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Repairing Done Gratis. ACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY. WEATHER YESTERDAY. Local data for March 20, 1901: Highest temperature 41 degrees. Lowest temperature 25 degrees. Humidity 85. 8 a. m. 96 per cent. 8 p. m. 91 per cent. Rainfall, 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.4 inch.

PERSONAL. Attorney W. S. Beid is in Harrisburg. Mrs. Mildred Green, formerly with Joseph King's military department, has accepted a similar position with Genesee.

WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH. Mrs. Cassidy Expired Before Medical Assistance Could Be Obtained. Mrs. Cassidy, aged 65 years, a widow residing in Oakwood court, South Scranton, died very suddenly at 11 o'clock last night, while visiting at the home of Patrick Costello, 610 Prospect avenue.

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

Millinery Opening. Opening of fine spring millinery Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Dougherty & Thomas, 128 Wyoming avenue.

THIS WILL INTEREST MOTHERS. Mott's Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. A good second hand Upright Piano, in a great bargain for cash. Don't miss it. Guernsey Hall, J. W. Guernsey, Prop., 214 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

ARE OPPOSED TO A STRIKE

WHAT CANVASS OF REPRESENTATIVE MEN SHOWS. They Are of Opinion That Present Conditions Do Not Warrant Such a Drastic Measure as a General Strike in the Anthracite Coal Region—Among Mine Workers There Is Also a Belief That a Strike Would Be a Bad Thing at This Time—Their Reasons for This. A canvass was yesterday made by Tribune reporters of well-known city business men, in an effort to secure expressions from them regarding the present situation. The general sentiment of all seen was decidedly anti-strike, and they seemed a unanimity of opinion that if a strike is declared without more apparent grievances being advanced as a cause for suspension of work, the movement will be a most serious blow to unionism in this section of the country.

THOMAS H. DALE, for many years treasurer of the Langcliffe, Ladlin, Greenwood and Brooks coal companies, which recently sold out to the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company, and a most thoroughly conversant through long experience with all phases of the local mining situation, said yesterday: "If the miners' union declare a strike they will make a terrible mistake. A strike for sentiment is always such as the past has shown."

MR. BROOKS' OPINION. T. R. Brooks, who was secretary of the companies of which Mr. Dale was treasurer, declared to a Tribune man that from personal conversations held with a number of miners he knew that they were opposed to a strike, and if they went out it would be only through a blind obedience to orders. The statement given out by Mr. Dale, he said, expressed his own views and he added:

WHAT MR. LEVY SAID. Treasurer Joseph Levy of the Scranton board of trade, said: "In my opinion the miners' leaders will not be justified in calling a strike, unless stronger reasons are advanced for such an action, than have been put forward up to the present. I trust that the leaders will prove the conservative men they have been considered, and that they will rest content with the offer already made by the operators in continuing the present wage scale."

MR. ATHONTON'S VIEWS. Secretary D. B. Atherton, of the board of trade, said: "I think that the very greatest care, intelligence and consideration should be given this question by the officers of the United Mine Workers of America before they assume the responsibility of declaring a strike throughout the anthracite field. Such a strike coming right on the heels of last fall's six weeks' struggle would be nothing short of a calamity. The industrial and commercial interests of this city have not at all recovered from the effects of a strike and if another was precipitated now it would take years for a complete recovery from its ill effects. In my official capacity as secretary of the most representative commercial body in this section of the state, I have found that as long as this talk of a strike is pending we are practically tied hand and foot as far as the securing of new industries is concerned. We have been in communication with a number of concerns with a view of getting them to locate here, but since last week's convention in Hazleton we have received word that until the strike question is settled all negotiations must end. Of course if a strike were declared it would be months and months before we would be able to get any concern to even consider this city in case it were looking about for a change of location. The technical grounds on which the mine workers have expressed their intention of calling a strike is not at all sufficient importance to warrant a complete cessation of work throughout the anthracite coal fields and the throwing out of employment of over 100,000 men and boys. The members of the board to a man, I believe, are opposed to the declaring of a strike and whatever action is taken tomorrow night will be with the view of discouraging such a declaration."

WHAT RECORDER MOIR SAID. Recorder James Moir said: "I don't believe there will be a strike and consequently I don't see any reason for alarm. I have too much confidence in the judgment and discretion of President Mitchell and his advisers to believe for a moment that they would plunge this valley into another struggle such as last fall's simply because the coal operators refuse to technically recognize the union. They must realize that such an action would work the ruin of the organization and I feel confident that they will not attempt it."

DISASTROUS EFFECTS. Max Rice, senior member of the firm of Rice, Levy & Co., made the following remarks: "This talk of a strike already having it disastrous effect upon local business interests, and if a general suspension of labor really takes place it will cause terrible results to local enterprises. The sentiment among both wholesale and retail dealers is entirely against a strike. What I would favor is a general mass meeting of citizens from all over this county, who could give this most serious matter serious consideration and take some definite action. John Cleland, senior partner of Cleland, Simpson & Taylor, of the Globe store, said: "I have not followed the course of events in this matter closely enough to make any full statement. All I can say is that a strike will precipitate a very unfortunate condition of affairs."

TARDY JUROR CAUSED DELAY

MISSED TRAIN ON WHICH HE INTENDED TO COME. Because of This the Wolfgang Trespasse Case Did Not Get to the Jury Until Late in the Afternoon—Ejectment Suit Against Ridge Turnpike Company Now on Trial—Verdict for the Plaintiff in Cooper Suit Against the City—Trying to Collect a Coal Bill—Court Notes.

The trespasse case of E. J. Wolfgang against the Scranton Railway company was given to the jury yesterday afternoon. A verdict has not yet been returned. Some delay was occasioned in starting the case by the failure of John Toehy, of Scranton, who missed the morning train which would have landed him in the city in time for the opening of court. It was 10:30 when he arrived.

The ejectment case of George Cooper against the city of Scranton was given to the jury by Judge H. M. Edwards yesterday morning and later in the day it returned a verdict in favor of Cooper for \$1275. The city will apply for a new trial.

Miss Barbara McGinnis was given a verdict for \$117.93 against M. J. Norton, who was formerly engaged in the hotel business here. She was employed as a servant by Norton and her claim was for wages. Norton did not appear and was not presented by counsel, and a verdict was returned for the full amount of the plaintiff's claim, with interest.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES. Only one liquor license from this city was taken yesterday. William Quirk, of the Third ward, was the holder of the license. The license of Anna Loftis, of the First ward, was also taken yesterday. In the estate of Margaret Keegan, administratrix, the court has ordered that Bridget Keegan, a rule was granted yesterday to show cause why the attachment should not be dissolved in the case assigned to the National National Insurance company, of Milwaukee, Wis., against Alexander Schiano, defendant, and the German Building association, No. 8.

COONS-SISENBERGER. Two Well Known Young People Married Yesterday Morning. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, on Vine street, and Taylor avenue, Miss Lena Sisenberger was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to William H. Coons, the well-known Penn avenue business man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles G. Spleker, of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.

McVittie's Statement. Editor of The Tribune:—Sir: I am not guilty of the charge of forgery brought against me by Alexander Barron, of Mead, Frank E. Morris, an acquaintance, gave me the check and asked me to have it cashed, as he was a stranger here. I did so. That is all the connection I had with the check. I was not committed to the county jail.

A Higher Average. Sir: Tuesday morning your paper stated that a pupil of No. 14 school made an average of 98 per cent. You will please mention the fact on your paper that this extremely high mark can be beaten by a pupil of No. 25 school, who made an average of 98.27 per cent.

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STOLE FROM HIS MOTHER.

Martin Crane Was Committed to the County Jail. Martin Crane, a 16-year-old boy, living with his mother on Locust street, was committed to the county jail by Recorder Moir yesterday in default of \$500 bail, on the charge of larceny. Crane four years ago was sent to a reform school at Buffalo, and shortly after being discharged from there was committed to the Glen Mills reformatory, at Philadelphia, for the theft of brass. A few months ago he completed his time there, and with his name on the "honor list" was given his liberty. During the intervening time he has been dependent upon his mother, a widow, refusing to work or in any way support himself.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

Board of Trade Will Tonight Consider How Best to Avert the Threatened Coal Strike. Five members of Scranton's representative civic body, the board of trade, impressed with the seriousness of the situation confronting the industrial and commercial interests of this valley and especially the city of Scranton, have signed a call for a special meeting to be held tonight for the purpose of taking action on the impending strike.

The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will be open to members only. Just what action will be taken is not known, but it is generally understood that resolutions strongly condemning the calling of a strike will be passed and that steps will be taken to call a public meeting of citizens under the auspices of the board to discuss the question.

M'MANUS BADLY INJURED

Came in Contact with a Live Wire in Front of Coal Exchange, on Wyoming Avenue. Michael McManus, of 712 Forest court, an electrician employed by the Scranton Illuminating, Heat and Power company, fell from a step-ladder in front of Dougherty & Thomas' millinery store, in the Coal Exchange building, on Wyoming avenue, yesterday, and received injuries which rendered him unconscious for several hours.

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IT IS NOT SERIOUS.

Nothing to Fear from Substitution of Word "Mayor" for "Recorder." City Solicitor Vosburg doesn't see anything serious in the accidental substitution of the word "mayor" for the word "recorder" in that section of the "ripper" bill which gives authority for the exercise of the city's corporate powers, mention of which was made in The Tribune's Harrisburg correspondence. "There is no question, whatever," said he, "but that the court would decide, if anybody were ever so foolish as to bring the matter up, that the intent of the legislature was to have it read 'recorder' instead of 'mayor.' The rule that an act must be read so as to preserve a harmony among its parts is one long ago established by the Supreme court of this state."

Will Succeed Griggs. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 20. It is understood on high authority that the president has decided to appoint P. C. Griggs, of Pittsburg, to fill the vacancy in his cabinet that will be caused by the retirement of Attorney General Griggs on April 1.

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THE SCRANTON GAS AND WATER COMPANY and the Hyule 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: Ten 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.

SPECIAL. SCRANTON GAS AND WATER COMPANY and Hyule Park Gas Company—In order to encourage the use of gas for fuel purposes, notice is hereby given that, on and after April 1 next, the price of gas so used will be one dollar per one thousand cubic feet consumed, subject to the following special discounts: Ten per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than twenty-five dollars; twenty per cent. on all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to twenty-five dollars and upwards.

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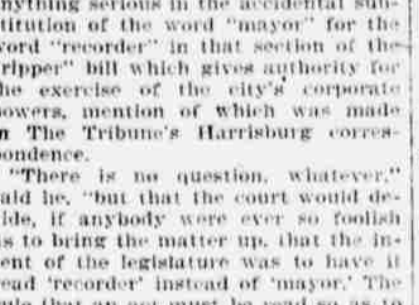
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