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CITY NOTES.

PAY DAYS—The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Clinton and Catskill mines, at Carbondale. FEMALE MINSTRELS—The Germania Girls' Minster company, composed of twenty-five young women of this city, will give a minstrel performance in Mead's hall on May 6.

We offer subject to previous sale \$11,000. Ithaca Street Railway Co. FIRST MORTGAGE Gold Bonds. 6 Per Cent. Matures 1922. As the second mortgage bonds of this company are selling at a premium the value of the first is beyond question.

TELEPHONE COMPANY'S RECEPTION.—The Lackawanna Telephone company will tender a reception to its patrons at the Exchange on the fourth floor of the Republican building on Monday next between the hours of 5 and 7 and 7 and 9 p. m. Visitors will be shown over the plant and initiated into the mysteries of the switch board.

WILL SPEAK ON BELGIUM.—A treat is promised for tomorrow night, when Charles Beaud, of New York city, will deliver a reception lecture at Gurney hall. "Belgium" will be his subject and the views which are to be used, it is expected, are exceptionally fine. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Anson lodge, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, and the local circle of the Jewish Chautauque. A large attendance is expected.

IMPORTANT CHANGES. Have Been Made by the Erie Since It Took Charge of the Pennsylvania Coal Company.

Important changes consequent upon the takeover of the Pennsylvania Coal company by the Erie, are taking place every day. Among the most important changes that have thus far taken place are the transfer of the purchasing, shipping and auditing departments to New York, and the abolition of the department of engineering.

C. P. Savage, who was at the head of the purchasing department, has been transferred to New York, temporarily, at least. Wilson D. Decker, who was shipping agent, is relieved, and William Forsyth, who was chief of the mechanical engineering department of the mines, finds his occupation gone by the consolidation.

CLOSE OF INSTITUTE. Teachers Adopt Resolution Asking for Pay for Twelve Months Instead of Ten as at Present.

This year's teachers' institute was brought to a close yesterday morning with a session which lasted from 9 o'clock until 12 noon.

Civil Engineer A. B. Dunning, of this city, gave an interesting talk explaining in an easy, understandable way, the height of hills and mountains and how the height of hills and mountains is obtained and how points on the surface are located in the mines. He told something about the construction of bridges and of the workings of the telephone and illustrated many of his points by diagrams on a blackboard.

Professor T. C. Mendenhall gave a delightful little ten-minute talk in an entirely different vein from anything he had said before. He told the true story of the origin of the immortal poem, "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Resolutions were unanimously passed requesting the school board to consider a school year of twelve months instead of ten months as at present, and to pay the present monthly salary for that period.

"THE NEW DOMINION." Popular Clay Clement Will Appear at the Lyceum.

The members of the International Correspondence Schools' Social, Beneficial and Educational society have secured Clay Clement as a special company to present "The New Dominion," a Southern idyl, at the Lyceum next Saturday afternoon and evening.

RICHARD & WIRTH Will Reopen Today. After being closed for a few weeks, undergoing extensive remodeling, the store of Richards & Wirth will reopen today with a complete new stock of fine union-made clothes, hats and furnishings.

Miss Mira Lloyd Dock, an authority on forestry, will give a stereopticon lecture at the Board of Trade rooms, Tuesday evening, April 16, at 8 o'clock. A limited number of tickets, at 50 cents, can be obtained at Sanderson's drug store, or of Mr. Atherton.

VERDICT FOR THE COMPANY

FEDERAL JURY WENT AGAINST WALSH'S \$10,000 CLAIM.

Comely Young Lady Who Was Deputy Postmaster at Muhlenberg Tried for Detaining Letters to Herself Letter Writer Goes Free. Four Months in the County Jail. Martha D. Keaster Is Let Off with the Payment of a \$100 Fine—Ob-Sister-in-Law—Jones Sentenced to Jail.

The jury in the case of M. F. Walsh, executor against the Royal Mutual Insurance company, came in yesterday morning in the United States circuit court and reported that they had agreed on a verdict for the defendant. This saves the company from paying \$10,000 on the insurance policy and about \$3,000 in interest and cost at the last trial of the case the verdict was for the plaintiff.

The defendant is a comely young girl and apparently of more than ordinary intelligence and refinement. Her father is postmaster at Muhlenberg, and a leader in local politics. She was deputy postmaster, and did most of the post-office work. Leona E. Benschoter is the widow of the defendant's brother, who died in the United States army service during the Spanish war.

There was some back pay due the dead soldier, and some correspondence was going on between the widow and the Federal authorities regarding this and a pension, for which application had been made. The widow was also in correspondence with a young man at Wilkes-Barre, who was a nurse in the hospital in which her husband died.

GORMAN ON THE TRAIL. The widow complained to the post-office authorities that letters addressed to her were being detained and that not a few of them bore evidence of having been opened. Inspector Hugh P. Gorman was put on the case, and upon learning of the connection between the widow and the family of the Muhlenberg postmaster, and that all mail for Brownsville, Pa., was sent to Muhlenberg postoffice, he suspected that it was someone at the Muhlenberg postoffice who was detaining the widow's letters.

He fixed up a decoy letter in a house of respectability and had it postmarked Washington, D. C., and turned it over to the inspector. It bore evidence of having been opened and resealed, and when the interior was examined the gray hair was found to be missing.

Miss Benschoter claimed that the letter must have accidentally gotten into the drawer with the registered letters, and denied emphatically that she had detained this or any other letter. Another decoy letter, similarly addressed, was sent into the Muhlenberg postoffice, with small bits of marked paper enclosed. This, however, was found, and court ruled it out of the case.

Assistant United States Attorney Miller conducted the prosecution. The defendant's attorneys were John T. Lenahan and Michael Cannon, of Wilkes-Barre.

FOUND HER GUILTY. The jury was out for two hours before it could agree to return Miss Benschoter guilty. It accompanied its finding with a recommendation for extreme mercy. Judge Buffington heeded the recommendation to the extent of suspending sentence.

Frank H. Jones, accused of detaining and opening letters while a clerk in the Scranton postoffice, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of six cents and spend four months in the county jail. His attorneys, H. L. Taylor and A. J. Colborn, presented a lengthy petition signed by many of the most prominent men of the city asking the court to suspend sentence, and ex-postmaster Frank M. Vandling made a personal appeal to the same effect.

Judge Buffington, in passing sentence, said that as a man he could not help but be moved to the exercise of the greatest clemency by the appeals that had been made to him and by the knowledge that had come to him of the suffering the young man and his family had endured, and in his capacity as justice he had a duty to perform which could not be the deterring effect which it would have on others who are daily subjected to the temptation that proved too strong for young Jones, he would have to impose a penalty.

When the judge pronounced the words that condemned the young man to jail, the gray-haired father of the lad, who had worked so hard to save him from going to jail, collapsed in his seat just outside the railing and sobbed aloud and pitifully.

JUDGE WAS MOVED. Judge Buffington was so moved by the pathetic sight that he had the father brought to him in the clerk's room, and he talked to him for half an hour, offering him such consolation as he could. The judge volunteered to write to the attorney general and see what could be done about the case.

REMARKABLE SUCCESS. Of a New Catarrh Cure.

A large and constantly increasing majority of the American people are catarrh sufferers. This is not entirely the result of our changeable climate, but because modern investigation has clearly proven that many diseases, known by other names, are really catarrh. Formerly the name catarrh was applied almost exclusively to the common nasal catarrh, but the throat, stomach, liver, bladder, kidneys and intestines are subject to catarrhal diseases as well as the nasal passages.

In fact, wherever there is a mucous membrane there is a feeding ground for catarrh. The usual remedies, inhalers, sprays, douches or powders, have been practically failures, as far as anything more than temporary relief was concerned, because they simply dry up the mucous secretions, without having the remotest effect upon the blood and liver, which are the real sources of catarrhal diseases.

It has been known for many years that the radical cure of catarrh could never come from local applications, but from an internal remedy, acting on the blood and expelling the catarrhal poison from the system. A new internal preparation which has been on the market only a short time, has met with remarkable success as a genuine, radical cure for catarrh.

It may be found in any drug store, under the name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, large pleasant tasting lozenges, composed principally of antiseptic ingredients, Eucalyptol, Guaiac, Sanguinaria, Hydrastin and similar catarrh specifics.

Mr. Ainslie, in speaking of the new catarrh cure, says: "I have tried the new catarrh remedy, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, upon thirty or forty patients with remarkable satisfactory results. They clear the head and throat more effectively and lastingly than any douches or inhalers that I have ever seen, and although they are what is called a patent medicine and sold by druggists, I do not hesitate to recommend them, as I know them to be free from cocaine and opiates, and that even a little child may use them with entire safety."

OUTBREAK AT DICKSON. When Girls Working in Bliss Mill Left for Their Homes They Were Yelled at and Followed.

For the first time in some weeks an outbreak of violence on the part of the striking silk mill girls took place yesterday. It occurred at Dickson City, where a number of the disturbances have taken place during the strike.

When the few girls working in the Bliss mill left for their homes about 6 o'clock, they were greeted with angry cries of "scab" and "blackie," and were followed for some distance by a number of city and small boys, some of whom added violence to their verbal abuse. No one was, however, injured.

The management of the mill has issued a warrant for the arrest of Lizzie Stiebler, who is accused of being one of the ringleaders, and tomorrow four more arrests will be sworn out for other alleged leaders of the attack.

Mr. Bliss said last night that the girls at the Dickson City mill had decided to go back to work, but were dissuaded by "Mother Jones, who happened along just as the decision was arrived at. He further charges that Burgess Kennedy is responsible in no small degree for the violence, because of his failure to make any effort to give the working girls protection. Mr. Bliss goes further and says that Burgess Kennedy has been guilty of calling one of the mill foremen opprobrious names.

The Textile Workers' union has decided that it will be wise to send two or three delegates to the national convention which is to be held May 9, at Holyoke, Mass., instead of having representatives from each of the locals. It is likely that these delegates will be selected during the coming week.

At 10 o'clock this morning the union's executive committee will meet with the Central Labor union delegates, and discuss means of increasing the strike's exchequer and of securing a conference with Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Sauquoit mill. Chairman Gohler, of the Labor union committee has stated that energetic efforts will be made next week to come to an agreement with the superintendent of the Sauquoit, and through him the other operators. The Sauquoit had silk local met yesterday but transacted little business of importance.

MANY CASES CONSIDERED. YESTERDAY A BUSY DAY IN CRIMINAL COURT.

Alfred Mickles Tried on a Charge of Suggesting the Making of a Fraudulent Marriage Certificate for Frank Compton and Carrie Heglin—Mrs. Sophia Miller Tried on a Charge of Keeping a Speakeasy—Verdict Taken in a Number of Cases.

Criminal court practically wound up yesterday for the week. Today surety cases will be heard by the judges. Before Judge McClure in No. 2 Alfred Mickles was tried yesterday on a charge of fraudulently making a marriage certificate, which he presented to Carrie Heglin, a girl of fifteen. She believed that this was all the formality necessary to marry her to Frank Compton, and they lived together for some time as man and wife. Mrs. Heglin's mother prosecuted Mickles for his part in the deception.

Mickles' attorney, Frank E. Boyle, raised the point that he could not be held, inasmuch as his client did not actually file out the marriage certificate, that being done by young Compton. It was shown, however, that Mickles had dictated what Compton should write and, in fact, had suggested the whole scheme. His fate was therefore left to the jury to decide. It had not returned a verdict at adjourning hour.

Charges against Compton of forgery and of having unlawful relations with Carrie Heglin were continued until the next term. Henry Stanton was tried for having committed an aggravated assault and battery on Martin Odendahl, both men being employed at the Johnson No. 2 breaker, at Olyphant. Stanton admitted hitting one blow, but pleaded strong provocation. The jury was out at adjourning hour.

Before Judge Purly in No. 3 John Kulick was tried for criminally assaulting Mrs. John Matlock. Both parties live in the big brick house at Scranton and Seventh streets, where it is alleged the offense occurred. Kulick says it is an effort to extort money from him and strongly denies the charge. The verdict will be returned this morning.

Mrs. Sophia Miller was charged by Constable Joseph Woelkers with keeping a speakeasy on Elm street, South Scranton. She was defended by Attorney M. J. Donahue, who asked the court to give binding instructions to the jury to acquit Mrs. Miller, on the ground that it is the theory of old common law that a woman acts under the direction of her husband, and that it was Miller, and not his wife, who should be held responsible for the speakeasy. The judge allowed the case to go to the jury, which will return its verdict this morning.

Mrs. Mary Motza, of Carbondale, was tried before Judge Kelly on a charge of being unfaithful to her husband, Mrs. John Rega, at whose house Mrs. Motza and her husband boarded, was the prosecutor. On Sept. 17, last, Mrs. Rega testified that she saw Mrs. Motza and a man named Joe Vulliamy occupying a bed in her (Mrs. Rega's) house. The defense was a general denial and an allegation that the prosecution was due to spite. The jury was out at adjourning time.

George Nichols was tried on a charge of assault and battery, Petro Itoola, an 11-year-old Syrian boy, being the prosecutor. He alleged that Nichols kicked him. The latter denied the charge. A jury was out wrestling with the case at adjourning time.

OTHER CRIMINAL CASES. The case against Jennie Robbins, who is being prosecuted by Mrs. W. B. Dugan, as being called for trial yesterday, but owing to the absence of the defendant it was continued. Miss Robbins is now supposed to be in New York. Michael O'Connor and John Walsh are charged with selling liquor without a license by Robert Wilton, agent for the Municipal League. The case against John Quakenbos, charged by Clara Palmer with defrauding boarding house keeper, was also continued.

Verdicts of not guilty were taken in cases against Peter Lisk, who was charged with false pretenses and John McNally, larceny and receiving. Charles B. Angle was prosecutor in both cases. Henry Walters, of West Scranton, pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license and will be sentenced to jail on Monday. Robert Wilson, agent of the Municipal League, was the prosecutor. Anthony Roth was convicted of selling liquor without a license at 1621 Luzerne street. This was another of Wilton's cases. Both offered to give evidence in his defense. John Hartwick was returned not guilty of having abused his wife, Alice Hartwick. They had made up and the court permitted a verdict of not guilty to be taken. The county was directed to pay the costs.

William Moran was found guilty of pointing a revolver at his wife last Thanksgiving night and threatening to kill her while in the job of her. He was recommended to the mercy of the court and Judge Kelly released him upon his furnishing \$300 to keep the peace. Thomas Carey and Nicholas Oberweiser were returned not guilty of assault and battery, forcible entry and detainer and malicious mischief preferred by Ferdinand Buckley. August Oberweiser was found not guilty of assault and battery, but was convicted of the other two charges. James Callahan, charged with malicious mischief by Hattie M. Supter, did not appear for trial and his bail was forfeited and a capias issued for him. William Savage was acquitted of a charge of false pretenses, preferred by Thomas Rogers, and the county will pay the costs.

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