City Notes.

MEETING TODAY.—The Republican county committee will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Central Republican club rooms.

TO IMPOUND COWS.—Superintendent of Police Day has issued orders that cows found wandering on the street shall be impounded. It will cost the owner $5 to have an impounded cow released.

MOCK TRIAL.—There will be an auction, social, entertainment and mock trial for the benefit of Camp 572, Patriotic Order Sons of America, in Knights of Malta hall, Guernsey building, on Wednesday evening, April 30.

BISHOP HOBAN'S CHALLENGE.—Rev. Dr. McLeod will reply to Bishop Hoban tomorrow evening in the First Presbyterian church. He will, at the same time, deliver by request, his recent lecture on "The Church Fathers."

HIS FIRST ARREST.—Patrolman L. B. Huntington made his initial arrest last night of an intoxicated man whom he found kicking against a door at the corner of North Washington avenue and Larch street. He will be given a hearing this morning.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION.—Julius Higley Green, a merchant residing at Cross Fork, Potter county, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court yesterday. His liabilities amount to $12,218.60, while his assets are $11,800.10.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH FAIR.—The fair for the benefit of St. Peter's Lutheran church which is being conducted in a specially constructed building on Prescott avenue, since Wednesday, will open this evening at 2 o'clock and will continue open until after 10 p. m. Large crowds have attended during the past week and many articles are being disposed of.

BISHOP FOWLER'S LECTURE.—Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., of the Methodist church, will lecture in the high school auditorium next Thursday evening, April 24. Bishop Fowler was to have lectured in the high school course, during the month of January, but was detained by conference work until this time and his audience next Thursday evening will be a large one. He will probably lecture on Abraham Lincoln. The diagram for seats not reserved for the course, will be open at Powell's music store on Tuesday morning.

GREEN RIDGE.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Judson W. Stevens, of Dickson avenue, yesterday.

At the regular meeting of Green Ridge Woodmen held in Masonic hall last night, twenty new members were initiated. At the close of the initiatory exercises a smoker was tendered the new members.

Mrs. Edwin J. Pearce, of East Market street, is able to be out again after a severe illness.

The Knickerbocker Athletic club will conduct their weekly social at their club rooms, corner of Sanderson avenue and East Market street, this evening. All members are urged to attend.

G. W. Hollenback, of Lake Winola, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Because of the absence from town of the pastor, Dr. W. G. Simpson, who is attending conference at Waverly, N. Y., W. W. Adair, secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, will preach in Asbury Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock. There will be no evening services.

Manila Cholera Increasing.

Manila, April 18.—The cholera epidemic is unabated. The totals for Manila, up to noon today, were 352 cases and 253 deaths; for the provinces 651 cases and 439 deaths.

FIRST GAME TODAY.

Scranton Professionals Will Play the Pittston Amateurs.

The Scranton base ball team today will cross bats with the Pittston Brothers club, the crack amateur team of the valley during the past two years, and an interesting game may be expected. In fact, the Pittston team is coming up brim full of confidence in their ability to win the game. They have been practicing together for the past few weeks, and knowing that the Scranton players have just reported, feel that now is their best time to win, if such a thing is possible. A large delegation from Pittston will accompany the team here as rooters.

The game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock by Umpire Southard. The regular admission of twenty-five cents will be charged, with fifteen cents extra for the grandstand. Ladies and boys will be admitted for ten cents.

Leftfielder Blakey is the latest member of the team to report for duty, arriving yesterday morning from Toronto. He is a stocky, well-built fellow, and looks every inch a ball player.

The four local players will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities during the game today. Morris, of Taylor, will play second base; Franz, of the South Side, as catcher or third base; Ferris in right field, and Cleary, of Olyphant, will do a few stunts at short field.

The regular players who have not yet arrived are Sullivan, third baseman; Rainey and Summers, catchers; McCarthy, pitcher; Ross, second baseman, and Nickels, right field.

The following is the probable line-up for the Scranton team: Gorton, center field; Blakey, left field; Ferris, right field; Sullivan, Frantz, third base; Schmaltz, first base; Ross, Morris, second base; Johnson, shortstop; Steinberg, Rainey, catchers; Wiltse, McGarry, pitchers.

A CLEVER IMPERSONATOR

Miss Blanche L. Friderici Delighted a Large Audience at Bicycle Club House Last Night.

It is an extremely difficult thing for an impersonator to engage the close attention and to keep alive the interest of an audience for an extended period of time. Miss Blanche L. Friderici did it last night at the Scranton Bicycle clubhouse and did it with apparently no great effort.

She appeared for the benefit of the nurse's home of the Hahnemann hospital and was listened to and applauded by a large and fashionable audience. Miss Friderici gave four monologues, all differing widely in the emotions they called into play.

She appeared to decidedly the best advantage in an arrangement of John Luther Long's tragic little Japanese story, "Madame Butterfly," which has been dramatized by David Belasco and which has met with more than passing success as presented on the stage. It was necessary in making the play to compress the whole story into one scene, thus robbing it of much of its tragic power.

Miss Friderici's version carries the thread of the story from beginning to end thus allowing her audience to get an insight into the emotions of the simple-minded little Japanese woman who waited in vain for the return of her "Americaine lover, Meester Benjamin Frankleen Pink-er-ton," the father of her little baby. Her accent was a delight to listen to as she repeated the precise "copy book" English which she had learned.

The happiness of the brave little Japanese woman, over her lover's expected return; her doubt when he came not; her pathetic appeal to the United States consul as she asked him what time the "robeens nest again" in his land and her bitter sorrow when she learned that she had been only her lover's plaything for an hour and that he would never come back were portrayed with wonderful skill by Miss Friderici and there were tears in the eyes of many as she developed the last sad scene of all when poor Madame Butterfly kills herself and her baby.

She gave the first act of Hazelton's successful play "Mistress Nell" in which Henrietta Crossman has made such a success. The piece was almost interminably long for a single number but Miss Frederici managed to win much applause despite this handicap. She impersonated six characters, four of them males. The piquant grace and careless jollity of light hearted Nell Gwynn, who led Charles II such a merry chase, were admirably portrayed and in the character of Strings, the old lame fiddler with a fondness for drink, Miss Frederici quite sunk her womanly individuality.

In "At the Masquerade," a society monologue she did not appear with as good effect though she was never for a moment uninteresting. The last selection "Daisy's Practice Hour" was a quaintly humorous monologue written by herself. Vincent Farrelli, a clever young harpist, enterspersed Miss Friderici's selections with several excellently rendered solos.

During the afternoon a sale of candy and fancy work was conducted in the reception rooms of the club house and quite a brisk business was done after the entertainment, also. The ladies who arranged for the affair were as follows: Mrs. Henry Belin, Mrs. A. M. Decker, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. C. H. Welles.

Among the ladies who assisted at the tables were the following: Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mrs. Paul Belin, Mrs. W. G. Robertson, Miss E. K. Richmond, Miss Alice Belin, Miss Helen Hand, Miss Louise Smith, Miss Janet Storrs, Miss Lois Richmond, Miss Helen Boles and Miss Elizabeth Storrs.

Fifty-five Pension Bills Passed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 18.—At today's session of the senate, consideration was begun of the bill to temporarily provide a form of government for the Philippine islands. The measure was read and the committee amendments were agreed to tentatively, but no action on the bill was taken. Fifty-five private pension bills and a few other measures were passed.

MRS. LAVELLE STOOD TRIAL

YOU CANNOT SET FIRE TO YOUR OWN HOUSE.

Commonwealth Disposes of the Contention That There Is No Law in Pennsylvania Making It a Crime for a Person to Set Fire to His Own House When No Attempt Is Made to Defraud an Insurance Company. Mrs. Kishpaugh Guilty—Other Minor Cases.

When court adjourned Thursday, Judge Newcomb was confronted with the question of whether or not a person could be indicted for setting fire to his own property, when there was no evidence that the deed was committed for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company.

One clause of the arson code provides that a person can be indicted for setting fire to the property of another. A second clause provides that a person can be indicted for setting fire to his own property when it is done for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company.

In the case in point, the Commonwealth against Bridget Lavelle, the defendant set fire to her own property, but with no reasonable motive, there being no insurance on the building.

John F. Scragg, attorney for the defense, contended that there was no provision in the Pennsylvania statutes for penalizing a person who sets fire to his own property, when it is not for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company, and that in consequence of this inadequacy a verdict of not guilty should be directed.

MR. THOMAS SUSTAINED.

When court opened, yesterday morning, Assistant District Attorney Thomas produced an act passed in 1881, which makes a party amenable for arson when he sets fire to a property that he may be in possession of either as owner or tenant. In this case, Mrs. Lavelle was shown to be in possession, because she was the owner and the house was untenanted. Judge Newcomb sustained Mr. Thomas' position, and the trial was proceeded with.

The defense was that Mrs. Lavelle was demented at the time she committed the act. Dr. Herman Bessey and Jail Physician S. P. Longstreet were called to support this contention, and each told that she displayed unmistakable evidences of the form of insanity known as dementia. They admitted on cross-examination that a person afflicted with dementia has lucid intervals, during which they are wholly responsible for their acts.

The fact that Mrs. Lavelle selected the midnight hour for starting the fire and went about the deed in a manner which would do credit to an expert "fire-bug," was used as grounds for argument by the commonwealth that at the time of the fire she was enjoying a lucid interval. The jury was out at adjourning time wrestling with the question of the defendant's mental condition at the time she committed the deed.

A verdict of guilty, with a recommendation of mercy, was returned against Mrs. Ada Kishpaugh in the three cases in which she was charged with passing spurious checks on local merchants. Her husband was acquitted.

Verdicts of not guilty were entered by agreement in the trolley strike cases in which Rachel Williams, William McGraw, Hugh McGraw, Thomas Cannon, Maria Jennings, J. H. Jennings, M. F. Kearney and Andrew Heffron were defendants. With the acquiescence of the commonwealth the costs were placed on the county. All the cases growing out of the strike disorder have now been settled, with the exception of those against the three special officers charged with the killing of Daniel McAuliffe.

CHILDREN THE CAUSE.

George Gusie and John Kera, of North Scranton, got into a squabble with Michael Massage last winter, as a result of their children becoming involved in a fight while sleighriding. Massage had each arrested for assault and battery. The alderman sent in four transcripts, two for assault and battery and two for surety. When the cases came before Judge Edwards, and he learned from the evidence that the alleged offense was a joint assault, he made an order consolidating the two assault and battery cases, quashing the surety cases, and directing that costs be taxed in only one case.

A verdict of not guilty, with the costs on the prosecutor, was returned in Gusie's case. In the case of Kera the verdict was not guilty, but he was called upon to share the costs with the prosecutor.

Mary Reddington plead guilty to the charge of thieving, preferred against her by Superintendent of Police Day, and Judge Purdy suspended sentence.

Constable Thomas Miller plead guilty of smashing down the door of Elizabeth Morgan, while attempting to make a levy under a landlord's warrant. His defense was that he did so under the advice of his counsel. Judge Edwards imposed a nominal fine of $1. William Kline, who was with him to assist in the levy, was acquitted.

RETURNED NOT GUILTY.

Michael Kozup, charged with assault and battery on A. Freedman, was returned not guilty. The costs were placed on the county. The same disposition was made of the case in which Fileman Gamble was charged by Special Officer Morris Neyman with aiding a prisoner to escape, and the case in which John Dunleavy was charged with assault and battery on Thomas G. Francis. John McDonnell was returned not guilty of assault and battery on David G. Evans and the prosecutor was called upon to pay the costs.

Matthew Urbutes was convicted of assault and battery on Mary Fennell, of North Scranton. A jury was out at adjourning time in the case in which John J. Myers, of South Scranton, is charged with assault and battery on Mary Fallon, and the case in which Tony Mignotti is charged with the larceny of a number of pictures belonging to Louise Mannice.

Capiases were issued for Konstant Suvock and John Flagherty, who failed to appear to answer charges, respectively, of discharging firearms and assault and battery.

In the Register's Office.

The will of Ludwig Brauer, late of Carbondale, was admitted to probate yesterday by Register Koch. Letters testamentary were granted to Amelia Brauer.

In the estate of Thomas J. Clarke, late of Archbald, letters of administration were granted to Catherine Clarke.

THEY BOTH GOT EVEN.

But in Doing So Malinda Bowie and Robert Mills Got Themselves Committed to Jail.

After the cutting affray in Raymond court on Thursday afternoon, in which Miss Malinda Bowie and Robert Mills, both colored, were injured, both these "pussons" announced their intention of getting even, one with the other.

The method which they selected for getting even was the swearing out of warrants for the arrest of each other. At 10 o'clock last night they were both occupying cells in the central police station, unable to secure bondsmen. They were even with each other, however.

The warrant for Mills' arrest was sworn out before Alderman Ruddy and charged him with felonious wounding and assault and battery. Act I was accordingly played in Alderman Ruddy's office last night, in the presence of a select audience. Attorney John J. Murphy represented Malinda and Attorney Richard J. Bourke appeared for Mills.

Malinda, in her testimony, swore that she quarrelled with Mills on Thursday over a thirty-cent wash bill. Mills told her he'd pay it when he was blanked good and ready, and when she remonstrated with him, to use her own words, "He told me that if ah came out in the alley he'd lick me. Ah ain't no man, ah says, but ah can fight jess the same, and when he came aftah me and threw me over the stove, I gave him a tussle."

When she got up from the floor, she said, her hand was cut and she saw a cut on Mills' face, but she didn't know how it came there. She had no knife, and was sure she didn't cut him. Mills swore that Malinda stabbed him through the cheek with a butcher knife and that he threw himself on her in self-defense. Alderman Ruddy committed him to the county jail in default of $600 bail.

After a brief intermission, Act II was performed in Magistrate Howe's office, where evidence was adduced to show that Malinda followed Mills down stairs and maliciously stabbed him. She was also committed to the county jail in default of $600 bail.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS HOUSER, aged 70 years, one of the oldest and best known residents of this city, died yesterday morning at his home on Chestnut street, West Scranton, from valvular disease of the heart. He had been failing for some time, but it was not until a few weeks ago that his condition caused any alarm. Deceased was born in Carbon county, and had been a resident of Scranton for fifty years or more. For 22 years he served as foreman for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company. In his early career, Mr. Houser took an active interest in politics, especially when Lackawanna county was first organized. He was a charter members of Washington Camp, No. 178, P. O. S. of A., and is survived by two sons and one daughter, Dr. G. W. Houser, of Taylor; Bert Houser and Mrs. L. A. Stevens, of this city. The funeral announcement will be made later.

AUGUST BOWERS, formerly foreman of the South Steel mills, of the L. I. & S. company died yesterday morning at Buffalo, where he had gone to fill a responsible position at the company's new plant. The funeral will take place from the residence of C. Fineham, Hickory street, Sunday afternoon.

MRS. BRIDGET DOYLE, wife of Christopher Doyle, of Center street, Rendham, died yesterday. She is survived by her husband and following children: Mrs. Roney, Mrs. E. L. Howard, Mrs. George Hobbs, Nellie and Alfred Doyle. Funeral Monday morning. Services at Taylor. Interment in Cathedral cemetery.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. J. R. Foster will be held from the family home, 227 Penn avenue, at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, instead of 2 o'clock as previously announced.

D., L. & W. Board for Today.

The following is the make-up of the D., L and W. board for today:

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

Extras East—8 p. m., M. Lanigney; 10 p. m., Hoboken, Balan; 11 p. m., J. H. McCann.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19.

Extras East—1.30 a. m., Hoboken, McCutherne; 4 a. m., G. T. Staples; 6 a. m., Hoboken, Murphy; 9 a. m., H. Gilligan; 10 a. m., Hoboken, Burkhart; 11 a. m., W. J. Mosier; 1 p. m., Hoboken, Brady; 2 p. m., J. Baxter; 2.30 p. m., Hoboken, M. J. Hennigan; 5 p. m., M. Finnerty; 6 p. m., Hoboken, M. Smith.

Summits, Etc.—6 a. m., J. Carrigg; 9 a. m., Fromfelker; 10 a. m., Nichols; 1 p. m., Hennigan; 2 p. m., Thompson; 9 p. m., M. Golden.

Pushers—6 a. m., Widner; 7 a. m., Finnerty; 8 a. m., Houser; 11.45 a. m., Moran; 1.30 p. m., Nauman; 2 p. m., P. Case; 6 p. m., C. Bartholomew; 7.30 p. m., Murphy; 9 p. m., P. Singer; 10 p. m., Lamping.

Helpers—1.30 a. m., McGovern; 7 a. m., Gaffney; 10 a. m., Secor; 3.30 p. m., Stanton.

Extras West—8 a. m., R. Castner; 11 a. m., F. McDonnell with John Gahagan's crew; 1 p. m., A. P. Ketchum; 2 p. m., O. Randolph; 4 p. m., M. Carmody; 11 p. m., T. Doudican.

NOTICE.

Zeek and crew will run 11.30 p. m. extra, April 18.

Secor and crew will run 8 a. m. extra, April 19.

A. Gerrity and crew will run No. 62, April 19.

Brakeman J. Woolover will report at trainmaster's office.

NOTES FOR THE BOWLERS

NEWS FROM WORLD OF STRIKES AND SPARES.

Possibility of a Change in the Scranton League Schedule so That Thirty Games Only Will Be Rolled. Billy Hopkins' Exceedingly High Average in the Game with the Cambrians—Game Between Black Diamonds and Backus Bowlers Arranged for Friday Night.

Already there is talk of shortening the schedule of the Scranton Bowling League, so as to provide for only thirty games, instead of the forty-two, which the committee in its wisdom saw fit to provide for. The schedule, as arranged, provides for a continuation of play until July 16. Bowling after June 1 sets in is mighty exhausting work, and to continue match games until July 16, it is contended, would be a hard burden to place on the players.

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The Imperials, as the Liederkranz team has been christened, should finish somewhere near the top of the heap. Three of the trophy-winning Backus team, Peckins, Moore and Hopkins, will roll with the team, and some big scores should result. Meyers, the fourth man, is a good, steady bowler, while Waidner, the fifth player, is an uncertain quantity, being one of the most erratic bowlers in the city. One night recently he made 220 in one game and went below 150 in the next.

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Billy Hopkins made the highest individual average, 199 1-3, on Wednesday night last, that has been made in any three match games in any league in this city during the season now drawing to a close. He played through the thirty frames without a single miss, and had it not been for two unfortunate "guts" he might have made an average of considerably over 200.

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The name of the Hampe team has been changed to the Crescents, but the Centrals, the other team from the Hampe alleys, will take the latter name before the next games are rolled. The weak players have all been eliminated from this team, and it is now one of the strongest in the league.

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The long-postponed and long-delayed games between the Black Diamonds, who won the Northeastern trophy for the first series, and the Backus bowlers, who won the trophy for the second series, will be rolled next Friday night on the Backus alleys, to decide the league championship, once and for all. Interest in the games is rife all over town and a very considerable amount of money is being wagered on the result. The two teams will line up as follows Backus—Hopkins, Peckins, Moore, Fahrenholt and Roll; Black Diamonds—Gorman, Gold, Foley, Beavers and Pryor.

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A meeting of representatives from the various teams comprising the Scranton Bowling league will be conducted at Zulager's alleys, in South Scranton, on Sunday, April 27, for the purpose of selecting a trophy and transacting other important business.

The Bodies Recovered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Spring Valley, Ill., April 18.—The bodies of three Italians, Franciesca Cassia, Barney Pomatti and Frank Fenoglio—drowned in the Illinois river at this place a month ago, were found today about fifteen miles below here. The coroner found $100 in their clothing. They were drowned while trying to cross the river in a skiff at midnight during a high wind.

All Quiet at Belgium.

Brussels, April 18.—The general council of the labor party met this morning and decided to continue the strike but peacefully. Numbers of strikers, however, are resuming work and tranquility is reported from all parts of Belgium.

TO THE CONTEST EDITOR
SCRANTON TRIBUNE.

Sir:—Please enroll my name as one of the contestants in The Tribune's Educational Contest, and send me equipment and more detailed information concerning the work as soon as issued.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

(Cut this out and mail to "Contest Editor, Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.," at once in order that you may be among the first to receive the printed matter and canvasser's outfit. See advertisement on fourth page of this issue.)