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CITY NOTES

PAY DAYS—The Delaware and Hudson company paid on Saturday at the Coalbrook, Clinton, Ploverly and Cantonville No. 1 mines.

CONDUCTORS' OFFING—Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania division of the Delaware and Hudson road will have a clam bake at Lake Lodge, Aug. 27. A feature of the day will be a game of ball between the teams of Olyphant and the Crossville, of Wilkes-Barre.

THE WEEK'S CLEARINGS—The clearings for last week as reported by the Scranton Mining House association were as follows: Monday, \$214,609.11; Tuesday, \$208,577.04; Wednesday, \$185,025.15; Thursday, \$161,962.85; Friday, \$163,128.82; Saturday, \$162,227.35; total, \$1,098,532.92, corresponding week last year, \$818,991.19.

CONDITIONS OF THE STEEL TRADE

They Are Being Investigated by Enoch James of England Who Is Now in the City.

Enoch James, of Wednesbury, a town near Birmingham, England, was in the city yesterday visiting his uncle, Seth Griffiths, of Spring street, North Scranton. Mr. James, who was accompanied by his wife, returned here this morning. He has been in the country since July 5, being here as a member of a commission appointed by the British Iron Trades association to visit the United States and study conditions and circumstances of the American steel manufacturing industry and compare it with the industry of merry England.

He is the only member of the commission at present in the country and came on much in the nature of an advance guard, it being his purpose to study the American methods at a period when they are given the severest test, when the oppressive heat makes work additionally cumbersome, and the ingenuity of those in charge is taxed to the utmost to obtain the desired results.

Mr. James has been in charge of several of the biggest steel concerns in Great Britain, as general superintendent, and is recognized throughout the United Kingdom as an authority on matters connected with the industry, as is made evident by his selection as one of the eight men chosen by an association having the international reputation of the British Iron Trades association, to make an investigation which will materially affect the entire industry in Great Britain.

The other members will probably arrive here October 1, and will spend two months in this country. Two of those in the commission are the secretary, J. S. Deans, and the president, Ebenezer Parkes, members of parliament from one of the divisions of Birmingham. Mr. James declares that the steel manufacturers of this country owe their success to the indomitable energy they have displayed in perfecting details and taking advantage of the greater mechanical opportunities open to them than their English competitors.

The objects of the commission, said he to a Tribune man last night, "are a study of the relations in this country between employers and employees, modes of manufacture, costs of transportation and general improvements. Since I have been here I have visited the Southwick and Penroyd steel works at Philadelphia, the South Bethlehem works, Johnstown, Youngstown and Cleveland. I spent three days at Chicago and two weeks in Pittsburg.

"On the whole, I have contracted a very favorable opinion of the steel manufacturing industry in this country. American methods are remarkably free from any starting originality. You people have simply developed your own ideas, and expended large sums of money in the development of new ideas, some of which, have proved very successful, while others have not done so.

"The American methods have proved a great benefit to civilization in producing cheap and at the same time good material. We were prone to think that the finish and quality of the material must be necessarily cheap, but from what I have seen in this country I have changed my opinion utterly. There's no doubt, however, that there's more push, more drive in this country, on account of the greater mechanical advantages. I do not think that the men work nearly so hard here as in Great Britain, or that the management is a bit more skillful, but the mechanical practices to which electricity has been turned, allow of a greater output with less effort.

"The men in this country are far better fed, in spite of the fact that the lower grades of wheat in English plants are not drawn from a foreign

element, but on the whole are far superior in brain work to the laborers of this country. However, the discrimination in wages is offset by the fact that the British workmen can live far cheaper than in this country.

"England draws much of its ore from Spain, but can transport it more easily from there and receive it sooner than this country can get its raw material from the States. In England, the competition is upon the whole keener than in America, there being no great combines like your mammoth steel trust, but the individual concerns predominate."

On being asked for his opinion regarding this country's future in the steel business, Mr. James said, "I think the Americans will always get a fair share of what they want of the steel business of the world, until the other nations come into the field with equal mechanical advantages."

It is Mr. James' first visit to this country and he expressed himself as being delighted with it. "Oh, I am perfectly charmed with America, both the people and the country," he declared enthusiastically.

When the other members of the commission meet at all of the large steel industries of the United States will be visited and trips also made to Nova Scotia, the Dominion of Canada and other portions of His Majesty's American possessions.

The British Iron Trades association has made up of all the iron traders of the United Kingdom, and so many contradictory statements of American conditions have been made by returned travelers that it was at last decided to appoint this commission to obtain a strictly veracious and technically correct report of the steel industry as conducted by the infant members of the ruling powers.

AN END TO THE BIG CONTEST Will Be Finally Disposed of Today by the Court.

Court will convene this morning at 9 o'clock, for the midsummer day session, and among the several important things that will come down from the bench will be an order disposing of the costs in the Langstaff-Kelly election contest.

As told previously in The Tribune, the attorneys for the parties to the contest agreed that it was purposeless to continue the proceedings any farther and that with the consent of the court they should be summarily ended by an amicable arrangement.

This arrangement contemplated that it should be admitted by the respondent that a large number of the voters who cast their ballots for the respondent, and thus making ground for a finding of probable cause for the contest, the case should be submitted to the court for a ruling on matter of costs.

Under the law, the disqualifying of one voter can be adjudged to have established "probable cause" for the contest, and give the court discretion to relieve the contestant of the costs, and place them on the county. The court, of course, could not say what it would do, but it was taken for granted by those participating in the contest that under all the circumstances the finding could be only that there was "probable cause" in abundance and that the costs would be disposed of accordingly.

The agreement of the parties was submitted and the order of the court disposing finally and forever of the pestiferous thing will be a matter of official record before today is done.

This summary disposition of the case will save costs amounting, so it is estimated, to \$10,000. It will make unnecessary the furthering of 30,000 ballots to find the 2,400 bad ones, which would require the services of a board of from four to six commissioners, at probably \$10 a day for no telling how long, but assuredly several months, if they would work as energetically as does the average commissioner who works by the day at the liberal rate of \$2 an hour, which the law so graciously allows.

Another important event of the day will, in all probability, witness is the hearing in the case stated relative to George W. Jenkins' right to the office of delinquent tax collector. The attorneys have asked to be heard today, and if previously scheduled events do not consume all of the limited time, the judges will probably grant the request.

The big raft of opinions and orders which the three judges have been working on since adjournment will be handed down before the recess is taken at 3:30, out of respect to Senator Vaughan.

Among the cases in which it is expected, decisions will be forthcoming are the Conrad Schroeder water rate case; the case of the "extra" common councilmen; the Ridge turnpike case; the proposed use of the city of Scranton against B. Sturges; the case in which the continuation of the Factoryville and Abington turnpike is concerned; and the criminal cases in which the court is asked to dismiss the bribery proceedings against General Manager Frank Stillman, Jr., of the Scranton Railway company, and the Old Forge councilmen; Select Councilman Wade M. Finn, and General Manager S. E. Wayland, of the Lackawanna Telephone company.

NEW TRAINS IN USE

Additional Facilities for Reaching Buffalo and the Exposition. The first of the new trains on the Lackawanna route, returning from Buffalo, reached here yesterday afternoon at 3:25, leaving there at 9 a. m., and the train given on this initial trip in order to accommodate the crowds now attending the Pan-American. The limited express train, No. 6, formerly leaving Buffalo at 9:30, is now train 29, leaving at 11:30 a. m., and reaching here at 5:30. The new trains in both directions make nearly the same time as the express, and afford great relief to the travelers who crowd the latter every day.

They are fitted up as handsomely as the express and it is proposed to equip them with new cars now being completed, which will surpass in elegance and beauty anything on the road. The great number of tourists who patronize the new trains yesterday expressed much satisfaction with the schedule as now arranged, which affords better opportunities for travel in both directions. The train makes the same number of stops as the express.

The popular Punch cigar is still the leader of the 10c cigars.

HE KILLED HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Terrible Crime of Edwin J. Davis of West Scranton—They Had Not Lived Happily Together for Some Time.

Edwin J. Davis, a young man 28 years of age, shot and instantly killed his pretty young wife, Agnes, aged 28 years, shortly before 6 o'clock last evening at their home, 519 North Broadway, and then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting an injury which resulted in his death less than two hours afterwards.

The couple had been married about five years. They frequently quarreled, but no direct cause for the act was ascertained. The murder and suicide was evidently premeditated. The facts, as far as the relatives know, are as follows:

On Wednesday, July 21, Davis and his wife quarreled, and he left the house in anger. He did not return, but continued his work as a carpenter and spent his evenings at the home of his father, who resides next door. On the following day Mrs. Davis also left the house and, with her little daughter, Margaret, went to the home of a relative in Old Forge.

She Left Home Again. When she returned home Saturday, her husband had not yet come back, and Mrs. Davis left the house, and did not return again until last Saturday night. To some of her relatives she stated that she had been to Atlantic City, and to others she said she had been staying with friends in the central city.

At all events, both husband and wife were at home yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Louise Tudor, a sister of the dead woman, called on them during the afternoon, and inquired of Davis for absents herself from home. She explained her absence as being due to her husband's conduct, in his first leaving the house.

Shortly afterwards Mrs. Tudor went to the home of another sister, Mrs. Cassie Joseph, a short distance away. Meantime, Mrs. Davis and her daughter, Margaret, had gone upstairs to the room, and Davis, in company with Mr. Tudor, left the house for a nearby saloon.

About 5 o'clock the men returned and Mr. and Mrs. Davis were in the house together when Mrs. Tudor returned. The latter and her husband were seated on the back porch, when Mrs. Davis came down stairs and joined them.

Husband Sent for Her. In a few minutes Davis sent the little girl down stairs to tell his wife to bring him a glass of water. She took the water up to him and shortly afterwards the neighborhood was startled by the muffled report of a revolver.

Following in quick succession three more shots were heard, and when Mr. and Mrs. Tudor rushed upstairs to the back bed room a horrible sight awaited them. Lying in one corner of the room, between the bed and the wall, in a pool of blood, was Mrs. Davis, dead, with three bullet holes in her head, and a few feet away, near the foot of the bed, was Edwin Davis, who was found in his head just above his right ear.

He was breathing heavily, but was unconscious, and Dr. W. J. L. Davis was summoned, and Coroner Roberts notified. The doctor ordered Davis removed to the West Side hospital, where

SHE TOOK PARIS GREEN PUT BULLET IN HIS HEAD

Mrs. Jacob Smith and Her Infant Came Near Death Last Night as Result of Former's Act. Mrs. Jacob Smith, of 742 Adams avenue, attempted suicide about 11:15 o'clock last night by taking paris green, and nearly succeeded in killing both herself and her year-old infant in arms.

According to the story told by Mrs. Smith, her husband came home after having been out to a clam bake and beat her brutally with a horsewhip when she remonstrated with him for being away. He then left the house, she says, whereupon she took a large quantity of paris green and washed it down with a drink of water.

She took such a large dose that excessive vomiting was induced, with the result that her life was saved. Several of the neighbors heard her cry out after she had taken the poison and hurried into the house. They found her in a very weak condition with the infant in her arms. A glance at the latter showed them that it, too, had taken some of the poison, and Dr. George C. Merriman was hurriedly summoned.

When he arrived he found that the mother was practically out of danger, but that the child was in a very serious condition. The child undoubtedly licked up some of the poison which had fallen on its mother's dress. Dr. Merriman succeeded in bringing both mother and child out of danger after a half hour's work.

Sergeant of Police Ridgeway hurried to the scene in response to a telephone message received at police headquarters, and discovered Smith in the house. The latter denied that he had beaten his wife and said they had merely had a woful quarrel in which she was the aggressor from the start.

IS IT THE SAME WHITNEY? Indications That Harris' Assistant Is Now in Trouble. The pictures printed in the New York papers yesterday of E. A. Whitney, who, with Burgess, is under arrest, charged with acting as a go-between in a system of police protection of gamblers in New York, would indicate that it is the E. A. Whitney who is now in the dock. Harris in preparing the Men' union cases against the conclusions of this city.

The history of his career as pointed yesterday agrees with what Whitney told himself when on the stand in this city during the consular trial.

THE NEWSBOYS' STRIKE. Although Threatened for Yesterday It Did Not Occur.

Although the Newsboys union held another meeting Saturday night and decided to go on strike against the New York Sunday papers, and refused to sell them unless they could purchase them from the Lackawanna News company at a price of four and one-half cents instead of five cents, the metropolitan journals were nevertheless peddled yesterday morning as on Sunday.

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It is said that there have been troubles in the union, and Saturday night's meeting was followed by pretty lively engagements at handbills between President Duffy and some of the other boys.

Some of the little fellows tried to clear an extra profit yesterday by shooting the prices up from seven to ten cents. In the majority of cases, however, the bluff was called.

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The work which has so far been done at the park is only the beginning of the great work which must be done in the future, and which cannot be done until the expenditure of \$100,000 or thereabouts.

The grounds at the southern end of the park surrounding the handsome home stand have now taken on some of the semblance of a park, and of what the rest of the park will look like when finished can be gained from a view of them. The walks are all laid out and the larger part of the ground enclosed by a fence which has been sodded or planted with grass seed.

The unsightly sheds which now serve as animal houses are to be removed as soon as possible to the open space just east of Arthur avenue and between Olive and Olive streets, in order that the space they now occupy may be graded and made to conform to the surrounding portion of the park. It is hoped that the new animal houses can be constructed this year, and if the \$30,000 worth of bonds are soon disposed of it is probable that they will be.

The new houses are to be located on space above described and will add to the large artificial lake which the plans of Architect Edgerton provide for.

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Part of the \$10,000 which the department will soon have at its disposal is to be used in macadamizing the driveways through the park. This work is to be done this year, if Director Roche succeeds in getting the prison board to permit the county jail prisoners to do it after they have finished at Connel park.

Yesterday's crowd was pretty thoroughly scattered over the entire park, though the picnic grounds and the menagerie seemed to attract the larger number of visitors. The menagerie seems to be in a fair way to lose one of its features soon, namely, the lioness, purchased from Frank Bostock, the animal trainer.

This poor creature is afflicted with a peculiar disease which affects its spine, and it spends nearly the whole day lying on the floor of its cage in an almost helpless condition. Veterinarians say that there is very little chance of its recovery. The lion, its mate, died several months ago from the same disease. It is apparent that Mr. Bostock peddled off damaged goods on the local gentlemen who purchased the animals, as both were afflicted almost the first day they were taken to the park.

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When he fell, sustaining injuries from which he died Saturday afternoon in the hospital at Orange.

While a resident of this city, Mr. Reilly made many friends, to whom the news of his death brought a distressing shock. During his residence here he was a prominent and very active member of the Young Men's Institute and St. Paul's Pioneer corps. He was married Miss Agnes Gilroy, a prominent West Scranton young woman, who, with their four children, survive him. They are Margaret, Mary, Agnes and John.

The remains will arrive in this city this evening over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, and will be taken to the home of the brother-in-law of the deceased, P. H. Gilroy, of 529 Pleasant street. The funeral will take place from there Tuesday morning. At 9:30 a requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's church, West Scranton, and interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

THE DATE ANNOUNCED. Bishop Garvey Will Be Consecrated Here on Sept. 8.

At the masses in St. John's Catholic church, Pittston, yesterday morning, Rt. Rev. Garvey announced that his consecration and investiture as bishop of the new Altoona diocese will take place September 8, in St. Peter's cathedral, Scranton.

Cardinal Martinelli will officiate, and the priests of the Scranton and Altoona dioceses will be present. The official documents in relation to the boundaries of the newly created diocese will be received today, and Monsignor Garvey will, during the week, notify the priests to be embraced in the diocese.

FUNERAL OF WM. MURPHY. Services Were Conducted at St. Peter's Cathedral.

The funeral of the late William Murphy was held on Saturday morning from St. Peter's cathedral, where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated. The church was crowded with hundreds of friends of the dead man, a large number of whom followed the remains to the Cathedral cemetery, where interment was made. The pall bearers were George McCarthy, John M. Colligan, Hugh Walker, Neil McTague, Thomas Morris and J. J. Howley.

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