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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

William O. Whitehurst, of Norfolk, Va., was married yesterday morning in St. Peter's cathedral, to Miss Helen D. Kearney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kearney, of 219 Spruce street. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban, who also solemnized the nuptial mass which followed.

The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling gown of blue broadcloth and was attended by her sister, Miss Agnes Kearney, who was clad in brown. The groom was attended by John Conboy, of Moscow. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. After receiving the congratulations of numerous friends, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst left for a wedding tour in the South, which will come to an end in Norfolk, Va., where they will reside.

Mrs. Whitehurst is an estimable young woman who is well liked among a wide circle of acquaintances. Her husband is the descendant of an old Southern family and became a convert to the Catholic faith in order to marry Miss Kearney his bride.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Hampton street Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock last evening when William E. A. Weber, of Eynon street, and Miss Mary E. Beecham, of Lincoln Heights, were united by Rev. James Henninger, the pastor.

The church was prettily decorated for the event, and when the wedding party entered the church they were greeted by a multitude of friends who had gathered to witness the ceremony. Mrs. D. E. Thomas presided at the organ, and four ushers, two bridesmaids and two groomsmen participated in the ceremony.

The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of steel gray, with hat to match, and carried bridal roses. Her maids, Miss Daggar and Miss Threlfall, were also prettily gowned. The groomsmen were Herbert Webster and Thomas Andrews. The ushers were Herbert Hall, David Beecham and W. G. Cadwgan.

Immediately after the nuptial knot was tied, the wedding party were driven to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held and supper served. Mr. and Mrs. Weber will reside at 914 Eynon street.

Martin Gerrity, of 309 Aswell court, and Miss Sadie Hanley, of Walnut avenue, were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic church by Rev. J. P. Dunn at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The bridesmaid was Miss Anna Gerrity, a sister of the groom, and the

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best man was Daniel Rohan. Both ladies were accordingly attended. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrity will reside in West Scranton.

John Roche, of Providence road, and Miss Beasia Loughney, of Albright avenue, were married at noon yesterday in St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, by Rev. P. J. McManis. The bride looked charming in a gown of blue broadcloth and was attended by Miss Mary Loughney. The groomsmen were William Loughney.

A reception at the bride's home followed the wedding ceremony, and at 1:55 Mr. and Mrs. Roche left for New York and Boston on a wedding tour. Upon their return they will reside at 954 Market street.

A. K. Grubb, of Lancaster, was entertained by a party of friends at the home of Mr. Floyd, on Rock street, Tuesday evening.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of William Smith and Miss Edith Jenkins, of North Main avenue.

Miss Mabel Dersheimer, of South Main avenue, has returned from her home Tuesday evening.

Nicholas Burke, of North Main avenue, has returned home from Indianapolis.

Thomas McKully, of Jackson street, is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

William McDermott, of South Main avenue, is the guest of friends in Honesdale.

Miss Creasy Russell, the queen of the American cowgirls, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Titman, on Jackson street.

Chris E. Lewis and William Lewis, delegates to the "Workers' convention at Indianapolis, have returned home.

Edward Atwater, of Belleville, Ill., formerly of this city, is visiting his brother, George Atwater, of this city.

William Higgins and son, John, of Carbon street, were in Binghamton yesterday attending the funeral of Mr. Higgins' brother.

There have been members of taxpayers who have come with the intention of appealing but in each instance they have been satisfied after hearing the explanations offered by members of the board.

It must be understood, however, that no notices of the assessment against each property owner have been sent out this year and that the great majority of the taxpayers are in ignorance as to what their assessment is.

Many predict that when the statements of taxes for the year are sent out by the city treasurer in the summer that the assessor's office will be deluged with people anxious to take appeals from their assessment. The date for taking appeals will be over then, however.

The assessors, on the other hand, contend that the amount of taxes to be paid for the next fiscal year by the individual taxpayer will be slightly lower than the amount paid this year and argue that the number of dissatisfied taxpayers will be very small. It is announced that the tax levy for the year will be 4-1/2 mills on first class property, 3 mills on second class and 2-1/2 mills on third class.

The board will hear appeals from the Seventh and Sixteenth wards today and from the Eighth ward tomorrow.

What Dr. Robert Hirschfeld, of Vienna, Says of It. Dr. Robert Hirschfeld, in the "Alte Freie Presse" of Vienna, is very emphatic in his opinions of Paderewski's success as a composer of operas. "A brilliant coterie, including Joachim himself, attended the scene of the occurrence," he says. "He executed a few gorgeous evolutions but did not move from the place he has heretofore occupied. He remained what he had been, a virtuoso, but in addition a dazzling virtuoso in the Wagnerian style, of moods, of the orchestra. His virtuosity showed itself at the outset by his treatment of the libretto-pedal. He clings to details; the dramatic key-note of his music is melody. There is even a suggestion of electricity in the phrasing 'he moves, shocks, fires and intones.'"

Polish Woman Assaulted. Was Attacked on Taylor Avenue by an Unknown Tramp. A Polish woman residing in Petersburg, whose name cannot be learned, was brutally assaulted about 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by a tramp, while walking along Taylor avenue, near No. 25 school. The man came suddenly upon her from an alley and knocked her down.

She screamed vigorously and fought her assailant so hard that he desisted from his attack and ran away. The woman was too excited to give any satisfactory description of him. She has been approached once before at the same place by an unknown man. The two daughters of F. H. Gerlock were also attacked at this point quite recently by apparently the same man.

A COASTING ACCIDENT. Edward Gorman Injured on South Washington Avenue. Edward Gorman, a young man residing at 106 River street, was coasting down South Washington avenue last night, in company with a number of other young men on a large "bob" sled. The sled ran into an obstruction and the whole party were thrown off.

Gorman struck on his right leg and received a serious compound fracture of that member. He was removed to the Lackawanna hospital in an ambulance.

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FIRST GAMES WERE ROLLED

CITY BOWLING LEAGUE SEASON IS NOW ON.

The Scores Made Last Night Were Not Remarkably High But Improvement Is Looked For—Centrals Defeated the Hampes Team in the Best Played Games of the Night. Franklins Took Three Straight From the Stars—Arlingtons Won From the South Side Team.

The season of the City Bowling League was opened last night with games on Hampes, Zulagers and Elks' alleys between the six teams forming the association. The Hampes, Franklins and Central teams were the victors for the night.

The scores made by the majority of the teams were not as large as the average scores rolled up by the teams in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Bowling League but this is attributed largely to the fact that the members of the teams in the new league are new at rolling match games which requires a steadiness of nerve such as is not required in ordinary games.

The three games rolled on the Hampes alleys were the best of the night and compare favorably with the games rolled in the other league. "Bobby" Wharton, one of the best bowlers in the city, rolled with the Centrals and made the best average of the night. The score:

Table with columns for team names (Shaw, Coffin, Marshall, Wharton, Jones) and scores (Total, High average).

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The Franklins won three games with ease from the Backus Stars. There was no remarkable bowling on either side. The score:

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MANY POSITIONS OPEN. Examinations to be Conducted by Civil Service Commissioners. The civil service commission has announced the following examinations:

Feb. 26—Assistant in pathology and assistant in physiology, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture.

Feb. 27—Mechanical inspector, bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture.

March 4—Trainer, quartermaster's department at large; seed laboratory assistant, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture.

March 4 and 5—Machine designer, United States mint, local and assistant inspector of mills, steamboat inspection service.

March 5—Steam engineer, quartermaster's department at large.

COLLECTOR PENMAN TO STAY. No Change Probable in the Twelfth Pennsylvania District. The following dispatch from Washington appeared in yesterday's Philadelphia Times:

"It is more than probable that Collector of Internal Revenue Penman, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania district, will be allowed to continue in office another

four years. When Representative Conell, from whose district Mr. Penman holds, was asked today if there was any likelihood of a change in the office he replied: "So far as I know there will not be any change. There have been no charges against Penman, and he has made an admirable collector. While there are plenty of candidates for his position, you can say that up to the present time there has been no talk of removing him."

SKETCH OF A. W. LAWSON. Man Who Wants to Give Us Base Ball During Coming Season. Probably no man in the base ball business has had a more varied experience than A. W. Lawson, the new manager of the Scranton club.

Beginning as a pitcher with the Scranton club, in 1886, he played successfully with the Goshen, Ind., Bloomington, Ill., and Appleton, Wis., teams during the following three years and finally landed with the Boston National League club in 1890 as pitcher.

In 1891 he was out on the Pacific coast pitching for the Spokane Falls, Wash., and Oakland, Cal., teams. In 1892 he was the leading pitcher of the Southern League while a member of the Atlanta, Ga., team. He was then engaged to go out to Australia and coach the Sydney, N. S. W., club during the winter season, on which trip he made a complete circuit of the globe.

In 1894 he was back in America managing the Albany club which won the championship of the New York State League. In 1895 he was engaged to manage the Boston Athletics who made a very successful tour of old England, playing twenty-one games against the crack English teams and winning them all.

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CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL. White Haven Institution in Need of Additional Facilities. The following from a recent issue of the White Haven Journal is of public interest:

Our Free Hospital for Free Consumptives, which is now caring for thirty-three patients, has received applications from about twenty more patients who desire to be admitted. Superintendent Stockdale informs us that it would be necessary to secure beds and bedding before more patients could be admitted and then only eight could be cared for. The entire cost of a bed and bedding is \$15 and it may be that some of our readers will accept this invitation to place a bed at this institution, where they are doing so much good for humanity. If you send reluctance or desire further information address, Superintendent Stockdale, White Haven, Pa.

POLICE INVESTIGATING. Superintendent Ferber Suspicious of Spruce Street Fire. The police are investigating the causes leading up to the fire on Tuesday night in the Spruce street store occupied jointly by Miss Hannah Jenkins and K. S. Abrahamian. There are suspicious circumstances connected with the blaze, which broke out in Abrahamian's stock, which had been packed ready for shipment.

Superintendent Ferber, of the bureau of fire, investigated the matter yesterday and referred it to the police after deciding that things looked very suspicious. Abrahamian's loss was not over \$500. Miss Jenkins' loss is \$200.

INSURANCE IS NOT REDUCED

THE UNDERWRITERS HAVE NOT KEPT THEIR AGREEMENT.

They Promised When Certain Things Were Done That the Increase in the Insurance Would Be Taken Off—The Things Have Been Done and Now They Are Suggesting Still Other Things—City Officials Displeased at the Breach of Faith of the Insurance People.

The pink slip signifying an increase of twenty-five per cent. in fire insurance rates is still to be found on all policies issued in this city and many persons are asking the question—who is responsible for the maintenance of this increased rate?

There are some who are inclined to indirectly fix the blame on the administration but the facts in the case do not warrant even the suggestion of such an implication. The administration, acting through Director of Public Safety F. L. Wormser, has done everything possible to secure a reduction of the rates but all to no avail because of the apparent desire of the board of fire underwriters to continue the increased rate in force.

The rate was increased some eleven months ago shortly after the big fire on Lackawanna avenue which did upwards of \$500,000 damage. At that time it was given out by the board of fire underwriters for the middle district that the pink slips would be taken off just as soon as certain requirements set forth in a statement issued by the local board in the summer of 1900 were complied with.

Last April the fire department was re-organized, the volunteer force being disbanded and an entirely paid department came into being. New hose was purchased and also a new fire-class steamer and a first-class hook and ladder truck, thus fulfilling with one or two minor exceptions all the requirements demanded by the local underwriters.

ANOTHER REQUIREMENT. Director of Public Safety Wormser entered into communication with the officers of the board of underwriters for the middle district and was informed that as soon as large size 4-1/2 inch hydrants were installed on Lackawanna avenue and other streets in the central city, the rates would be reduced and the pink slips removed.

The directors anxious to have the extra burden taken off insurance payers as soon as possible, hastened to comply with the request and the hydrants were purchased and installed. While this matter was pending the director was in constant communication with the officials of the board of underwriters and received repeated assurances that as soon as the hydrants were installed the pink slips would come off instantly.

Upon the strength of these assurances and relying upon the word of the insurance officials, Director Wormser made public announcement that the rates were about to be reduced. Great was his surprise after the installation of the hydrants and find another hitch. The hydrants were all very well, said the insurance people, but, ahem!—there was great need for a central fire station and the necessity of purchasing more hose was very apparent so that, ahem!—it had been decided to keep the pink slips on until these additional requirements were complied with.

DIRECTOR DISPLEASED. It is not difficult to imagine that the director was displeased, to say the least, at this breach of faith but he repressed his emotions and politely reminded the insurance men of their former promise. They were inexorable, however, and insisted upon a fulfillment of their latest requirements. The director accordingly inserted in his estimate for the coming fiscal year an item of \$5,000 for the purchase of new hose and provision for the erection of a central fire station in the year of the municipal building yet to be made in the bond ordinance soon to be introduced in council.

City officials expect that when the hose is purchased and the contract for the building is let, a demand for the purchase of ten new steamers and a dozen new hose wagons will come in. They have about decided that the insurance people do not intend to take off the pink slips at all and that in presenting new demands every little while they are merely "sparing for wind" prior to an announcement that the increase in the insurance rates is on to stay and will not be taken off.

TO BUILD BIG ICEHOUSES. Maine Lake Ice Company Will Build At Willis and Philpot Streets. The Maine Lake Ice company, of Sargentville, Me., and Baltimore, has leased the large wharfe property at the foot of Willis street, on the east side of the harbor, and will commence at once the erection of large icehouses,

with a storage capacity of at least 10,000 tons. These structures are to be completed and filled by the middle of May.

The Maine Lake Ice company handles natural ice only, and has been doing business in Baltimore two years. With the erection of the new houses the company will have a combined storage capacity of over 15,000 tons in this city.

At its place in Maine, the corporation has during the past year erected large additional storage houses, which will give it a capacity approximately 100,000 tons, and has also constructed new wharves and installed a complete electric plant to facilitate the harvesting and shipping of ice.

Mr. Oliver Reeder is the managing director of the business in Baltimore.—Baltimore Sun.

NORWAY AND MIDNIGHT SUN. F. G. Partington to Lecture in the High School. The next number of the High school course will be given Friday evening by F. G. Partington, of New York. It is a beautifully illustrated lecture on "Norway and the Land of the Midnight Sun."

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ILLNESS OF MRS. STAPLES. Is in a Serious Condition at Moses Taylor Hospital. Mrs. Ella M. Staples, the well-known journalist and lecturer, of New York, who gave a series of popular talks on "Literature" in this city three years ago, is seriously ill in the Moses Taylor hospital.

Mrs. Staples was recently elected to the chair of literature and journalism in the Women's Press club of New York city on the occasion of the installation of Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) as president, whose death occurred since that time. Mrs. Staples was also appointed permanent secretary of the managing board of the Press club. She had just begun a series of talks on ancient literature for women's clubs in New York and New Jersey when she fell ill.

Mrs. Staples has many friends in this city who will deplore her misfortune and hope for her speedy recovery.

A MIDWINTER CIRCUS. It Was One of the Novel Amusements Features of Boston. Society in the city of Boston is having a lively time with a midwinter circus, which is being given as a charitable entertainment by the Boston World as a half-column description of the affair. The principal performers are first-class professional people that are now taking their usual winter rest. Some of Boston's leading characters take the parts of fathers, peanut vendors, dancers, and so forth.

The Boston circus will be of more than passing interest to Scrantonians; for a representative of the International Correspondence Schools is now in the east negotiating with the professional performers for their appearance in Scranton at an early date.

THE CONTRACT AWARDED. Conrad Schroeder to Turn Old Armory Into a Theatre. Henry F. Dixie, the promoter of the new vaudeville theatre into which the old armory on Adams avenue is to be transformed, has awarded the contract for the work of alteration to Contractor Conrad Schroeder and work will be begun shortly.

The plans contemplate the building of an inclined floor and the construction of a large and well equipped stage as well as the decoration of the interior of the building.

Supper at St. Luke's Parish House. There will be a supper served at St. Luke's Parish House, on Thursday evening next, February 6, from 5:30 to 8. MENU.

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