THIS IS A THRILLER.

Wayne County Man Kills Forty-

three Rattlesnakes Singlehanded.

Out of Wayne county there comes a weird and wonderful story of a man's

fight for his life in a den of rattle-

The man in the case is Frank Rausch-

meyer, who lives at Hoadley's and who

happened to step into the den of rattle-

snakes last Tuesday morning, while out

for a walk. He was quickly hemmed

in by a writhing mass of reptiles and

picked up a club, with which he laid

After he had killed a score or more

of the snakes, he was bit on the end of

the finger by one of them. He drew his

trusty knife and with one slash hipped

the end of the member off, thus pre-

venting the poison from entering his

blood. Then he went back to his work

of snake-killing until the bodies of

forty-three reptiles lay prone on the

Reports are that he has been "some-

THE SCRANTON TEAM

what indisposed" since his experience.

Manager Lawson Will Risk That

Amount on the Series of

Games with Lancaster.

Manager Lawson, of the Scranton

base ball team, when in Lancaster ear-

ly in the week offered to bet Manager

Carman, of the Lancaster club, \$500

that Scranton would win the series of

six games arranged for the two clubs.

Manager Carman said he'd think the

son received a telegram from Manager

matter over. Last night Manager Law-

Carman announcing that a syndicate

of Lancaster sports have agreed to

take up his offer, and that one of them

money. If the money is put up by both

sides this should greatly add to the

will be here in town today to cover his

right and left.

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PERSONAL.

Attorney D. B. Replogle has gone to Buffalo on business, to be gone about five General Roadmaster J. J. Neafle, of the Lackawanna railroad, was in the city yesterday.

Vice President E. E. Loomis, of the ackawanna railroad, was in the city P. B. H. Kinback is seriously ill at his

home on Madison avenue. He is threatened with appendicitis. Alderman John Howe will be one of the speakers at the Memorial Day exercises

at Waverly, Pa., today, Mrs. M. J. Owens, of New York city, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Joseph on South Hyde Park avenue.

Mr. Henry Eaton, the distinguished tenor, of Morristown. N. J., is an inter-ested attendant upon the eisteddfod. General Delivery Clerk David H. Jenkins, of the postoffice, will attend a con-vention of mail clerks at Harrisburg to-

Alderman Kasson left yesterday to spend Memorial Day at his old home in Montrose. He will be absent until Mon-lay.

Charles P. Kreig, of New York, fornerly of Scranton, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Charles II.

W. B. Hixson, superintendent of bridges and buildings on the Lucka-wanna railroad, will leave this evening for Ohio, where he has been called by serious illness of his mother.

Dr. Lindabury, Surgeon, diseases of women a specialty, 215 Connell building. Hours: 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.; 7 to 8.30 p. m

It Will Be a Great Concert



AN AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Solemnized at the Home of Prof. A Llano, 632 Clay Avenue.

A pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday at noon, at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Prof. A. Liano, 632 Clay avenue, in the presence of im-mediate friends and relatives. The bride, Miss Huldah Hollis, and the groom, M. Charles Mullen, are well-known and popular young people from New York. They will spend their honeymoon at Delaware Water Gap, after which they will take up their residence in New York city.

The groom was attended by George Watres, jr., of the West Side, and the bride by Miss Dorothea Fischer, of Clay avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev.

E. F. Ritter, pastor of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, Adams avenue and Mulberry street.

NOW THE VIADUCT.

Recorder Connell Has Practically Decided That Bids Must Be Asked for at Once.

Recorder Connell has spent considerble time in the last few days looking over the viaduct ordinance, recently declared legal and valid by the Supreme court, and the papers in connection therewith, including the bond filed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Scranton Railway companies together with their proposition agreeing to pay the cost of erecting the structure.

He has practically decided that the terms of the ordinance must be followed out at once, and that the viaduct must be built as soon as possible. It has not been decided as yet how the bids shall be advertised for. Under second-class city laws the recorder and director of public works would be the officials who would open the bids and award the contract.

The ordinance, however, provides that the city clerk shall advertise for bids and that the councils shall award the contract. This is only a detail, however. The important point is that a viaduct is to be built in the very near future and that it is going to be a sensible kind of a viaduct, one extending from curb to curb and completely blocking up the dangerous West Lackaawnna avenue crossing.

PURCHASED FOR \$35,000.

Old L. I. & S. Store Building Bought

by Underwear Company. The old Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's store building at Lackawanna and Jefferson avenues has been purchased by the Imperial Underwear ompany in which former Senator M. E. McDonald, Perry Wentz and George Wentz are interested. The purchase price was \$35,000.

The building will be used as an un derwear factory and the company will nove as soon as practicable from its present quarters in the Burr building Fifty hands are employed at present but this number will be largely increased. A power plant will be erected on a vacant lot in the rear of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's building, which was included in the

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publica-tion, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not asume responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

Tribute to the Late John Jermyn Editor of The Tribune

Sir: It is with sorrow that I learn of he death of John Jermyn, of this city. At his passing there comes vividly to mind my earliest experiences of this, my land by adoption. To meeting him in London, through a member of parlia-ment, I attribute my presence in this favored land today. Recalling his unpretentious life, I desire to speak of him now in the silence of death in language ecoming and characteristic of his life. On arriving in an adjoining state I wrote him a letter, which was responded to, the reply containing lines in part to this effect: "If you ever come this way, call and visit us." I acted upon these suggestive lines and came on to his home at Jermyn, where I was a guest in his family, during which time I was offered a position in his store, which I cheer-fully accepted. Being but a few weeks here, I was at that time unsettled in mind as to my future, hence my former reference to him in your columns of a few weeks since as my benefactor. His noble act at so opportune a time could justify no less an appellation. During my stay with him, he always evidenced

a sincere interest in my welfare.

My coming here was made pleasant at the start, and through this my early experiences in the country are inspiring and pleasant recollections. As an illustration of his sincerity, he on more than one occasion expressed a desire to have me enter and make a study of the mines with a view to literary results, be-lieving such an innovation would be

popular and lucrative. The writer recalls with pleasure his noble refernces to the land of his birth, no less than his appreciation of this, the country of his adoption. He took great pride in a citizenship of this grand republie. My personal impression of him was joying a friendly chat with any of his employes, especially those of a practical turn of mind. He was a self-made man, of good heart and judgment, of keen perception and well balanced mind. He was in sympathy with those from the land of his birth and had an open heart for all. Unmoved by the glamour of wealth or its attendant onsequences, he retained his early and customary natural courtesy to all. These lines are written in sympathy for the life now gone out.

By a former employe, Frederick Hartnoll. MILK BETTER THAN CREAM.

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To Do Away with Small Kegs. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. resentative Overstreet, of Indiana, abolishing the one-eighth keg of beer was favorably acted upon by the ways and means committee today. The measure is desired by the beer trade, in order to do means committee today. The meast desired by the beer trade, in order away with the small kegs.

THEY WONT BE REINSTATED

MEN WHO QUIT WORK MONDAY CAN'T GET BACK.

One of the Big Coal Officials Says They Will Take Their Jobs with Them-No Difficulty in Keeping the Mines Clear of Water Is Expected-Belief That Only Small Percentage of Men Will Quit. The Eight Hour Demand May Be Withdrawn.

The officials of the big coal companies perating mines in and around this city eemed more convinced than ever yeserday that very few of the engineers pumpmen and firemen will obey the strike order issued by President Mitchell, calling upon them to quit work next Monday.

A Tribune man had an extended interview yesterday with the superintend-ent of one of the big coal companies. "You can say," said he, "that every engineer, fireman or pumprunner who quits work next Monday and deserts he company at this critical time will take his job with him. Under no con-sideration will any of these men be taken back. Some will undoubtedly quit, but we don't expect any serious difficulty. The majority of these men, more particularly the engineers, are going to

stand by us. Of that we are convinced. "The miners' belief that they could coerce us into yielding because of the possibility of our mines being flooded was not based on a knowledge of the real situation. Even should they all quit, we would be able to run our engines and our pumps. We do not propose to let our mines get flooded and anybody who thinks we do has another ruess coming. Ever since the strike began we have been keeping at each colliery anywhere from twelve to fifteen monthly men on our pay-rolis-foremen.

firebosses, and the like. "These men have been kept in read!ness for any emergency and they will be put at work on Monday to take the places of any of the men who may quit. am inclined to think that the men who may go out on Monday will be principally firemen. The engineers seem o be practically opposed to the strike order. They are men who have worked hemselves up to their present places after long and hard years of toil, and they see no good reason why they should quit without any grievance." It was learned yesterday from a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western official that that company will begin operations

it one of its breakers just as soon as a

sufficient number of men will volunteer

to go back to work. A number have

already signified a desire to go back, but not a sufficient number to warrant the starting of one of the collieries. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company is operating its Diamond, Bellevue and Hampton washeries every other day, but the coal washed out is being used entirely at the company's several collieries. It was given out yes terday from the company's office that no attempt will be made for the present

to furnish coal from any of the washries to outside interests. President T. D. Nicholls, of District No. 1, United Mine Workers of Amerca, who has charge of the local end of the strike, said yesterday that there was no possibility of the strike order being withdrawn, as requested by the joint meeting of engineers, pumprun-ners and firemen held in West Scranon on Wednesday.

WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN. "This order could only be withdrawn at a joint meeting of the three executive boards," said he, "similar to the one which issued it. Such a meeting has not been called, nor will be called, as far as I know. I still think that the strike order will be generally obeyed, but if it is not, I am inclined to favor the withdrawal of the demand for the eight-hour day for the engineers, pumprunners and firemen."

President Nicholls refused to give our for publication the resolutions adopted at the West Scranton meeting. It was stated yesterday in a morning paper that the Sauquoit silk mill would be obliged to shut down because of a lack of fuel. Manager Davis denied this

statement yesterday. "We have no intention of shutting down the mill permanently," said he, "because we have a two months' supply of coal on hand. We shut down today and will remain shut until Monday, be cause of the annual boiler inspection.

There's no truth in the story at all." The Erie company is making preparations for the fencing of all their collieries in Dunmore. Lines were staked yesterday at No. 5 shaft. A fence eight feet high, surmounted by two strands of barb wire, is to be built, all of which looks like anything but an early settlement of the present trouble

HAVE CONCEDED. The following is from the Hazleton

Item of Wednesday: "The St. Clair Coal company, operators of the second largest individual colliery in the Schuylkill region, have granted the demands of the pumpmen, engineers, etc., for an eight-hour day at the same wages during the present strike and agree to grant any concessions accorded the men at the expiration of the strike by the other operators. The men have accepted the offer.

"The operators of the E. White company at Wadesville, a mile from St Clair, have also granted the same conessions. This colliery has not shipped any mined coal since the December flood, and were it to fill up now it would never be reopened."

A joint meeting of Local unions Nos. 1010, 1229 and 1624, of Priceburg, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Dickson City borough building to formulate ways and means for bringing the engineers, firemen and pumprunners in that part of the district into line before next Monday.

"PHILLIE CLUB" ORGANIZED. Formed by Members of Melita Com-

mandery, Knights Templar. The members of Melita commandery, No. 68, Knights Templar, have already organized a "Phillie club" for the purpose of attending the next annual gathering in 1903 at Philadelphia. The pilgrimage to the semi-centen-

nial of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania will be an important event, and steps have already been aken to advance on the Quaker city. Two dozen or more have signified their intention of joining the club. Partial arrangements have been entered into with the Central Railroad of New Jersey for a special train of Pull-man cars, and a committee will go to

Philadelphia next week to engage ac

commodations for the club.

interest in the games and encourage the players to play as snappy ball as they are capable of.

The first three games of the series will be played in this city. Scranton will play the Lancaster club this morning at 10.15 and this afternoon at 2 o'clock. McGeary and Rainey will be the morning battery and either Wiltse or Newberry will pitch in the afternoon with Steinberg behind the bat. The last three games will be played in Lancaster on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If it becomes necessary to play a seventh game the place for playing it will be decided by the toss

There is a possibility that Scranton may get into either the New York state or Eastern league. Manager Lawson has written to Presidents Farrell and Powers respectively asking to be given a chance to put his team in when the first vacancy occurs.

The Ilion team in the New York state league is understood to be in a shaky condition and it is also underthat base ball isn't paying in stood Jersey City, which is in the Eastern league. Both these leagues are fast, especially the latter, and there is no question but they will last out the whole season.

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI.

Annual Meeting Will Be Held on Tuesday Evening, June 17.

The executive committee of the High school alumni association held a meet- o'clock, just the same as usual, but ing yesterday afternoon in the office of the president, C. E. Daniels, and de- with all points mailed before 5 o'clock, Tuesday evening, June 17. J. J. Murphy, M. H. Jordan and Miss

Rahel Powell were appointed a committee on programme, and Wallace G. Moser, Myer Kabatchnik and John Mc-Court a committee to arrange for the place of meeting. President Daniels was directed to

meet the graduating class of 1902 and extend to them an invitation to join the association and participate in the annual meeting. Several other matters pertaining to the association's work were discussed

and acted on, and the committee adjourned to meet again next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in President Daniels' office.

WHERE TO SPEND MEMORIAL DAY.

Go with the Crowd on the Opening

Excursion to Lake Lodore. The excursion season will open at Lake Lodore on Decoration day, May 20. Among the many attractions will be a spirited base balk contest for a purse of \$25, between Scranton and Carbondale crack ball teams. The famous Mozart band, whose superior dance music is recognized by all lovers of the fantastic, will furnish a delightful programme in the mammoth balcony encircled pavilion, with its smooth and highly-polished floor. Caterer M. F. Fadden will serve refreshments in abundance. The beautiful lake will be enlivened with its fleet of rowboats, its steam yacht, naphtha launches, and its

large and commodious excursion boat. The Delaware and Hudson railroad will run excursion trains, stopping at all stations, from Wilkes-Barre, at greatly reduced excursion rates. Trains will leave Lackawanna avenue station at 9.15 and 10.13 a. m., and 1.29 p. m. Fare from Scranton, 75 cents.

Mammoth Olives, 25c. per bottle; \$2.90 per dozen.

Havana Pines for preserving, \$1.50 per dozen.

Coursen Col. River Salmon, 20c. per can; value, 25c.

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Mixed Pickles, 35c.; East India Gherkins, 35c.; Chocolate. Menier, 40c. per 1b.

KELLERMAN STILL GAINING

ONLY TWO DAYS MORE BEFORE CLOSE OF MONTH.

Leaders Vicing with Each Other for the Gold Watch Offered in The Tribune's Educational Contest-A New Rule for the Closing Day of the Month-Stanton Went Up Another Place Yesterday.

Standing of Contestants

bondale 93 6. Albert Freedman, Belle-7. Harry Madden, Scranton. 55 8. Wm. Sherwood, Harford.. 54 9. Homes France 9. Homer Kresge, Hyde Park 41 10. Grant M. Decker, Hall-

stead 37 11. L. E. Stanton, Scranton. . 35 12. William Cooper, Priceburg 34 13. A. J. Havenstrite, Mos-14. Harry Danvers, Provi-

Place 20
16. Miss Beatrice Harpur, Thompson 18
17. Lee Culver, Springville . . 17 18. Walter Hallstead, Scran-

J. Clark, Peckville.... 20. John Dempsey, Olyphant. 13 21. John Mackie, Providence. 13 22. Hugh Johnson, Forest

25. Emanuel Bucci, Scranton. 26. Chas. O'Boyle, Scranton . . 27. Miss Nellie Avery, Forest

29. Edgar Wilson, jr., Scran-30. R. D. Dorsey, Scranton . . .

A. J. Kellerman made another goodreturn in The Tribune's Educational Contest yesterday, and has now passed the second century. Charles Burns and William Rodriguez also increased their points, and it will be interesting to watch the leaders during the next two days, as each is anxious to secure the gold watch offered for the largest numpoints secured during the month. Of course only one can win, but those who fail will have a good start in the main contest and will be just so much nearer a spaial reward of great

In order that the rules may be perfeetly fair to all contestants, both in Scranton and those who reside in other towns there will be a slight change in the usual custom of crediting points at the close of the last day of the month. The hour for closing will be 5 contestants out of town will be credited ided to hold their annual meeting on instead of crediting only those which are received at The Tribune office before 5 o'clock. The postmark will determine whether the letter was mailed before that hour, and contestants should ascertain from their postmaster just how early in the afternoon it will be necessary to mail a letter in order to have it postmarked 5 p. m. or earlier. The special honor prize for the month of June will be announced on Monday morning, in the same issue that the winner of the gold watch will be announced. What this will be has not yet been determined, but it will be well worth working for and fully equal in value to the one offered for May.

There was only one change in the standing of contestants yesterday. L. E. Stanton, who has been climbing steadily up the list, went up another place and this morning appears in

eleventh position. There were several entries yesterday and it is expected that more will follow so as to be ready to commence active work with the opening of the new month. A full explanation of the contest appears on the fourth page.

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