finds Its Way Into Manufacturing Channels—Attorney C. E. Daniels Also Takes a Cheerful and Hopeful View of the Future of This City.

Following are two views of the effect the elimination of the individual coal operator from this region will have:

D. B. ATHERTON.

The city of Scranton has reached a new epoch as well as has the anthracite industry. Scranton can no longer depend upon coal mining if it is to continue to prosper, grow and thrive. I believe that our capitalists who have large interests in this community to protect will see to it that at least a part of the money received from the sale of these coal interests is placed in channels that will increase our manufacturing industries, and put the city upon a more sound and better basis independent of the coal interests entirely.

I do not fear the retirement of the individual coal operator. On the contrary I believe that the result will be beneficial to Scranton. The change will increase the money circulation in this district, because it is well known that the large carrying companies are more liberal in their mining operations; it will do away with the company store which will largely increase the volume of business among Scranton's merchants; Scranton being the metropolis of the anthracite region, buyers will naturally come here to do their trading the moment they are relieved of the company store; it will make the semi-monthly pay system general which will decrease the credit time limit one-half, and bring us so much nearer the true and only basis of business—cash.

There are so many openings here now for the profitable investment of capital that I would like to suggest a few: An open hearth steel plant; a plant for the construction of all kinds of electrical apparatus; a tin plate plant; a wire factory; a concern to manufacture telephone supplies; for all of which there is an unlimited demand. Any one of the above industries, if located in Scranton, would have the entire eastern market at their command, and for commodities that are in constant demand, and will be for many years to come.

Nor is there a more centrally located city for the distribution of such commodities than the city of Scranton. Look on the map, and you will find Scranton almost in the center of a circle whose lines would cross Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburg and Baltimore, with five different lines of railroad extending in all directions.

Such industries as well as many others, located in this city, are dependent upon the coal business. Take for instance the Dickson Manufacturing company, our silk mills, piano factory, axle works, drop forge works, our bolt and nut works and spike factories, all of these are almost entirely independent of the coal business, and work steadily without regard to the condition of the coal trade.

Such industries as what Scranton needs; what Scranton must have, and I for one am willing to leave it to the broad minded, liberal, progressive citizen of the city of Scranton to see that we get them, and with a little more encouragement from those who have a selfish interest in the development of Scranton along the lines indicated above it will make very little difference whether the coal business is in the hands of the few or the many.

ATTORNEY C. E. DANIELS.

The absorption of the individual coal companies means the control of the anthracite coal trade by fewer men, and those men remote from the local interests and the producing regions. There will be both benefits and disadvantages. There is an up hill for every down hill; more than one rose for every thorn. So it seems to me will be the change in the anthracite coal trade.

Unquestionably, the control of the trade will be centralized. What benefits will result from that? It should mean that railroads would compete to tide water more than heretofore. If that would follow, the price of coal would likely fall at tide water and a wider market would be found for the commodity. In my opinion, the miners themselves would be benefited in their daily work. There are exceptions, of course, but the general proposition is that the individual operators have been more exacting and have imposed greater hardships and restrictions upon their men than the larger companies have.

Then, too, a depression in business is felt more quickly by the individual operator, and very often the larger and coal-carrying companies have been able to tide over slight business depressions without an effect on the men, and sometimes even without their knowledge. It should result, too, that with fewer men to consider and handle the questions which must arise between capital and labor, from time to time, there would be less disputes and a more amicable settlement of those which did arise. The power of a few men in the settlement of the recent coal strike was very apparent and very dominating. The fewer number of men in control of both capital and labor the more likelihood there will be of their meeting on a common ground, man to man.

VACCINATING CHILDREN.

Bush at the Hahnemann Hospital Yesterday.

With their accustomed generosity the managers of the Hahnemann hospital announced in yesterday's Tribune their willingness to vaccinate all those unable to pay physicians for the small sum of 10 cents, the cost of the virus.

The price usually asked for performing this service varies from 50 cents to a dollar, including the certificate, and as all school children must be vaccinated by the fifteenth of this month, it can readily be imagined that the number of applicants was by no means limited.

When this offer was made the hospital authorities expected to have a big supply of virus on hand, but fate decreed otherwise, and after twenty-eight vials had been picked by the vaccine it was discovered that the supply of virus was exhausted. The remainder of the applicants will be treated today.

ARGUMENT OF VIADUCT CASE

WAS HEARD YESTERDAY BY JUDGE JOHN P. KELLY.

An Early Decision Is Expected from the Court—Mrs. Williams Brings Suit Against the City to Recover \$5,000 Damages for Injuries She Alleges She Sustained—Mrs. Swartz Will Oppose Her Husband's Application for a Divorce—She Wants Counsel Fees—Court House Notes.

The viaduct case is now in the hands of Judge John P. Kelly, the final arguments having been conducted yesterday afternoon. It is generally understood that the judge will render an opinion within the next two weeks, as the case will be taken to the Supreme court, no matter which side wins, and it is desired to have the papers ready, so that it can be heard by that tribunal some time in February.

The case was pretty thoroughly argued from the day of the first hearing so that all the attorneys did yesterday afternoon was to sum up the various arguments before presented. Attorneys Burns and Stroeter argued for the plaintiff and City Solicitor Vosburg and Major Everett Warren for the defense.

The defense contended that the \$200,000 worth of bonds authorized by the vote of the people could not be counted in a statement of the city's indebtedness prepared for the purpose of showing that councils by authorizing the construction of a viaduct had exceeded the two per cent. debt limit. With this \$200,000 taken out, it was shown that a margin of over \$100,000 remained.

Then for fear that court might decide that this \$200,000 should be counted in compiling such a statement, the attorneys for the defense argued that the \$100,000 debt contracted by the erection of a viaduct would be an unliquidated claim and not such a debt as the framers of the constitution had in mind when they framed that clause of the constitution fixing the debt limit in municipalities.

The attorneys for the plaintiff denied both these contentions, and insisted that the \$200,000 should be included when ascertaining whether or not councils had exceeded the two per cent. debt limit, and that the debt

which would be created by the erection of the viaduct would be in every sense of the word such a debt as was intended by those who fixed the constitutional debt limit.

The attorneys for the plaintiff also attacked the validity of the ordinance on the ground that the plans and specifications were not attached to it and that it provided for more things than the title announced. In reply to these arguments, the defense showed that the plans and specifications were on file in the city engineer's office and that the fact that they were not actually attached to the ordinance could not possibly invalidate it.

It was also contended by Messrs. Vosburg and Warren that the title of an ordinance was never intended to be an index to it, and that the other things which the measure provides for in addition to the erection of a viaduct are included in that part of the title reading "upon certain conditions."

Suit Against the City.

Mrs. Kate Williams, a colored woman, who lives at 621 Kessler street, began an action against the city yesterday to recover \$5,000 damages. She is represented by Attorneys C. E. Oliver and I. H. Burns.

Mrs. Williams is a widow, and she alleges that on March 5, 1899, because of the unsafe condition of the sidewalk in front of the Raub building on Spruce street, she tripped and fell in such a manner as to injure her left leg in a permanent manner. Since the accident she has been in the hospital for a long time and has obtained only temporary relief. The bone was splintered by the fall and causes her great pain and annoyance.

She will never again have the same earning power she had before the accident and she therefore claims \$5,000.

In Register of Wills' Office.

In the estate of A. B. Lidstone, late of this city, letters of administration were yesterday granted to J. Nelson Garrett.

The will of Winfield F. Mott, late of Peckville, was yesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to his widow, Josephine Mott.

Will Fight the Divorce.

Several weeks ago Lafayette Swartz, who is employed as a motorman by the Scranton Railway company, asked for a divorce from Rachel Swartz, alleging that she was unfaithful to him. Yesterday Attorney James J. O'Malley filed a paper for Mrs. Swartz, which sets forth that she is not guilty of the charge her husband makes against her, and that as she has no means of

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SERVICES USHERING IN NEW CENTURY

Midnight Mass at Cathedral and Watch Night Services at Many of the Other Churches.

St. Peter's cathedral was thronged at midnight with a crowd of devout worshippers which filled every pew, packed the back end of the church and overflowed out on the sidewalk. Never did the interior of the edifice look more beautiful. The effect, as one looked at the altar, was dazzling. There were myriads of candles alight and on either side of the sanctuary were two enormousandelabras aglow with hundreds of lights.

The mass celebrated was a pontifical high mass and was solemnized by Rt. Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban. The other officers of the mass were as follows: Assistant priest, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly; deacons of honor, Rev. Father Van Ray and Rev. J. J. Ruddy; deacons of the mass, Rev. P. J. Gough; sub-deacon, Rev. Myles McManus; master of ceremonies, Rev. John Griffin. Beautiful music was furnished by the choir.

At St. Luke's church, just at the new century's dawn, the Holy Communion was celebrated. There was a congregation present which completely filled the church.

Music was furnished by a quartet selected from the choir, and the service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Rogers Israel, assisted by Rev. M. B. Nash.

Watch night services were conducted last night in the basement of the Elm Park church. Upwards of 200 were present and just before midnight hymns of praise were sung and the prayers led by the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, until after the midnight hour.

In the lower temple of the Penn Avenue Baptist church a throng of over 200 gathered at 8:30 o'clock and enjoyed a social time until shortly after 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert P. Y. Pierce and the former pastor, Rev. Dr. Warren G. Partridge, of Cincinnati, who is visiting in the city, received the guests and led in prayer until after the midnight hour. During the social period refreshments were served.

A union prayer service of the congregations of the First and Second Presbyterian church was conducted in the lecture room of the Second church last night between the hours of 7:45 and 8:45, the pastors, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Robinson and Rev. Dr. James McLeod, leading.

Watch night services were also conducted at the Rosebud mission, with Rev. G. L. Alrich in charge and at the First German Methodist Episcopal church with the pastor, Rev. Bobolin, in charge.

Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION.

Enjoyable Time Promised at the Bazaar Today.

The board of managers and secretaries of the central Young Women's Christian association will receive this evening from 7 to 10. The programme, which has been arranged by Miss Florence Richmond, will include a variety of entertainment at the central rooms.

The cooking school will be open during the entire evening and Miss Smith and some of her pupils will receive. From 7 to 8 o'clock there will be an exhibition in the gymnasium where the physical director, Miss Mary Heines Hall, and class will give an exhibition of class work in that department.

The programme from 8 to 8:30 will be under the direction of Miss Cordelia Freeman and Miss Julia Clapp Allen and will be as follows: "The Energetic Builders" (for violin)...Charles Misses Edna Carl, Marie Hill, Vera Walter, Lida Houser and Mr. Rodriguez. Laura Weidman, pianist.

Song...Miss Florence Robertson (Memento for violin)...Dante Song...Miss Edna Powell Tenor solo, "Your Voice"...Dona Me, Tom Gippel.

"At the Mountain Inn" (cello)...Lakitty.

From 8 o'clock the following friends of the association will entertain and in the order named: Miss Clara Long, violin; Miss Martha Matthews, soprano; Miss Grace Duncan, contralto; Mrs. Long, piano; Miss Strickland, soprano; Mr. Swartz, banjo solo; Miss Grace Duncan, contralto; Miss Clara Long, violin; Mr. Swartz, banjo. The following are accompanists: Messes Meldrum, Kann, Bone, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Arja Powell. The public is invited.

SIXTEENTH WARD PRIMARIES.

The vigilance committees of the two districts of the Sixteenth ward met last night in the office of Walter E. Davis, in the Paul building, and decided to hold the primaries for the February election on Saturday, January 12, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. The last day for the registration of candidates was fixed for next Monday.

The only ward official to be elected is an alderman and three candidates registered last night. They are Frederick Fuller, the present incumbent; P. J. Vetter and Joseph Klein.

TYPHOID FEVER CASES.

Another case of typhoid fever was received at the Moses Taylor hospital yesterday. William Bell, of Old Forge, was taken sick several days ago, and is quite seriously ill. Another member of the family, a child, has also been stricken down with the fever.

The doctors at the hospital believe the case to be the result of impure drinking water. There are two convalescent cases of typhoid at the Moses Taylor.

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- Lake Lodore, Nicholville, Factorville, La Plume, La Tor, Glenburn, Clarks Summit, Chincilla, Mayfield, Nay Aug, Dunmore, Wimmers, Maplewood, Lake Ariel, Jermont, Archard, Winton, Peckville, Olyphant, Dickson City, Troop, Scranton, Binghamton, Conklin Centre, Simpson, Monkey Run.

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