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CITY NOTES. SOCIAL SESSION.—The Scranton Lodge of the I. O. O. F. held their social session this evening following their meeting. It will be for members only.

WILL REPEAT LECTURE.—Dr. W. E. Conner, the noted specialist, will, by special request, repeat his lecture on the "Human Eye" in the lecture room of the Catholic Young Women's club tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

BROKE THE GLASS.—A drunken man pushed his fist through a window of the lunch room at the corner of Penn avenue and Linden street last evening. He was taken to the Center street station by Patrolman Lowsy.

PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN.—A public kindergarten will be opened in No. 6 school at the beginning of the next school month on Friday, February 8. Miss Belle Moulton, director. Children of four and a half and five years of age will be enrolled to the number of forty.

MARRIAGE IMPROVEMENT.—Martin Marlin, whose vertebrae were reset by an operation performed by Drs. Burlington and Peck at the Hahnemann hospital, is making rapid progress at the hospital. He has still use of his limbs and the doctors are confident of his recovery.

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Special Sale of Linen Handkerchiefs. This week. The Cramer-Wells Co., 120 Wyoming avenue.

IN PETERBURG, MYERS' right arm was badly injured. Dr. Bernstein dressed the lad's injuries.

BOY'S WOUND.—HISCHBERG's—Frank Hartman and John Kuchner, 15-year-old boys, who were arrested by Mounted Officer Black Tuesday for the theft of an elevator wheel from Gorman's grocery, were discharged by Mayor Holt in police court today. Mr. Gorman did not wish to prosecute.

A SLIGHT FIRE.—A slight blaze in a bedroom on a house on Mulberry street near Say Ave. park, owned by Frank Scott, called out the central city companies yesterday afternoon shortly before 2 o'clock. The fire, which is believed to have been caused by children playing with matches, was extinguished by the Chemical company.

A CORRECTION.—In the notice of the reduction in the gas rates to take effect on April first, made in The Tribune of yesterday by both the Scranton and the Hyde Park Gas and Water companies, that the amount of "five per cent." on all bills where the consumption amounts to less than twenty-five dollars, should have read "five per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than twenty-five dollars." See corrected announcement elsewhere in this issue.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Manville, Mariner and Leazer's Creek at North Scranton and the Grassy Island at Peckville. The employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western machine shops were paid yesterday and the Lackawanna mines will be paid in the following order: To-morrow—Diamond and Stone, Tombarrow—Hall, Peckville, Pottsville, Washburn, Avondale, Rives, North Bethlehem, Saturday—Delaware, Peckville, Holden, Pine, Taylor, Hampton, Cayuga, Shan, Continental, British, Hyde Park and Archdale.

YOUTHFUL VAGRANT.—Robert Bartell, a 16-year-old boy, is detained at police headquarters on the charge of vagrancy. Until a year ago Bartell lived with his grandparents at 42 Fifth street, North Bethlehem, when he ran away. Since then Bartell has been traveling about the country as a tramp. Six weeks ago he was sent to the county jail for three days for being a vagrant. Yesterday George O'Neil arrested him at the South mill and turned him over to Patrolman McMillen. Bartell says he has become his grandparents didn't give him any money.

MERELY HEARD DRY REPORTS. Board of Health Didn't Transact Any Business. The three members of the Scranton board of health present at last night's meeting of that body transacted no business whatever except the receiving of the reports of the various officials and the approving of a few old bills. Not a single subject pertaining to matters of the public health was discussed.

Health Officer Allen, who is just convalescent after a serious illness, was not present, and, accordingly, his report for the month was not presented. The report of Miss Sweeney, the secretary, showed that during the month of January there had been 189 deaths in the city and 81 burials. There were 284 cases of contagious disease reported, of which number 229 were measles. There were eleven deaths from contagious disease.

Food Inspector Widmayer reported having made 47 market inspections and 211 milk inspections. He ordered destroyed 49 quarts of cream, 10 quarts of milk, 17 1/2 pounds of veal, 50 pounds of poultry and 50 pounds of fish. Plumbing Inspector Montes made ten smoke and nine water tests, eight inspections, and approved four sets of plans.

AN ENJOYABLE CONCERT. Pupils of Prof. L. W. Carr Entertained Last Night. The pupils of Prof. L. W. Carr's International College of Music gave a most successful and enjoyable concert last night in Guernsey hall. A large audience was present and the applause was continuous throughout the rendering of the lengthy program.

One of the biggest hits of the evening was made by the Scranton Mandolin club, consisting of E. W. Allen, Charles Bacon, Joseph Fiore and A. Roy Allen, who rendered several selections, including one from Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment," in a most spirited and delightful manner. Stanley's beautiful "Woodland Whispers" waltz was played effectively on the piano by Miss May Canfield. Other piano solos were rendered by Ralph V. Santee, Miss Clara Robinson, Miss Viola Deoble, Miss Evelyn Phinney, Miss Agnes Devor, Miss Leah Laird and Miss Mary A. Morgan.

Two violin and piano duets were given by T. E. Kane and R. U. Santee. A pretty drill by a number of young ladies under the direction of Miss Sadie Jones, was an enjoyable feature of the evening.

A PECULIAR RUNAWAY. Dr. Roos Thrown from Sleigh in Dunmore Borough. Dr. E. G. Roos, of Adams avenue, met with an accident which might, but luckily didn't, cause serious injuries yesterday morning. With his young driver, William Williams, he was going to a patient in Dunmore when his sleigh was suddenly overturned by a rut in the road and both he and the boy were thrown out.

When he had picked himself up and dug the boy out of a snow drift, horse and sleigh were out of sight. The animal dashed along the streets at a furious rate and proceeded cityward, down to Adams avenue, where it made toward the doctor's office.

It was stopped at Mulberry street. The cutter was badly smashed, but no other damage was done.

IS LIBERTY TOO CHEAP?

COLONEL F. L. HITCHCOCK'S POINTED QUESTION. Recent Comment in The Tribune Commending Prominent Business Men Who Have Recently Served on the Jury Has Drawn Forth a Thoughtful Article in Which the Duty That Every Citizen Owes in This Relation Is Dwelt Upon—History of Jury System.

BY COL. F. L. HITCHCOCK. Noticing some comments in The Tribune recently upon the fact that some of our prominent business men have actually given a week's time to jury service in our courts, has suggested the inquiry whether the rendering of such service on the part of an American citizen is really a matter for special commendation; or whether we have not by long and unremembered usage, forgotten the real boon we enjoy in the right to such service.

Have we forgotten history—the long and bitter struggle, the bloodshed, the establishment of the sacred rights of trial by a jury of our peers? This is one of the rights secured in the great charter obtained in 1215 from King John, called the Magna Charter. It has always been regarded as one of the chief pillars of liberty. One of our declarations of rights is that no man shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. And due process of law, is the rights to be judged in the matters, not by princes, kings or potentates, but by a jury of the peers of the law by "twelve good and true men of the vicinage" the peers of the accused.

AN EXALTED SERVICE. If this right is so sacred and inviolable, then the service as a jurymen is a sacred and exalted service, calling for the highest qualities of character and integrity. It is a duty which is conscientiously rendered as one of the highest and most honorable privileges of citizenship. Its importance cannot be over-estimated. In the intelligent and honest exercise of this—perhaps greatest function of free government—is involved the personal liberty of every citizen as well as the security of all property.

In the administration of law, the facts involved in each case must first be authoritatively determined. The judge can then apply the law. The method of deciding the facts has varied in different ages. As far back as the days of Pericles, Greece had a system very nearly akin to our present jury system, called the "Dikasteria of Athens." The judicial power, civil as well as criminal, was vested in a series of dikast or panels of jurors, who were annually by the people by lot, sworn and then divided into small panels for trial. But this perished with the ancient government of Greece, and from that time down to our modern era the methods of determining the guilt or innocence of an accused man or the facts concerning matters in litigation, have been exceedingly primitive and uncertain.

For centuries these vital matters affecting life, liberty and property were decided in the hands of feudal chiefs or lords, who rendered according to their caprice different methods, among them the water of battle; the accused was armed with a club, with one or both hands free according to the gravity of the offense charged, and made to fight a large and fierce mastiff. If he was killed he was acquitted; if he defeated the dog he was still liable to other tests. He might then be bound and thrown into deep water; if he sank and drowned he was surely guilty; if he floated, he might be subjected to the test of boiling oil or water, thrust his bare arm up to his shoulder in the seething liquid; if he was burned he was guilty.

A FAVORITE METHOD. The first ordeal was a favorite method. The accused was required to take up with his bare hand red-hot iron, of three to five pounds weight, or to walk blindfold over nine red-hot plough shares, placed lengthwise at intervals of three feet. Such things seem inconceivably horrible in this enlightened age, but not so very long ago, during the Colonial days, similar methods were resorted to in our own country to fasten the crime of witchcraft upon innocent women and girls.

It is well to recall these things, lest we forget the darkness from which we have happily emerged. The jury system is by no means perfect, but it is the best human experience and study has so far been able to devise. As the best method, it is not inferior to any other. It is the only method of human judgment. When twelve men, good and true, under their solemn oaths, have rendered their verdict, there is the end of the facts in dispute. The verdict may be all wrong, but the facts thus made known are a quantity far beyond the infirmity of human judgment. When twelve men, good and true, under their solemn oaths, have rendered their verdict, there is the end of the facts in dispute. The verdict may be all wrong, but the facts thus made known are a quantity far beyond the infirmity of human judgment.

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SPECIAL. A Fine Piano for Sale. But slightly used and nearly as good as new. Latest design, upright grand, at a great bargain. Please call and see it. Hurstman Hall, Scranton, Pa. J. W. Guernsey, Proprietor.

PRICE WILL NOT BE FIXED

GAS ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED TONIGHT. Maximum Charge the Company Will Make Is Not to Be Specified. Councilmen Who Say They Will Approve—Their Views as to What Would Be a Fair Price for Gas Differ—The Stockholders of the New Company.

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This is the point on which the right on the ordinance will undoubtedly be made. Select Councilman C. E. Chittenden and Common Councilman H. E. Palm, both of whom were seen by a Tribune man yesterday afternoon, stated that they would not vote for the ordinance unless it expressly stipulated a certain maximum price to be charged lower than the present price and unless an amendment was inserted giving the city power to acquire the plant after the expiration of a term of years.

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Here's something in Haviland & Co.'s French China that doesn't cost much considering the quality; Berry Sets of Bowl and 12 fruits in handsome decoration for \$3.00 the set. These are Haviland newest shapes and handsome decorations.

China Hall. Geo. V. Millar & Co. 124 Wyoming Avenue. Walk in and Look Around.

The New Neversill Asphalt Removable HORSESHOE CALK. Horse cannot slip and will outlast three sets of any other calk manufactured. BITTENBENDER & CO., 126 and 128 Franklin Ave. SOLE AGENTS.

Williams' Basement. Almost the entire area of the Basement of this store is devoted to the sale of minor articles for Housekeeping use. Even the exclusive housefurnishings stores can command no such assortment as you'll find here. A price hint: Full Sized Jardinieres, with fancy stands to match, Twenty Cents complete. Where else for so little? J. D. WILLIAMS & BRO. 312-314 LACKAWANNA AVE.

Diamonds! Diamonds! Still harping on our old subject, but we won't stop till we know you are assured that we handle the purest, nicest made, and most brilliant GEMS handled in the country, and listen, 25 per cent less than you can buy them anywhere else. Visit us and we'll prove it. E. SCHIMPF, 317 Lackawanna Ave.

FUNERAL OF E. U. HARDING. Was Held from Residence of Mrs. A. N. Jenkins. The remains of the late Edwin U. Harding, who died of pneumonia in the Deaconess hospital, at Buffalo, N. Y., were identified and brought to this city by Mr. John B. Knight, where his survivors reside. Mr. Knight experienced many difficulties in obtaining the body from authorities at Buffalo, through which he was ably assisted by Messrs. Speyer and Eckhart, undertakers of that city.

Special Notice. Secret organizations in the city contemplating changing their headquarters, are respectfully solicited to call and get terms, dates, etc., in Guernsey Hall, J. W. Guernsey, Proprietor, 257 Hall, J. W. Guernsey, Proprietor.

Heating Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Oil Stoves, Gas Stoves, Steam and Hot Water Heaters. GUNSTER & FORSYTH, 25-27 PENN AVENUE. The Wanders and Beauties OF Earth's Largest Segment of Fairydom. Southern Pacific Company. THE SPENCER BUSINESS COLLEGE. GUERNSEY BUILDING, 316 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA. RETURNS TO DATE: By Ivor Price, Rice, Levy & Co., \$5.00. By Arlie Frutchey, D. W. Wagner, \$5.00.

66 Broadway, N. Y. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 1 and 6, Commercial Bldg., Scranton.

FENNER—Mrs. Olivia S. Fenner, aged 73 years, at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Tuesday, Feb. 5, of pneumonia. Funeral Friday, afternoon, Feb. 8, at East Pittston.

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