ARE AFTER THE **FEE THIEVES**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROSECUTE ALDERMEN.

For Some Time Past, Detective T. E. Reynolds Has Been Quietly Hunting Information on Which to Base Indictments for Illegal Collection of Fees, and Now, It Is Claimed, He Has Sufficient to Secure the Conviction of Four Aldermen and Three Justices of the Peace. Other Court Matters.

The county commissioners are taking a turn as crusaders against official unrighteousness. The justices of the peace, aldermen and constables are the objects of their activities. They propose to break up the practice of multiplying transcripts and manufacturing cases, and as a means to that end they will present a number of alleged offenders to the grand jury.

One of the biggest drains the county treasury is subjected to is the fee bills of magistrates and constables. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are each year paid out for the services, or alleged services, of these minions of the law.

If they would be content with what they are justly entitled to, no objection could be raised, even though their bills would seem unwarranted, for it is only natural to suppose that a human being is going to take all that is coming to him.

But these officials, or some of them at least, so it is alleged, are not content with what they are legally entitled to. Where they could include several defendants in one case, as is right and proper under the law, they make out of the transaction as many cases as there are defendants and thereby multiply their fees by the number of times they multiply the

WAY IT IS DONE.

Then again they take an ordinary assault and battery case and with the aid of a little outside work by the constable they succeed in inducing the defendant to bring a counter-charge against the prosecutor, and also, all parties to bring against all the other parties all kinds of trivial charges, such as false pretenses, making threats, slander and so on, the limit being marked only by the magistrate's judgment of just how much the county will stand. These cases go before the grand jury, are ignored, as a rule, and the magistrate collects his costs from the county.

Most reprehensible of all their practices, however, is that of sending in fictitious cases to the grand jury or sending bills for discharged fictitious cases to the county commissioners. In the first instance the scheme is to have a confederate, generally a knowing sort of a foreigner, pose as a defendant to any old kind of a charge that the magistrate and his constable wants fletitious Stringe Bologni to charge him with. The case goes before the grand jury. Stringo fails to materialize and the case is ignored.

In the second instance, the whole thing is worked in the magistrate's To encourage magistrates to settle trivial cases, the law directs that they shall be allowed fees for every discharged case, just the same as if the defendant was held to bail and his case sent before the grand jury. During dull times the magistrates, so it is alleged, have been known to employ themselves industriously in manufacturing these discharged cases.

GOING ON UNCHECKED.

For years this sort of thing has been permitted to go on without check. The present county commissioners, however, made it one of their first duties to remedy the evil and as a first step in that direction refused to allow fees in any case where the occupation and street and number address of the parties and witnesses was not set forth in the return. This, it seems, did not check the evil to any appreciable extent. The only noticeable result was that the magistrates were put to the extra task of writing down street and number addresses which, by careful investigation, they learned, did not Questioned about it, all they would be called upon to say is that 'that's the address they gave me."

All mild means failing, the commissioners resolved to put a detective at work to gather information upon which the looting magistrates could be brought to justice. Ex-County De- Benj. Camble. tective T. E. Reynolds was selected to do the work and as a result of two months' labor he has, so he claims, sufficient evidence to secure the conviction of four aldermen and three justices of the peace.

Whether or not the information will be laid before the present grand jury has not yet been definitely decided. One of the commissioners is dissatisfied to the point of disgust at the resuits of the detective's work and says he will not only not favor, but vigorously oppose proceeding against these offenders unless all or a goodly portion of the known erring ones are inciuded among the defendants.

In the Register's Office.

The will of John Koch, late of Scranton, was yesterday admitted to

In the estate of Merritt Scott, late of Spring Brook, letters of administration were granted to Sarah Ring. In the estate of John Hoban, late of Moosic, letters of administration were granted to Bridget Hoban.

the estate of John J. Nallin, late of Moosic, letters of administration were granted to Margaret Nallin. In the case of Louisa Lyman against Lewis Smith and others, court yesterday dismissed the exceptions to the

referee's findings of fact and law, and also the bill of the plaintiff, without Testimony in the divorce case of Emma Seeland against Karl Seeland

will be heard before Judge Archbald, in chambers, Saturday next at 10

Yesterday's Marriage Licenses.

George W. Roberts, jr518 Gibson s
Julia M. Kirwan
John Kasco
Anna WargoThroc
Jonn T. AustinOlyphar
Catherine A. OwensOlypha
George Umlah
Caroline Becker
John L. Reed
Julia A. CongilhaCarbonda
Alex Louhenich
Annie Hubustein

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The grand jury will make a return, tomorrow, when it comes into court to receive instructions on the Taylor annexation case.

Testimony in the suit of A. E. Betterly against the city of Scranton will be heard this morning before Referce J. Elliott Ross, in the office of

City Solicitor Vosburg.

The case of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company against Thomas King and others was put over till next term, and there being to other cases ready, equity court, yesterday,

VENTILATION, FOOD AND DRESS

Subject of Dr. R. H. Gibbons' Address Before the C. Y. W. C.

The first of a series of lectures was given by Dr. R. H. Gibbons at last night's meeting of the Catholic Young Womans' club. Dr. Gibbons' subject was "Ventilation, Food and Dress." His reputation as a speaker brought forth a big audience, which showed its appreciation of the address by the interest and enthusiasm displayed. Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban introduced

the speaker and extended the thanks of the club to him for consenting to open the series. Dr. Gibbons first took up ventilation, cautioning his hearers regarding drafts and direct and indirect circulation of the air. The subject of pervious and impervious clothing was discussed at some length. Care should be taken, the doctor said, in the selection of head dress. Proper head gear is essential for the prevention of catarrhal deafness. Reference was made to Dr. Agnew, the celebrated Philadelphia physician, who has pointed out that this disease was rare among the Quaker women, chiefly due to the fact that their peculiar style of bonnet gives great protection to the head and neck.

In discussing the food, the speaker stated that all kinds of sweet or sour articles should be avoided. He recommended white meats, chiefly game and

Dr. Gibbons was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his address, and the desire was expressed that the doctor would again favor the club with a lecture later in the series. Remarks were made by Bishop Hoban and Rev. M. J. McManus, complimenting the doctor and encouraging the club. The Rupert quartette of South Scranton rendered several very fine vocal selections. A large class in gymnastics was formed which will be conducted by Miss Cox.

The next lecture in the series will be on Friday, Jan. 18, when Dr. W. M. Reedy will speak on "Hygiene."

HAS MOVED TO EVANSTON. ILL. Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., Has

Moved West. Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D., and family, have located at 1024 Grove street. Dr. Hard is one of the corresponding secretaries of the board of extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, and holds the same position in that board that chaplain, now Bishop McCabe, did for sixteen

Mrs. Hard has been an officer in the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, and for the past ten years was the corresponding secretary for the Wyoming conference. Miss Anileen Hard comes with the family from the Syracuse university, where she was a member of the senior class. The late home of the family was Wilkes-Barre, Pa.-Evanstown Press.

ANXIOUS FOR VACCINATION.

Hospitals Overrun with Applications to Be Vaccinated.

All the hospitals were besteged with children clamoring for vaccination yesterday. The Lackawanna treated over

Probably the biggest aggregation of little ones seen tramping the streets in ctest of hospitals was a band of from 25 to 50 children from St. Mary's school, of South Scranton. After having visited all the hospitals with the exception of the Lackawanna, the band of little ones became disheartened and returned home without being vac-

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Scranton postoffice, Luckawanna county, Pa., Jan. 9, 1991. Persons calling for these letters will please say advertised and give date of list. Ezra H. Ripple, P. M.: American Impulse Wheel Co., A. R. Anthony

Madeline Burdette, The Belmar Co., Win. Burke, Miss Eva Barrett, Frank Buhl, Mrs. Anna Brown, Miss Alice Benton, Lulu D. Beskville Mrs. Mary Coffman, wise M. Carr, M. Colman,

Charles Davy, Mrs. B. H. Desylria, Paul S. Dianond, Frank Dourty H. W. Evans, box 26, Thomas Farrell, Harry Finberg, George Fox,

William Pichter, Ida M. Plannigan. F. N. Gifford, J. T. Gwinier cashier, J. A. Gass, Miss Wilnelmina Grants, Miss Margaret Gregg, Dr. Augustin H. Goelet, Miss Carnelia Grayson, Miss C. C. Grant. Miss Drunnie Hubberd, Little Hanealt, Mrs. lary Humphrey, Hughes & Bradley, Annie Herlepkamp (page.), Miss Etta Heyman, Mrs. William Johnson.

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Mrs. Wm. Ronan, James Ray, Mrs. Emma H, Rundle, Miss Mame Reap, Miss Alina M. Ruff. Mrs. Julia Sterling, Heavy Sampson, chmit, E. Stokour, Coonne Stark, W. C. Taylor, ones Minnie Thomas.

F. E. White, Mrs. Lizzle Wideman (2), Wandle Bros., Jack Warner, James M. Webb, Peter Waskis, C. L. Wannicke, Mrs. J. Nelson Watermry, Mrs. Charles Walters. Zender H. Young. ITALIAN.

Filomena Galella, Domenico Viola Di Pietro, Cambrucci Severino, Supane Niels di Giovanni. Sabato Tancredi, Cesare Maddaloni. POLISH.

Antonis Panlowsky, Leon Pontkowski, Josef Tarosiewicz, Bozimer Maczijearski, Rafal Wotjkewicz, Zigmaj Kaulinawiczuc, Fransitzek Lew-inski, Alex Andrulewicz, Cecelia Podgureka, Stanistaw "akosky, Berti Beeskemeti, Aozi Matultawiczus, John Sutkowski, Rev. T. Lugoyski, B. Ratecki, Jozef Slanicky, Jos Stankievitch, Antoni Tuvowski, Wicent Kusparuneiczis, HUNGARIAN

Franciszek Ciagto (5), Jozefeze Piga (3), Hod-anics Vasztly, Stanistawa Nowickiego, Jan Lary, Ignaz Jakabowicz, Anna Bak, Maslar Piter, Kazmierz Kraczy, Jan Rys, Pidanecs lanes, Gol Volnevaiti, Badurra Vazily, John Lajtarz, Johan Pajtos, Leon Kuckeski, Budak Eni, Josapos Sinrariskas, Rev. F. Kaupas, Franck Dominak, Hal-achan lanos, Szitek Johan, Gyorgy Kofira, Anne Doumbroske, Mike Barnak, Simon Jounelak.

West Scranton Station

Harry Beicker, 511 N. 9th st. Mrs. P. J. Curran, 1002 Price st. Mrs. P. J. Carran, 1002 Price st. Wm. G. John, 1147 Eynon st. Wm. Patterson, 312 S. 9th st. Mrs. Stark, 1815 Jackson st.; Miss Frances M. Sayder, 1207 Eynon st.

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

GROUND BROKEN FOR THE NEW

It Is to Be Erected in the Keyser Valley Section of the City-Gigantic Freight Pool That Is Said to Have Been Projected by J. J. Hill, of Great Northern Railroad-British Iron Trade Is Said to Be in a State of Collapse-Other Items of General Interest.

The work of excavating for the foundations of the big spike mill, which s to be located in the Keyser Valley, is now being done by H. Dale & Co., who secured the contract. H. T. Hecht, junior partner of the firm of Timmes & Hecht, who will construct and operate the mill, is established permanently in this city and is directing the work.

The contract for the foundation of the big rolling mill, which is to be the largest building, has been awarded to Patrick Muldoon, who will commence operations as soon as the excavating finished. The plans and specifications for the buildings themselves are expected to be ready today and bids will be asked for at once. Unless real cold weather sets in work will go right along and Mr. Hecht is

hopeful of having everything ready

Today's D., L. & W. board is as fol-

for active operations by May 1. Board for Today.

WILD CATS, EAST. p. m.—J. J. Duffy. p. m.—W. LaPlarr. 1 p. m.—J. Devine.

Wednesday, Jan. 9. WILD CATS, EAST. A. B. Staples, with Doudican's men,
 F. F. Stevens,
 Burkhart,
 Randolph,
 L. Van Worseer,

m.-J. Costello. m.-G. Burt.

7 a. m.—G. Burt.
8 a. m.—T. Nauman.
9 u. m.—T. J. Thompson.
10 a. m.—W. Hear, with McDonneil's men.
11.30 a. m.—M. J. Hennigan.
12.30 p. m.—G Kingsley.
1 p. m.—H. Bisbing.
2 p. m.—A. F. Mullen.
2.55 p. m.—L. Hallett, with J. Swarts' men.
4.45 p. m.—A. H. Rowe, with J. Gahagan's men.
6 p. m.—J. H. McCann.

SUMMITS, ETC. 6 a. m., west—G. Frounfelker.
9 a. m., west—W. H. Nichols.
12 o'clock noon, west—J. Carrigg.
5 a. m., east—E. McAllister.
6 p. m., rast—H. Gilligan.
7 p. m., west from Cayuga—Ginley.
7 p. m., west from Cayuga—McLane.
7 p. m., east from Nay Aug—E. E. Duffy.

PULLER. 11.30 a. m.—Moran. 7 p. m.—F. Mills. 9 p. m.—J. J. Murray.

PASSENGER ENGINES. 7 s. m.—Gaffney. 7 s. m.—Singer. 5.30 p. m.—Stanton. 7 p. m.—McGovern.

WILD CATS, WEST, O'Hare.

a. m.—Kirby, with Hammitt's non. I a. m.—C. Bartholomew, 20'clock noon—H. Smith. on-H. Smith. p. m.-- llaggerty.

NOTICE. Brakeman W. J. Payne will go out on histown run with W. D. Warfel next trip.

Brakeman Walter Brown will go out on histown run with E. M. Hallett next trip.

Conductor J. Mosier and crew will leave Scranton 4.30 a. m., the 8th, with a 300-class engine, to go to Tobyhanna to pull ice.

Mr. Harvey, Round House:—Give us a 300-class engine to leave Scranton 4.30 a. m., the 8th, to go to Tobyhanna to pull ice.

Gigantic Freight Pool.

Consolidation of all freight interests of all the railroads in the country -in short, the formation of a gigantic pool-is said to be the latest production of the brain of J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern road. The scheme is one that is so large in its proportions and so far-reaching in its effect that railroad officials in Chicago discuss it only in whispers.

President Hill's plan comprehends a division of all the freight business of the country. In carrying out the necessity of the fast freight lines, which are now adjuncts of nearly every great railway system, would be removed, as there would be no incentive to extraordinary expedition from the handling of freight. For the same reason the freight agents and freight solicitors, who form a considerable portion of the army which draws pay from the railroads, would become useless appendages. At large distributing centers the freight would be handled by a joint bureau, and in smaller places each road would be represented by the same agent. The plan would cut off thousands of men and save millions in salaries alone, to say nothing of the millions now lost in rate-cutting. Competition would be a thing of the past, and under this plan, ideal from a railroad standpoint, there would be absolute stability of freight rates.

In a State of Collapse.

The British iron trade seems just at present to be in a state of collapse. Scotch pig iron warrants, which were selling on December 1st at \$16.48, had fallen on December 15th to \$14.46, and the cable this week reports a further fall, warrants selling down to about A similar fall is reported in Cleveland iron, which some time ago sold above Scotch pig, but has now resumed its usual place and is selling at from 50 cents to \$1 below Scotch iron. The furnace-owners in Scotland claimed that, owing to the present high prices of coal, they had been losing money at the higher prices, and a number of them have already put their furnaces out of blast, preferring to remain idle than run at the loss which \$12 or \$13 pig iron would entail upon them.

Of course a great deal is said about American competition; but a falling off in orders and a general contrac tion in business are really responsi-It is quite probable, however, that a reaction will follow. The boom in the iron trade is over for the time, but the actual volume of business is still very large, and we do not doubt that the ironmakers will find work enough to do, though not at boom prices; while the coal prices will gradually be adjusted to changed condi-

This and That.

The newest thing around Superintendent Loomis' office in the Delaware Lackawanna and Western coal depart-

J. M. Daly, superintendent of trans-portation, was out of the city yester-day. ment is a file case, which has been placed in a conspicuous place for the accommodation of Chief Clerk Tobey

and his assistants.

W. J. McLain, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central railroad, SPIKE MILL. called on the Lackawanna railroad of-

ficials in this city yesterday. United States Vice Consul General Hanauer, of Frankfort, writes November 3d that on October 30th, repre-sentatives of the largest iron works n France and Belgium visited the

Hoerde Mining and Rolling Mills as-sociation, at Hoerde, near Dortmund, Prussia, to inspect the electrical central station for utilizing the gas com-ing from the blast furnaces. The plant when fully completed will have a force of 6,400 horse power. At present three twin motors of the Occhlhauser system are run by this furnace gas to produce electricity for supply-ing power and light for the Herman rolling mills. A fourth motor of 600 horse power and four others of 1,000 horse power each are now in process of construction to serve like purposes

COMMITTED TO COUNTY JAIL Julius Hopewell, Colored, Held on

Charge of Felenious Assault. Julius Hopewell, colored, employed at the Lackawanna hospital, was committed to the county jail Sunday by Alderman Millar on the charge of felonious assault, preferred by William McDonnell, also colored.

Hopewell and McDonnell engaged in a dispute in Center street, New Year's night, which culminated, so the prosecutor alleges, in Hopewell picking up a stone cuspidor and hitting, McDonnell upon the head. McDonnell was rendered unconscious from the blow, and it was found necessary, at the Lackawanna hospital, to take seven stitches to close up the wound in the side of the head.

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