

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Complaints having come to us that persons soliciting work in our name have in some instances kept the umbrellas and in others done inferior work, we desire to state that we have no representatives on the road whatever. We will call for your work on mail order only.

Scranton Umbrella Mfg. Co., M. Silverman, Prop., 313 Spruce Street.



Christmas Presents Must Be Bought.....

and in our magnificent stock of PICTURES and FRAMES you are bound to find many beautiful, artistic and appropriate things for Christmas.

Jacobs & Fasold, 209 WASHINGTON AVENUE. (Store open evenings.)

City Notes.

D. L. & W. PAY DAYS.—The Lackawanna railroad yardmen and freight house employees will be paid today.

RECEPTION TONIGHT.—The jointmen house-keepers will hold a reception in A. O. U. W. hall, on Lackawanna avenue, this evening at 7:20 in the home of the national officers now in Scranton.

MINLEY MEMORIAL FUND.—The following contributions were received yesterday by Secretary Atherton for the McKinley memorial fund: Mrs. C. Frank, 50 cents; Miss Olive Hall, 20 cents; Daniel Galvin, 51; total, \$2.

DONATION FOR HOSPITAL.—The First Presbyterian church of Scranton has donated the collection received at the church on Thanksgiving day to the amount of \$8,500 to the Hahnemann hospital, the receipt of which is now gratefully acknowledged by the hospital's management.

CAR STRUCK WAGON.—One of the Scranton Railway company's street cars ran into E. B. Johnson's Sons' grocery wagon on Lackawanna avenue yesterday morning and the tender of the car was damaged. Otherwise no serious consequences occurred.

SHOT FIRED AT CAR.—A shot from a Robert rifle was fired at a street car on Lackawanna avenue, Tuesday, and the traction company officials over that it came from the vicinity of the street car's headquarters. The shot penetrated one of the windows in the car, making a hole in the glass about the size of a 1/4 inch piece. There was no one in the car at the time.

MONTHLY MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the Scranton Osteopathic association was held last evening in the rooms in the Bond & Trade building. After the regular routine business was disposed of, Dr. Sturwood read a well prepared paper on "Spinal Meningitis," which was afterwards discussed by Doctors, Harvey, Evans, Downing and Forman.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.—At a meeting of Branch No. 109, Catholic Women's Benevolent League, held last night in Guernsey hall, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Sarah Walsh; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Smith; secretary, Miss Elizabeth McManama; collector, Mrs. N. N. Nallin; sexton, Mrs. Rose Lottin; marshal, Miss Catherine Foley; treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Snow; guard, Mrs. Catherine O'Malley.

A BOND ORDINANCE.

Proposition to Pay Off All Outstanding Judgments. It is understood that an effort will soon be made to have an ordinance passed by council authorizing the issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of paying off the large number of judgments which are piling up against the city.

The matter is purely a business proposition, the only question at issue being, shall the city pay six per cent interest on judgments or three and a half or four per cent on bonds? A similar ordinance was introduced last year, but failed of passage, the council council letting it go by default.

Attractive Christmas Sale.

The ladies of the Penn avenue Baptist church are to conduct a Christmas sale of aprons, fancy articles and home-made candies in the church parlors this afternoon and evening, December 12. Prices reasonable. Light refreshments will be served.

Catering—Hanley.

These two words are practically synonyms. When one is thought of, the other is ever present. Holidays advance time to think of both—and 429 Spruce street.

Cigars by the Box.

The Key West Havana and Domestic Cigars at Robinson Bros., 405 Spruce street.

Dr. S. C. Snyder, dentist, has removed to 128 Adams avenue.

BOND OFFERINGS.

- Spring Brook Water, 1st Mtg. 5s
Lacka. Valley Elec. Light, 1st Mtg. 5s
North Jersey and Pocono Mountain Ice Co., 1st Mtg. 5s
Standard Gas Co., 1st Mtg. 5s
Lehigh Water Supply Co., 1st Mtg. 5s
New Mexico Railway and Coal Co., 1st Mtg. 5s
Desert, 1st and price on application.

Angel Food Cake. As made by Hanley, is the standard of excellence. There is a surety of purity in all the bakery products sold at 429 Spruce street.

NEW ENGLAND DINNER.

Brilliant Speakers Who Will Be Heard on That Occasion.

The members of the New England society evidently expect a good time this year. They have secured for speakers the Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell of Hartford, Conn., whom all his friends know as "Joe" Twitchell. He was secretary of all Yale's living grammar at the bi-centennial. He has spoken here before and those who have heard him know what a delightful after dinner speaker he is.

The Hon. Charles F. Littlefield of Maine who succeeded the late Hon. Nelson F. Dingley in congress, will also be a speaker. Mr. Littlefield was here some time ago and spoke at the old armory. Those who heard him then will remember him so well that they will be glad to hear him again at dinner.

The Hon. William C. Hensel of Lancaster, the attorney general of the state during Governor Pattison's administration, will speak on the subject of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Mr. Hensel is one of the most accomplished speakers in this state and those who have been privileged to hear him will gladly do so again.

The president, Colonel H. M. Boies, in his opening address, will have something to say "appertaining to the present times." Altogether the "flow of reason" seems to be well provided for. Then there are the souvenirs but that as Kipling says, "is another story."

TWO MEN INJURED BY AN EXPLOSION

Piston Rod Containing Water Was Heated with Disastrous Results at West Pittston.

There was a very serious explosion at the Vulcan Iron Works, West Pittston, shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning, which will in all probability result in the loss of at least one life. William Henderson, a blacksmith, and his helper, Matthew Smith, both residents of West Pittston, were very seriously injured, the latter probably fatally, while the building was quite badly wrecked and every window in that portion where the explosion took place shattered.

Henderson and Smith were at work straightening a piston rod for the Stevens' Coal company, and were heating it in the fire. The rod is hollow, and it is now thought there was some water in it. The effect of the heat caused this water into steam, which caused the rod to burst, the pieces flying in all directions. Henderson and Smith who were close by, received the full force of the explosion and were struck by the flying metal.

A NATIONAL EISEDFODD.

Will Be Held at the New Army on Memorial Day.

Arrangements are well under way for holding a national eisteddfod in the new Scranton armory, on next Memorial day, when competitors are expected from all over the United States and Great Britain.

It will be the most cosmopolitan musical festival ever held in this country, and will include competitions in English, Welsh and German, and possibly Italian. Special prizes will be offered for the male voice parties singing in English and German, and ex-Sheriff Robinson has interested himself in the latter, and will preside at the evening session.

The Arions, of New York, and other German singing societies from New York, Newark, Hoboken, Allentown and Scranton will be invited to participate, and Mr. Robinson has already guaranteed the engagement of a celebrated prima donna, who has never been heard in this city.

The preliminary programme is now being prepared and over \$3,000 will be awarded in prizes. The chief prize for choirs of mixed voices will be \$1,000, and it is expected this will be sufficient to induce Prof. Daniel Proctor, of Milwaukee, and other noted leaders of the west to organize choirs and enter the competition.

This eisteddfod will be in the nature of an experiment, as a national eisteddfod has never before been attempted outside of Wales, and if it is a success, it will serve to bring Scranton into prominence as the hub of the Cymro-American wheel, and the center of musical competition in the United States. The promoters are satisfied that it will pay.

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MENTION OF MEN OF HOUR

REAL ESTATE MAN R. ERNEST COMEGYS.

He Believes That Advertising Is a Good Thing and He Lives Up to His Belief—Is a Native of Maryland Who Can Trace His Ancestry Back to the English Colonists. Clarence M. Florey as a Hustler for the Patriotic Order Sons of America's Fair.

One of the most progressive, and at the same time one of the most unassuming, real estate men in the city is R. Ernest Comegys, who, after ten years of hard industry and strict attention to business, has built up one of the best paying agencies in this city.

Mr. Comegys is a native of Maryland, and traces his ancestry back to the English colonists who settled Maryland in the first half of the seventeenth century, under the leadership of Cecil Calvert, sometimes known as Lord Baltimore. One of his ancestors was governor of Delaware for a number of years. Mr. Comegys came to Scranton a little over a dozen years ago, and after several ventures in various kinds of business, decided that success for him lay in the real estate line, and so he opened an office and put all the enthusiasm and energy of his young manhood into the enterprise. He has wrought out for himself a career, and that he has done so is largely due to the fact that he has appreciated the real value of advertising.

The phenomenal success which has attended the fair of Washington camp, No. 178, Patriotic Order Sons of America, in West Scranton, during the past two weeks, is in a measure attributed to the able management of Clarence M. Florey, the senior member of the firm of Florey & Brooks, and the assistance given the undertaking by friends, business men, men of letters, and representatives of the city press in particular.

The attendance and receipts of the fair far exceed the expectations of the promoters, and as a result the building fund has been substantially increased. The camp building stands as a monument to the enterprise of Camp 178, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and is the initial home of patriotism in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

But to Mr. Florey is due great credit for his untiring energy, business ability and far-sightedness in the conduct of the fair, and he is receiving the heartfelt congratulations of his fellow-workers and friends on the success of such an uncertain undertaking.

John M. Edwards, who was recently appointed stenographer of the new orphan court, is a West Scranton boy, who has earned the position he has been elevated to by strict application to duty and to his employer.

He entered the office of Congressman Conrad as stenographer in 1897, and the Scranton business college, and has been with him for several years. Some time ago Mr. Edwards announced himself as a candidate for the office of school controller to succeed Elias E. Evans from the First ward.

When a railroad man is taken from the ranks and placed in a position of extraordinary responsibility, his fellow-workmen along the line naturally manifest much interest in his promotion and follow his career with pleasure or regret as the case may be.

In the promotion of J. J. McCann from conductor to trainmaster on the Lackawanna railroad, his friends have followed his career with pride, and point to the fact that he has "made good" beyond expectation. His familiarity with the road, and popularity among all classes of railroad men, makes him one of the most valued attaches of Superintendent Rine's staff.

HE CUT HIS THROAT.

George Beaver Killed Himself Because He Was Refused a Dollar to Buy Drink.

George Beaver, an educated Hungarian, aged 56 years, cut his throat with a razor at his boarding house in Duane street, Tuesday night because the man with whom he boarded refused to give him a dollar with which to buy drink. He was partly intoxicated and told the keeper of the boarding house when the latter refused him the money that he would cut his own throat. His dead body was found yesterday morning in his room, the throat being frightfully gashed in three places. On the floor were a pocket knife and razor with which the deed was committed.

POSTMASTER RIPPLE.

Among the list of Pennsylvania postmasters sent to the senate for confirmation yesterday by President Roosevelt was the name of Colonel E. H. Ripple, of Scranton.

Postmaster Ripple's term expired on July 1, of the present year, and prior to President McKinley's death it was reported that he had announced Colonel Ripple's appointment, but no notification to that effect was ever received by him.

DUNLEAVEY WAS FINED.

As a result of the attack made on a street car on Capotte avenue last Sunday, Anthony Dunleavy, aged 17 years, was fined \$10 by Alderman Howe yesterday. He was charged with malicious mischief, obstructing railway traffic and assaulting Special Officer Daniel Heffler, of the Scranton Railway company.

Mrs. J. H. Jennings, her son John, and M. F. Kearney, who were also mixed up in the same offense, waived hearings and entered bail for their appearance at court.

The New Quick Lunch Parlors will open Saturday morning, corner of Wyoming and Linden. Prices right. Open 6 a. m. to 12 m.

Walace MacQuhae, Proprietor. E. Sively Red's Corsets. Can be had at reduced rates until Dec. 26. 311 Quincey avenue.

THE NEW INCANDESCENT LIGHT. The Yotto Lamp.

The new incandescent gas light, 125 candle power, best in the world, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Call and see our display at Room 2, Arcade building. Gas Light Supply Company.

H. S. POUST, Manager. LEACH MAKES AN OFFER.

Will Give 12 1/2 Per Cent for Republic Stock.

C. H. Leach, representing the Liquidating company of New York, met the local stockholders of the defunct Republic Building and Loan association, of New York, in the Guernsey hall last night. His company subsists on the wrecks of the national building associations strewn all over the land and which have cost their stockholders millions of dollars in losses.

Mr. Leach offers the local stockholders 12 1/2 per cent of the face value of their stock in cash, or will give them 50 per cent of the value of their stock in a concern to be organized to take charge of a property in Brooklyn which was owned by the building association and has passed into the hands of the Liquidating company.

The Republic association owes about \$2,000 in Scranton and the valley surrounding it.

ASSESSMENTS REDUCED.

Judge Carpenter in an Opinion Took Off \$432,500 from City and County Assessments.

Judge J. W. Carpenter yesterday handed down an opinion reducing the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's city assessment from \$286,000 to \$105,000 and the same company's county assessment from \$72,500 to \$41,000, the amounts struck off being \$181,000 and \$257,500 respectively. The company appealed from the assessments on the ground that the buildings and plants in question were partly dismantled when the assessment was made and were therefore not liable to full assessment. The judge declares this point to be well taken and ordered the following reductions in the city assessment: Saw mill and office, from \$4,000 to \$1,000; blast furnace and surrounding land and improvements, from \$105,000 to \$28,000; North Steel mill and No. 2 mill, from \$150,000 to \$22,000; engine house, from \$19,500 to \$12,000; land near old mill, from \$7,500 to \$4,000.

The reductions allowed the county assessment are as follows: Saw mill and office, from \$2,000 to \$1,500; blast furnace and surrounding land and improvements, \$130,000 to \$40,000; North Steel mill and No. 2 mill, from \$200,000 to \$78,000; mule barn, from \$5,500 to \$1,000. An assessment of \$25,000 on the latter shop was struck off entirely because the building was entirely demolished when the assessment was made.

The company also objected to the assessments on certain lands in the sixteenth and seventeenth wards but as these were not included in the appeal no action was taken.

TO ORGANIZE MACHINISTS.

Isaac Cowen Tells of Advantages of Amalgamated Association.

Isaac Cowen, of New York city, international organizer of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Machinists, Blacksmith and Patternmakers, is in the city, endeavoring to organize a local union, and addressed a slily attended meeting in Guernsey hall last night.

The Amalgamated association is a member of the American Federation of Labor and is separate and distinct from the International Association of Machinists, the organization which conducted the big strike last spring. The existing advantages of \$25,000 on the prospective members is the fact that the organization has in its treasury at the present time a reserve fund of \$2,227,000, with which to pay benefits to the unemployed, sick and striking members.

The fact that this association has this large fund in its treasury renders its unique among labor organizations. A large part of its membership is in the British Isles.

CHICKEN THIEF ARRESTED.

James Brock Committed to Jail for the Offense.

Mrs. Mary Grier, of 331 Beech street, was the prosecutor in a case before Alderman Howe last evening against James Brock, whom she charges with stealing her chickens, and jumping a board bill, amounting to \$18.

Brock formerly boarded with Mrs. Grier, who is a widow with four children, and when she asked him to pay his board he left her, moving his effects during the night.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Grier alleges, she discovered Brock stealing two of her chickens, hence the arrest. The defendant was unable to furnish bail on either charge, and was committed to jail to await trial.

NEW VIADUCT ORDINANCE

PROBABLE IT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL.

After the New Assessment Is Effective the Argument Raised by Luther Keller That the Building of the Viaduct Would Put Us Beyond the Debt Limit Will Not Have Force—West Scranton Councilmen Are Waiting to Take Advantage of Opportunity Offered.

The West Lackawanna avenue viaduct question is likely to again become the subject of discussion and debate in the city council before many more weeks elapse. The objection that was raised by Luther Keller in the injunction proceedings, which he brought against the erection of the structure last spring, was that the indebtedness which would be created by the construction of the viaduct would carry the city beyond the debt limit fixed by the constitution of the state.

Such an objection could not be raised after the assessment which is now being made by the assessors goes into effect, because the city will then have a margin of \$700,000, or much more than sufficient, admitting Mr. Keller's contention that the debt which would be created would be an actual indebtedness, to be a correct one.

After the new assessment goes into effect all that would be required would be the passage of another ordinance providing for the construction of the viaduct and accepting the offer of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Scranton Railway companies to pay for the structure, the city to merely pay the damages which might arise. The old ordinance cannot now be considered binding, as conditions have changed since its passage.

It was learned yesterday that several of the West Scranton councilmen are merely waiting for the new assessment to be completed before again bringing up the question in council.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAR.

Aged Mrs. Smith Victim of a Trolley Accident.

An unfortunate accident occurred last evening when Mrs. Smith, aged 65 years, of the Home for the Friendless, was run down by a street car and severely injured. The woman was crossing Adams avenue, at the intersection of Mulberry street, when she stepped in front of an in-bound car and was knocked down and injured before the car could be stopped.

She was carried into Eicke's drug store and Dr. McDowell was called. He found Mrs. Smith suffering from the shock and discovered that she had sprained her ankle and sustained bodily bruises.

As soon as possible the injured woman was removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Bosserman, at 1012 Mulberry street, where she was resting comfortably at a late hour.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIAL.

St. Paul's Pioneer Corps Dance at Knights of Columbus Rooms.

The members of St. Paul's Pioneer Corps held their chrysanthemum social in the Knights of Columbus rooms last evening, and the event proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs in the history of the corps.

Over a hundred couples participated, nearly all of whom wore chrysanthemum. The hall was also decorated with flowers. The committee in charge was made up of Walter Ralney, William Sharp, T. W. Early, J. J. Hester and Thomas McGuire.

Something for Nothing.

Is just what you will get if you buy a piece of Baker's Powder at either of our Scranton stores next Saturday, December 14, and secure one of those Fillette framed pictures, size 14x17 inches, absolutely free. They are beautiful. See them in our show windows.

Grand Union Tea Co., 311 Lack. ave., 116-118 S. Main ave., Scranton, Pa.

Protheroe and Company.

Furniture and Carpetware rooms, 303 Lackawanna avenue, will be open evenings until after the holidays.

Strengthening Bread.

This daily article of diet can be made stiffer, if Hanley's entire wheat bread is used. This bread, scientifically made, of whole wheat, provides a brain and muscle food, unexcelled. Order at 429 Spruce street.

Xmas Is Almost Here.

And we are ready to serve you at the "Cut-Price Art Shops, 209 Lackawanna avenue. A framed picture is most appropriate for a Xmas gift. A complete stock to choose from.

Poor Taxes.

The 1901 poor taxes are past due. Pay them before costs are added. Office with city treasurer. E. M. Vernoy, Collector.

There Is Nothing Like Substantial Merit

In what you buy, to prove a Substantial Saving in what you pay. Haviland & Co.'s China has merit that you will concede.

We can Save You Money on all purchases as we are Large Buyers of Haviland & Co. We get their largest rebates.

- Tea Plates, Dozen... \$4.00
Breakfast Plates, dozen... 4.75
Dinner Plates, dozen... 5.00
Fruit Plates, dozen... 2.65
Butters, dozen... 1.55
Cups and Saucers, doz... 5.50
Uncovered Vegetables, \$ each... 1.45
10-inch Platters, each... 1.00
12-inch Platters, each... 1.65
14-inch Platters, each... 2.45
Covered Dishes, each... 2.95

These are star shape, stippled gold handles dainty pink decorations in an open stock, buy as many or as few as you want, a whole dinner set or a part, the price is the same.

Don't you think this is a good suggestion for a Christmas Present?

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You can't be comfortable without one of our fine mattresses. That's COMFORT BY NIGHT. For Comfort by Day buy one of our beautiful SHIRT WAIST BOXES.



For Comfort Day and Night this Couch Bed can't be approached.

Scranton Bedding Co., F. A. Kaiser, Manager. Both 'Phone. Lackawanna and Adams Avenues.

F. L. CRANE

- Established 1866. Seal Skin Coats \$150, \$175, \$200, \$225, \$250. Persian Lamb Coats \$70, \$100, \$125, \$150. Furs of All Kinds. Furs repaired. Raw furs bought.



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Handsome Articles Will Be Given Away Every Day to Persons Holding Lucky Numbers.

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Any Diamond Is Diamond SURE.

So any Coffee is Coffee, so any Flour is Flour. But grades differ—you want the best. If you understand Diamonds as well as you do Coffee and Flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you go to buy something, the value of which you do not understand, you pick out the place where you can do the best. Read our "ads." Watch the way we do business. Call on us and examine our Diamonds and you will always trade with us.

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