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CITY NOTES. TICKET TO WASH.—The rambler chartered off at the Esplanade club was by ticket 99.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES.—There will be a regular meeting of select council tonight and an adjourned meeting of common council.

LECTURE BY LILL FERRISS.—Lill Ferriss will deliver his celebrated lecture on wit and wisdom at the Scranton high school auditorium on Jan. 24.

COMMITTED BY SQUIRE BOLES.—John Stiles and Charles Kowalski, of Taylor, were committed to the county jail by Squires Boles and Grimes yesterday on the charges of assault and battery.

INSULTATION.—The officers of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, No. 985, Knights Ancient Egyptian Order, will be installed tonight at Malta Temple in the Carnegie building.

ZODOWSKI HELD IN BAIL.—John Zodoski of Third street, was held under \$200 bail by Alderman Miller last night, on the charges of assault and battery and threats, preferred by Alexander Wischick. The assault is alleged to have been committed on Nov. 25 last.

NOTARIES APPOINTED.—The following Notaries were yesterday appointed notaries, viz: George Stone and the appointments were continued by the same. Walter E. Gunster, George H. Shires, Anton V. Bower, Charles D. Neuffer, M. F. Smith, Milton W. Lowry.

ANDREW PETCATH INJURED.—Andrew Petcath, of Plymouth, while riding on a trip of cars in the Avondale mine yesterday, was caught and speared between a car and a mine pony. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital. His injuries are not serious.

CHEAP VACCINATION.—Just 100 children yesterday took advantage of the Halmstad hospital's generous offer to vaccinate all arms sub-

suffered for the more cost of the virus, 10 cents. One hundred and eighty-four have been treated within the past three days. The offer will hold good a few days longer.

FLAT SOCIAL.—The social and entertainment held at Excelsior hall, New Year's night, proved a decided success.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC.—Miss Anita Koch, formerly of Scranton, will appear at the Lyceum, in Scranton, Friday, Jan. 19, supported by fourteen artists.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson clerks and conductors were paid yesterday, and the employees of the Lackawanna office departments also received their December earnings yesterday.

GANG OF TRAMPS ARRESTED.—Last evening a telephone message was received at police headquarters announcing that a gang of tramps were later in the evening there were captured, and lodged in the city hall station house.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.

On Vaccination. Sir, I note with regret your editorial this morning on vaccination. From a less progressive journal such pessimistic remarks might be overlooked, but from The Tribune we expect views more in keeping with the times.

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COAL MEN IN BIG DISPUTE

TRESPASS SUITS GROW OUT OF CONSOLIDATION OF MINES.

Joseph B. Dickson Called Upon by E. B. Sturges and W. J. Lewis to Show That He Did Not Make an Unequitable Division of the Proceeds of the Sale of the Johnson Coal Co.—Holick Wants \$5,000 for the Loss of His Wife's Affections. Other Court Matters.

Suits in trespass were instituted yesterday in Prothonotary Copeland's office by E. B. Sturges and W. J. Lewis against Joseph B. Dickson, of the coal firm of Dickson & Eddy, of New York.

The suit grows out of the recent consolidation of coal properties effected by the Ontario and Western company.

Messrs. Sturges and Lewis were part owners of the Johnson Coal company. Mr. Dickson engaged to negotiate a sale of the property to the Ontario and Western people, promising to make the best bargain possible and share fairly the profits, whatever they might be.

Dairy Stock Goes Cheap. An action in assumpsit was begun yesterday by E. L. Fuller and W. F. Hallett, assigned to George A. Douce, against C. E. Rogers on an \$11,000 promissory note.

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FAILURES OF LAST YEAR

SEVENTY-NINE OCCURRED IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY.

The Liabilities of the Concerns Were \$345,742 and the Assets \$144,450. Of the Failures Fifty-Seven Were in This City and the Other Twenty-Two in the Region Outside of the City—Number of Failures in the City Has Grown Year by Year. The Bankruptcy Act.

Presented herewith is a tabulated record of the failures occurring in Lackawanna county for the past three years, an analysis of which presents some important features. It should be remembered that this is a record of all those commercial failures in which no account is taken of retiring traders, who, while unsuccessful, liquidate indebtedness and accept their loss.

It will be observed that the number of failures in the city has steadily grown and the increase over 1899 is notable. Of the fifty-seven, however, twenty are found in the class of saloons, hotels and restaurants and jointly they represent only a small proportion of the total default.

The original intention was to have a church wedding, but the recent death of the bride's grandmother and her father's present severe illness prevented that. The invitations were recalled and only the immediate family was present yesterday.

The bride wore a gown of white chiffon and lace over white satin. She wore a white veil and carried lilacs of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting left over the 4:23 train on the Lackawanna for New York and a tour of the Southern states. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Bunting will reside in Wilkes-Barre.

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Christmas Offerings.—The Sunday school of the Elm Park church, \$45; also two wagon loads of vegetables, fruit, grains and numerous other gifts; Mrs. A. D. Stelle, 1 dozen oranges, 1 dozen bananas, 1 dozen grapes; Mrs. J. A. Price, \$5.00 of sugar; Mrs. James P. Dickson, 1 turkey; Mrs. C. S. Weston, 1 turkey; the Great A. P. Tea store, 25 pounds coffee; 1 case; C. W. Matthews, 20 dozen seacoaster gingham; E. G. Couse, 2 dozen oranges; J. L. Fordham, check for \$2.50; Mrs. Alfred Hand, \$5.00 for Christmas use; Ladies' Aid society, 1 case; Mrs. J. M. Edgerly, 2 pieces quilts; Mrs. Anna Sanderson, nuts; Mrs. W. S. Diehl, candy; J. G. Nicholson, 50 pounds flour; Mrs. A. B. Dunning, \$10.00; Mrs. W. C. Tunstall, 1 case.

December Offerings.—Dr. Hand, condensed milk; Dr. Anna C. Clark, medical services; Mrs. H. L. Simpson, 2 dozen oranges; Mrs. W. D. Kennedy, 2 dozen canned goods; Mrs. A. D. Stelle, turkeys, onions, apples, potatoes; Mrs. J. E. Chandler, literature, clothing; Mrs. Arja Williams, gingham; Mrs. James P. Dickson, 11 cans fruit; Mrs. J. L. Thawford, 2 pair new shoes; W. J. Marvel, 4 dozen tomatoes; Mrs. G. W. Fritz, 2 cans grape butter, 2 pairs shoes; Mrs. Brooks, Newark shoe store, 1 pair shoes; Mrs. J. S. McAnulty, 20 yards muslin, 25 yards outing flannel; Scranton Dairy, 1 milk daily; Lackawanna Dairy Co., milk daily, ice cream monthly; Mrs. Diehl, Marberger, Carr, Ambrust, South Side store, meat; Zeller's, bread; Linsner's, bread, cake; Mrs. C. W. Matthews, 20 dozen seacoaster gingham; \$1.00; Friend, West Pittston, \$1.00; A friend, Pottsville, \$1.00.

SOME STATISTICS. The following statistics were compiled at the request of The Tribune by the local agency of R. G. Dun & Co.: Failures. 1898, 1899, 1900. Lackawanna county... 62, 58, 79. In City Scranton... 21, 21, 42. Outside City Scranton... 41, 37, 37. Liabilities... \$228,525, \$485,600, \$483,712. Assets... \$164,715, \$212,600, \$144,450. Liabilities City Scranton... 127,735, \$22,700, \$97,748. Assets City Scranton... 104,800, 102,500, 48,000. Liabilities Outside city... 62,245, 168,100, 123,965. Assets outside city... 42,500, 14,500, 20,425. Per cent. assets to liabilities. City Scranton... 43%, 43%, 41%. Outside city... 41%, 42%, 42%.

FALLING OFF IN MARRIAGES. Instead of a Natural Increase of 200 There is a Decrease of 200. There was a decided falling off in the number of marriage licenses last year, as compared with the previous year.

In 1898, Clerk Daniels issued 1,456 licenses. In 1899, the number reached 1,672. At the same rate of progression, the number in 1900 should have been over 1,800, but it was only 1,488, or thirty more than in 1898.

The last license granted in this county in the nineteenth century was to Douglas Bunting, of Wilkes-Barre, and Romaine Seybolt, of Scranton. The first license of the new century was taken out at 11 o'clock yesterday morning by Patrick J. Flynn, of 234 Meridian street, and Minnie Tobin, of 221 Wyoming avenue. At 1:29 o'clock a messenger boy brought to the girl's home the first announcement of her marriage and the information that they were bound for New York on their wedding tour.

Others who are bent on starting the new century in double harness are: Charles E. Veigard, Detroit, Mich. Gertrude E. Northup, Glenburn. Sanford E. Wedeman, Greenfield. Marion Muir, Greenfield. Steve Spellar, Throop. Mary Labolaky, Throop. Steve Klumb, 418 Emmet street. Ella Misonger, 418 Emmet street. Alexander Donipkowski, 1017 Remington avenue. Annie Domitus, 1006 Kellum court. Luigi Verona, Mosie. Agnolianna Pita, Mosie. Emil Frank, Brooklyn, N. Y. Henrietta Naeser, Scranton. William H. Lewis, Wilkes-Barre. Lillie A. Jones, New York.

To the Republican Voters of Sixteenth Ward. The Republican voters of the Sixteenth ward of Scranton will please take notice that the primary election for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of alderman in the said ward, and also for the purpose of nominating one assessor of voters and election officers in each district of said ward, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the respective polling places between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m. The last date for registering with the secretary, Walter E. Davis, will be Monday, Jan. 7.

By order of the vigilance committees of the respective districts. Steam Heating and Plumbing. P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

To acquire a fine lamp is a worthy resolution. One of the beautiful new designs can be bought for \$5.00 and even less. Royal Outlier Flagree Work of wrought iron is among the latest exclusive models. You will not find a duplicate in your friend's library. The "Perfection" student lamp is in great demand. It is remarkably low in price this season and is made in half nickel and brass for \$3.50 and upwards.

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