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Repairing Done Gratis. LACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY. WEATHER YESTERDAY. Local data for Feb. 26, 1901. Highest temperature 38 degrees. Lowest temperature 21 degrees. Humidity 79 per cent.

PERSONAL. Judge B. W. Archibald is in Williamsport holding court. Miss Mayne Spencer has gone to Paterson to visit school friends.

EX-MAYOR O'NEIL'S LECTURE. He Spoke Upon the Catholic Church in the United States. Ex-Mayor James J. O'Neil, of Carbondale, gave a most brilliant and interesting lecture last night before the Catholic Historical society on "The Catholic Church in the History of the United States."

Eighty Cent Gas Rate. Common Councilman Keller Will Insist on an Amendment to Gas Franchise Ordinance. Common Councilman Luther Keller will lead the fight in common council for an amendment to the gas franchise asked by the Consumers' Gas company, fixing and establishing a maximum price to be charged for gas by the company.

A MYSTERY. Lackawanna Avenue the Scene of an Astonishing Occurrence—Passers-by Look, Wonder and Investigate. "Why did the fire skip that one store?" asked a prominent railroad man of a Times man yesterday while walking down Lackawanna avenue.

Gas for Fuel. As will be seen by a special notice elsewhere in this issue, the Scranton Gas and Water company will, in order to encourage the use of gas for fuel, make a special price for gas used for fuel purposes on and after April 1, as follows: One dollar per thousand feet, with ten per cent. discount on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than twenty-five dollars, and twenty per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to twenty-five dollars and upwards.

Important Theatrical Event. Lyceum Theater, February, 1901. Dear Patrons:—On Thursday evening, February 25th, the original production of this season's musical comedy triumph, "The Burgomaster," will be presented, with all its wealth of wit, beauty and song that marked its glorious career of 151 performances in Chicago.

JOHN GIBBONS WAS ELECTED CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL. He Beat His Opponent, B. T. Jayne, by a Bare Majority of One—Messrs. Shires, Barker, Schriever and Langan, Who All Pledged Themselves to the Gentleman from the Thirtieth, Voted for Him—Secretary Fellows and Solicitor Reedy Were Unanimously Re-Elected.

School Controller John Gibbons, of the Twentieth ward, popularly known as the "old war horse," sprung a surprise at last night's reorganization of the board of control and got himself elected president over Mr. Jayne by a vote of eleven to ten. His election was due to the defection of four members who had pledged their support to Mr. Jayne in caucus.

SHIRES VOTED FOR GIBBONS. The nominations were then declared closed, and the roll was called amid a tense silence. As soon as the name of Mr. Shires, of the First ward, was called and he had answered "Aye," Mr. Gibbons, the gentleman who four years ago tonight stood on this floor and nominated me for chairman. He is a man who has grown gray in the service of the taxpayers of this city, and he deserves to be elected.

IT WAS A HOT FIGHT. The election of Mr. Gibbons was the culmination of one of the liveliest fights ever made for the presidency of the board. Mr. Jayne was the first in the field and some few months ago secured the signatures of all of the eleven Republican members and Dr. O'Malley, Mr. Langan and Mr. Francis, Democrats. Mr. Gibbons didn't become a candidate until about a month ago and has done some tall hustling since then.

10c Will Buy Today On some items you save 50% others 25%. E. G. Coursen 429 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

Who Can Write the Best Short Story? THE TRIBUNE OFFERS CASH PRIZES TO LOCAL WRITERS OF LOCAL FICTIONS. \$25.00 for the Best Story. \$10.00 for the Second Best. \$5.00 for the Third Best.

In view of the fact that considerable time has elapsed since there has been any public competition through the local press for the purpose of stimulating the literary ability latent among the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Tribune has decided to offer a series of prizes as a stimulus in this direction. It is desirous of securing for use in its columns a number of short stories treating of local themes.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST. All manuscripts must be submitted on or later than March 30. All manuscripts must be signed by a fictitious name and also the writer's real name and postoffice address.

DO NOT FAVOR LIEN BILL. In Pittsburg It Is Looked Upon as Entirely Unnecessary by the City Authorities. The lien bill introduced at Harrisburg by Representative Edward James, at the request of the authorities of this city, is not looked upon with favor, as may be judged by the following from the Pittsburg Dispatch:

A special piece of legislation, calculated to increase the business of Pittsburg and Allegheny cities, without any resultant good, is the way in which the bill introduced in the legislature on Friday by Representative James, of Lackawanna county, in this city. The bill, which is characterized by lawyers and others here, Attorney George Ephantus, ex-cy, secretary of Allegheny, says that the passage of the bill will result in the loss of many lives in both cities.

LECTURE BY DR. TAYLOR. He Appeared Before the County Medical Society. At the meeting of the Lackawanna County Medical society last evening, Dr. J. Madison Taylor, of Philadelphia, delivered a highly interesting lecture on "Deformities in Children, as Seen by the General Practitioner," in which he pointed out the great importance of the early recognition of deformities by the family physician, and said that in very many instances later incurable deformities and painful malades of the bones, such as club foot, hip disease, curvature of the spine, and many others, could have been cured and the consequences prevented if the trouble had been recognized early enough, and that it was the duty of the family doctor to carefully examine their little patients from time to time.

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SILK MILLS MAY BE MOVED. LOCAL OWNERS THINK OF TRANSFERRING PLANTS. Valentine Bliss, the Owner of Mills in Dunmore, North Scranton and Dickson City, Leaves for Georgia Tomorrow, and Will There Examine Several Sites for a Silk Mill. Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Sauquoit Manufacturing Company Will Accompany Him.

Valentine Bliss, the owner of three silk mills at North Scranton, Dunmore and Dickson City, will leave for Georgia tomorrow. In the company of Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Sauquoit Silk Manufacturing company, and look about for a favorable site to which he could transfer one or more of his factories.

PRESENT FOR JAMES. Mine Workers Appreciate Services of Well Known Organizer. A meeting was held in Co-operative hall last night by S. L. Morgan, Benjamin Bowen and John J. O'Grady, the committee appointed at a recent meeting of United Mine Workers to ascertain the feeling of the mine laborers in District 1 and 2, regarding the presentation to National Board Member Benjamin James of some visible token of appreciation for his services as an organizer.

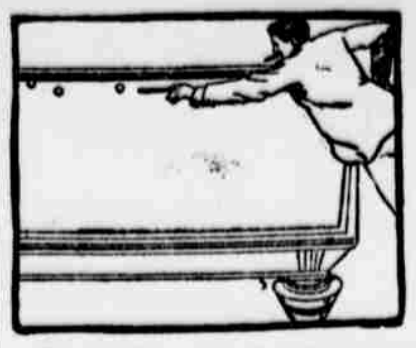
ASK FOR KELLY'S UNION CRACKERS. The Scranton Gas and Water Company and the Hyde Park Gas Company. In accordance with the policy of these companies to reduce rates from time to time as the use of gas for fuel purposes, notice is hereby given that, on and after April 1 next, the price of gas will be one dollar per one thousand cubic feet consumed, subject to the following discounts: Five per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than twenty-five dollars; ten per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to twenty-five dollars and upwards.

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