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A New Art Store
Mrs. O. E. Pratt wishes to announce to the ladies of Scranton that she will give FREE LESSONS in face work until April 15th, at her studio, No. 220 Wyoming Ave., opposite "The Arcadium."

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Twenty years' successful practice in this county.

City Notes.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' MEETING.—The King's Daughters of Elm Park church will meet Friday evening. Mrs. Hiram is home and would be glad to see all the members.

INJURED IN WEST RIDGE.—John Zehnfeldt, a laborer employed in the West Ridge mine, was caught by a fall of coal while at work yesterday and sustained a fracture of the right femur. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital.

SOME SEATS LEFT.—Exchanges from night to night performances, left a goodly number of seats on hand for tonight's performance of "Florodora." At the closing of the box office last night there were also a few seats for the matinee remaining undisposed of.

FOR STEALING IRON.—Mrs. Annie Schwartz, of the South Scranton flats, was committed to the county jail last evening for allowing a burglar to break into her home and steal a quantity of iron. She was arrested by Special Officer Miles McDonald, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. The woman is accused of having let an iron man from a wrap leap over the car steps.

LADIES OF G. A. R. Circle No. 19 Will Give Entertainment Saturday Night.
Programme of entertainment to be given by Circle No. 19, Ladies of the G. A. R., in Memorial hall, Saturday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock:

- Piano solo.....Mrs. Blackman
Recitation.....Miss Anna Keisling
Tableau....."Night Scene in Hospital Ward".....Miss Edna Sherman and Anna Swartz
Singing.....Nelson Family
Dancing.....Miss Gertrude Tafe
Photograph selections.....Miss Sherman
Tableau....."Book of Ages".....Miss Lola Sherman
Solo.....Mrs. Tafe
Recitation.....Miss Nellie MacArthur
Duet.....Miss Edna Sherman and Miss Sherman
Photograph selections.....Henry Hill
Vocal solo.....Frank J. Evans
Tableau....."Guardian Angel".....Misses Swartz and Sherman
Recitation.....Miss Edna Sherman
Instrumental music.....Miss C. Noble
Duet.....Mrs. W. Letwin and Mrs. H. Miller
Recitation.....Miss Edna Sherman
Solo.....E. J. Evans
Recitation.....Miss Rosa Schuller
Tableau....."The Angel of the Regiment".....Mrs. Blackman and Miss Sherman.
Dialogue....."Gossiping Nightbirds".....Mrs. Blackman and Miss Sherman.
Cake walk.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.
Annual Meeting of Scranton Bicycle Club Held Last Night.
At the annual meeting of the Scranton Bicycle club, held last night, the following officers were elected: President, B. P. Connolly; vice-president, Thomas H. Dale; treasurer, Dr. F. C. Wardell; secretary, Frank J. Foley; captain, Dr. G. E. Hill; directors, John Dusenbury, C. F. Peters, F. W. Stillwell, George H. Mitchell, C. A. Godfrey, H. S. Gorman, P. Silas Walter and Charles E. Fritter. This is the first time the club has honored Mr. Connolly by electing him president.

Immediately after the election of officers, a light luncheon was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OFFICERS.
Melita Commandery Has an Election, Reception and Banquet.
Melita commandery, No. 88, Knights Templar, last night elected the following officers: Eminent commander, C. R. Acker; generalissimo, A. H. Shoup; captain general, Thomas Palmer; treasurer, Joseph Alexander, Jr.; recorder, Frank Shedd.

A class of twelve, the largest in Knights Templar history in Scranton, was admitted into the Order of the Red Cross. A banquet followed the ceremony.

E. Robinson's Sons' Book Beer will be on draught at all hotels Saturday.

YOUNG GIRL ARRESTED.
Was Found with Two Young Men in a Barn Last Night.
Nelle Summers, of West Scranton, a girl about 19 years old, was arrested late last night in a barn in Raymond court in company with a young man, who refused to give his name.

The police had to break down the door to get into the place and while they were doing this a second fellow who was with the couple arrested, made good his escape.

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WILLIAM CROWLEY KILLED.
Run Down by a Train Near Scranton Street Crossing.

William Crowley, aged 29 years, employed as a switchman in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western yards, was run down by an engine at 7 o'clock last evening, just below the Scranton street crossing, and was so badly injured that he died shortly afterwards. Crowley was returning home from his day's work and was walking along the railroad to his home on Luzerne street. He was going along in the middle of the south bound track, when a switch engine backed down and struck him. Crowley was carried into Wheeler's store on Scranton street, where he expired before a doctor could be summoned. The remains were afterwards removed to his home on Luzerne street where they were viewed by Coroner Saltry. An inquest will be held in the case. Crowley is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral announcement will be made later.

DYER IS INVESTIGATING.
Special Agent Looking Into the Burning of Street Cars.

Special Agent Dyer, of the Scranton Railway company, is investigating the burning of the street cars in Minto on Wednesday night and spent some time there yesterday making inquiries. He is an extremely difficult matter to find the guilty parties but a strong effort will be made to run down the ring leaders of the mob. One of the cars was only partially burned and it may be possible to repair it. The other cars were completely destroyed by the flames and only a few charred timbers and a tangle of worthless machinery was found yesterday morning when the wrecking crew went down to clear up the track. This car was equipped with a brand new set of motors and in value is placed at between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

MET PECULIAR DEATH.
George Blain Was Run Over by the Wagon with Which He Was Hauling Manure.

George Blain, aged 45 years, a widower, residing on Larch street, was killed shortly after noon yesterday by being run over by his own wagon, at the corner of Madison avenue and Ash street. No one saw the accident, and the exact manner in which it occurred can only be surmised. His body was found on the corner by George Hess, who notified the horses and wagon, with which Blain had been hauling manure, some distance away up the field. There were no marks visible on Blain's body, but the blood was flowing profusely from the mouth and ears. Mr. Hess summoned the Lackawanna hospital ambulance, and the surgeon pronounced the unfortunate man to be dead, upon its arrival. Blain was employed by P. H. Roelle, and was engaged in carting manure. At the point where his body was found there is a deep depression in the road, and it is presumed that in going over this he was thrown from the wagon and under the wheels, which passed over his chest, crushing it fearfully and breaking his neck. At the post-mortem examination at the hospital revealed the dead man is survived by one daughter, who lives in Wilkes-Barre.

MIX-UP IN DICKSON.
Two Councilmanic Factions Up in Arms Against Each Other.

There are lively doings these days in Dickson City borough. It all grows out of the fact that James Reid and John Rielly, opposing candidates for council from the First ward, each received the same number of votes at the last election. There are two factions in the borough council, the McGarrity faction and the Benton faction. There are four of each, leaving the First ward out of consideration, and when it came to a re-organization on March 3 the McGarrity faction ruled out Mr. Beddoe, one of the newly elected Bentonites, and refused to seat him. They then proceeded to elect Rielly as councilman from the First ward, whereas the other Bentonites left the meeting. Those remaining proceeded to elect a full set of all the borough officers whom councils are allowed to elect. The Bentonites claim that the election was illegal and have been since seeking to effect another election.

CONTRACT IS LET.
Philadelphia Company Will Build Big Printing Plant.

The contract for the erection of one-half of the International Correspondence School's mammoth printing plant at the corner of Wyoming avenue and Ash street has just been let to a Philadelphia contracting company, and work is to begin as soon as the weather permits. The part of the structure to be built will be four stories high and will be 240x150 feet in size. The contract calls for the completion of the work by Oct. 1 next. The other half of the proposed building is to be built next year. The entire plant when completed will be the largest printing establishment in the world.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.
Drunken Man with an Axe and Razor Held Up John Smith.

Louis Abbey and Matthew Leach were arraigned before Magistrate Howe yesterday morning on a charge of assaulting a chap named John Smith in Centre street early yesterday morning. Abbey was flourishing a razor when the pair were arrested by Lieutenant Peeney and Patrolmen Karius and Thomas. Smith escaped unpunished because of the outcry he raised and got away before the police could learn anything except his name. Magistrate Howe fined each of the prisoners \$10 each. They pleaded drunkenness as an excuse.

Fishing Tackle Cheap.
Flory & Brooks fire sale, 522 and 524 Spruce street.

Best Book Beer.
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WIDE VARIANCE AS TO VALUES.
Greater Than Assertion.

SOME DISCREPANCY IN OPPOSING CLAIMS.

Thornton Alleges That He Lost \$7,000 Worth of Property in the Fire While Witnesses for the Defense Fix the Amount at Less Than \$2,000—More Evidence Tending to Support the Allegation That the Blaze Was of Incendiary Origin. Seventh Day of the Trial.

The cases of P. M. Thornton, of Wilkes-Barre, against the Security Insurance company of New Haven, and the National Assurance company of Ireland, which have been on trial before Judge Archbold in United States circuit court for the past seven days, moved with a little more celerity yesterday. Fourteen witnesses in all were examined. All except one of the witnesses were for the defense. The exception was L. A. Darte, of Kingston, who on account of illness could not attend the day before. He was called to corroborate the claim of the plaintiff that the insurance company kept possession of the goods rescued from the burning house for at least a month. His testimony was that the building in which the goods were stored was hired from him by the insurance company, and that John T. Tomlinson, attorney for the companies paid the first month's rent. On cross-examination, Mr. Lenahan brought out testimony from which it might be inferred that the defense paid the rent only when Mr. Thornton made a demand for it. Darte would not let the adjusters enter the building until the rent was paid.

THAT INVENTORY.

Much stress was laid by the defense on the alleged self-contradiction of the plaintiff as to the time he made his catalogue and inventory of his library and household goods. On the witness stand, Mr. Thornton testified that they were made seven or eight days before the fire. The stenographic report of his examination in Mr. Lenahan's office a month ago strongly implied that the report had been tampered with. This intimation was born of the fact, possibly, that his signature was attached to each page of the report attesting its accuracy. Adjuster Hemmingway, when on the stand, yesterday morning, testified that Mr. Thornton told him a few days after the fire that he had no memoranda of his library and catalogue. Frank Battle, stenographer in Mr. Lenahan's office, read from his original notes, prepared the day after the fire, regarding the time he made the inventory and catalogue.

DISCOVERED THE FIRE.

James L. Finnen, a Kingston boy, told that he discovered the fire at 10:15 p. m., or about a quarter of an hour after the plaintiff fixed the time of the house and went back to Wilkes-Barre. Captain H. H. Holmes, chief of police of Kingston, testified to having broken in the door and helped carry out the goods. He also testified to being summoned, eight days after the fire, by Adjuster Hemmingway, to witness the packing up of some of the debris gathered in the hallway, where the fire is supposed to have started. He told that a kerosene can that had evidently been through the fire was picked up in the house, and that some of the articles not wholly consumed smelled of kerosene. Sixteen photos of the house were submitted by Photographer Woolworth to show that the fire was confined to the hallway, and that no articles were consumed that were not in the hallway. Wheelwright Wright, chief of Kingston fire department, fixed the time of the sounding of the alarm at 10:25 p. m., and corroborated the claim that the flames did not enter the rooms. On cross-examination Mr. McGarren brought out the statement that water was poured into the building nearly three hours. J. S. Mack, a contractor and builder, who repaired the house, also gave testimony to show that the blaze was confined to the hallways and stairways.

VALUE OF GOODS.

A raft of testimony was produced to show the value of the goods collected after the fire. The plaintiff claimed that he had \$7,000 worth of books and household effects in the building, and that an auction of the remnants realized less than \$200. The defense maintains that only a few hundred dollars' worth of goods were entirely destroyed by fire, and that the value of both the books and household effects not consumed was less than \$2,000 when bran new. W. B. Phillips, a furniture dealer, of Wilkes-Barre, and F. G. Daniels, foreman of the Scranton Bedding company, testified to an examination of the books saved from the fire. He took a list of them, noted their condition, and estimated what they would bring in a second-hand store. There were 548 volumes, he said. Many of them were wet, and some were damaged. Most of them, however, were in good condition, he declared. The original price

VALUE OF TESTIMONY.

There is none of us so hardened but that when we have been able to aid our fellow creatures in conferring a benefit or bringing a little comfort into their lives we like to have appreciation shown. This generally affords more pleasure than the performance of the act itself, and in this connection the following letter from a Paris, Texas, lady is of more than usual interest: "Dear Friends: I address you as such, for you have been such to me. I suffered for three years off and on with piles. I was treated at the hospital, and the new and elegant hospital, of Memphis; they only gave me temporary relief. I came west, thinking the change of air and water would benefit me; five months ago the bleeding piles came back on me, and bled so much that I thought I would die. I have had four of the finest doctors in this section of Texas; all they did was to finally nearly let me go to my grave; all they wanted was a big sum of money from me and to operate on me. I said no, no surgeon's knife would enter me; if it was my time to die God knew it, and when I died I would die all together. I began hearing about your medicine. I had no faith in you, but I sent and got a box of your Pyramid Pile Cure; in two days the blood flow had slackened to one-half the amount, and in one week I felt as much better I walked four blocks and had a little housework. I was not bleeding then; in three weeks I was well. God bless you for putting such a wonderful medicine within the reach of suffering men and women. I shall never cease to recommend your medicine or be without it; also I used your Pyramid Pills, Sallie A. Heardon." Testimony like this should be more convincing than all claims and assertions, and should leave no doubt in the mind of the reader as to the merit of the remedy. Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by druggists for fifty cents a package, or will be mailed by the makers to any address upon receipt of price. Write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their book on cause and cure of piles.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The discussion of mothers' meetings was continued by Revs. Bailey and Henry, of Moosic, and Mrs. Yost, of Scranton, recited Phoebe Cary's poem of the Crow and the Hunter, which was especially applicable to the question under discussion. The committee on courtesies then introduced Rev. Bowen, Mr. Swallow, Mr. Howell, Rev. Henry, Rev. Bailey and Mrs. Bentley who all responded with cheering and encouraging words. Mrs. Bentley is the wife of the pastor of the African M. E. church, and was formerly a teacher in the public schools of Memphis and other places in Tennessee. The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Abide with Me." The devotional exercises were read by Mrs. Bentley, of Scranton. Every union in the county was represented in the afternoon session.

DOHERTY BACK AT WORK.

P. H. Doherty, a member of the executive board of the striking street car men's union, returned to work yesterday with seven others.

PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM.

The plaintiff claimed he had 1,200 volumes, valued at \$2,000. H. P. Geddes, a clerk in Isaac Long's store, Wilkes-Barre, testified to an appraisal he made of the dry goods and clothing salvage. When new they cost \$140.25, he said, and in their damaged condition were worth \$13.25. The defense has three more witnesses to examine, and the plaintiff will likely take up half a day with rebuttal testimony. This will probably carry the case into Saturday, and as the argument of the law points and closing address will consume the morning, the case will continue into next week, as Judge Archbold has an out-of-town engagement for Saturday afternoon.

CONVENTION OF W. C. T. U.

HELD IN THE DUNMORE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sessions in the Morning, Afternoon and Evening—Resolutions Adopted Address to the President of the United States Asking Him to Stop the Regulation of the Social Vice in the Philippines—Address of Rev. Dr. Whalen—Benediction by Rev. J. B. Dabney.

The mid-year convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Dunmore M. E. church yesterday, the first session beginning at 9:30 with devotional exercises led by Mrs. J. N. Bailey, of Moosic. The roll call of officers and unions was rather incomplete owing to the early hour, but was responded to by those present with passages of scripture. Mrs. O. E. Vaughn announced the following committees:

Courtesies—Mrs. A. G. H. Steplens, Mrs. Cobb. Place of Meeting—Mrs. Buckman, Mrs. Belle Von Storch, Mrs. William Swallow, Mrs. Wrigley.

Rev. Newing, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Swartz, of the Dunmore union, welcomed the ladies with most cordial and sincere greetings, which were responded to by Mrs. William Swallow, of Clark's Green, in a manner both appreciative and humorous. The conference on department work was participated in by the following superintendents:

Local Temperance Union, by Mrs. Beane, of Scranton and Mrs. Swartz, of Dunmore; railroad work, by Mrs. D. B. Hand, of Scranton, and Mrs. Pearl, of Moosic; Sunday school work, by Mrs. Chandler, of Scranton; prison and jail, by Mrs. J. M. Howell, of Green Ridge; mothers' work, by Mrs. Louisa Swartz, of Dunmore and Mrs. M. P. Rhodes, of Providence. Mrs. Butler, of Carbondale, led in noontide prayer.

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