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ACKAWANNA "THE" LAUNDRY.

Social Gossip

The vocalists of the Penn Avenue Baptist church held an enjoyable social last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, 122 North Broadway avenue. A pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental numbers were rendered during the evening. The participants were: Messrs. Arly, Thomas, Williams and Jones, Mrs. Frank Brundage, Miss Norma Jones, Miss Mattie Hughes, Misses Maud and Norma Jones and W. F. Jones. Refreshments were served.

William R. Williams and Miss Lizzie Evans, both of Olyphant, were married last Wednesday evening, May 1, by the Rev. David Jones, of the First Welsh Congregational church, at his home on South Lincoln avenue. They were accompanied by two of their friends, William Henry and Miss Rose Williams. They returned home in a carriage.

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There will be a meeting of the board of managers of the Home for the Friendless this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The presence of every member is earnestly requested.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, County Board of Ancestors Order of Hebrons, will give a reception to Major McBride and Miss Maud Gibson, the Irish "Joan of Arc," at Campbell's hall this evening.

The shift wait class at the Young Women's Christian association will meet for work this evening. Those having waists partly done are requested to be present tonight, and any girl wishing to join the class is invited to do so at this time.

Announcements.

The Scranton Hook and Ladder company will hold their regular meeting tonight. All members are requested to attend.

MOMENTUM INDEED, THIS.

State of Wisconsin Makes Request of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

At the request of the state of Wisconsin, made through Hon. A. J. Vinge, Judge of the circuit court for Douglas county, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through Judge John P. Kelly, yesterday directed a subpoena to issue to George T. Slade, commanding him to appear before Notary Public John Taylor, on May 15, and answer such questions as may be propounded to him, relative to the case of the Eastern Railroad company of Minnesota against John Prosser and others, in which he is a necessary witness.

The subpoena, it might be here interpolated, is nothing more or less than a formal notice to Mr. Slade that the state of Wisconsin is taking his depositions here, at his home, to save him the trouble of going out to Wisconsin.

The "letters rogatory," as the request is labeled, set forth that Mr. Slade's testimony is necessary to the furtherance of justice, and after the request for a subpoena is formally presented, the state of Wisconsin says to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, "and we shall be ready and willing to do the same for you, in a similar case, when required."

It is signed by Judge Vinge and Clerk William H. Locke and dated April 26.

REQUEST OF MACHINISTS

Presented to D. L. & W. and Dickson Manufacturing Company—Full Text of the Documents.

The committee appointed at Wednesday night's meeting of the council of affiliated machine, boiler, car, blacksmith and pattern shop employees yesterday introduced into the board of directors their demands for a nine hour day. The office of Superintendent T. S. Lloyd, of motive power and machinery, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company, was among those at which the committee reported and the document submitted was as follows:

May 1.
Mr. T. S. Lloyd, Superintendent Motive Power and Machinery, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, City.

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, composing the council of delegates from the International Association of Machinists on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company's system and representing in addition to our own lodges mentioned the lodges of the International Association of Machinists on the system as follows: Erie, No. 24, Scranton, N. Y.; Binghamton lodge, No. 274, Binghamton, N. Y.; Silk City lodge, No. 188, Pater-son, N. J.; District lodge, No. 15, which included among others the following local lodges: Elysin lodge, No. 31, of Hoboken, N. J.; local lodges of the International Association of Machinists in New York city, N. Y.; Jersey City lodge, No. 304, Jersey City, N. J.; and Newark lodge, No. 210, Newark, N. J., have no objection at the present convention but who have signed agreements of approval and support of this council in its efforts to secure what it is requested for, a petition now to grant to all the machinists employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad system, the nine-hour day without any reduction in the present rate per day. A day's work to be considered as having been completed and the time for ceasing work to be marked by the whistle or any other way used at present, one hour earlier each day than formerly, and all time worked after that to be considered overtime at the same extra rate for overtime paid by your company. We ask that this reduction in hours go into effect not later than May 1, 1901, and that you grant us an answer to this petition not later than May 5, 1901. We ask that your answer be mailed to the chairman of the council, and a copy of it to each delegate signed below to the address furnished you herewith and also simultaneously with the mailing of your answer notices be posted in your various shops containing the same information as your communications but of course addressed to the men in each shop in which the notices are so posted. Respectfully,

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Superintendent Lloyd was in Buffalo and the committee was met by Master Mechanic C. E. Elwin, who assured them that the matter would be brought before the superintendent, Chief Clerk Lowther left with the demand, later in the day, for Buffalo. The only other concerns visited during the day were the Dickson Manufacturing company's pattern shop works, and the company's Cliff street locomotive shops. Superintendent McLaren, of the former place, informed the committee that their demands would be taken action upon by the combine at which the Dickson company recently entered.

A copy of the document presented to the other superintendents besides Mr. Lloyd, is as follows:

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Following the exercises it is intended to give a ball, and the committee which has this in charge proposes to attempt to secure the armory as the scene of entertainment and dance. The class is the largest ever graduated from the high school, and it is argued that the high school auditorium is large enough to accommodate the throng who will be invited.

The class night programme is a splendid one, as the members of the class showed good judgment in all their selections. Miss Mildred Green and Miss Beatrice Morris, two of the most finished local elocutionists, will each recite, and Miss Anna Weblau will compose and read the class poem. Miss Laura Meldrum's task it will be to write and set to music the song of the class prophet and Arthur Heaven will be the orator of the night. Frank Corbett will be in charge of the presentation of farewell gifts and Robert Shultz will read the class will. Griffith Thomas will be class historian.

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The Tribune is this morning enabled to print a resume of the principal features of the license tax ordinance which has been prepared by City Solicitor Watson, and which, when introduced in councils will have the hearty support and endorsement of Recorder Moir.

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The ordinance provides that this tax is to be based upon a sworn statement of the gross receipts, and that several corporations, said statement to be furnished by the officers of the same to the city treasurer. If the city recorder and city treasurer shall have any reason to believe that the statement furnished is not correct, they are given the power by the ordinance to demand from the company officials a copy of the statement furnished the auditor general of the state.

The other features of the ordinance cover a multitude of subjects. Almost every person or firm who can be taxed is taxed. Auctioneers and contractors are to be taxed certain fixed amounts, according to the volume of their business.

TAX ON THEATRES.

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PLANS FOR NAY AUG PARK

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The animals are to be permanently located at that point and Director Roche has instructed Mr. Egerton to prepare plans and specifications for new houses which will be built just as soon as it is possible to get these plans ready. Each animal will be given plenty of exercise in and an extensive deer park is to be laid out.

The place now occupied by the menagerie is to be graded off and prepared to conform with the rest of the park. The southern end of the park, which was improved last summer, and a car load of trees and shrubs ordered some time ago, has been received and will be immediately planted in the esplanade surrounding the music pavilion. This carload includes six-thirty-three maple trees, which will be used in lining the walks and a number of small shrubs and vines.

Director Roche said yesterday that he thought it very probable that a lake about 800 feet long and varying in width from 40 to 80 feet wide will be constructed this summer on the westerly side of the park between Vine and Pine streets. There is a natural depression at this point and the work of construction would not need to be very extensive. It is planned also to construct a walk along the cliff behind the toll gate.

NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

Articles the Directors Would Like to Have Donated.

The management of the Florence Mission respectfully present the following needs: Bibles, prayer books, hymn books and mirrors, and small chairs for the dormitories, seats for the middle of each week; shoes, sizes 3 to 6; stockings, corresponding sizes; summer dresses and skirts, summer under-wear.

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The Tribune is this morning enabled to print a resume of the principal features of the license tax ordinance which has been prepared by City Solicitor Watson, and which, when introduced in councils will have the hearty support and endorsement of Recorder Moir.

The measure in its present form provides for a tax of five per cent. upon the gross receipts of street railway, gas and water companies, and for a tax of two per cent. upon the gross receipts of telegraph, telephone, electric light and steam heat companies.

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The other features of the ordinance cover a multitude of subjects. Almost every person or firm who can be taxed is taxed. Auctioneers and contractors are to be taxed certain fixed amounts, according to the volume of their business.

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