



PROGRAMME OF MITCHELL DAY

DEMONSTRATION PROMISES TO BE A BIG ONE.

Expected That 18,000 Miners from the Collieries Between Jessup and Duryea Will Be in the Parade. Locals from Adjacent Towns Will Walk to the City—Mass Meeting in the Old Armory to Be Addressed by Prominent Speakers. Celebrations at Other Places.

An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most agreeable to taste and acceptable to the system. It is the one perfect strengthening laxative, cleansing the system effectively, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers gently yet promptly and enabling one to overcome habitual constipation permanently. Its perfect freedom from every objectionable quality and substance and its action on the kidneys, liver and bowels, without weakening or irritating them, make it the ideal laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal qualities of the remedy are obtained from senna and other aromatic plants, by a method known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only. In order to get its benefits effects and to avoid imitations, please remember the full name of the Company printed on the front of every package.

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City Notes.

TO CONFER SECOND DIVISION.—The second degree will be conferred on Scranton candidates tonight in the Auditorium at Columbia's club.

MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT.—A meeting of the Central Historical Society and National Magazine Club will be held Saturday evening at the club.

OLIVE STREET PAGE.—The work of conserving the Olive street historic cause has been placed at Powell's Music store, where ticket holders can reserve seats for the concert.

CONCERT NOV. 1.—On Monday evening, Nov. 1, Miss Margaret Sauer, assisted by Carl Adolf and others, will give a vocal and instrumental concert at St. Louis' Parish House.

TO APPEAR HERE.—The celebrated Bryant soloists, the Sunday Boys of New York, are to appear here shortly, in connection with the sightless minister, Prof. William W. Doherty.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.—The Central Wanaus Christian Temperance unit will hold a meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Gurney's hall. The report from the state convention held last week at Newark, will be given.

NEW TIME TABLE.—A new time table will go into effect on the Lackawanna railroad next Saturday, when the present Pan-American special trains will be taken off. The old No. 6 and No. 8 trains will assume their former running times.

HASN'T RECALLED CONSCIOUSNESS.—John Crisick, the aged man who imitated illuminating Santa Claus, had not regained consciousness as last night, and it was said at the Larchwood hospital that his condition was still serious.

DANCE POSTPONED.—The dance which was to have been given tonight in the Knights of Columbus' club house under the auspices of the Catholic Historical society, has been postponed until Saturday night, because of inclement weather, and the entrance fee to the former dancing room will be given to the local relief of Catholic organizations.

NOTION DAYS.—This week, on Wednesday and Thursday, will be notion days at the Scranton Exchange. There are no more than 100 notions in the exchange, but they will be taken care of and with winter coming on the needs of the autumn are very pressing. The good friends of the walls are asked to again generously donate as many as they may.

WAXE LICENSES HIRED.—Angeles, F. B. Barts, representing Indian welfare, says the Manistee licensees have applied to him to receive cause why the license of the following should not be renewed to Indians in the region: John Shultz, New Albin, Indiana; Hon. Lester, Superior Hotel, Charles A. Clark, Beaver County; Edward Johnson, and Joseph Hall, corner of Main street and Shultz road, Mexico.

MILK DIVINE COMING.—Rev. John Higgin, M. A., of Liverpool, England, will preach at the First Methodist Church, Scranton, on the Sabbath evening, Oct. 31, in the Wesley Chapel. Rev. Mr. Higgin is a member of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Tabernacle, Wales, the general seat of the Welsh Methodists. Unusually numerous are the United States, when he was last in America, last September. The Rev. Mr. Higgin is one of the principal speakers of Wales. The public is greatly invited.

SHOPS ON BUSY DAY.—An unusually large number of shoppers combed the city yesterday, and in consequence the houses and stores did a surprising business with their sales. The city is accounted for the increase in pay of the miners and their families last week. Among the "biggest boughs" among the merchants of Scranton and the surrounding settled-down towns, a few instances of the great trade that came to the city as fast they can to do the trading, and the individuals and men benefit of the profits.

We Offer Subject to Previous Sale

\$2,000 Capital Stock of the Traders National Bank.

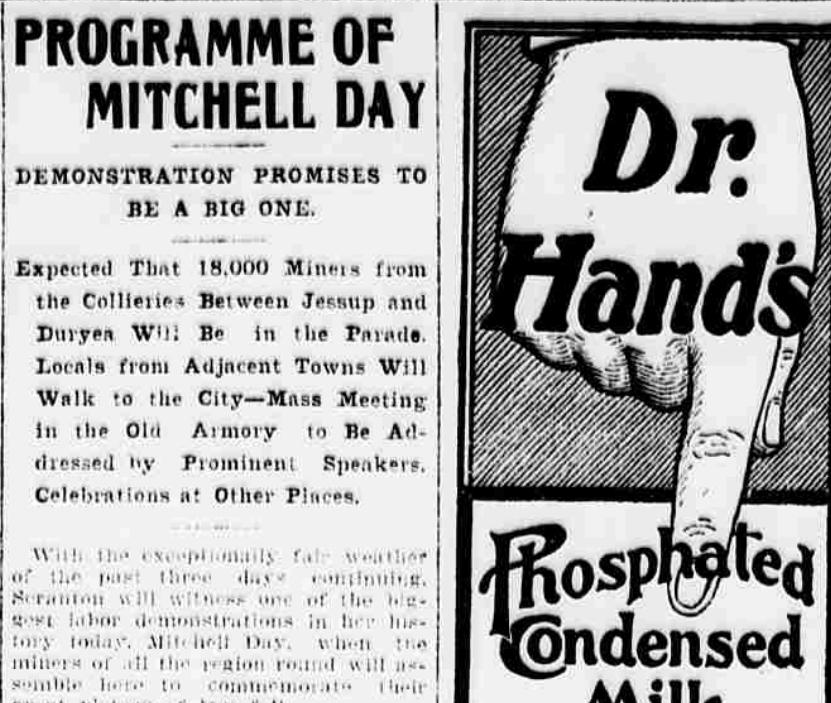
\$3,000 per cent. Preferred Stock of the Clark & Snover Tobacco Company.

\$5,700 Preferred Stock of the New Mexico Railway and Coal Company.

\$6,700 Common Stock of the New Mexico Railway and Coal Company.

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AGAINST TAX ORDINANCE

ARGUMENTS MADE BEFORE RE-CORDER CONNELL.

Representatives of the Local Companies Affected Yesterday Presented to the Recorder Reasons Why the Ordinance Taxing Their Gross Receipts Should Not Become a Law—All Declare Earnings of the Companies Will Not Permit the Payment of the Taxes Imposed.

Recorder W. L. Connell listened to arguments yesterday afternoon from representatives of the various companies of this city affected by the license ordinance recently passed by council. The ordinance provides that street railway, gas and water companies shall pay annually to the city 1 per cent. of their gross receipts, and steam heat, electric light and telephone companies 2 per cent.

Present were W. W. Scranton, president of the Scranton Gas and Water company; Frank Stillman, Jr., manager, and Major Everett Walker, attorney of the Scranton Railway company; Hon. L. A. Watson, of the Economy Light, Heat and Power company; Attorney George R. Bedford, of the Lackawanna Telephone company, and E. M. Stack, manager of the combined electric light companies.

Mr. Scranton opened the argument by stating that if the ordinance imposed the tax it is signed by the recorder and the courts say it is good law, his company will have to make up the tax by an increase of its rates. He said his company has \$800,000 invested in a gas plant and that his net earnings last year was \$29,000. If the contemplated tax is imposed it will reduce the earnings of the company to \$12,000, which, Mr. Scranton said, would be so ridiculously low that no company would attempt to do business.

SOOME DISADVANTAGES.

Sometimes in a short afternoon, Mr. Scranton said, an alarm goes off that part of 60th avenue above Twenty-third street where his artesian well is located, because the pipes have burst. The company has to keep into windows of houses along 20th and 21st streets, and the damage done to the pipes is so great that serious leaks of gas cannot be avoided. This is a matter of great expense that nothing can prevent.

AS TO THE WATER, Mr. Scranton said they had been compelled to buy great quantities of land to protect their sources of supply from pollution and had been forced to erect enormous storage reservoirs because the supply is uncertain. In the dry period of the year, owing to the destruction of trees in this part of the state, Mr. Scranton said the rates for gas and water in Scranton are very low. Some years ago the company reduced the rate to householders from 88 to 8¢ a year. They have since realized that this is too low and that the company cannot afford a rate as low as that. The rate is 8¢, he said, lower than anywhere else in the Lackawanna or Wyoming valleys. Some time ago the state tax was increased, and if this tax contemplated by the city becomes effective the rate will have to go up.

Major Warren, in his argument, attacked the validity of the ordinance. He said that the capital stock of companies chartered by the state are taxed for state purposes and are exempt from local purposes. Councils have the right to impose a license tax on poles and wires, but have no right to place a tax on the gross receipts of a company. It is especially unjust in the case of a trolley company, which cannot make its accounts square by increasing fares. Counting the state tax and the amount the company spends for paying such taxes, which is a contribution to the city, the addition of this city tax would mean more than 12 per cent. of its gross receipts would be required to pay taxes. Mr. Warren maintained that no business institution could possibly stand such a drain.

FOR THE CITY'S SAKE.

For the sake of the city, he maintained that this ordinance ought not to be signed. Capitalists were invited here and given certain franchises and after they have invested money to make those franchises useful to the people of the city, councils begin to tax them to death. The ordinance, as Major Warren views it, is not legal, just, equitable or honest.

Hon. L. A. Watson and Mr. Stack, for their companies, explained the conditions that exist and that they could not afford to pay a tax of 2 per cent. on their gross receipts. Mr. Watson also took the ground that the ordinance is illegal, unscientific as it does not provide for a uniform tax.

Attorney George R. Bedford said the ordinance has no standing so far as the Lackawanna Telephone company is concerned, for the reason that in the

case of the telephone company, the telephone franchise is held by the telephone company.

One Operator Declined.

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"That would make no trouble," was the reply. And then she showed him in little children's apparel. They were mere babies, and the operator said, "I can't. I can't stay any person longer than a child, and then my grown person could find a child."

"But I can't," came the inevitable reply. "Do you accept the nomination?"

The man took up and and a smile of satisfaction spread over his face as he answered quickly.

"Having been three times solicited by my dear officers to accept the nomination, I can do nothing but accede to their wishes." He then added:

Japanese Caution.

Among the characteristics of the Japanese are their extreme caution, their love of children. It is doubtful if any Japanese child ever got a whipping.

An American woman who became acquainted with a Japanese mother noticed that she allowed her little children to ramble through the streets at will, and, when questioned on it, "Don't worry," said the Japanese lady. "When a Japanese child comes of age, one hundred never passes, and a grown person could find a child."

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