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BOWLING.

"Billy" Hopkins, of the Backus team, will probably finish with high average unless he falls down on Monday night.

The project of sending a two-man team to Buffalo this week after next to compete in the national bowling tournament has been finally abandoned.

It looks very much as if Taylor's score of 253 will stand as the record for the season as far as league games are concerned.

That the scores made by the bowlers in the two local leagues compare favorably with the scores made by the crack bowling teams in New York city can be proven by a glance at the New York papers publishing bowling scores in full.

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Bowling League closes its first season Monday night. The closing games will be as follows: Black Diamonds vs. Scranton Bicycle club on Bicycle club alleys; Elks vs. Green Ridge on Green Ridge alleys; West End vs. Backus on Backus alleys.

The race for the handsome trophy to the winners of this series has now narrowed down to the Black Diamonds of this city and the West End Wheelmen of Wilkes-Barre.

The West End No. 2 succeeded in taking two out of three from Green Ridge No. 2 Thursday evening on the latter's alleys, thereby tying the Green Ridge boys for first place in the club league.

Dr. Wardell of the Scranton Bicycle club team is undoubtedly the equal of any bowler in the league. His delivery is faultless and ball most effective.

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR.

Managers of Home Will Have Annual Meeting Next Friday.

The officers and managers of the Home for the Friendless held their last meeting of the year yesterday at the Young Women's Christian association.

At a previous meeting concerted action was taken by the members of the board in presenting a resolution urging Mrs. W. D. Kennedy to continue as president during the coming year.

Judge Knapp will preside at next week's association meeting when reports of the Home work will be read and officers will be elected.

IS ENTITLED TO TWO.

Sixth Ward Will Be Given Two Members in the Lower Branch of Common Council.

It has been settled that the Sixth ward is to have two representatives in common council. The city authorities, who have had under consideration the matter of adjusting the dispute as to the Sixth's representation, made an announcement yesterday that the ward is entitled to her claim to two commoners instead of one.

When the original apportionment was made the Sixth was entitled to two commoners, by a margin of nearly 200 taxable. The next census of the ward, however, showed the ward to be one hundred taxables shy of enough to entitle it to two men.

That error had been made was very palpable, and that the error when rectified would give the ward its original representation was proven by a census made personally by the board of assessors.

NEW C. M. B. A. OFFICERS.

They Were Installed Last Night by Thomas P. Hoban.

The following newly-elected officers of Branch 35, Catholic Mutual Benefit association, were last night installed in Guernsey hall: President, T. P. Leonard; first vice-president, Bernard Potter; second vice-president, James O'Connor; recording secretary, J. C. McAndrews; assistant recording secretary, John T. Phillips; financial secretary, M. P. Brown; treasurer, J. J. O'Reilly; marshals, Charles Carney, guard, Thomas Carney; trustees, William Murphy, D. J. Campbell, T. P. Hoban, Edward P. Mitchell and Dr. P. J. O'Hara.

MUSIC HALL DANCES.

No Known Immoral Women to Be Admitted in Future.

The officers of the Scranton Liederkranz society, which leases Music hall by the year and sub-lets it for dances and entertainments, have decided upon a new policy in the management of affairs connected with the hall.

GREATER SAFEGUARDS.

An ordinance introduced on Thursday night by Select Councilman John E. Regan, of the Sixth ward, provides for the throwing of greater safeguards around the running of street cars in this city.

It provides for the placing of a guard in front of the wheels of all street cars and for the lowering of the fender so that it will be within three inches of the track.

To the Republican Voters of the Fifteenth Ward, City of Scranton:

The primaries will be held Wednesday, January 8, 1902, to nominate officers as follows: One school controller. One constable. One one-way assessor.

Special Pullman Drawing-Room Sleeping Car to Thomasville, Ga.

Commencing January 9 the Southern Railway in connection with the Pennsylvania railroad will operate a through Pullman drawing-room sleeping car on Thursday of each week to Thomasville, Ga., without change.

Something of Interest. To the ladies, beginning January 4, we offer our \$2.50 and \$3 ladies' box calf shoes for \$1.75. No old stock.

Mr. Chas. Russell, Concert Cellist and Teacher, of New York, will accept a limited number of pupils in Scranton. For terms, etc., apply to Miss Julia C. Allen, 512 Washington avenue.

MEETING WAS A LOVE FEAST

THE POOR BOARD REORGANIZES HARMONIOUSLY.

All the Old Officers Re-elected with the Exception of Collector Vernoy Who Did Not Want Another Term. H. G. Dale Chosen in His Stead. Excerpts from the Annual Report of the Directors—Superintendent's Report Shows That Insane Patients Are Increasing in Number.

The poor board met in annual session yesterday afternoon and reorganized by electing all the old officers, with the exception of Collector E. M. Vernoy, who did not seek re-election. Harry G. Dale was chosen in Mr. Vernoy's place. The elections were all made by unanimous vote.

The annual report of the directors contained the following items: Salaries and services, \$20,500.73; Outdoor relief, \$5,198.12; Supplies, \$2,570.44; Improvements and repairs, \$2,545.40; Printing and stationery, \$261.27; Furniture, \$1,853.68; Miscellaneous, \$2,241.26; Warrants cashed, \$9,044.87; Value of real estate, \$85,237.74; Value of real estate, \$110,000.00.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of Superintendent George W. Beemer was as follows:

The average daily number of patients at Hillside Home was 169.34-365, and the per capita cost of maintaining paupers and insane persons at the home, including food, clothing, light, heat, medicine, salaries of superintendent, resident physician, attendants, etc., exclusive of farm produce, was \$1.96 per week.

The total board of inmates, sane and insane, is equal to the board of one person for 129.24 days. Besides this, there was taken, at the superintendent's and employes' tables during the year, a number of meals equal to the board of one person for 14,870 days, and by workmen employed on improvements and repairs, meals equal to the board of one person for 80 days, making the total number of days of board at the home, 187,022.

The number of inmates in the home, Dec. 31, 1900, was 167. There was admitted during the year, 125; discharged, 105; died, 20; insane, 27; total, 169. Discharged and died, 209. Remains in the home Dec. 31, 1901, 458, of whom 294 are sane and 254 insane.

The value of the property raised on the farm during the year was \$7,482.39. Cash received from board of patients was \$5,821.70.

The population at the home at the end of each month was: January, 165; February, 165; March, 143; April, 147; May, 151; June, 165; July, 179; August, 181; September, 181; October, 187; November, 171; December, 158.

MONTHLY REPORT.

The report of Superintendent Beemer for the month of December showed that 15 were admitted and 12 discharged, leaving 458 in the home Dec. 31, 1901. They were classified as follows: Insane males, 129; sane males, 142; insane females, 124; sane females, 62; total insane, 254; total sane, 204.

The reorganization was a veritable love feast, decidedly in contrast with some of the previous reorganizations. There was not a single dissenting vote in any of the elections. The officers are elected or re-elected as follows: President, Reese G. Brooks; secretary, C. J. Gillespie; treasurer, Ambrose Hertz; superintendent, George W. Beemer; matron, Mrs. George W. Beemer; resident physician, Dr. John Carochian; out-door physicians, Dr. Hermann Bessey, Dr. W. H. McGreevey, Dr. B. T. Bodolov, Dr. P. F. Gunster, Dr. M. H. Quinn; solicitor, John F. Scragg; collector, H. G. Dale; chaplains, Rev. William Parsons and Rev. P. J. Gough.

The salaries were fixed at the same figures as last year. Mr. Fuller acted as temporary chairman at reorganization.

In taking the chair after being re-elected, Mr. Brooks expressed his thanks to the board for again choosing him to preside and then announced that the finance committee believed it would be able to recommend that the levy of last year, 25 mills, would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the coming year despite the fact that the increase in the number of inmates of the insane department necessitated an additional building.

To the South via New Jersey Central.

The New Jersey Central railroad is the only line offering Pullman service to winter resorts in the South and the Charleston exposition, with but one change of cars.

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E. G. Coursen

STEPPED IN FRONT OF ENGINE.

An Unknown Man Killed at Elmhurst Yesterday.

An unknown man, who was walking on the Lackawanna railroad, near the Throop water tank at Elmhurst, was struck by engine No. 577, at 2.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and instantly killed.

The engine was in charge of Conductor W. W. LaBarre and Engineer Noble Johnson, and was backing down to the Nay Aug yard, when the man deliberately stepped in front of the engine, and was ground beneath the wheels.

His remains were gathered up, and Coroner Roberts ordered Funeral Director Edwards, of Elmhurst, to take charge of the body. The coroner will investigate the case today. The body had not been identified up to a late hour last night.

A DOUBLE INSTALLATION.

Ezra Griffin Post, G. A. R., and Women's Relief Corps Installed New Officers Last Night.

A large crowd of grand army men and their friends gathered last night in Memorial hall to witness the public installation of the new officers of Ezra Griffin post, No. 139, and of Women's Relief corps, No. 50.

The grand army men installed their officers first by Mrs. Susie Loomis, past president. They were as follows: President, Mrs. Anna E. Strong; senior vice-president, Mrs. Lulu Jones; junior vice-president, Mrs. Anna Hand; secretary, Mrs. Rachel Hall; treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Whitmore; chaplain, Mrs. Brady; conductor, Mrs. Ruth Barney; guard, Mrs. Anna Hallstead; assistant conductor, Mrs. Ella Beebe; assistant guard, Mrs. Hoffman; color bearers, Mrs. Etie Pierce, Mrs. Carr, Miss Nellie Tripp and Mrs. Wint.

The grand army men installed their officers immediately after the impressive ritual being exemplified by Major A. M. Pierce, of North Scranton. The following were the officers installed: Commander, A. E. Stevens; senior vice-commander, Thomas Barrowman; junior vice-commander, J. C. Wickoff; officer of the day, George Shafer; chaplain, Thomas Hoffman; officer of the guard, D. S. Beemer; quartermaster, Samuel H. Stevens; adjutant, George F. Millet; quartermaster-sergeant, Le Grand Wright; sergeant major, Halway Athrop.

Following the installation Commander Stevens made a brief address in which he referred in high terms to the work accomplished by the Women's Relief corps and in which he urged the members of that organization to bring in new members and enlarge the scope of their work. Several others also made addresses.

BELIEVES ARGENTIS GUILTY.

Superintendent Day Says Good Case Can Be Made Out.

Superintendent Lona B. Day stated yesterday afternoon to a Tribune man that he believes a very strong case can be made out against John Argentis, the young Italian committed without bail on Thursday night for the murder of Harry Frederick. The superintendent believes firmly that Argentis is the guilty man and that he is also one of the men who have been attacking young women in North Scranton and Greer Ridge during the past two or three months.

Argentis was measured yesterday by the Bertillon system and was also photographed. He is only five feet three inches high and is very slightly built. He confesses not to be able to speak English, but it can be seen that he understands very clearly what is being said around about.

TERRIBLY INJURED.

Edward Lewis Struck by Falling Machinery Yesterday.

Edward Lewis, of Taylor, employed at the Allen-Chalmers company's shop, was probably fatally injured yesterday while at work. A part of the crane on which he was employed fell and bore him to the ground. His back was broken, his right leg was fractured in two separate places, and his right shoulder dislocated.

He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital, and was later removed to his home, when it was found that his injuries would probably prove fatal in the end.

Christian De Wet is the great military genius of the day. The eyes of all the military strategists of Europe are now centered on him. They realize that an altogether new era of warfare has opened up with the South African war. Nothing like it has ever been witnessed before in the annals of nations. As a cavalry leader De Wet has shown himself to be an altogether new star in the military firmament. He so suddenly makes for his point of attack, gains his end, turns on his heels and strikes another effective blow before the British have hardly realized he has left his former base of operations, that he is striking the British generals with amazement. This sort of feeling, of course, penetrates also down among the men. Here, for instance, is a sample from a letter sent to a Bostonian from a member of Plummer's British Rhodesia force:

"We received the most alarming dispatches at times. The Boers are like tigers to fight, and all our men are heartily sick of the war. * * * The Boers move like lightning, and are never to be caught."

To the Republican Voters of the Tenth Ward of City of Scranton.

The ward primaries will be held on Monday, January 13, 1902, from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m., to nominate officers for ward. All candidates must register before January 11, 1902.

OPENING DAY.

Scranton Business College. Day and evening sessions of the Scranton Business College will reopen Monday, January 6. A large attendance is expected.

Men's Box Calf and Enamels.

Beginning January 4, we offer our \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 men's box calf and enamels, winter weights, for \$2.50 and \$3. Lewis, Ruddy, Davies & Murphy, 330 Lackawanna avenue.

Miss Bessie Dean, teacher of mandolin, banjo and guitar. Address Powell's Music Store.

MUST BE GIVEN POWER TO ACT

DAY OF THE MEDIATOR IS PASSED AND GONE.

President Clark of the Scranton Street Railway Company Announces That Hereafter He Will Confer Only with Parties Empowered to Settle the Strike—Executive Committee of the Strikers Calls a Special Meeting to Consider Question of Delegating Authority.

President C. M. Clark, of the Scranton Railway company, did not go home yesterday, as he expected. Business connected with the attack on the Valley Passenger Railway company's franchises detained him. He spent a part of the day in consultation with the company's attorneys and local officials, and not being able to make connection with the conductors on the Lehigh Valley, he remained over night. He will return to Philadelphia today.

Yesterday morning he was visited upon by National Treasurer Rezin Orr of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, and President D. Nichols, of the United Mine Workers. They went to him as representatives of the strikers to make a last effort to effect a settlement. Mr. Clark discussed the situation with them for an hour and told them, finally, that he could not, in reason, be expected to hold any more conferences with mediators who had nothing definite to offer from the other side.

NO THIRD PARTIES.

It will be useless, Mr. Clark said, to waste any more time and energy endeavoring to accomplish anything through third parties. Any representatives of the strikers who come to see him, hereafter, he said, must come armed with authority to act finally and conclusively.

If any of the strikers or any one representing them will come to him prepared and duly authorized to negotiate a settlement, he will see them. Others might just as well stay away.

This declaration of President Clark was transmitted to the strikers' executive committee by Messrs. Orr and Nichols, and after a lengthy consultation, the committee issued a call for a special meeting of the strikers this morning at 9 o'clock. Appended to the call was the announcement that "matters of great importance will be presented."

Last night the executive committee had another meeting to discuss the Clark declaration. What was done would not be disclosed.

CAN'T DELEGATE POWER.

From an unofficial source it was gleaned that the committee was of the opinion that the union's constitution and by-laws forbade the delegation of power to negotiate a settlement of the strike, and that Mr. Clark will be informed that the only party who can wait upon him with authority to effect a settlement is the whole membership of Division 108, Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America.

However, to be in line with some of our contemporaries in making sage forecasts on strike affairs, The Tribune will say in all sincerity and with the utmost confidence that the strike may be settled today or it may not be.

HIS BACK BROKEN.

Dennis Jones Met with a Serious Accident Yesterday.

Dennis Jones, a well-known colored man, was knocked down by a runaway horse on Lackawanna avenue, early last evening, and received a broken back.

He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital, where it was found that he had sensation in his lower limbs, and that for this reason the spinal cord had probably not been affected seriously. This gives room for a hope of recovery, though it is a very slight one.

Removal Notice.

Dr. L. M. Gates has moved his residence to the corner of Madison avenue and Mulberry street.

H. M. Hannah's law office has been removed to the second floor, front room, in the Old Fellows' building, No. 209 Wyoming avenue.

There Are Surprises In the Air

These days for the enthusiastic shopper. We've caught the spirit too, and preparatory to inventory have selected all remnants and broken lots, and have placed them on sale at prices that we are positive will interest the most economical purchaser.

Waist Cloth, ready made Waists, Silks, Laces, Linens, Hosiery, in fact every department has made its contribution to this Pre-Inventory Sale.

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