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Escapes from the Witt Corrugated ash and garbage cans—has air-tight cover—is made of extra heavy galvanized iron, corrugated to add strength; reinforced top and bottom by iron bands—lids and bottoms are one piece. Made in three sizes.

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## THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF SCRANTON.

Capital \$900,000. Surplus \$500,000.

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Business, personal and savings accounts invited.

3 per cent. interest paid on savings accounts.

Open Saturday evenings from 8 to 9 o'clock.

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Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy

330 Lacka. Avenue.  
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## Repairing Done Gratis.

# ACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY.

### WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for March 11, 1907:

Highest temperature..... 43 degrees  
Lowest temperature..... 31 degrees  
Humidity..... 81 per cent.  
W. S. W. 10 to 15 m.p.h.  
Rainfall, 24 hrs..... .74 inch

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. David Wells, of Greendale, and Mrs. Frank Wells, of New York, are the guests of Mrs. W. E. Wells.

Commissioner of Immigration T. V. Powderly was yesterday admitted to practice before the United States Supreme court.

Alderman Myron Kason has returned after a three weeks' visit at the Adams Hotel Springs. The ailments he had suffered from were relieved by a host of friends, and his departure is regretted by many. The patients at the hospital presented him with a box of his cigars before leaving.

### JORDAN WAS DISCHARGED.

Alderman Kelly Did Not Appear Against Him.

Leo Jordan, the 15-year-old youth who was arrested Sunday evening, was arraigned before Recorder Moir in police court yesterday morning.

Jordan borrowed a horse and buggy belonging to Alderman Kelly, and, in company with another young man, P. J. Messert, spent the day riding through neighboring towns. When the horse was returned it was found to be in a badly blown condition, and young Jordan was arrested for cruelty to animals.

Alderman Kelly did not appear against him, and Jordan was discharged.

### DID NOT ATTEND.

A meeting was to have been held yesterday afternoon in Dorr's hall by the magistrates and constables of this city, and only a few of the members of the association appearing, no session was held. The object of calling the meeting was to take action regarding the securing of legislation by which magistrates and constables can secure their fees in insolvency cases.

**Krause's Cold Cure.**  
For colds in the head, chest, throat or any portion of the body, breaks up a cold in 24 hours without interruption to work. Will prevent colds if taken when first symptoms appear. Price 25c. Sold by Matthews Bros.

### A PROSPERITY CELEBRATION.

Vice President Brooks Dines the Dime Bank Officers.

Just a year ago President Charles du Pont Brock, of the Dime Deposit and Discount bank, gave a dinner to the officers of the institution in commemoration of the bank having attained the million dollar mark in deposits. As the Vice President, Brooks C. Brooks said he would give a dinner when the deposits reached a million and a quarter, while Director Sol Goldsmith asked the privilege of entertaining when the one and one-half million mark was reached.

The report for the year 1906 showed that Mr. Brooks' dinner was due and that it was up to Mr. Goldsmith to begin to consult a caterer, florist and the like. Jan. 1, 1906, the deposits were \$1,000,000. They had reached \$1,313,786.1. And the bank is only ten years old!

Nothing more sumptuous or tasteful in the way of a dinner was ever spread in the Scranton club than that to which Mr. Brooks invited his fellow directors. Steward O'Neil claimed he had done his best and those who enjoyed the treat did not question his word. A novel feature of the table decorations was a low bank of greens which nestled a myriad of files of the valley forming the figure \$1,250,000. Souvenirs in the shape of newly printed dimes fastened to stick pins were presented to each guest.

Those who attended were: President Charles du Pont Brock, Vice President Brooks C. Brooks, Directors Sol Goldsmith, E. J. Lynett, George B. Jernig, Charles H. Schadt, J. W. Gernsey, J. B. Fish, M. H. Dale, S. S. Spruks and A. L. Francois, Cashier H. C. Dunham and Attorney Cornelius Comeyco, Directors W. J. Lewis and C. S. Seamans were unavoidably absent.

### IT WAS LADIES NIGHT.

They Contributed the Entertainment at the Meeting of the North Scranton Men's Union.

The ladies held sway at last night's meeting of the North Scranton Men's Union, and the excellent program which was rendered in the parlors of the Providence Presbyterian church was given entirely under their direction. It was the society's regular monthly meeting, and each member was expected to bring with him, as a result of which at 5 o'clock the room was well filled with an audience in which the fair sex predominated.

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### RECORDER MOIR LAUGHS AT THE IDEA OF ELECTING A MAYOR.

He is of the opinion that the office of mayor is a relic of the past, and that the city should be governed by a council of men.

### ULTIMATUM TO CANFIELD.

Car Shop Employees Ask for the Righting of Alleged Grievances Before Noon Today.

### Cut-Price Cigar Sale

Finest Key West Cigars, per box 2.90 of 50.

Fresh Cigars, all light colors All 10 cent cigars.

**E. G. COURSEN.**  
429 Lackawanna Ave.

## LOOKING FOR A CANDIDATE

### DEMOCRATS IN COUNCILS HAVE A SCHEME.

Say That the Office of Mayor Was Abandoned by Recorder Moir, That the City Is Without a Chief Executive and That This Condition of Affairs Must Not Be Permitted to Call a Joint Session with a View of Electing a Mayor—Men They Are Considering.

At a meeting of the Democratic members of council held at the St. Charles hotel on Sunday night the question of electing a successor to Mayor Moir was discussed at length, and it was unanimously decided to make an attempt to elect a mayor, providing a candidate could be found who would be willing to act.

The act of assembly provides that when there is a vacancy in the office of mayor it shall be filled by council in joint session. Unfortunately the act further provides that no member of council shall be eligible to election.

At Sunday night's meeting a committee, consisting of the following members: Hon. M. P. Sator, George S. Cosgrove, D. V. Vaughan, Thomas O'Dwyer, P. F. Cahill and M. J. Cusick. This committee was instructed to look up a candidate immediately, and after securing his consent to have a call issued for the joint session.

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Several of the members of the committee were looking for a candidate yesterday, but all of them who were seen positively refused to say whether they had found any one willing to be elected. All they would say was that the names of the following gentlemen were being considered among others: Hon. M. P. Sator, George S. Cosgrove, D. V. Vaughan, Thomas O'Dwyer, P. F. Cahill and M. J. Cusick.

The council in joint session as they stand at present are evenly divided politically, there being twenty-one Republicans and twenty-one Democrats. The Democrats claim they can get one or perhaps two Republican votes, if the Republican members all stay away they can prevent the holding of a joint session, as the law provides that in order to organize a joint session there must be a majority of both branches present. The Democratic leaders have foreseen this contingency, and they are counting upon the support of Wade M. Sloan, the Republican select councilman from the second ward.

The Democrats advance the argument, and they claim that they are backed up by ex-City Solicitor I. H. Burns and several other well-known lawyers, that it will be absolutely necessary to elect a mayor to sign and under legal the ordinances and resolutions which the present council will pass before the city government is re-organized on April 1, according to the provisions of the ripper bill. They contend that when Recorder Moir took the oath of office as recorder he accepted his commission for that office from the governor that he ceased to be mayor.

### UNTIL APRIL 1.

It is held that until April 1 Scranton will continue to operate under the act of assembly governing cities of the third class, and that inasmuch as that act provides for the office of mayor and outlines the duties of that official that a recorder appointed under the provisions of an act governing cities of the second class cannot approve of measures adopted by council acting in conformance with the third-class city act.

Recorder Moir laughs at the idea of electing a mayor, and refers to Article I, Section 1, of the ripper bill, which reads as follows:

"In cities of the second class the executive power shall be vested in a city recorder and in the departments authorized by this act. The office of mayor in said cities is hereby abolished."

The recorder holds, and it is understood that he is backed up in his contention by City Solicitor Voeberg, that in the eyes of the law Scranton has been a city of the second class ever since the proclamation of the governor was received, and that inasmuch as the office of mayor in such cities has been abolished by the ripper bill, which is now a law, that as recorder he has a perfect and unquestioned right to act as the city's chief executive, regardless of the time when the city is reorganized as a city of the second class.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SILK WORKERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS—TO PETITION MILL OWNERS TO ARBITRATE.

The executive committee of the striking silk mill girls met yesterday afternoon at Carpenters' hall, and after discussing the matter of arbitrating the present difficulties, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the executive committee of the silk mill girls of the city of Scranton, and vicinity desire to be plainly understood in our position, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will accept the Patterson plan on our labor, and further be it

Resolved, That we stand ready to arbitrate our pending difficulty and will accept the Right Rev. Bishop Hoban, or any citizen of our standing, as our arbitrator, and further be it

Resolved, That we will call upon the public and request them to help us in this matter of arbitration.

(Signed) Alida Bories, Chairlady of Executive Committee.  
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The various mill owners will now be petitioned to signify their willingness to arbitrate with arbitration. While Bishop Hoban has been several times mentioned as sole arbitrator, still the girls would be willing to entrust the matter into the hands of a board of four arbitrators, composed of local divines and business or professional men.

Nothing has been heard from any of the mill owners or superintendents regarding their attitude on the arbitration question. Mother Mary Jones and Committee member Frederick Dichter, of the mill workers, both leave the city this morning.

A meeting will be held in Carpenters' hall this afternoon of the striking hands from Harvey Bros. mill, and the Klotz girls will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening at St. John's hall, on Capone avenue. The hard work silk mill girls from the Scahill mill hold a session in Carpenters' hall, Friday afternoon.

A mass meeting was held in Taylor Saturday night, which was scheduled as a meeting of the silk mill girls. Very few of the latter were, however, in attendance, the greater part of the audience being made up of milliners. An address by Mother Jones featured the meeting.

### MAGOLITZ FELL OFF BRIDGE.

Olyphant Man Drowned in the Lackawanna at Minooka.

The dead body of George Magolitz, of Olyphant, was found in the Lackawanna river at Minooka yesterday morning. Magolitz fell into the stream Sunday night when, with three companions, he was crossing the bridge near the National weather bureau. When the center of the bridge was reached Magolitz fell into the water and, being unable to swim, was drowned. His companions notified the watchman at the South mill and a search for the body then began and was terminated until 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

New Pillow Tops.  
Cramer-Weiss Company, 139 Wyoming avenue.

Steam Heating and Plumbing.  
P. F. & M. T. Howley, 221 Wyoming ave.

## Who Can Write the Best Short Story?

THE TRIBUNE OFFERS CASH PRIZES TO LOCAL WRITERS OF LOCAL FICTION.

\$25.00 for the Best Story.  
\$10.00 for the Second Best.  
\$5.00 for the Third Best.

A LITERARY COMPETITION WHERE EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO WIN.

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 of the common 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 this column a number of short stories, treating of local themes. In order to furnish an incentive it proposes to pay:

\$25 for the best story of not to exceed 3,000 words in length.  
\$10 for the second best story, and  
\$5 for the third best story.

Manuscripts not successful in securing one of these prizes will be published and duly credited if the authors so desire.

Stories tending to bring out the romance and legendary life of the anthracite mining industry will have preference. In connection with every note in the valley there is a mass of traditions, including legends, escapades, narratives of spooky happenings and other details bordering on the weird or supernatural, which have never been gathered together in literary form. This opens a field which is practically inexhaustible and which should supply ample material for some exceedingly interesting fiction.

The task of passing upon the merits of the manuscripts submitted will be assigned to a distinguished judge, whose name will soon be announced, and who will read the manuscripts but have no knowledge of the identity of the authors. The envelopes containing the real names of the authors will be preserved unopened until after the awards have been made.

Should this initial competition prove encouraging, it may be followed by other prize offers of similar tenor.

CONTRIBUTORS OF THE CONTEST.

All manuscripts must be submitted no later than March 15, 1907.

All manuscripts must be signed by a fictitious name and also the writer's real name and post-office address.

The winning story must be held in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but the names of real persons must not be used.

One further condition must be understood. Contributions intended for this contest will be held in the Tribune office until the contest is over, but if at least one month's subscription in advance is provided, the author will be notified.

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### LEFT FOR HAZLETON.

President Mitchell Started for the Scene of the Gathering of the Mine Workers.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, who arrived in this city Sunday afternoon, left at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Hazleton, where the convention of the three anthracite districts opens this morning. President Mitchell spent the day in conference with the mine workers' local leaders, and left the city by the Delaware and Hudson, in company with President T. D. Nichols, of this district, and his secretary, Miss Morris.

A number of others accompanied them, but the great majority of local delegates will leave Scranton by the 6:45 o'clock train this morning. The train leaving at that time will bring them into Hazleton at 10 o'clock, just in time for the morning session. National Committeeman Frederick Dichter, Secretary John T. Dempsey of District No. 1, and Organizer Robert Courtwright will be among the prominent members of the Scranton contingent.

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Narrow four-in-hands, Butterfly ties 50c—there's our strong all star line.

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## KRUGER'S TO-KOLON WINES

Appeal for help does not seem very successful. Our appeal to you to take our

# TO-KOLON WINES

Is just the opposite. Why? Because we have something you want, and you help yourself, helping us. Lose no time in calling, take your time in buying.

**CASEY BROTHERS,**  
Wholesale Liquor Dealers, 216 Lackawanna Ave.

gent, which promises to be one of the largest at the convention.

Fully seven hundred men are expected at the convention, and of this number something like four hundred will attend from District No. 1. The mine workers' leaders in the city yesterday were extremely reticent regarding their opinions on the probable outcome, but one statement may be made on certain, and that is that by the removal of the present wage scale the operators have not succeeded in removing all causes for complaint, by several rows.

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 may be warranted by increased consumption, 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 dollars; ten per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to twenty-five dollars and upwards.

Provided the bill is paid on or before the 10th day of the month in which the bill is rendered. By order of the board,  
G. B. HAND, Secretary.