

TRUBLE OVER A CHILD.

It Was Straightened Out in the Alderman's Office.

Anthony Scott and wife, Mary, colored, of Raymond court, were arrested yesterday at the instance of John Johnson, of Jessup, also colored, for unlawfully holding a child, Mrs. Sophia Cullen, a white woman, of Jessup, was arrested at the same time for abduction, and all three were arraigned before Alderman Miller yesterday. The story brought out at the hearing is this: Last November the husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, broke up their home and separated. Johnson went to Moscow and his wife went to Buffalo to live. Their seven-year-old child, Grace May Johnson, was given over to Johnson's mother to keep. One day in November, Mrs. Sophia Cullen found the child wandering in a half-starved condition, in the woods near Jessup, sought out its grandmother, and took the child to her. The latter refused to take the little girl, and upon the advice of the justice of the peace of Winton, brought the child to this city and gave it over to the Scotts to keep, knowing that they were friends of the family. The alderman heard this evidence, discharged the defendants, and gave the little girl over to her father.

OFFICERS IN CONFERENCE

MET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN THE ST. CHARLES.

National President John Mitchell and District Presidents Nicholls, Duffy and Fahy Consider Plans for Trying to Bring About a Conference Between the Mine Workers and Their Employers—What the District Presidents Say About the Present Condition of Affairs.

The presidents of the three anthracite districts are now in the city, and with National President John Mitchell will formulate a method of attempting to secure the attendance of the operators at the conference of April 1. The four were in session yesterday afternoon at the St. Charles hotel, but their meeting was behind closed doors and was entirely of a secret nature. President Mitchell felt seriously disappointed, as the result of a severe cold, and last night refused to see anyone. A number of incidentals to the April 1 resolution will be taken action upon by the national and district presidents. Meetings will be called of the district boards, and nothing left undone to secure the attendance of the operators. If the latter refuse to attend the conference, judging from the present outlook a strike is almost inevitable. The situation has now simmered down to a point at which the mine workers' officials demand recognition, and while no assertion has been made that the general of last fall's offer is not satisfactory from a monetary standpoint, statements were made to a Tribune man yesterday by President Thomas Duffy, of District 7; John Fahy, of No. 9, and T. D. Nicholls, of No. 1, that something more tangible than mere notices is required, and nothing short of a joint conference can adjust the numerous petty grievances entertained.

THE MERCHANTILE TAX.

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Secretary Atherton, who, with A. F. Duffy, was at the state capital last Thursday, reported that they appeared before the ways and means committee and presented arguments showing why the mercantile tax should be reduced one-half. He said that they met with a very favorable reception, and that the point they advanced at the state revenues would be increased, rather than diminished, was declared well taken. The committee's theory is that the tax at one-half mill instead of one mill on every dollar's worth of business, there will be less attempt at evasion by merchants who dodge the present law by inaccurate statements of the amount of business transacted.

The application for membership of Henry B. Belin, Jr. and H. T. Healey were unanimously approved. Mr. Healey is a member of the firm of Timmins & Hook, who will operate the spike mill now being built in Keyser valley.

A resolution was adopted extending an invitation to President McKinley and his cabinet to visit this city while en route from Buffalo to New York, this June. They will visit the Pan-American exposition, and it is said that on their return, short stops are contemplated at various points along the line. A communication was next read from James Gardner Sanderson, in which he stated that the late Anthony A. Mann, Esq., had worked with him for some time in an effort to establish a Scranton Horticultural society, and now that the distinguished horticulturalist was no longer present to interest himself in the movement, he thought it a good idea for the board to take some action. He suggested that a company be organized, capitalized at \$50,000, with shares at \$50 each.

The purposes of such an association, among which would be the maintenance of a botanical garden, were set forth at length in the communication, which was referred to a special committee composed of J. B. Dimmick, Col. H. M. Boles, Conrad Schroeder, Col. F. L. Hitchcock and Charles Robinson.

E. M. Clark of Clark Bros. was proposed for membership by Mr. Boland. Action will be taken on the application at the next meeting.

WRIT OF ERROR ASKED.

Preliminary Step Taken to Have "Ripper" Opinion Reviewed by the Supreme Court.

An exception was yesterday filed to the judgment rendered Saturday in Judge R. W. Archbald's opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the "Ripper" Act. The assignment of error will be filed later. They will be practically a copy of the amended suggestion filed before the argument of the "case last Thursday." As soon as the exception was noted of record yesterday, former Senator M. E. Murphy filed a suggestion contesting the legality of the "Ripper," had his attorneys, Messrs. Burns, O'Brien and Martin, send a request to the Supreme court for a certiorari and writ of error. The appeal will probably be allowed today, and the Supreme court will be at once asked to fix a date and early day for a hearing on account of the great importance of the case to the people of Scranton, Pittsburg and Allegheny.

GINADER WAS INSANE.

That Was the Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

George G. Ginder committed suicide while suffering from a temporary aberration of mind. That was the verdict returned last night by a coroner's jury, consisting of Patrolmen D. J. Davis, Thomas Connery and Finlay Ross, Richard Davis, C. M. Storm and Andrew Healey. Ginder is the West Side barber who fired two bullets into his head on the old Love road on Friday, March 8, at 6:30 p. m. The only witness examined last night was his brother, Frederick Ginder, his partner in the barber business. Organs for Sale Cheap. You can buy a good second hand Organ at low as \$10.00 at Guernsey Hall, J. W. Guernsey, Prop., 214 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

The ladies of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, from the A's to the H's inclusive, will serve a tempting Easter supper in the church parlors Thursday evening, March 21, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Linen Doilies. Special sale of embroidered linen doilies, seven to thirty inches, Cramer & Co., 139 Wyoming avenue. Ask for Kelly's union crackers.

Schriever's Three Dollar Portraits. To effectually correct the prevailing impression that the Gold Medal Studio produces none but expensive pictures, Schriever's three dollar portrait is specially offered. Artistically well, we shall say nothing of their merit. See them at the studio.

Piano for Sale. A good second hand upright Piano, at a great bargain for cash. Don't miss it. Guernsey Hall, J. W. Guernsey, Prop., 214 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. After the meetings of the district boards, a session of the national executive board will be called by President Mitchell. This may be held in Wilkes-Barre, and will take place during the latter part of the month. The board consists of eleven members. President Mitchell, Vice-President T. J. Lewis, Secretary W. B. Wilson and Frederick Dichter are four of these. A majority vote will cause a strike, if the operators refuse to appear at the conference. National Organizer Christopher Evans, of Ohio, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and each day will now mark the arrival of more of the mine workers' leaders. President Mitchell will be closed with the district presidents this morning and afternoon. President Duffy, of District 7, when last night interrogated by a Tribune man regarding the feeling in his region, said: "My instructions are short and sweet. They are 'conference or strike.'"

President Fahy, of District 9, said: "In my district we are in the same position as the other districts. We consider the action of the operators an affront, in that they have ignored the invitations proffered in all courtesy. We regret that they could not see their way clear to meet with us, as the proposition which was to have been submitted was so fair that the operators could not have failed to be impressed by it. The notices posted are unsatisfactory, as they are not definite enough. They have no bearing on the smaller grievances, and as the conference in the latter there are many which can be adjusted by nothing save a joint conference. The men of No. 9 are willing to abide by the resolution passed Saturday. We would rather avoid a strike, but in certain cases it is the only remedy."

HIS WIFE HAS THE MONEY

Philander S. Silsbee Wants Court to Compel Her to Give Him His Just Share of Savings.

Philander S. Silsbee was for forty years a railroad conductor. He had a salary that averaged \$80 a month, and as he was thrifty and frugal, he succeeded in saving about \$6,000. His wife, Frances M. Silsbee, was the banker of the firm and all of their savings were invested in her name in the First National bank. They were married July 1, 1855, in Hawley, but spent most of their married lives in Dunmore. In 1887 they separated, and she brought a suit for divorce, Oct. 7, 1889, but has not prosecuted it. Mrs. Silsbee has possession of all of the cash of the concern and refuses to give him any of it. In his petition to the court for an injunction against her, and yesterday he had the position, on account of the fact that the league had been unable to secure the presence of a most important witness, Mr. Warren, in a vigorous ten-minute speech, protested against the postponement. It was an injustice, he said, to leave such a serious charge hanging over the head of the defendant, who was a man of standing in the community. There had been altogether too much delay-dilating in these bribery cases, anyway, he said, and it seemed to be the purpose of the league to "first arrest your man and then get your evidence."

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.

A LITERARY COMPETITION WHERE EVERY PENNER IS NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER TO WIN.

In view of the fact that considerable time has elapsed since the local press for the purpose of stimulating the literary ability latent among the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, it is deemed in this direction a series of prizes as a stimulus in this direction. It is desired of securing for use in its columns a number of short stories (of local interest), in order to furnish an incentive to writers.

For the best story of not to exceed 500 words in length: \$20 for the second best story, and \$5 for the third best.

Manuscripts sent in for consideration of these prizes will be published and duly credited if the authors so desire.

Stories to be accepted must be original and not already published in any magazine or newspaper, and must be in good English. They should be sent in duplicate, one to the editor and one to the publisher, and should be accompanied by a check or money order for the amount of the prize to which the author claims to be entitled. The name of the author should be written on the envelope and should be sealed up and addressed to the editor of the Tribune, so that the name of the author may not be known until the prize is awarded.

The time of closing for the receipt of manuscripts will be assigned to a distinguished judge, whose name will be announced, and who will read the manuscripts and select the prize stories. He will have no knowledge of the identity of the author.

The time of the contest will be from the date of the contest, to the date of the award. The prize money will be paid in cash.

Contributions invited for this contest will be accepted only from present subscribers to the Tribune. The contest will be open to all writers of fiction, and the prize money will be paid in cash.

For full terms and conditions of the contest, please refer to the contest notice in the Tribune of March 17, 1901.

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ARRESTED BUT SOON RELEASED

CASE AGAINST GENERAL MANAGER WEYLAND FAILED.

He Was Arrested at the Instance of the Municipal League on the Charge of Bribery, but at a Hearing Before Alderman Fuller the Testimony of ex-Councilman Griffiths Was Not Corroborated and E. B. Sturges Asked for the Defendant's Discharge.

General Manager E. Weyland, of the Lackawanna Telephone company, was arrested yesterday on the charge of bribery, but at a hearing before Alderman Fuller, and then discharged, E. B. Sturges requesting the alderman to do so on account of lack of evidence. The hearing was conducted in the afternoon, and the first witness examined was W. P. Billings, assistant cashier of the Second National bank, of Wilkes-Barre. The prosecution sought to prove by Mr. Billings that a note of the Lackawanna Telephone company for \$10,000, indorsed by its president, W. J. Lewis, had been discounted at the bank on February 3, 1901, and that the money had been paid to Mr. Weyland.

Mr. Billings admitted the discounting of the note, but could not tell to whom the money was paid, though he thought it was to Mr. Weyland. It was afterwards admitted by the prosecution that his testimony was of no importance, because the money which it alleged was paid by Mr. Weyland to the commonwealth's principal witness, ex-Councilman W. V. Griffiths, was paid five months before the note was drawn.

TREASURER SWORN.

The next witness examined was former Mayor W. L. Connell, the present treasurer of the Lackawanna Telephone company. No testimony of any importance was elicited from him. President W. J. Lewis was the next witness. He had no recollection whatever of such a note as the one mentioned by Mr. Torrey having been executed. He himself was out of the city when the franchise ordinance was finally passed. Former Councilman W. V. Griffiths, of the Fourth ward, was next called, and told substantially the same story that he told at the hearing held March 7. Sometime in the summer of 1899, he said, Mr. Weyland met him in the Delaware and Hudson station and gave him an envelope containing \$200, saying as he did so that it was a present for the good work which he (Griffiths) had done for the company in supporting the ordinance granting a franchise to the new company from the Delaware and Hudson station.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED.

When Mr. Griffiths' testimony had been completed, Mr. Torrey asked the attorneys on the other side if they would agree to an adjournment of the case on account of the fact that the league had been unable to secure the presence of a most important witness, Mr. Warren, in a vigorous ten-minute speech, protested against the postponement. It was an injustice, he said, to leave such a serious charge hanging over the head of the defendant, who was a man of standing in the community. There had been altogether too much delay-dilating in these bribery cases, anyway, he said, and it seemed to be the purpose of the league to "first arrest your man and then get your evidence."

MUST BE CORROBORATED.

He then pointed out that in such a case the act of assembly expressly sets forth that the evidence of the accomplice to the alleged crime must be corroborated. Mr. Griffiths was the only witness to the alleged crime.

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