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City Notes.

BARBERS TO MEET.—The Barbers local, No. 21, will hold a meeting in Hulbert's hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

PAUL CONCERT.—The program for the sale of seats for the Paul Symphony orchestra opens at Powell's music store at 9 o'clock this morning.

D. L. & W. PAYS.—The employees of the car shops were paid yesterday. The semi-monthly pay among the mine workers will be commenced today.

RAILWAYS COMMITTEE.—A special meeting of the railway committee of the common council will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the city hall prior to the meeting of council.

SPECIAL SERVICES.—Special religious services will be held in the First Presbyterian church, this evening and tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's supper next Sunday.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The Association of the Home for the Friendless will hold its annual meeting tomorrow at 2.30 p. m. in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association. The public and all friends of the Home are invited to attend.

HER LEG BROKEN.—A woman giving her name as Mrs. Mary Jones slipped on the sidewalk in front of Robinson's grocery, on West Linden street last night and fractured her right leg in several places. She was taken to the Lackawanna hospital.

THE DEACONS.—In mentioning yesterday the election of officers of the Park Avenue Baptist church we gave the names of R. S. Williams, A. D. Stelle, E. A. Bush and E. M. Kuehler as the new deacons. This was an error. They are the new trustees. The deacons are: J. L. Stelle, George Fritzsche and Charles Henshaw.

THOMAS EYE INJURED.—Thomas Foy, of Gardner avenue, one of the street car men who went out on strike, but who is now employed as a driver by the Anthracite Breving company, was injured on Tuesday night by being thrown from his wagon on North Main avenue. The wagon was struck by a street car and almost overturned. Foy's injuries are not serious.

GATES WERE BROKEN.—A team of horses, attached to one of the North Scranton buses, became frightened on their approach to the Carbon street crossing at 11.30 o'clock Tuesday night and crashed into the gates, smashing them. The Delaware and Hudson train, due in the city at that hour, was approaching the crossing, and much excitement prevailed. Fortunately no one was injured.

FUNERALS AT HOLY CROSS.—Two funeral services were conducted at Holy Cross church yesterday morning over the remains of the late Mrs. Mary Hoop, of 401 Emma street, and Mrs. Margaret McManis, of 310 Third street. Both were residents of the Bellevue section. Rev. W. P. O'Donnell said the masses and preached the sermons and interment of Mrs. Hoop was made in Danmore cemetery and of Mrs. McManis in the Catholic cemetery.

UNITED STATES COURT NOTES.

W. H. Moran, of Wilkes-Barre, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with Clerk Seagle. His liabilities are \$6,000 and his assets \$4,162.24.

The bond of John M. Wilson, who has been appointed referee in bankruptcy for Luzerne and Sullivan counties, was yesterday approved by court.

Charles P. Howell, of Pittston, was yesterday appointed referee in the bankruptcy proceedings against Michael P. Kelly, of Pittston. His bond in the sum of \$5,000 was approved by the court.

FIRST REPORT COMES TODAY

GRAND JURY PASSES ON IMPORTANT CASES.

Only Two Witnesses Called in the Luzerne Street Shooting Case, Indicating That a True Bill Is to Be Returned—Finn-Scranton Criminal Libel Case to Be Heard Today. Defective Declaration in the White Divorce Case—Hearing in the Dean-Howell Case Continued.

Today the grand jury will make its first report. Several cases of unusual importance have been heard and the report, in consequence, will be awaited with interest.

One of these cases is that of the Commonwealth against Sylvester F. Cosgrove, the Drummond detective; Frank Kofczynski and Frank Kingsley, charged with the killing of Daniel McAuliffe, at Moran's saloon, on Luzerne street, December 9, while the defendants were attempting to make arrests for an attack made on a trolley car the night before.

Only two witnesses were called by the grand jury, which would indicate, almost conclusively, that a true bill is to be returned. The charge against Cosgrove is murder, but the Commonwealth by consenting to his being released on bail, showed it does not regard the crime as of the first degree.

Another case heard yesterday was that in which John Meehan, of Pricessburg, is charged with the killing of a foreigner at Pricessburg. Meehan boarded with Thomas McGuire. During the night he and McGuire were aroused by a commotion in the chicken coop. They went out with guns and began firing. A charge from Meehan's shotgun brought a man tumbling from the tree through the latter was in the tree gathering up chickens roosting on his branches. Meehan avowed that he fired in the air and did not know there was a man in the tree when he fired in that direction.

The case of criminal libel in which President W. W. Scranton of the Scranton Gas and Water company is the defendant and Select Councilman Wade M. Finn the prosecutor is scheduled for a hearing today. Mr. Scranton intimated in a letter to the press that councilman had solicited him to bribe them to vote against the license tax ordinance. Mr. Finn introduced a resolution in council, calling upon Mr. Scranton to give names. Mr. Scranton wrote another letter to the press which contained Mr. Finn to begin libel proceedings.

Nine street car riot cases were heard by the jury Monday and will likely be reported today. One of them had for a defendant Daniel McAuliffe, who was shot and killed. He was charged with assault and battery on a non-union crew and with the breaking of windows in cars.

Petition Was Defective. Sept. 28, 1898, J. R. White, a painter, of Delaville, was married in this city to Helen Smith. A few months ago he made application for divorce, alleging that he could prove the woman he presumed to marry was the wife of a man named Ferrans, formerly of Great Bend, now of Staten Island. The suit was brought against Nellie May Ferrans, an answer was made, denying the allegations of the libellant and attacking the declaration on the ground that the suit should have been brought against her in her name of Mrs. Nellie White.

Yesterday, Judge Edwards handed down an opinion sustaining the latter contention. Although the marriage may have been null and void, the judge says, the name acquired by marriage must be used until the decree prayed for is obtained.

The plaintiff was allowed thirty days in which to amend his petition.

Dean-Howell Case Continued. The equity case of Mrs. Jennie Howell-Dean against her brother, Franklin Howell, was scheduled to be heard yesterday, before Judge Kelly, but was continued on a plea of surprise by the defendant.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant, who had charge of her estate, mismanaged it. She sues for an accounting. Soon after the suit was brought, the attorney made answer, denying mismanagement, alleging that he had made an accounting, and further that he was a partner with his sister in various transactions instead of manager of her investments. The attorneys for Mrs. Dean, Ira H. Burns and Lacton M. Schuch, did not make replication until yesterday. The defendant's attorneys plead surprise, and the case went over until the next term. The defendant did not appear in person at the hearing.

An Incurable Boy. Judge Edwards heard testimony yesterday on Mrs. Lena L. Leitner's petition to have her 11-year-old son, Edward Houck, committed to the house of refuge.

She and her husband, Barber Fred Leitner, the stepfather of the boy, testified that he had beyond their control that he did not attend school, and that he spends his time with other wayward boys about the culm dumps. They also stated that he stole a pipe and a dollar from his home.

They were corroborated by several of their neighbors. Henry Beck, grocer, at the corner of Larch street and Washington avenue, told that the boy stole apples from his store. John J. Keller, another neighbor, testified that young Houck stole ninety cents from his house and with two other boys went to the Star theater.

At this juncture Judge Edwards said he did not care to hear any more testimony.

Testimony Much in Conflict. In court room No. 2, there was a hearing yesterday, before Arbitrators Walter Briggs, J. M. Walker and William Leach, in the case of Richard Foster against Isabella Okell. Clarence Valentine appeared for the plaintiff, and George M. Okell for the defendant.

The suit is brought to recover on a mechanics' lien for the building of a cellar under the defendants' house in Danmore. The plaintiff alleges that he made a contract for the work with George M. Okell, an attorney in fact for the defendant.

The defense is a denial of this allegation and the claim that the contract for the whole house, including cellar, was made with Wheatcroft & Howler. The defense avers that it does not

RESUME OF ITS YEAR'S WORK

SOME STATISTICS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Figures That Go to Show That Its Establishment Was a Wise Action, and That Contrary to the Rule in Other States, It Is Not Productive of Litigation—Only One Per Cent. of Its Decisions Appealed to the Supreme Court Have Been Reversed—The Trial List.

W. K. Taylor, clerk and clerk of the Superior court, which opens its sessions here last night and is registered at the Jermyn. Mr. Taylor has prepared an interesting report of the work of the Superior court since its inception, in 1895.

One of the most important features of the report is a comparison which shows that the establishment of a secondary appellate court in Pennsylvania, has not, as in some states, increased the number of appeals taken in 1894, the year before the Superior court was established, was 1,104. Last year the appeals to both courts numbered only 1,148, an increase that would be natural with only one appellate court.

The relief that the Superior court has been to the Supreme court is shown in a comparative table. In 1894 the Superior court heard or, at all events, received, 1,104 appeals. In 1895, the total number of appeals was 1,196, of which 653 were made to the Supreme court and 483 to the Superior court. In 1897, the proportion was: Superior court, 718; Superior court, 189—Superior court, 636; Superior court, 451; Superior court, 189—Superior court, 555; Superior court, 481; Superior court, 579; Superior court, 569.

It is also interesting to note that in the seven years the Superior court has been in existence, only 29 of its 3,231 cases have been reversed by the Supreme court.

In the period of the Superior court's existence, Lackawanna county has sent 131 cases to the Supreme court and 103 to the Superior court.

The list for the term will be called next Monday morning at 11 o'clock, and is as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 13.

Commonwealth vs. James H. McCullough, appellant. Appeal and cert. Q. S. Blair county.

JANUARY TERM, 1902.

A. C. Solin, appellant, vs. P. E. Irvine, appellee. Appeal and cert. P. Columbia county.

M. I. Hennessy, administrator, et al., vs. Family Anstoch, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

John J. Landolt, vs. the Borough of East Stroudsburg, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Monroe county.

Joseph E. Everett, receiver, appellant, vs. Joseph E. Everett, appellee. Appeal and cert. C. P. Monroe county.

A. M. De Witt, administrator, et al., appellants, vs. William De Witt, et al., appellees. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

JANUARY TERM, 1901.

Harry C. Mason vs. James Quinn, et al., appellants. In equity. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Margaret A. and Catherine C. McAnany vs. Simon Miller, et al., v. appellants. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Demis Brislin, guardian, vs. the Kingston Coal company, appellants. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Walter Pennington vs. B. M. Pace, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appellant, vs. Plymouth township, appellee. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

G. F. Wesley vs. W. H. Sharpe, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

W. A. Rapp, vs. H. B. Hild, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Zeman Brothers vs. David Salberg, et al., appellants. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

George B. Kulp vs. county of Luzerne, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

E. W. Warner, appellant, vs. Catherine Hoffman, et al., appellees. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Joseph Menovsky vs. Mary Menovsky, et al., appellants. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Edith A. Ballard, appellant, vs. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, appellee. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

G. I. Balaban, executor, appellant, vs. the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance company, appellee. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Commonwealth vs. John W. Bannell, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Luzerne county.

Commonwealth vs. James L. Bunnell, et al., appellants. Appeal and cert. Q. S. Luzerne county.

In re: Estate of John Boyle, S. W. Davenport, director, appellant. Appeal and cert. Q. S. Luzerne county.

JANUARY TERM, 1902.

H. C. Gibbs, et al., vs. Dewitt Sost, appellant. Appeal and cert. C. P. Lackawanna county.

Commonwealth vs. George W. Boole, appellant. Appeal and cert. Q. S. Lackawanna county.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph A. Stronach, county treasurer, in equity. Appeal and cert. C. P. Lackawanna county.

YESTERDAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Joseph Zukoldi, Archibald Marianna Kidelkowska, Archibald David Powell Watkins, Scranton. Miss M. Belmont, Scranton. Andrew Scramewicz, Oliphant. Mary Iwanika, Oliphant. John Bohm, Jessup. Souders, Jessup. John Nitch, Scranton. Sophia Goyda, Scranton. Joseph Dean, Scranton. Barbara Davy, Scranton. Nicholas Cooper, Oliphant. Elizabeth J. Parry, Oliphant. John Brinson, Scranton. Mary Hoshina, Scranton.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

The will of Joseph Meier, late of this city, was yesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to George W. Meier.

In the case of G. F. Peck and others against P. E. Peck and others, Judge Edwards yesterday handed down an opinion dismissing the plaintiffs bill and decreeing the share of each party in the disputed property.

Attorney John P. Murphy applied yesterday for a charter for the Crown Social and Literary club, which was formed by the Social Interests and to encourage literary education by library and debating exercises. The subscribers to the charter of incorporation are Patrick B. Jessup, Thomas Kolan, Fred Martin, Philip Eshen, Joseph Klump, Julius Toy and Will Hansen.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF Y. W. C. A.

Concert of the Paur Orchestra Next Monday Night.

"I should have been a good girl and should never have been here dying in this way," said a young girl in a hospital not long ago, "if there had been somebody to tell me where to go when I first came to Scranton. I couldn't afford to pay much for my board and I went to a cheap boarding house which is supposed to be respectable. May be it is, as boarding houses go, but people were there who weren't the right kind for such a young girl and my mother isn't there and nobody else to tell her. Well, I'm here, that's all, and I'm not the kind of a girl you'd speak to if you saw me on the street."

The Young Women's Christian association is trying to make it impossible for such a girl to get as above to be repeated in the ear of some one who leads to catch the last whisper of a poor wrecked soul. It is far too frequent a tale now in this city. It is hoped that by means of the funds received from the Emma Hartman fund that rooms may be established where young women coming as strangers to the city may find home-like surroundings and safe-innocent pleasures.

The concert itself will be something which no one can afford to miss. To hear such a great orchestra as the New York Symphony is a privilege and to hear it in our big new armory will be a still greater pleasure. A concert by the Paur Symphony orchestra is an event in any city, not excepting New York. Mr. Paur has his orchestra of about such perfect players as perhaps it could be nearer the truth to say in such perfect sympathy with him that the results are little short of marvelous. The delicate nuances, poetic meanings and tremendous climaxes are all brought out with the most perfect effect. He is credited to be the giant among the world's conductors of today.

WANTED IN BINGHAMTON.

J. E. Havencamp Arrested Here by Detective Stephenson.

John E. Havencamp, who is wanted in Binghamton for larceny, was arrested on Washington avenue on Monday by Detective Robert Stephenson of the Parlor City, who was here attending court. He was committed to the county jail yesterday for ninety days on the charge of vagrancy and while he is serving this term requisition papers will be secured.

Havencamp and a partner stole thousands of feet of copper wire in Binghamton by climbing poles and cutting it down. They also stole the electric light and telephone facilities. Detective Stephenson secured warrants for their arrest and when he went to serve them Havencamp drew a revolver and fired at him, the bullet almost grazing his head. Both men got away.

By the rarest chance the detective happened to see his man on Washington avenue on Monday afternoon about 5.30 o'clock and immediately placed him under arrest. When searched by Superintendent Day a burglar's tool used for opening shutters was found in his possession. As he can give no satisfactory account of himself the charge of vagrancy has been preferred against him.

ONE CITIZEN'S VIEWS.

Little Ripper Legislation Needed for Water Company.

A certain well known citizen writing to the Recorder-Council in response to his request for opinions on the water question makes the following apt comment on the situation: "I think a little ripper legislation properly administered would have a beneficial effect if rightly applied. When a man has a ripper in his mouth it is a rather inopportune time to make terms with the lion."

Another citizen suggests the practicality of having a competent board of engineers investigate the question fully and report to a committee of disinterested citizens appointed by the recorder, said committee to thoroughly canvass the situation and make a recommendation to council.

The letters still keep coming in to the recorder's office and the majority of the citizens writing favor municipal ownership of the water system under certain conditions.

WASN'T A PLUMBER.

This Man Wanted to Take Out a Marriage License.

A tall, raw-boned young man sauntered into Director of Public Safety Wormser's office yesterday afternoon and approached the director's clerk, E. B. Reese.

"I want to take out a license," he drawled, "and I guess I'll have to go through a little examination."

Clerk Reese made the fatal mistake of sizing the man up for a plumber.

"You'd better see the plumbing inspector first," he said, "and see what he's got to say."

"Look here, young man, don't you get fresh," yelled the tall man. "I ain't no dum fool and don't you forget it. I don't want to be no plumber. I want to get married and she likes me to come here for a license. I want one, too, and you just hurry."

Clerk Reese hastened to beg the man's pardon and to direct him to the court house, the location of which he had no idea of.

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Moire Coats, Astrachan, Chinchilla trimmed, \$100; new \$75.

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Advertisement for E. Robinson's Sons Lager Beer Brewery, including contact information and a list of nearby hotels.

Advertisement for Queen Quality Boots for Snowy Weather, featuring an image of a boot and text describing the product.

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