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### THE COMING ELECTION.

**Only Three More Working Days Before the Casting of Ballots.**

Including today, there are but three more working days left before the election, which according to law and the mayor's proclamation, takes place on Tuesday next, the 19th. As yet there is no undue excitement over the event, but the candidates are working an outlet, methodical, business-like way, which will probably mean a mustering at the polls of the greatest number of voters in years.

The principal issue this year, as in the past few, is the election of school directors. The litigation and charges of unfair methods made against some of the members of the board which has characterized local talk the past year will have a tendency to bring out their friends and the opposition in great numbers.

Among the members of the present board is Gustave F. Swiger and, although he has been a member of the board but a year, he is regarded as one of the pillars of the board and one of the most public-spirited citizens in the city. Progress seems to be his honest desire, and he is continually on the lookout for some means to improve the condition of the public schools. He does not rest content with bare statement, he wants it proved.

Mr. Swiger was a select councilman of this city for four years and was its president, making one of the best presiding officers this city has ever known. He is credited with knowing the more about Cushing than any public officer in the city.

Another candidate for a school directorship is Thomas Boylan, who has had experience in that office and who is making his canvass on the strength of the record he has made there.

The constitutional nominees are also quiet at work and there are other candidates who have made no stir. It is extraordinary quiet for the eve of an election, but perhaps it will grow more exciting in a day or so.

### MINNIE REESE DEAD.

**Succumbed to Her Terrible Injuries Last Night.**

Minnie Reese, who was struck by an Ontario auto Western train on Wednesday afternoon, as related in yesterday's Tribune, died last night at 7 o'clock in the Carbondale emergency hospital. Besides the injuries to her leg, arm and back it was thought that she had sustained severe injuries to the head. It was undoubtedly these latter that caused her death.

She passed a very bad night Wednesday and all day yesterday sank steadily. At about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon hope of saving her was abandoned and her mother, Mrs. Fred Wright, of Fairview street, was sent for. The mother remained with her dying child until the end.

Minnie was 15 years old and was the step-daughter of Fred Wright. She had been employed in the Simpson silk mill for some time. At the time of the strike she came out with the rest of the girls and for a time was employed in the office of the Purple Undertaking company, and at the termination of the strike went back to work in the mill.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

### John Jessup Dies.

John Jessup, the fourteen-year-old boy, who, as related in yesterday's Tribune, was rescued at the Emergency hospital in this city on Wednesday morning at that institution. He had met with terrible injuries in the Sherwood breaker in Jermyn, having fallen into the rolls, which crush the coal. The legs and arms were severely lacerated, and the doctors realized as soon as he was received at the hospital that death was only a few hours away. The family have been sorely afflicted with sickness for some time, and the boy's recovery is the greatest joy to all, having given birth to a child last Sunday.

### At the Welsh Church.

Rev. W. Davis, of Bellevue, will preach at the Welsh Methodist church next Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Rev. Davis is a talented speaker, and it is hoped he will have a large congregation. In fact, the people of this church are planning for a sort of reunion of all former parishioners at these services. The morning service will be held at 10:30 and the evening service at 8 o'clock, so that all who wish to attend services in the other churches can hear Mr. Davis and not be inconvenienced.

### Still Working Overtime.

The employees of the Carbondale division of the Scranton Traction company are, it is said, still looking for the ten-hour day. Six weeks ago they sent a committee to Superintendent Kelly with their demands, but as yet they have heard no reply. The men on the Carbondale division were granted their demands, including the ten-hour day some time ago, and those on this division are growing impatient over the company's delay in this case.

### Mr. Manner's Gift.

Some time ago there was a little fire in the People's shoe store. The firemen succeeded in keeping the blaze down to a small one, and not much damage was done. Vincent C. Manner, of the store, has given to the Columbia Hose company an order for the best pair of shoes in his store. The gift will be used as a door prize for the fair tonight. The firemen feel very grateful.

### War Heroes Banqueted.

The veterans of 81-53 members of William H. Davies post, Grand Army of the Republic, were banqueted by Captain George E. Randolph camp, Sons of Veterans, last evening in the

latter's rooms in Cambrian hall, on South Church street. After the routine business of the camp had been transacted the festivities began. A pleasing programme had been prepared and was rendered in a most creditable manner, instrumental and vocal music helping to make the entertainment a most enjoyable one. After the completion of this part of the celebration the guests and members seated themselves at the banquet table and a substantial and delicious repast was served. When the inner man had been thoroughly provided for various members of the post were called upon and their anecdotes of personal experiences on the firing line, on march and in the camp brought back to the battle-scarred veterans vivid memories of the troubles some days of the rebellion and furnished most enjoyable entertainment for their younger hosts.

### OBITUARY.

**Rev. William A. Nealon.**

It. Rev. Thomas F. Coffey, V. G., of St. Rose's church, received a telegram yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock, announcing the death of Rev. Father William A. Nealon, of this city, at the monastery of the Trappist Fathers in Gethsemane, Ky. No further particulars were given in the telegram, and it is a surprise and shock to his relatives and friends in this city, as when the last news was received by his mother, a week ago, he was well, and apparently the disease which caused his death must have arisen suddenly. Father Nealon went to the monastery in Gethsemane a few weeks ago to spend two months in retreat. His brother, John M. Nealon, and Father Moffitt started last evening for Gethsemane, which is a short distance from Louisville.

The deceased priest was born in Carbondale on October 2, 1859. He attended the public schools in this city and then went to St. Bonaventure's college, where he made all his classical, philosophical and theological studies. He was ordained as a priest in the cathedral in Scranton by Bishop O'Hara on August 26, 1883. His first appointment after ordination was as an assistant in St. Mary's church, Wilkes-Barre. He was then an assistant priest at St. Patrick's church in Scranton, and from there he went to St. John's church in Susquehanna. From the latter place he came to his native city and was associated with St. Rose's church, under Father Coffey, for five years.

Father Nealon made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Hoban and eleven other priests from this state last year, and saw the pope.

It is expected that his brother and Father Moffitt will arrive in Gethsemane this evening by 5 o'clock. If everything is in readiness they will leave immediately and return to this city by 10 o'clock Saturday night. It is expected that the funeral will be held on Monday morning, but this is not yet determined on.

Father Nealon is survived by his wife and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Nealon, of South Church street; two brothers and a sister, Alida Nealon, registry clerk at the postoffice; John M. Nealon, assistant postmaster, and James F. Nealon, of this city.

### The Trolley Cars Delayed.

It was a cold day to wait on the street corners yesterday for a car and particularly so when the trolley cars were when, after a long session of communing in a monologue as to the habits of trolley cars in being late, the car came not. But there were two good reasons for the long delays yesterday morning. In the early part of the schedule was suspended for a time by accidents, identical in nature. The car leaving the power house at 7 o'clock got as far as Church street switch when the forward axle snapped in two pieces. The next car got out only as far as Evans' meat market, on South Main street, when one of the axles broke. The repair crew at once got to work repairing them, the cars being hauled to the nearest switches.

### Mr. Sahn Improved.

Ase Sahn, who sustained such serious injuries by being thrown from the wagon of the Columbia Hose company on Wednesday morning, while responding to an alarm of fire, was much improved yesterday. On Wednesday night he was delirious and passed the night, but during yesterday he rallied and showed a great gain of strength. His hearing is still imperfect, and as yet no steps have been taken to ascertain if this injury is of a permanent nature. It will probably be a week or more before he will be able to leave his bed.

### Miss Gerrity Buried.

The funeral of Miss Mary Gerrity, who died at her residence on Gordon avenue of the grip, was held yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. Rose church. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated. Father Walter J. Gorman was celebrant, Father Holmes, of Athens, deacon, and Rev. John White, sub-deacon. The remains were interred in St. Rose cemetery. A large number of her friends attended the services.

### St. Valentine's Day.

Yesterday was Cupid's holiday, but it was no holiday for the postoffice force and the letters carriers. These unfortunate mortals had to put in considerable overtime finishing their work, and in the frigid winter conditions yesterday it was a hardship. But, perhaps, the warmth of the sentiments in the valentines they carried helped to alleviate the coldness.

### An Approaching Wedding.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Frank Jones and Miss Ida Carter, both well-known residents of this city. Miss Carter is well known and highly esteemed in Jermyn, where she formerly resided. Mr. Jones is employed at the Delaware and Hudson locomotive shops here.

### Euchre Meeting.

The Progressive Euchre coterie met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McHale and passed a very pleasant evening. After the usual session with the pastebored refreshments were served. The club will not meet again until after Easter.

### GILBY ACQUITTED.

Judge instructs the jury to discharge the constable.

The case against Constable Stephen Gilby, ex-County Detective Layshon, prosecutor, was tried yesterday before Judge Archibald and a jury in the court house at Scranton. Gilby was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of felonious wounding. He had shot at and wounded Edward J. Gorman while the latter was escaping from his custody after being committed by Alderman Delevan on a charge of larceny. The shooting occurred on New Year's night of this year. Gorman was taken to the Emergency hospital and has been an inmate ever since, the bullet finding a lodgment in his kneecap.

A few days after the shooting Layshon came to town and arrested Gilby on a warrant. He was put under bonds for his appearance at court. The case has been twice postponed, but came up yesterday morning. After the witnesses for the prosecution had been heard, and without the defense having put a witness on the stand, Judge Archibald instructed the jury to acquit Gilby without leaving their seats. The judge apparently took the view that the constable was acting entirely within his rights in stopping the escape of a fleeing prisoner who had been regularly committed. This vindication of the constable will serve to make men in custody of officers more apt to go along without resorting to tactics of assault upon their captives.

### Eddie Gorman was taken to Scranton as a witness against Steve.

His leg is still very stiff and he probably will be lame for a long time, if not for life.

### THEATRICAL.

#### All Next Week—Holden Comedy Company.

The celebrated Holden Comedy company, one of the largest and most expensive repertoire companies on the road, will open a week's engagement at the Grand opera house next Monday night, presenting the sensational comedy-drama, "The Diamond Breaker." There are twenty-five people in the company and two carloads of scenery are used in their productions. Fifteen specialties every evening. Matinees will be given on Washington's birthday and Saturday.

#### A Visiting Priest.

Father O'Keefe, of Clinton, Mass., of the Springfield diocese, is a visitor at the parochial residence. This clergyman is building a beautiful church at Clinton. The bishop of the diocese, Bishop Beaven, who delivered the morning sermon when St. Rose church was dedicated in December, was so much pleased with the local church that he recommended that Father O'Keefe come here and see it. The reverend gentleman is very much pleased with St. Rose and is glad to take the long journey, for he says he has obtained a number of ideas which he will embody in the completion of his church, especially in regard to the stained windows.

#### A Musicales at the Club.

The board of governors of the Carbondale Cycle club arranged with Prof. John T. Watkins, of Scranton, for a musicale to be given in the club rooms next Tuesday evening for the members and their friends. He will be assisted by other Scranton talent and a number of his Carbondale pupils. A very excellent programme is in course of preparation.

#### Meetings Tonight.

Junior Order United American Mechanics.  
Lackawanna encampment, No. 16, I. O. O. F.  
Columbia Hose company's fair.

#### Cooking Club's Meeting.

The Young Ladies' Cooking club will be entertained at the home of Miss Josephine Burr on Chestnut street on Friday evening.

#### Was Pay-Day.

The employees of the Erie railroad in this city and Forest City received their month's pay Wednesday.

#### Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flynn, of Canaan street, a daughter.

#### Its Weekly Runaway.

Mail Agent Walker's horse "Dynamite" indulged in its weekly runaway yesterday, this time on Salem avenue. Mr. Walker was in the sleigh and the animal "took the bit in its teeth" and dashed off up Salem avenue at a 240 clip. The driver tugged vainly at the reins. At Church street the horse tried to swerve from its line, but Mr.

#### TOLD IN SCRANTON.

It's the Evidence of Scranton people Published in Scranton Papers that has made such a Reputation for Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills.

Standing clear and distinct, marking the difference, the superior merit, the adaptability to present-day ailments in the volume of local testimony for Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. It's so different to the ordinary remedies referring to cures made at distant points which it is hard to verify. There is a reason for this. Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills commanding some evidence wherever they are known. It is their wonderful influence in bringing up the standard of nerve force.

Mr. Henry Alberts, of No. 616 Birch street, Scranton, Pa., says: "For about two years my back and kidneys had been sore, lame and the secretions in bad shape. Nothing seemed to help me until I got Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills at Matthews Bros' drug store, No. 329 Lackawanna avenue. They did the work, curing the soreness and lameness, making the secretions healthy, and generally giving me health and strength."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50c a box at dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., are on every package.

Walker succeeded in keeping it in the middle of the road. The hill at the school houses proved too much for his engine highness and the driver succeeded in again getting control of his steed.

#### Wreck Averted.

What might have been a disastrous wreck was narrowly averted at Thompson early Wednesday evening. The passenger train which leaves here for the north at 4 p. m. was speeding along at the above mentioned place at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, when suddenly the steel tire on one of the big driving wheels flew off. The train's momentum carried it along several hundred feet, and how the locomotive escaped leaving the rails is a mystery. An Erie engine, which was near, pulled the passenger train to a nearby siding, where it stood, to the great displeasure of the passengers, for about two hours. A dispatch was sent to this city and an engine from the round-house was sent up the line to take the place of the disabled one, which was brought home for repairs.

#### The Fourth Night of the Fair.

Last night was souvenir night at the fair of the Columbia Hose company in Burke's hall. Every lady visiting it was presented with a handsome hat-pin. The programme presented from the platform and that has yet been rendered, the best that has yet been rendered, the Lackawanna Symphony club being especially pleasing. The attendance showed no falling off and the hall was well filled. After the programme, dancing was indulged in by a large number.

#### A Costly Blow.

Mayor Kilpatrick heard two young rascals in the mayor's court yesterday. They were gathered in the night before in a central city saloon, where they were engaged, when "copped," in a fierce hand-to-hand, or fist-to-face, bout. The quarrel began quite early in the evening and frequent interludes broke out in vociferous discussions, which finally terminated in blows. The mayor fined them \$5, which they quickly paid and then decamped.

#### The Pool Tourney.

At the Carbondale Cycle club last evening two more games in the pool tournament were played. This evening nearly clears off the fifth drawing. The first game was taken by L. E. Roberts (third class) from John G. Reese (second class) by a score of 50 to 44. J. Gilhoel (third class) won the same game from H. B. Briggs (third class) by 69 to 33.

#### A Laborer Injured.

A Hungarian laborer, employed at Wilson Creek colliery, had a big piece of top rock fall on his foot today, but by the assistance of a fellow-worker was able to get to his home in Simpson.

#### The Passing Through.

Dr. J. R. Sitterly was a visitor here Wednesday.

Rev. J. A. Moffitt, of Taylor, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Helen Harvey is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Mary Collins, of Kingston, is visiting her brother here.

Wright Campbell, of Dundaff street, is confined to his home by illness.

T. P. Reilly, of Scranton, was a caller in this city Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Celia Cornell spent Wednesday with friends in Jermyn and Archibald.

Miss Celia McDonald, of Scranton, spent last evening with friends in town.

Tom Maynes, of Rushbrook street, is seriously ill of symptoms of pneumonia.

Sylvester N. Bayley, of Canaan street, is entertaining his sister from Elk Lake.

Miss Margaret Lenihan and Miss Mary Tully, of Scranton, are visiting friends here.

Miss Myrtle Oliver, of New York city, is spending a few days with friends in town.

James Cresson, of Hazleton, was in town last evening. He was formerly a Carbondale boy.

Dr. Mead Schenck, who has been a guest of S. A. Purdy on Park street, returned to his home in Honesdale yesterday.

Miss Agnes Butler, of Moosic, and Miss Catherine Adams, of Port Jervis, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sullivan.

#### To Cure the Grip in Two Days.

Laxative Bismuth-Quinine removes the cause.

### Blakely Baptist church on Wednesday evening by the pastor, Dr. Spencer.

Miss Mama Langhan entertained a few of her friends at her home on Second street Wednesday evening. Those present were, Misses Jennie Langhan, Mrs. O'Boyle, Katie McGraw, Annie Langhan, Nellie McGraw, Dunmore; Mildred McNeely, Messrs. John Langhan, James Langhan, Cullen, Dougherty and Hopkins, of Dunmore.

The funeral of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dempsey took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The Juvenile dancing class gave a pleasant social in Mahony's hall last evening. The affair was attended by a large number of young people, who enjoyed themselves immensely. Music for dancing was furnished by Lawrence's orchestra, of Scranton.

H. H. Redington met with painful injuries in No. 2 mine Wednesday morning. While attending his duties as miner a fall of rock occurred and he was caught beneath it. His injuries consist of three broken ribs. He was removed to his home on Dunmore street, where he received medical attention.

### JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Mrs. Jenkins, wife of Rev. Edward Jenkins, whose serious illness has from time to time been alluded to in The Tribune, died at her home on Main street at half-past 10 o'clock on Wednesday night. Deceased, who was born in South Wales seventy-two years ago, has been a resident of this borough for the past thirty years, and was held in much respect by a large circle of friends. She is survived by her husband and a son, Alfred, and two sisters, Mrs. Lewis L. Jones, of Providence, and Mrs. M. Jones, of Hyde Park. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services in the Congregational church.

John Jessup, the little boy who met with such frightful injuries by falling into the rollers at the Sherwood breaker on Wednesday afternoon, died at the Emergency hospital, Carbondale, a few hours after his admittance there, his injuries being beyond human assistance. The townsmen were brought here to his home at West Mayfield yesterday morning, and the scene at the home was most pathetic. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Services at the Primitive Methodist church.

Jabez Smith, a prominent settler of Scott and one of the most widely known residents of the neighborhood, died at his home in Scott township on Wednesday evening at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Deceased settled in the township over sixty years ago, and was for many years, after the discovery of coal in this vicinity, engaged extensively in the lumber business. At one time he was the owner of three saw mills, and he also became noteworthy as a dam builder, most of the dams existing today in the neighborhood having been built by him. He was a man every one had a good word for, and was a frequent visitor to Jermyn, and was held in great esteem. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Nicholas, Erasmus and George, and two daughters, Mrs. Eliza Stocker and Mrs. Daniel Griffiths, of Wayne county. The funeral will take place on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and interment will be made in the Carey cemetery at Lake Chapman.

There will be an important meeting of the congregation of St. James church at the close of this evening's service, at which all members of the church are invited to attend.

A stag party of about fifteen of the prominent young men of the borough was held in the St. George hotel last evening, at which an elaborate supper was served and several hours enjoyably spent.

Luther Keller, formerly electrician of the local electric light company, who left town about two years ago under a cloud, has just returned to the city. He is now treasurer of the J. O. U. A. M. society. Mr. Keller, who had been prominently engaged in church work, caused a sensation at the time by his flight, and obtained considerable notoriety through the press. His renitance of money to the society fulfilled what his friends have all along prognosticated, that he would pay up the money he embezzled. The cause of his fall was unfortunate speculations.

The antiquerage bill held in Edmunds' new hall last evening under the auspices of the Junior Order United American Mechanics was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in Jermyn. There were over a hundred managers present and they were in many instances remarkably grotesque. Several of the ladies were artistically dressed, and the scene on the floor of the hall was for several hours before the dancers unmarked an enjoyable sight.

Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Miss Ida Carter, a former well known resident of the borough, and Frank Jones, of Carbondale.

### DALTON.

The items referring to certain young men of this town and our edition of the county, which appeared in yesterday's Tribune, came not from the pen of the authorized correspondent of this paper for this place, and he wishes not to be held responsible for any seeming reflection which they may cast.

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### MUEHLBRONNER BILL IN HOUSE

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Another bill of Judge Archibald's drafting was introduced in the house by Mr. Harris, of Clearfield. It provides that the party who claims title to real estate by squatter right, and who is not in actual possession of the property, shall be required to record his title so that notice of his claim may be apparent. At present, owing to the inaccessibility of the law books, a party may purchase vacant land and then discover that another party is claiming it by having squatted on it for twenty-one consecutive years at some time or other.

Mr. Harris of Luzerne, introduced a bill to provide for an additional law judge in Luzerne county. A similar bill for Blair county was introduced by Mr. Gamble.

### Playwrights' Bill Defective.

The bill to prevent pirates from stealing unpublished and undedicated plays was reported from committee this morning. The bill was drafted by the American Dramatists' club of New York and is a copy of a law recently enacted in New York. The association is trying to have it adopted in every state. The copyright laws do not adequately provide protection against those who, without the consent necessary to strengthen it by state legislation, Dan L. Hart has charge of the bill in this state. He entrusted it to Sol Bacharach, the governor's executive clerk, and Mr. Bacharach and Mr. Stroth, the executive member of the Elks have sent a petition for its adoption.

The committee's report was a negative one, but this was not because it opposes the bill. There was a legal defect in it. This afternoon the committee got together and drafted a new bill along the lines of the other, and tomorrow it will be reported favorably.

Among the other bills reported from committee were the following: "Providing for a department of building and loan associations; permitting barbed wire fences to be erected along highways; protecting trade marks and union labels; making Somerset and Carbon counties separate judicial districts; providing for the burial of indigent soldiers."

### To Protect the Flags.

The resolution to prevent the taking of flags from the county, and to be used in the Grant tomb was reported with an amendment to the effect that it might be permitted if a majority of the survivors of the regiment which the flag represented favored it. This amendment was fathered and the resolution was passed as originally introduced. It requires that the consent of a majority of the Grand Army posts of the state shall be secured before any flag can be taken from a state depository.

The committee on military affairs reported adversely the bill providing that military instruction be provided for in all public schools.

The resolution recommending Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Fox for promotion to the position of brigadier general of regulars was unanimously concurred in by the house today, on motion of Mr. Scheuer, and is now ready for the governor's signature.

The bill amending the public act by removing the prohibition against directors or stockholders of banking institutions becoming notaries was passed on third reading in the senate. A proviso is made that such notaries cannot transact any business, with which the bank they represent is connected.

### Passed Second Reading.

An act creating the office of assistant district attorney and an act permitting councils to make an annual appropriation not exceeding \$500 to the support of each company of the National Guard having permanent quarters in the city, passed second reading in the senate. The bill creating the office of receiver of taxes in third class cities was halted on second reading by a motion to postpone for the present. The motion was made by Mr. Fox, of Dauphin, the father of the bill. He says there is a question as to whether or not Harrisburg wants the bill to pass.

The act authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to employ lecturers for summer assemblies for educational purposes was defeated in the senate on second reading.

### Mr. Elinn's Bond Scheme.

On motion of Senator Elinn, the bill introduced by him permitting county commissioners to borrow money and issue bonds for improving county roads was laid over for amendment. The famous Elinn road bill, by which county commissioners can, if they so elect, levy and collect taxes for road building is not furnishing revenue enough to keep the contractors busy, and Mr. Elinn proposes to permit them to go into the pockets of future generations by means of a bond issue. Since the bill was passed in 1895 Allegheny county, which was the only one to take advantage of the act, has expended a million dollars in improving seventy miles of the county roads. There are over three hundred more miles of road that will permit of being improved and it is the purpose of the Philanties to improve them as rapidly as possible. The vigorous attacks that are now being made on the Pittsburg ring by the ripperites are said