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CITY NOTES

NEW FURNITURE STORE.—On April 20 James Pocheroe will open a furniture store at 128 Washington avenue.

MEETING OF MANAGERS.—The managers of the Florence mission will meet Thursday morning, instead of this morning, at the home.

CITY INSTITUTE.—The annual institute of the city teachers will take place next week, beginning Monday and lasting to and including Friday.

PAY DAYS.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Boston and Plymouth, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 collieries, all at Plymouth.

SQUEEZED BY CAR.—Patrick Higgins, of 503 Meridian street, was squeezed between a car and siding at the Dodge mine yesterday afternoon and badly bruised. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital.

AND STILL IT GROWS.—The business done at the Scranton postoffice during the month of March was the largest in its history. The receipts were $18,629.03. The best previous month was January, when the receipts were $18,186.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND TO SPEAK.—President Raymond, of Wesleyan university, at Middletown, Conn., will address the students of the School of the Lackawanna on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Further notice of the precise hour will be given, if possible.

HEALTH REPORT.—Forty-five deaths were reported to the board of health last week. Three resulted from membranous croup, one from scarlet fever and one from typhoid fever. There were thirty new cases of contagious diseases, nineteen of which were measles; five, diphtheria; three, typhoid, and two, scarlet fever.

SPECIAL SERVICES.—This evening and every evening this week, except Saturday, religious services will be held in the First Presbyterian church. These services will be brief and will begin promptly at 7.45 o'clock. All members of the church and all others interested in the services of Holy Week are requested to attend.

LECTURE ON RUSSIA.—Dr. James Walsh, of Philadelphia, will lecture tonight before the Catholic Historical society and Newman Magazine club on "A Short Trip Into Russia." Prior to the lecture selections will be rendered by members of the society from Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and a paper will be read by Miss Margaret Mitchell.

FALSE ALARM.—One of the employes at the Coyne house, at the corner of Lackawanna and Penn avenues, got alarmed last night shortly before 8 o'clock when he saw smoke coming out of the basement, and without investigating the cause he turned in an alarm from box 15 in front of the hotel. Before the firemen arrived it was discovered that the smoke came from a fresh fire in the furnaces.

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PECKVILLE HAS A JOKER.

Town Startled by the Sight of a Body Hanging High in Air.

Just at dawn yesterday morning a most startling discovery was made by several citizens who were on their way to work in Peckville.

Near Dr. J. B. Sickler's residence, on Main street, there stands in the roadway a large maple tree, from a limb of which some twenty feet from the ground there dangled what appeared to be the body of a man. A rope was fastened to the limb and the rope encircled the neck of the form of the supposed suicide. A street car came up. The motorman gazed upwards, his hand applied the brake and the car came to a standstill. The passengers and conductor clambered out of the car and gathered under the body of the unfortunate; a small boy yelled April fool and all hands filed back into the car.

The motorman clanged the bell, and without once looking back put on the power and sped Archbaldward. Some one had constructed from straw and cast-off clothing a first-class counterfeit of a human being. In fact, a short distance away it looked like the real article. Hundreds of people were called to the scene by the rumor set afloat that a man had committed suicide by hanging and the joke was hugely enjoyed by a large crowd that kept in that immediate vicinity nearly all day.

Some one who did not stop to investigate the suicide report, got to a 'phone and called upon County Detective W. A. Phillips to hasten thither and take charge of the case. Phillips hastened. Coming back, however, he took his time.

BICYCLE CLUB STRONG.

Black Diamond Bowlers Fell Easy Victims to Them Last Night. Standing of the Clubs.

The bowling match scheduled for tonight, between the Scranton Bicycle club and Black Diamonds, was rolled last night on the club alleys and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Bicycle club men, who won all three matches, and had a total of 2,510 to 2,030.

George Mitchell, who had an average of 190 in the final bowling of last week, keeps up his splendid work and had high average again last night, scoring 180. Duffield's double century game of 206 was the highest individual score.

The Diamonds rolled in wretched form, and only one man on the team averaged over 140. The night's scores were as follows:

BLACK DIAMONDS.

				Totals.
Leonard	142	156	121	419
Kays	118	125	147	390
Gormly	117	121	140	378
Sleyer	152	100	126	378
Wetzlig	160	139	153	451
	695	641	691	2026

SCRANTON BICYCLE CLUB.

Duffield	149	206	172	527
Mitchell	152	178	190	520
Van Wormer	150	131	115	396
Moore	175	140	178	502
Wardell	143	185	155	483
	769	880	809	2511

This leaves the league standing in the following form:

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Bicycle club	8	1	.889
Backus club	4	2	.667
West End No. 2	3	3	.500
Black Diamonds	3	5	.375
Elks	1	5	.166
West End Wheelmen	0	3	.000

The Diamonds fall below both the Backus and West Enders No. 2, as a result of last night's defeat. Tonight the two Wilkes-Barre teams bowl each other, and the Elks play on the Backus alleys.

A SPLENDID RESIDENCE.

Colonel Watres to Build One on the Elmhurst Boulevard.

Plans have been finished for a magnificent residence for Colonel L. A. Watres to be located on the Elmhurst boulevard, facing Ash street. The site is on a knoll and overlooks almost the entire valley.

The residence will be constructed of native stone and will cost about $40,000. Several contractors are now figuring on the plans. The grounds around the residence will be converted into a beautiful park by E. C. Edgerton, of Philadelphia, the well known landscape gardner.

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.

Every Tuesday, until April 30th, inclusive, tickets marked "Colonist" may be purchased via Southern Railway for $44.00 from Washington, $46.50 from Philadelphia, and correspondingly low prices from other points.

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MACHINISTS' MASS MEETING

LISTEN TO ADDRESSES ABOUT THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

International President James O'Connell, of Washington, Last Night Addressed an Open Meeting at St. Thomas' College Hall on This Question—Expressed Himself Confident That Manufacturers Will Grant It on May 20—Address Made by President Mitchell.

President James O'Connell, of the International association of Machinists, last night delivered a stirring address regarding the nine-hour movement at an open meeting of Electric City lodge, No. 229, held at St. Thomas' hall. An interesting speech by President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, was another of the session's features.

President O'Connell is touring the country in behalf of the nine-hour movement. The local lodge met at Hulbert hall at 7.30 o'clock and, forming into line, led by Lawrence's band, paraded the streets before going to the hall.

When President Humphrey Campbell called the meeting to order the room was well filled with local machinists and visitors from Carbondale and other neighboring places. On the stage sat President O'Connell, President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers; Martin D. Flaherty, George Gothier, a number of officers of the Machinists' union and members of the Central Labor union, William Yorks, of the Paterson local, and others.

PRESIDENT O'CONNELL'S ADDRESS.

President Campbell made a brief introductory address after an overture by the orchestra, explaining the purpose of the meeting, and after two warmly applauded selections by the William Connell Glee club President O'Connell was introduced to his audience. He strongly impressed upon all his hearers the value of unionism in every walk of life and declared that the days of individualism have long been passed. As a result of this, he argued, strikes, lockouts and blacklists are dying out and a more civilized mode of settling difficulties has been arrived at between employers and employes.

"The miners here in your own home," said the speaker, "have proved that with association comes law and order, power and affluence and increased respect for the working man. These same miners have had the courage, moreover, to demand and obtain an eight-hour day, while you machinists toil along ten hours daily. But we are going to get one hour for you at least as a starter, and on May 20 we will receive our answer from the employers all over the country before whom we have laid our demands for this arrangement."

By a series of statistical reasoning, President O'Connell then proved that shorter hours meant more workmen, and more workmen higher wages. "We believe we will secure the nine hour day for you," he hopefully remarked. "and obtain it without any trouble, as we already have the assurances of many of the largest manufacturers that they will grant it, and only today two of the largest concerns in New York started it in."

He concluded his address with an appeal for a perfect organization and harmony, and prayed that the machinists' demands be granted without their being need to resort to a strike to obtain the concession.

MITCHELL'S TALK.

President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers, was greeted with a volley of applause, which shook the rafters, and in the course of a short address, said:

"Fellow workers, today marks an epoch in the industrial history of this country. Just three years ago the eight hour day was granted the union which I represent, and since that time wages have steadily increased and our trade has been raised from the lowest depths of despondency to a fair footing with the others.

"I know little of machinists, but I am anxious for more than one reason for you to reduce your hours. For one reason, that you would then perhaps quit making mining machines, and one bane of the miners' life be removed."

Then turning from the jocular vein of his last remark, he resumed:

"The eyes of the entire trades unions will be upon you, as it is the policy of the American Federation of Labor to once a year single out a union to try for shorter hours, and your success or failure means like results to the next movement of the same nature.

"You can depend upon the support of all the other trades, and for my union, I can say you will find no better supporters than the United Mine Workers of America."

President Mitchell then told of the numerous beneficial results accruing to the mine workers since the eight hour day has been inaugurated and brought his remarks to a close by a half-serious, half-jocular appeal to the machinists to stop making mining machines.

TALK BY S. H. SOPER.

College Secretary Spoke at Y. M. C. A. Meeting Yesterday.

S. H. Soper, college secretary of the state Young Men's Christian association, gave a most inspiring talk Sunday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association temporary headquarters. He spoke upon the lessons to be drawn from the story of the rich young man who asked Christ what he must do to inherit eternal life and who was told to sell all he had and follow him.

He dwelt especially upon the last words of the story, referring to the manner in which the young man left Christ—"he went away sorrowful." It was not necessary, he said, to further follow his history. It was the history of every man who has had the opportuntiy of accepting Christ and who has failed to take advantage of it, only to go back once more into the ways of sin, probably never to come back.

WILL CONSIDER OFFER.

Harvey Silk Mill Girls to Meet This Afternoon and Take Action Upon Superintendent's Proposal.

Although Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Saquoit Silk Manufacturing company Sunday stated that he would yesterday give out a full statement of the mill owners' status in the matter, he later changed his mind. When seen yesterday afternoon he said he had nothing to say further than that he had conferred with a number of the other operators and they deemed it wise to maintain silence, at this juncture of the situation.

This afternoon will decide whether or not the Harvey silk mill girls return to work. Several meetings were held last week by the local to hear the report of the committee which conferred with Superintendent Joseph Harvey, who proposed to them terms for resuming work. On none of the occasions, however, were there a sufficient number of members of the union present to take final action upon the important question.

The Klotz local will also meet, their session being held in St. John's hall, on Capouse avenue. Superintendent Butler, of the Simpson Silk company, of Minooka, was waited upon by a committee of strikers Saturday afternoon, and after hearing their proposal, informed them that the company will not recognize the union. He added that in the matter of wages the Simpson people will pay as near the scale offered by the Saquoit company as possible.

The Lackawanna mill at Taylor is now in full operation, and the strikers feel rather elated over the success of the Taylor girls.

EIGHT STORY BUILDING.

It Will Soon Be Erected as an Addition to the Connell Building on Washington Avenue.

The Connell building, on the westerly side of North Washington avenue, between Lackawanna avenue and Spruce street, is at present the largest office building in the city, but it is now proposed to increase its size by one-half and to make it compare favorably with some of the big skyscrapers of New York city.

The plot of ground to the south of the building, now occupied by the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial hall, has been purchased by William Connell, the owner of the building, and plans are being prepared for the erection of an eight-story addition, with a forty-five-foot frontage upon it. This will be equal in depth to the present building and will be of similar construction, so that when completed it will harmonize with the present structure.

It will contain a store and no less than eighty offices. There are 150 offices in the building at present, so that the total number will be 230. The Memorial hall will be torn down and the work of construction commenced just as soon as the plans have been completed and the contract awarded. It is believed that the building will be finished and ready for occupancy in the early fall.

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EXCEPTIONS SUSTAINED

QUINNAN DIRECTED TO PREPARE NEW REPORT.

Matter of Lackawanna Township's Indebtedness Is Submitted to Him for a New Report—Judge Archbald Believes That He Exceeded His Power When He Went Into the Question of the Legality of Claims. Suggestions That He Makes to the Commissioners.

Judge R. W. Archbald handed down an opinion yesterday sustaining the exceptions to the report of Attorney John P. Quinnan, who was appointed by the court a commissioner to marshal the indebtedness of Lackawanna township. The matter is referred back to him for a new report. The opinion follows:

This is a proceeding instituted on petition of the supervisors of Lackawanna township, under the Act of March 31, 1865, P. L. 962, to marshall the indebtedness of the township for the purpose of having ordered a special tax levy to pay it. The act provides, "When it shall be shown to the court of quarter sessions of any county of this state that the debts due by any district or township in said county shall exceed the amount which supervisors or overseers may collect in any year by taxation as at present regulated, * * * it shall and may be lawful for said court, after ascertaining by proper means the amount of indebtedness of any particular district or township by a writ of mandamus, to direct the proper officers by special taxation to collect an amount sufficient to pay the same."

It was declared in Lehigh Coal and Navigation company's appeal, 112 Pa. 569, that the proceeding so prescribed presupposes that the indebtedness has been previously ascertained and fixed as by judgment, the auditor's settlement, or otherwise, so that the decree can be regarded only as executionary; and that the court had no power to try and pass upon the merits of other claims presented under it. This construction put upon the act is binding upon us, and we do not see how the report of the commissioner can stand in the face of it. With great labor and pains in the effort to protect this township from the burden of indebtedness resting upon it, he has endeavored to sift the wheat from the chaff, but unfortunately he has undertaken more than the law permits. He was not authorized to try, on the merits, as he has, the validity of any claims contested before him. To allow this would be to deprive the parties of their constitutional right of trial by jury which we cannot do. Tasker vs. Sheldon, 115 Pa. 196.

NOT CONTEMPLATED.

Nor does the statute under consideration contemplate it. That is just what was attempted by the appellants in the case in 112 Pa. supra, but the court held that they had no standing to do so. This question came up again in Hower's appeal, 127 Pa. 151, under the Act of April 22, 1887, P. L. 61, which is identical with the Act of 1864, except that it relates to boroughs, and not only was the same construction put upon it, but it was further held that taxpayers had no right to intervene, and contest the indebtedness admitted by the borough authorities. To the same general effect are the cases of Wilkes-Barre township, 1 Kulp 83, and Wilkes-Barre township, South ward, 8 Kulp 516.

Unfortunately the commissioner by disregarding the law so laid down has fallen into material error. He has heard at great length the parties pro and con with regard to disputed claims, and some he has allowed and some thrown out, and he has inquired into the character as well as the cause of action of judgments duly recovered against the township, and disallowed them in whole or in part on the ground of collusion and otherwise, according to his convictions from the evidence produced. An auditor distributing funds in court realized from a sheriff's sale may be authorized to examine into the collusive character of a judgment and refuse payment of it if so found. Meckley's Appeal, 102 Pa. 536.

But his powers are very different from those of a commissioner under the statute which we have here and are not to be assumed on account of any supposed analogy. Judgments duly recovered in courts of competent jurisdiction are conclusive of the amount so found due in a proceeding of this nature and neither their character nor the conduct of the party in recovering them can be inquired into. Much less can they be overturned on technical objections such as that they are based on township orders on which suit cannot be maintained by the holder or his assignee. All such questions are merged in the judgment behind which we cannot go.

CASE MUST GO BACK.

As the report must be set aside and the case go back for a new one, there is no occasion for noticing seriatim the exceptions which have been taken to it. A careful consideration of the cases cited, bearing also in mind his limited powers, will no doubt save the commissioner from future error. It may be well, however, to observe that a proceeding of this character bears little resemblance to one under the Act of June 12, 1876, P. L. 361, providing for ascertaining and apportioning the indebtedness where a township is divided and a borough created out of a part of it as was the case in Jenkins vs. Yatesville, 1 Kulp 190, on which the commissioner is said to have in part relied.

Above all it is to be borne in mind that the purpose to be attained is the mere ascertainment and computing of the undisputed indebtedness of the tax district affected, so that a special rate may be levied under the direction of the court to pay it.

The whole process, as it is said, is essentially executionary in which by the statute the common law administrative functions of the quarter sessions are drawn upon. No doubt the commissioner may state in his report that certain claims made against the township are in dispute, taking care to see that the dispute is one which the party making it is entitled to raise, and on this basis, without passing upon their ultimate validity, and being careful to have it appear that he does not, he may omit them from the schedule of debts which he reports for payment. He may also possibly be authorized to divide up claims, some items of which are not disputed, while others are, but this is doubtful. And again, if other claims, whether in judgment or not, are undeniably paid, it would seem as though these could be properly reported negatively and passed by. He may further for a like reason omit claims not in judgment which on their face are legally invalid. These observations are suggestive merely in order to try and aid in the correct solution of the problem which the commissioner has before him, and which is not an easy one.

INDEBTEDNESS ENORMOUS.

The indebtedness of the township is enormous and invited rigid inquiry, and we cannot but commend the effort of the commissioner to sift it, however mistaken. But this is not the power to do so nor are his powers adequate for the purpose. While it may be true, as argued, that the court should not lend its aid to fraudulent claims, nor provide by a mandamus for their payment, it is a sufficient protection against all claims as to which the suggestion may be lawfully made to stand them aside for the present without deciding upon their validity, so that others as to which there is no controversy can be paid.

The exceptions—other than those of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad—are sustained, and the report of the commissioner set aside, and the case referred back to him for a new report.

SCRANTON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

Pupils Gave a Recital in Guernsey Hall Last Night.

The pupils of the Scranton College of Music, Haydn Evans, director, gave a recital last night in Guernsey hall before an audience which comfortably filled the auditorium, and which was not sparing in its applause.

The piano solos were among the best numbers on the programme. They included a splendid rendition of Moskowski's waltz in E flat by Edward Williams, and selections by Miss Jennie Eynon, A. Milton Charles, Ivor Price and Miss Harriet Jackson. Recitations were given by Miss Norma Decker and Miss Nina Olmstead, pupils of Miss Pauline Cogswell Hall, the instructress in elocution.

Violin solos were rendered by Miss Nellie Mack and Frank Doyle, both of whom displayed much proficiency. The vocal numbers included a baritone solo by W. A. Roberts and a duet by himself and Mrs. Frank Brundage.

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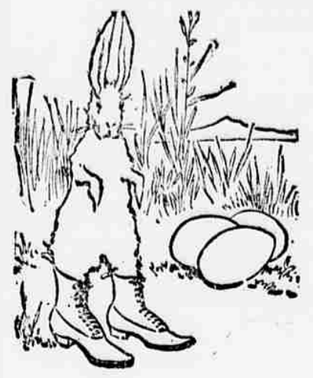

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