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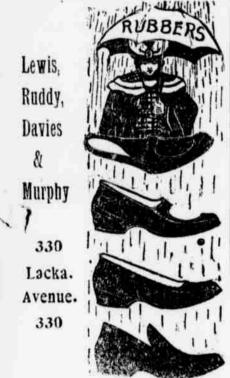
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and Mrs. Sidney Jenekes, of Monte are visiting briends in this city W. M. Jermyn, of Oswego, N. V., is visitin bis purents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jermyn. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rine, of Webster avenfull more into their new residence on Madie

Centre, April 1. leadore Goodman, of Madison avenue, is at his bonne. He was suddenly taken sick in e postoffice Friday night.

Missa Mary Shields, of Bentley Creek, Brad and comety, is visiting at the home of M. F.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Evans and Daniel senry, of Carbondale, were in the city year terday attending the funeral of the fate M. D.

David L. Lewis, of Newark, N. J., is visiting his brother, John Lewis, of Jackson street, Re-attended the funeral of the late H. D. Jones Yesterday.

Assistant District Attorney John Williams, of Wilkez-Barre, and Oscar Powell, of Plymouth, spend restorday with David P. Reese, of Sum-

Mrs. Henry Stevens and her son, Frank Ste Schnell court, were received yesterday Habremann bospital suffering from pneu-Mrs. B. H. James, of Marion street, was Also taken to the hospital, suffering from rice

Cheap Rates to California.

Parties desiring to make trip to California, Arizona or New Mexico, either for business or pleasure, can do so now at almost half price.

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DOINGS IN COURT.

Continuances in Several Cases Were Granted.

The rule to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining Mrs. Lysander Silsber from spend-ing her husband's money, came up for argument in court on Saturday morn ng, but the defendant's attorney, H M. Hannah, was not prepared to go on. and the case was continued until next Saturday

Court took the papers in the case of J. S. Miller vs. F. Gross. The latter is a tenant of Mr. Miller, who claims that he violated his lease. The lease contained a clause which provides that when any of its terms were violated an amicable action in ejectment may be brought and judgment entered thereon. The judgment has been entered, and court is to decide whether it s valid or not.

The preliminary injunction restraining George Pendred, burgess, and other officials of the borough of Jermyn from executing a ten-year contract with the rescent Electric Light company has seen continued until April 8. The case of F. C. Bunnell vs. Ward

as been continued until the next term. The second week of common pleas ourt opens today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

Rev. Dr. Duhring Delivered an Address in St. Luke's Episcopal Church Yesterday Afternoon.

The first rally of the Sunday school children and workers of the Episcopal church in this city to be held in a number of years was conducted yes terday afternoon, commencing at o'clock, in St. Luke's church.

The purpose of the gathering was that an opportunity might be given to all to listen to an address by Rev. Dr. Duhring, of Philadelphia, who is probably the best known Sunday school worker among the ranks of the Episopal clergy in this country. There were present when Dr. Duhring was introduced by Rev. Dr. Rogers Israel the superintendents, teachers and pu pils of the Sunday schools of the following churches and missions; St. .uke's, St. David's, Church of the Good Shepherd, Christ's, South Side Mission, East End Mission and St. George's, of

Olyphant. The doctor addressed himself excluevely to the children and in a delightully simple and understandable way arged them to take for their motto the last two words of the fourteenth verse of the fifteenth chapter of Exodus, chich reads: "Speak unto the children

of Israel that they go forward."

The children, he said, should try to forward in all things in the study of the Bible and the prayer books and in doing active missionary work-the naking of others happy. During the course of his talk he referred to the fact that Psalm 118 was a part of the salter read at the service yesterday. This palm, he said, contained the mid-dle verse of the Bible and it is a renarkable fact that it is between the shortest and longest chapters in the book, namely, the one hundred and

nineteenth psalm. "This middle verse reads," said he as follows: 'It is better to trust in the ord than to put confidence in man.' The first verse in the Bible tells of reation, the last verse is a universal penediction to all mankind, and this middle verse tells of the necessity of a pressed toward each other. perfect and abiding faith in God, formng a keynote to a perfect arch."

The doctor gave interesting stati regarding the number of Episcopal Sunday schools in the country. There are 6,000, he said, with 60,000 teachers and 600,000 scholars. Last year these 300,000 scholars contributed \$97,000 for nissionary work, this sum having been saved or earned during the Lenten season. There are, he said, 10,000,000 boys and girls in this country who do not attend Sunday school at all, and 5,000,000 young men who go to no church.

Before finishing his address he ofered to give \$5 to each Sunday school whose contribution to the missionary fund this year is larger than it was last

CROWDS OF SHOPPERS.

The New Dry Goods Store of Meldrum, Scott & Co. Opened Under Auspicious and Encouraging Circumstances.

Saturday morning the new dry goods firm of Meldrum, Scott & Company opened their spacious store at 126 Wyoming avenue, formerly occupied by the "Leader," The opening of this popular firm was made under very auspicious and encouraging circumstances. Early in the morning the store was filled and was crowded to the doors all day. There is an army of obliging and courteous clerks present waiting on the many buyers and everything is hustle in the store. It should be such, for "hustle" has been the watchword of Messrs. Meldrum and Scott since they first entered the dry goods business in the employ of Mr. Finley, with whom they were engaged for the past number of years. George H. Scott was in the employ of Mr. Finley for twenty years, while Mr. Meldrum was engaged in the same store for the past ten years. Their matured experience in this business will enable them to conduct a business that cannot be excelled by any firm in the city. That they have the confidence of the people of Scranton and vicinity is plainly evident by the throngs present at their opening Saturday. The large store rooms are packed with new spring goods of the latest patterns. Messrs Meldrum & Scott make their initial bow in the dry goods business with the best wishes of their hosts of friends.

FOR A SPECIAL MEETING.

Common Councilman Keller to Circulate a Call Today.

Common Councilman Luther Keller stated last night to a Tribune man would circulate a call this morning for a special meeting of the common branch tomorrow night, for tion on the reorganization ordinance. He said he believed he would have no difficulty in securing the requisite five

signatures. "A meeting should be held at once," he said, "for in my opinion it is absolutly essential that we get the reorganization ordinance passed before we crats will not attend the meeting we will know where to fix the responsi-

Miss McManama wishes to announce

IS IT MURDER **OR SUICIDE?**

BODY OF JOHN CILIBERTI FOUND AT LITTLE ENGLAND.

His Own Shot Gun Was Under Him and There Was a Great Wound in His Breast Which Must Have Caused Instant Death-County Detective W. A. Phillips Believes It Is a Murder and Chief-of-Police Robling Says It Is a Suicide-The Facts in the Case.

Cold and rigid in death the body of John Ciliberti, an Italian, was found at 4 o'clock vesterday morning in the door-yard of a house at 2505 Ash street, Little England. There was a great, gaping wound in his right breast, and an old, broken, blood-spattered gun lay under his distorted body.

Whether suicide or murder is a quesion proving bothersome to the authori-

There are many reasons advanced in support of the suicide theory, and, on the other hand, just as many and just as good arguments to show that it is murder. This conflict of opinions is due to the peculiar position in which the body was found and the other unusual circumstances, as are later de-

At 4 o'clock in the morning Frank Carello, a boarder at Frank Grippo's boarding house, rose, and lying downward across the gate-way outside of the house, with the head inside of the yard and the legs and feet without, he found the body. Apparently the sight did not disturb him in the least, for he returned to bed and slept until 6 'clock, when he notified Frank Grippo, the boarding housekeeper, of his gruesome find. Together they viewed the body and raised the little settlement of Italians

CORONER NOTIFIED.

About 7 o'clock, Fred Beaver, a po ceman of Dunmore, first heard of the discovery and reached that section at The coroner and Undertaker Letchworth were notified and the latter appeared at 10.30, Acting Coroner Paine showed up at about 11 o'clock nd viewed the remains. He found that the load from the gun had enered the right breast, passing through he lung and lodged in the spine, causing instant death. The flesh was eared and stained with powder grains,

A hole had been torn through the oat, vest, shirt and undershirt, while the wound is the exact size of the bore of the gun, proving beyond all doubt that when fired it had been placed flatly against the chest.

The gun is an old double-barrelled thotgun and is a muzzle-loader. One unexploded charge was found in the other barrel. The weapon when first een laid partially under Ciliberti's body with the barrel pointed toward the chest, while the butt or stock laid in the opposite direction. Just where eventeenth and the one hundred and the metal barrel is joined to the stock the weapon was broken, as if the heavy weight had fallen upon the old instrument of war and caused it to break in the weakest part, naturally, The shot instantly killed him, as he never moved after falling forward on his face, with his arms and knees

GRIPPO'S HOUSE.

Grippo's house in the second building which is situated next to and just south of the Erie and Wyoming tracks on Ash streets. There are but four rocky ledge.

John Ciliberti, or Giovanni Ciliberti, as his Italian friends called him, was the county jail. I years of age, was married and had child a month old. He was always jolly, good-natured sort of an individual and quite popular with his countrymen. Until about a month ago he was employed at the Bellevue washery, when he became a section hand on the

Erie and Wyoming railroad. During the night, up to 11 o'clock or earlier, Ciliberti, in company with Tony 'hiavaromi, Saliara Varicco, Antonio Riccardo and Michael Cassiella, was in M. Picchiarallo's store in social session, drinking "cider," according to the positive assertions of the principals. When the affair broke up at ten minutes to eleven Riccardo and Cassiella. walked with him. Ciliberti's home is about two hundred yards from the

They left him at his house and some where between 10 and 11 o'clock the wife was awakened by the husband bending over and kissing the child in its cradle. Saying he would return shortly, he withdrew from the room and the house, taking, it is supposed, the shotgun with him. From this on nothing is as yet known of his move-

HEARD NO SHOTS.

All the Italians in that vicinity delared positively and vehemently that they heard no shots, whereas a family distant heard a shot about 12 o'clock. County Detective W. A. Phillips bea man wishing to commit suicide would himself. not wander to this particular place. and that there was no apparent cause for such action. The detective believes that the crowd in the store engaged in a game of cards and that a dispute

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LITERARY COMPETITION WHERE EX-PERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO WIN.

In view of the fact that considerable tion hat clapsed since there has been any publicompetition through the local press for the purpose of atimulating the literary ability latent among the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Tribure has deciden to offer a series of prizes as a stimulus in direction. It is desirous of securing for with its columns a number of short store

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 nest story. Manuscripts not successful in securing of these prizes will be published and duly redited if the authors so desire.

Stories tending to bring out the romanous and legendary love of the anthracite mining dustry will have preference. In connection with every mine in the valley there is a mass of tradition, including har-breadth es-capes, narratives of spooly happenings and other details bordering on the weird or supernatural which has never been gathered to-gether in literary form. This opens a field which is practicelly inexhaustible and which should supply the material for some exceed ngly interesting fiction.

The task of passing upon the merits of the nanuscripts submitted will be assigned to disinterested judge, whose name will soon se announced, and who will read the manuscripts but have no knowledge of the iden of the authors. The envelopes contain ong the real names of the authors will be eserved unopened until after the awards Should this initial competition prove or

couraging, it may be foll prize offers of similar tenor. CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST. All manuscripts must be submitted no

ater than March 30. All manuscripts must be signed by a ficand postoffice address.

The scene of each story must be laid in ortheastern Pennsylvania, but the names of

out persons must not be used.

One further condition must be understood. ontributions incended for this contest will be accepted only from present subscribers to The Tribune or from those who may, during the contest, become subscribers by payment of at least one month's subscription in ad-

STORY CONTEST. Serenton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

arose, which resulted in the dead man's going home to get a gun with which to kill one of the players, who had created or wronged him in some way That he had gotten the gun, but it had been wrested from him and used to kill him. The Italians all believe he was murdered.

points out is the fact of the two men, Riccardo and Cassiella going home with him. Casiella lives in the next house to the one occupied by Ciliberti, while the former lives in the opposite dead body was found. Riccardo and Ciliberti have long been personal friends and it is not been personal and the pineteen of the Delaware, and the pineteen of the Delaware. direction, two houses from where the rom M. Picchiarallo's general store, friends, and it is possible that he had gone home to protect his friend.

Frank Grippo, Tony Chiavaromi. Saliano Varieco, Antonio Riccardo and buildings all told in this block, and all Michael Cassiella were arrested as are occupied by Italian families. On the other side of the street rises a ararigned before Squire Cooney, who held them for a hearing Wednesday at 10 o'clock. They were committed to

> BELIEVES IT IS SUICIDE. Chief of Police Robling believes in he suicide theory. The chief thinks that Ciliberti placed the muzzle of the gun against his chest and bent over

until the stock rested against the earth; when in that position he pushed back the trigger with his finger and shot himself. As the shot took a downward course, this idea is substantiated. In falling, the chief believes the weight of Cili-

beril's body caused the stock to snap and to fall under him. There is no other way to account for the breaking of the stock. Cliiberti is the man who was shot

in the leg over three years ago by Joseph Longo. Longo was tried and convicted on the charge of felonious wounding and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. A month ago Longo completed his term and took up his residence in Little England, a short distance in the rear of Grippo's boarding house. There has been a bitter feeling between the two, and it was suggested that Longo is responsible for the shooting. The latter is said, however, to be seriously ill and can only report has it, move about when as-

Acting Coroner Paine empanelled the following jury: Dr. J. R. Murphy, W. over in Petersburg, fully a half mile 1. Purchell, James McGrail, J. J. Brogan, B. W. Kelly and Fred Beavers, No time was set for an inquest, but lieves that it is a murder. In proof Dr. Roberts will return home today of this he advances the following: That and will very likely appoint the day

HIS LEG CRUSHED.

Patrick Larkin, of Dunmore, Caught Under a Freight Train.

Sometime in the dim future ther may arise a generation of youths who will realize that it is a very dangerous practice to ride on freight trains, William Larkin, the 18-year-old son of Patrick Larkin, of East Drinker street, Dunmore, realizes this fact now, but the realization has cost him the loss f his right leg.

In company with several companions e was yesterday afternoon riding back We now offer our fancy and forth on trains running past No. His older brother who was watching him, warned him to be careful, but he only laughed. He tried to leap on a | + freight which came thundering along | + shortly afterwards, but he slipped and

> His right leg was caught underneath | + the wheels and so badiy crushed that | + it had to be amputated by Drs. O'Brien and Winters, after the young man had | + been removed to his home.

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NOW CONTROLS SECOND LARG-EST OUTPUT OF REGION.

W. A. May Made General Manager of the Combined Pennsylvania and Hillside Companies-Sydney Williams to Be Superintendent of the Former and W. W. Inglis of the Latter-Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad to Be Operated as the Wyoming Division of the Erie.

As was prophesied by The Tribung, Captain W. A. May has been placed at he head of the Erie's coal interests in this region. Notices to this effect were posted Saturday at the headquarters of the Pennsylvania Coal company and the Hillside Coal and Iron company which under the recent deal consummated by J. Pierpont Morgan, became one property. Sydney Williams is to continue as

Coal company, and General Manager May has appointed W. W. Inglis to succeed him as superintendent of the Hillside Coal and Iron company. The promotion of Captain May makes him the head of one of the biggest coal concerns in the anthracite region. Here

are the collieries that come under his

superintendent of the Pennsylvania

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For comparison the following is giv-

belaware and Hudson. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western ... Peanwylyania-Hillside 3,424,451

A BIG OUTPUT. As will be seen by the above figures General Manager May's control extends over collieries with an output half a million tons greater than those of the Delaware and Hudson company and within half a million tons as great as those of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western companies. In the number of collieries the Pennsylvania-Hillside concern exceeds all others in this region, having thirty-four, as against

Hudson company; The circular announcing Genera Manager May's appointment reads as follows:

Pennsylvania Coal Company, Hillside Coal and fron company. Troular No. 1 Mr. W. A. May is appointed general manager of the Pennsylvania Coal company and the Hill

ide Coal and Iron company, with office at Scranton, Pa. L. S. Miller, Vice-president,

Approved: G. M. Commings, President Messrs, Cummings and Miller are president and vice-president, respectively, of the Pennsylvana Coal company, as reorganized last Thursday under the Erie regime. The other officers are J. A. Middleton, vice-president and secretary: J. T. Wann, auditor: J. W. Platten, treasurer, President Cumand Mr. Miller is assistant to the Erie'

president, Mr. Thomas. The Pennsylvania and Hillside com panies will be operated separately for will be applied to both companies General Manager May will take hold oday, probably, and at once enter upon the task of reorganization. Eventually the two companies may be operated as rate showing of

CHANGES TO COME.

one,

What changes will be made in the offices of the two coal companies, other than those officially announced, can not be told as yet. It is given our however, that C. P. Savage, purchasing agent, and Henry Beyea, paymas ter of the Pennsylvania company, will be continued permanently. Concerning Wilson Decker, superintendent of the Pennsylvania company's mining department, nothing authoritative has been learned.

The offices of the Hillside Coal and Iron company, now in the board of trade building, will be moved to the Pennsylvania company's building in

The Eric and Wyoming Valley rail road will cease to exist, though the

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corporation will, of course, be continued. Hereafter it is to be operated as the Wyoming division of the Erie rallroad. Superintendent Slade will continue as division superintendent. Its affairs are to be directed from New York, and its employes are to be paid by the Eric company's paymaster. The auditing department of the Eric and Wyoming Valley Railroad company has been transferred to the home office of the Eric Railroad company at New York city. But few changes have been made in the clerical force, a number of the employes leaving this city Saturday.

HIT WITH AN AXE.

Thomas Sampson, Colored, Receives Treatment at Hospital.

Thomas Sampson, a 16-year- old boy, of Raymond court, walked into the Lackawanna hospital last evening at 6 o'clock, with an ugly looking wound on the side of his head, which was bleeding profusely.

Sampson is a colored youth and lives with his mother and several brothers in a house at 316 Raymond court. The injury to Sampson's head was sustained in a household fracas yester day afternoon. Someone, whose identity is a bit hazy, seized an axe and hit him over the head. At the hospital Sampson said his father administered the blow, but as the whereabours of that parent are a trifle puzzling, it is believed that another brother is re-

The wound was dressed and Sampson permitted to return home,

The Scranton Gas and Water Company and the Hyde Park Gas Com-

pany 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 I 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 among up waids.

wards.

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G. B. HAND, Secretary.

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By order of the board, G. B. HAND, Secretary.

Beginning Monmings is also vice-president of the Erie day, March 23, lasting the entire week, the present. The Erie system of offices to Saturday, March 30, inclusive, elabo-

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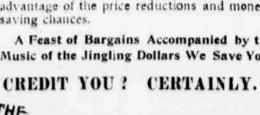
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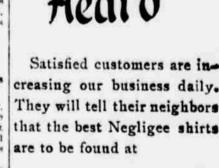
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