

COURT YEAR OPENS TODAY

CHANGES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS MORNING.

Hon. E. C. Newcomb to Succeed Judge J. W. Carpenter on the Common Pleas Bench—Other New Officials Who Take Office—First Set of Jurors Chosen by New Commissioners to Begin Their Session. Number of Opinions Handed Down by Judge Carpenter.

The court year begins today. The opening of the session will mark the retirement of Judge J. W. Carpenter and the induction of his successor, Hon. E. C. Newcomb. The commission of the new judge will be read and President Judge Edwards will formally introduce him to the members of the bar.

Today will also be marked in that it will witness the first sitting of grand jurors, selected, with E. B. Sturges and D. J. Campbell acting as jury commissioners.

Edward A. Jones assumes office as the first elected county controller. He had been serving by appointment. Dr. J. F. Saltry succeeds Dr. J. J. Roberts as coroner, and Milton P. Mitchell takes the place of George E. Stevenson as county surveyor.

The county commissioners meet at 10 o'clock for reorganization. John J. Durkin is to have a turn at the chairmanship. Constables will make their first returns for the year, and a session of equity court will be commenced.

At Saturday's adjourned session of court, Judge Carpenter handed down opinions and orders in a number of matters submitted for his adjudication, disposing of everything pending before him.

NO NEW TRIAL. In the case of F. C. Pilger against the Borough of Throop, the rule for a new trial was refused. Pilger secured damages for injury done goods in the cellar of his saloon by water overflowing from a blocked gutter. The late borough attorney, George E. Grambs, sought a new trial on the ground that the verdict was not in accord with the evidence.

The rule for a new trial in the case of Fannie and John Gallagher against the Borough of Throop, was refused. Mrs. Gallagher had her leg broken by falling on a defective sidewalk. The jury gave her \$600 and her husband \$100. The borough asked for a new trial on the ground that the case should have been dismissed because of contributory negligence on the part of Mrs. Gallagher, she having taken a path which she knew was dangerous, when she might have gone on the other side of the street to a safe walk.

The fact that Mrs. Gallagher was one of a large number of persons returning from church along the sidewalk in question, when she was injured, decided the judge in refusing to hold her guilty of contributory negligence, the law being that a person encountering a possibly dangerous spot on the road may proceed, if he or she reasonably believes it can be passed by in safety.

RULE DISCHARGED. The rule for a new trial in the case of C. E. Whymont against Thomas C. Griffin was discharged, and refusal was given the petitioners to strike off the non-suits in the cases of John Corrigan against the Scranton Railway company, and Ann McGovern against the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company. In the case of the West Ridge coal company against C. S. Von Storch, the former decree was modified so as to require the mining of a minimum of 5,000 tons annually, instead of 23,000 tons, as stipulated in the lease, the modification to date from February 1, 1902.

Court House News Notes. Two divorce suits were instituted Saturday. Phoebe J. Kenner asks for a divorce from Benjamin Kenner, on the ground of cruel treatment. They were married fourteen years ago. Ernest Tiffany wants a divorce from Celia E. Tiffany, on the ground of cruel treatment. They were married in 1880.

Next Saturday has been fixed as the time for hearing the petition for the dismissal of W. L. Yarrington from the office of executor of the estate of Jane Huna, late of Carbondale.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CABINET. Number of Important Matters Considered at Meeting. The cabinet of the Wyoming district organization for the advancement of Epworth League work on the district met at Wilkes-Barre on Thursday. Matters of importance were discussed. The sub-districts are urged by the cabinet to identify themselves with the entire district organization at once, and to report their officers to the secretary, Miss Laura White, 5344 South Franklin street, Wilkes-Barre. In order to co-operate more effectively with the sub-districts, the following members of the district cabinet were appointed to represent the district cabinet:

Kingston sub-district, W. P. Billings; Wilkes-Barre sub-district, Rev. C. H. Seward; Scranton City Union, J. G. McConnell; Avoca sub-district, C. L. Rafter; Dunbar sub-district, S. L. Richards; and for all chapters not included in the above, W. A. Sanford. The officers of each sub-district are asked also to send the names of each league in their district to the secretary named above, that the district cabinet may know what leagues are not in any district, and provide for the same.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$65.00. But this sum and much more can easily be expended in furthering the work, and therefore all leagues which have not forwarded their per capita tax of one cent are asked to forward amount due at once to the treasurer, Mr. S. L. Richards, Dallas, Pa.

The annual convention will be held the last week in May, at a place to be designated hereafter. League members are urged to entertain the convention with pleasure, and to communicate with the secretary. Pastors or leagues having subjects which they wish discussed, or which they wish to discuss themselves, should notify the secretary.

A BEDSIDE WEDDING. Magistrate Millar Married Couple, While Dangerously Ill. Magistrate W. S. Millar is still a very sick man, but despite the fact that he would not sit up in bed on Saturday, he

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performed a marriage ceremony. The names of the young people who were wedded are Vivian Flori and Maria Teresa Sussanorela, and both are Italians. Just a month ago Saturday the couple presented themselves at the magistrate's office and asked to be married. They were told that the magistrate was ill, and they went off, saying that they would wait till he recovered. They came again on Saturday, and when told that the magistrate was still ill, vowed that he would have to marry them, as they could wait no longer and wouldn't be married by anyone else.

The strange bedside ceremony was accordingly arranged for and performed.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

Seventy-two Per Cent. of the Business of the Railroads of the Country is Freight.

The casual observer will probably argue that the railroads throughout the United States cater more to the passenger than freight traffic over the various roads. This argument is usually advanced by the fellow who hangs around the passenger station and watches the incoming and outgoing passenger trains with their carloads of human freight.

But the student of facts and figures will tell you, and on the best of authority, that seventy-two per cent. of the railroad transportation is done in freight, while the remaining twenty-eight per cent. includes the passenger, mail and express business. This is an estimate of all the roads in the United States.

The unprecedented increase in the freight business during the past year has broken all previous records, and the percentage would have been much larger, but for the lack of transportation facilities. The coming year will undoubtedly witness a remarkable growth in all lines of railroad traffic.

This and That.

Superintendent Rose, of the Delaware and Hudson company, has issued an order forbidding the foremen or clerks at any Delaware and Hudson colliery to have anything to do with the purchase or sale of money keys. These keys, which are worth ten cents each, have been bought up by foremen or clerks for about five cents. The order of Superintendent Rose will enable the miner to get a higher price for the keys, either the ten cents straight from the purchase company or eight or nine cents from the agents.

Some persons think that the Delaware Valley railroad is the first, outside the Erie, to enter little Pike. The Milford Dispatch tells of three railroad companies to meet there Saturday, January 11. On that occasion directors for the ensuing year will be chosen by the Milford, Matamoras and New York railroad, the Milford and Log Tavern railroad and the Milford and Dingman railroad. The latter two roads exist only on paper and the first mentioned extends to the farm of Hon. J. C. Klaier, one and a half miles from Port Jervis.

D. L. & W. Board for Today. Following is the make-up of the D. L. & W. board for today:

W. A. East—8 p. m., W. A. Bartholomew; J. C. M., John Baxter; 11 p. m., F. McDowell, H. Doherty's crew.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6. Wild Cats East—5 p. m., D. Haggerty; 6 a. m., Hoboken, R. Haggerty; 10 a. m., Hoboken, W. Deiner; 1 p. m., Fitzpatrick; 2 p. m., Burkhardt; 5 p. m., M. J. Henegan; 6 p. m., G. W. Burt.

Wild Cats East—8 a. m., G. F. Sauerbaker; 10 a. m., W. H. Nichols; 11 a. m., E. McClister; 2 p. m., Thompson; 6 p. m., J. Carrigan; 8 p. m., M. Golden.

Pushers—6 a. m., Widmer; 7 a. m., Elmory; 8 a. m., Houtz; 11 a. m., M. M. Cannon; 5 p. m., J. Murray; 6 p. m., C. Bartholomew; 7 p. m., Murphy; 9 p. m., W. H. Bartholomew; 10 p. m., Lanning.

Pushers—7 a. m., G. G. Sauerbaker; 7 a. m., P. Sauerbaker; 10 a. m., Miller; 10 a. m., F. E. Scott; 6 a. m., Stanton; 8 a. m., C. McGovern.

Wild Cats West—10 a. m., T. Donnicani; 11 a. m., R. Houtz; 11 a. m., M. Cannon; 4 p. m., O. Randolph; 6 p. m., F. Wall; 11 p. m., John Galagan.

NOTICE. Conductor M. Finnerty will report at superintendent's office, 8 a. m., Monday, Jan. 6. Brakeman Van Labor, S. D. Coffman and Samuel Beavers will go to Hoboken on No. 12, Tuesday.

William Gilligan reports for H. Doherty. AT HIS BROTHER'S FUNERAL. The Next Day Patrick McGrail Was Killed on the Railroad.

The remains of the man who was killed near the Throop water tank at Elmhurst Friday last, have been identified as Patrick McGrail, aged 50 years, who had been an inmate of the Hillside Home during the past ten years.

He left the Home Thursday, and came to the city to attend the funeral of his brother, the late Michael McGrail, who died at his home, 268 South Webster avenue. After attending the services that morning, McGrail started for the Hillside Home.

The supposition is that he boarded a south-bound train on the Lackawanna railroad, and left the train at Elmhurst, and started back to Scranton. Engine No. 877, in charge of Engineer Noble Johnson, was backing down to the Nay Aug yard, when McGrail stepped in front of it and was killed. The body, after being identified, was brought to Scranton, where Coroner Roberts viewed it.

SCRANTON MEN IN BIG SCHEME WILL REVOLUTIONIZE TELEPHONE BUSINESS.

Company Controlling the "Central-ess" Telephone System and Another Company Installing One of the New-Fangled Plants in Chicago, Have Local Capitalists for Officers and a Big Wad of Local Capital for Their Backing—Workings of the New System.

In yesterday's New York Herald appeared an interesting article on the passing of the telephone girl. The "passing" is made possible, or rather imperative, by the introduction of the automatic telephone exchange. The article is extremely interesting of itself, but it is of especial local interest, because of the fact that Scranton plays an important part in the automatic telephone.

"First the article; then the local flavor: "Hello Central!" was one of the nineteenth century's pet phrases, with its answering cry, in dulcet or sharp tones, from some feminine throat far away. "What number, please?" But "Hello Central" now that the twentieth century is here, promises soon to be history.

Science has made a stride forward. The "hello girl," presiding genius of the telephone ever since its installation, must seek fresh employment before long. For there has arisen a new and practical, successful operation, a girlless, central-ess telephone system, with which, with a few twists of a curious dial, any one can get the number he wants, directly, in a few seconds.

No delay, no maddening reply, "They're busy. 'Ill let you know!" lurks in the recesses of this new instrument. No third person sits in the tantalizing neighborhood, ready to "listen in," if she pleases to cut off the hurried man or the flurried woman at will, to jangle with wires, put in and pull out plugs, and when the subscriber is driven to despair, not infrequently to "talk back."

HAS A PRIVATE WIRE. On the contrary, he who "calls up" now, if he be on the line of the new telephone, has at once a private wire in his hand. He slips a finger tip into one of the ten little holes, presses a button just below. At the other end the bell is struck, and the connection has been made, the person called in four to five seconds.

Had the other end of the wire been "busy," the man would have heard, on his metal dial, through these rapid motions, a faint buzzing sound. Automatically, again, this telephone announces the fact that any other wire is engaged. Otherwise, if the finger is put into the right hole, the proper number is secured instantly. The delicate, complicated, perfect mechanism behind it all never fails. Operated on mathematical principles, it is surer even than human hands.

A big, bare room, filled with rows of gold keyboards of glistening metal, is the substitute for "central." A student of the dial, a dialer, is seated at a desk, with a machine, with a single electrician listening to the constant clicks. These being at one row of boards, they are echoed on to a second row, and so on.

NO OPERATORS. There is no sign of a petitioner or any sort of a telephone operator. The man in charge has simply the task of keeping this machine in front, Saturday night he, with the clerks in the front office, looks up the numbers, and exchanges, through seven nights in the week and all day Sunday the exchange checks away, the service goes without a hitch, with no human hand to be seen.

The banks of instruments in the room click away, subscribers call each other as they please, the "wires" move up and down the "selectors." The telephone girl is truly passing, she is no more a modern necessity.

Fall River, Mass., has the most complete, largest and most practically operated of all the girlless telephone systems in America, though it is closely pressed by those of New Bedford, nearby, and Augusta, Ga. The latter cities have each more than five hundred subscribers on these automatic wires.

Fall River has seven hundred, however, and appreciation of this service in this New England mill town is rapidly growing. Yet these three cities are but a few of those that operate telephone systems of the new order with no girl at "central."

Genera, N. Y.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Albert Lea, Minn.; Auburn, N. Y.; Madison, Wis.; Princeton, N. J.; Hlaca, N. Y., and even the far distant village of Slagway, Alaska, all have automatic telephones.

But the going of the telephone girl is on no such small scale as this short list would indicate. The German government has experimented, and successfully, with the new invention. It has had a trial set of keyboards for 400 subscribers working in Berlin for a year and a half now, and will soon install the system on a much larger scale. The Strogger patents, operating these instruments, are to be taken up in France.

SYSTEM IN HAVANA. In Havana, Cuba, a girlless telephone is to be the system of the Cuban capital. Twenty-five hundred instruments have been ordered, and to be put in place soon as possible.

A curious circumstance has led to the closing of this "no central" phone for Havana, so the story goes. It is said that the difficulty of getting "central" girls who could speak all the languages required would be too great. At all events no telephone girls are to be there.

But it is in Chicago that the "hello girl" will find her first important Waterloo. Already the cables are being laid. It will be established the first central-ess telephone system of the first rank. It will take probably two years to get the wires in place and the intricate mechanism adjusted, but when it is completed, Chicago will start off with fifteen thousand telephones, with an ultimate capacity under the present plans—and these may be enlarged—of fifty thousand of these telephone.

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But one man, the expert electrician, is stationed at the central. His only duty, besides caring for the machinery, is to answer "trouble calls" and keep track of the work of his construction and repair men.

C. D. SIMPSON PRESIDENT. These "central-ess" telephones are all owned and controlled, not only in the United States, but the world over, by a company of which C. D. Simpson, of this city, is president, and the company engaged in installing the new phone in Chicago has Edwin W. Gearhart as its secretary.

Both companies have many Scranton men in their make-up. The company owning and controlling the phones is the Automatic Electric Telephone Company. It is capitalized at \$2,000,000. Mr. Simpson is its president, and the directorate are T. H. Watkins, Edwin W. Gearhart, and W. J. Gearhart, C. S. Weston, Reese G. Brooks, T. H. Dale, N. E. Rice, of Scranton; Dr. Bullard and Messrs. Russell, Plieck and Hollenbeck, of Wilkes-Barre.

AT WORK IN CHICAGO. Two miles of wires have already been laid in the downtown, or business district of Chicago, and by June 1, 5,000 telephones will be installed. Eventually, the company proposes to have 100,000 telephones in use in Chicago.

The phones are put in without cost to the subscriber, after the fashion of a telegraph messenger call box. There is an automatic meter connected with each phone to register the calls. A charge, so much per message is made until \$55 is reached. Everything above that is figured as free. The Bell company in Chicago charges \$175 a year for a business phone, without regard to the amount of business.

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Married at Pike's Creek. At the Maple Grove parsonage, Pike's Creek, Pa., Jan. 1, 1902, by Rev. H. G. Harshbarger, Miss Jessie F. Scoville and Mr. Marvin E. King were joined in holy matrimony. Miss Scoville is or was 329 Lackawanna avenue.

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