PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Godfrey are home from a week in New York city.

Walter M. Waskon, of Dallas, Tex., spent yesterday with Roy C. Megargel, of this city.

Miss Coppinger, of New York city, is the guest of her son, T. E. Coppinger, of 1012 Vine street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tobey and family, of North Park, have returned from a visit with friends at Susquehanna.

The condition of Rev. I. J. Lansing, who has been confined to his home by illness for the past two weeks, was slightly improved yesterday. Rev. Mr. Stearns acted as supply for Dr. Lansing yesterday, preaching morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Burkhart, of Aberdeen, entertained at Thanksgiving dinner. Those present were: Mrs. C. W. Curtis, C. M. Curtis, Mrs. Tolemie and daughters Maybelle and Matilda, of Elmhurst; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts and daughter, Mildred, of Peckville; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lown, Belle and Selden Lown, of Dunmore; Miss Fanny Curtis, of Clark's Green, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis, of Kingston, Pa.

FIRST FALL OF SNOW.

It began to snow yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock and it continued to snow until after 10 o'clock last night, by which time the whole city was enveloped in a garb of white. There was a perceptible drop in the temperature along towards midnight, which would seem to be an indication that there would be no more snow.

The snow which did fall was of that most disagreeable kind known as "wet snow," the kind that forms into slush when it strikes the sidewalk and that makes walking anything but a delight.

SCORES MADE BY MEMBERS

CLOSE OF FIFTH INDOOR SHOOTING CONTEST.

Conducted by the Electric City Rifle Club—Prizes Given to the Winners Were Donated by Walter E. Davis, H. M. Spencer, Captain John Blatter and H. Popper and Son, of New York—Details of the Work Done by Those Who Engaged in Contest.

The fifth annual shooting contest of the Electric City Rifle club for this season, which opened June 6, 1902, and closed Nov. 28, 1902. The scores of the members follow:

	Scores.	Total.	Av'age.
Andrew Kehril	40	4809	120 9-40
John Anderegg	40	4642	116 2-40
Arnold Kehril	20	2317	115 17-20
John C. Blatter	46	5324	115 34-46
Ulrich Zurfluh	40	4556	114 23-40
H. W. Dean	30	3424	114 4-30
Captain John Blatter	40	4521	113 1-40
Casper Anderegg	40	4443	111 3-40
Dr. Jacob Heimer	20	2231	110 11-20
G. F. Becker	58	6396	110 26-58
A. A. Brown	42	4957	108 31-42
Arnold Anderegg	40	4346	108 26-40
A. B. Hazlett	45	4869	108 1-45
Alex Garner	40	4281	107 1-40
W. P. Weichel	40	4108	102 28-40
C. J. Bricher	24	2417	100 17-24
J. P. Hills	24	2340	97 12-24
T. Fahrenholt	20	1877	93 17-20
John Von Weisenfluh	20	1826	91 6-20
John C. Zurfluh	40	3530	88 10-40

Special prizes offered by Walter E. Davis, H. M. Spencer, Captain John Blatter and H. Popper and Son of New York were given to the winners. The Davis prizes were a Stevens rifle, model Ideal Schutzen, No. 51, and a handsome gold medal. The Spencer prize was a silver medal, the Blatter, a telescope and H. Popper & Son, a gold medal.

TWO OUT-OF-TOWN LISTS.

Tribune's Junior Educational Contest Attracting Attention Everywhere.

The Tribune's Junior Educational Contest is becoming well known everywhere in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In the month since it was announced a great many lists of words have been sent by bright young people who are anxious to match their ability and the keenness of their brains against others in an effort to win one of the twenty Christmas presents in cash offered to the score who make the largest list of words out of the phrase, "The Home Paper."

These contestants are not limited to the city of Scranton and its environs. On the contrary, more lists of words have been sent by young people residing outside the borders of the Electric City than from those within. Yesterday's additions were:

George Beetens, Moscow, Pa.
Florence Packard, Brooklyn, Pa.

MISSIONARY RALLIES.

Rev. F. D. Gamewell Will Speak at Them.

A series of missionary rallies, with afternoon and evening services, will be held at the places named on the dates given below. Rev. F. D. Gamewell, the famous preacher-engineer of the siege of Pekin, will conduct a question box each afternoon and speak at each evening service. Prominent pastors will speak at the afternoon services, as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 10, Thompson, Pa.—L. W. Karschner, M. D. Fuller and William MacAlpine.

Thursday, Dec. 11, Jermyn, Pa.—G. H. Prentice, E. A. Quimby, S. C. Simpkins and C. H. Newing.

Friday, Dec. 12, Carbondale, Pa.—G. A. Place, R. L. Clark and R. M. Pascoe.

Sunday, Dec. 14—Dr. Gamewell will occupy the pulpit at Honesdale in the morning and in the evening at Hawley.

An offering will be received at each place to defray expenses. Pastors will please announce these services and endeavor to secure as large an attendance as possible. J. F. Warner, Presiding Elder.

ONE OF FROHMAN'S BEST.

That Is What 'The Two Schools' Which Is Here Tonight Is.

When Mr. Charles Frohman visited Scranton recently with his magnificent new production of "Imprudence," he was very much impressed and gratified with the generous patronage extended, and the appreciation evidenced for high class productions at the Lyceum theater, and in return he promised to send all of his best attractions here this season. He is keeping that promise by sending us tomorrow night "The Two Schools," a new four-act comedy by Alfred Copies. This will be the same magnificent production and all-star cast which has just completed a brilliant run of three months at the Madison Square theater, New York.

Among the well-known artists who will appear tomorrow night are James Lee Finney, Ida Conquest, Jessie Busley, M. A. Kennedy, Beatrice Morgan, Minchell Smith, Ida Waterman and a number of the well-known people in the Frohman forces.

A. J. DUFFY,
Manager Lyceum Theater.

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.

AWAITING THE DECISION.

Pittsburg Deeply Interested in Decision in Scranton Case.

Pittsburg is waiting a decision of the supreme court in the case from this city involving the question of a second class city's right to tax the gross receipts of existing public service corporations.

If the decision is in favor of the city, the Pittsburgh authorities propose to put a tax on the gross receipts of every street car, electric light, gas and other like companies. Ordinances granting franchises to the Pittsburg Railways company for new lines in various parts of the city are now before the councils. They will be granted, the opinion in Pittsburg seems to be only on condition that the company agrees to having its gross receipts taxed. There is no question, in the minds of the Pittsburg authorities but that new companies can be thus taxed under the provisions of the new charter, but it is in question in the Scranton case now before the Supreme court as to the rights to impose such a tax on existing companies.

A two per cent. tax on the gross receipts of the Pittsburg public service companies, it is claimed, would raise a revenue of $1,000,000 a year and would enable the city to reduce its annual tax levy four mills. A tax of from three to five per cent., the Pittsburg people think, would not be excessive.

The special committee appointed by Pittsburg councils to deal with local franchise taxes has been advised by the best legal talent that the city has the right to assess the street car lines and oher public franchises by a license tax which is provided for in a section of the new charter act. The committee expects the decision of the Supreme court to be in accordance with the legal advice which they have received, although no move will be made until the Scranton case is settled.

A favorable decision by the court at this particular time would give councils free rein.

OPENING OF MISSIONS.

First Exercises Were Held Yesterday in St. Peter's Cathedral—This Week for Women.

Four members of the Passionist order began the conduction of a three weeks' mission at St. Peter's cathedral yesterday.

A solmen high mass was celebrated at 10.30 o'clock by Rev. Dr. J. J. Loughran, assisted by Rev. P. E. Lavelle as deacon and Rev. P. Boland as sub-deacon. Rt. Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban occupied his throne and was attended by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly and Rev. J. J. Griffin.

Immediately after the first gospel had been sung the acolytes formed in procession and marched to the main door of the cathedral, where they met the four Passionist fathers, all of whom were attired in their habits. Father Gregory bore aloft a large crucifix, and, followed by his fellow priests and the acolytes, he came up the center aisle chanting psalms.

When the sanctuary was reached the four priests knelt before the altar and offered up a special prayer to the Holy Ghost, asking for direction in their work and beseeching that success may crown their efforts. Father Gregory placed the crucifix on the main altar above the tabernacle and there it will remain until the mission is over. He then preached a sermon in which he dwelt particularly upon the opportunities which will be afforded for spiritual improvement during the next two weeks to those who have been luke-warm in their practice of religion.

The coming week will be given over to the women and the first of a series of sermons designed especially for them was delivered last night by Father Gregory. There was also benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. There will be mission masses every morning this week at 5 and 8 o'clock, each to be followed by instructions, and benediction and sermon each night at 7.30 o'clock. The services next week will be for the men of the parish.

There were special instructions for the children yesterday afternoon and these will be continued today and tomorrow at 4 o'clock. The priests who are conducting the mission are Fathers Gregory and Eugene, of this city; Father Albert, of Cincinnati, and Father Norbert, of Baltimore.

Be sure and see the great bill at the Dixie this week—twice daily.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

Miss Harpur and Fred Kibler Have Made Their Selections.

Two more of the winners in The Tribune's recent Educational Contest have chosen scholarships.

Miss Beatrice Harpur, of Thompson, who finished twenty-third, has sent the following letter to The Tribune:

Thompson, Pa., Nov. 26, 1902.
Tribune Publishing Company.
Gentlemen: I received your letter this morning and in reply would say my choice is a scholarship in the International Correspondence schools. I also wish to thank The Tribune for the opportunity to win this scholarship.
Yours respectfully,
Beatrice Harpur.

Fred Kibler, of South Scranton, who was twenty-fourth at the finish, has also chosen a scholarship in the International Correspondence Schools.

The next in line to hear from are Frank B. McCreary, of Hallstead; William Cooper, of Priceburg; Louis Gere, of Brooklyn; Don C. Capwell, of Scranton; Hugh Johnston, of Forest City; Eddie Morris, of South Scranton; Miss Edna Coleman, of Scranton; Walter Hallstead, of Scranton, and Arthur J. Thayer, of South Scranton.

JORDAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Jersey Central Billing Clerk Fell Unconscious and Died.

Thomas H. Jordan, aged 55 years, of 515 Palm street, died very suddenly on Saturday afternoon in the office of Freight Agent H. H. Ashley, of the Jersey Central railroad.

Jordan was employed as a billing clerk and worked at the company's freight house on West Lackawanna avenue. He was a big, hale, hearty looking man, who was seldom ill and Mr. Ashley was much surprised when he came into his office on Saturday afternoon and said that he felt sick. He staggered to a chair and fell into it unconscious.

Dr. Winebrake was summoned, but Jordan died a few minutes after his arrival. Coroner Saltry, who made a post-mortem examination, said that the cause of death was a clotting of blood in the valves of the heart. Jordan is survived by a wife and eight children.

KNELLER EXONERATED.

Fire Captain Declared Not Guilty by Court of Inquiry.

The findings of the court of inquiry appointed by Director of Public Safety Wormser to hear evidence regarding the charges preferred by former Permanent Man Frank Dombacher, against Captain Edward Kneller, of Hose company No. 6, were approved by Recorder Connell on Saturday and were made public.

The members of the investigating board by a unanimous vote found Kneller not guilty and completely exonerated him from all the charges preferred. In their findings the members of the board assert that malice prompted the bringing of the charges. The report was signed by Captains C. E. Tropp, Thomas D. Campbell, M. J. Ruane, Sterling Sinnell and U. B. Bentley.

SUES FORMER PARTNER.

Attorney Wilcox Wants Accounting from Attorney Patterson.

Attorney William A. Wilcox, who recently accepted a position as trust officer of the Title Guaranty and Trust company, has brought a suit in equity against his former law partner, Roswell H. Patterson. He asks that a reciever be appointed and that a general accounting of the firm's business be made and that all moneys due him, including 166 shares of stock of the Consolidated Water Supply company, of Carbondale, be paid over.

Attorneys Wilcox and Patterson entered into partnership on September 30, 1881, and remained as business associates until quite recently. Mr. Wilcox is represented by Willard, Warren & Knapp and Henry Harding.

City and School Taxes 1902.

The above tax duplicates are now in my hands for collection.

F. S. BARKER,
City Treasurer.

Be sure and see Frank Keenan & Co., at the Dixie this week—twice daily

PREPARING FOR THE HEARINGS

OPERATORS AND MINERS ARE HARD AT WORK.

Expert Accountants on Both Sides Going Over the Companies' Books with a View of Agreeing, as Far as Possible, on the Mathematics of the Wage Question—Commissioners to Reassemble Tomorrow and and Have a Conference at Night. First Day May Be of Interest.

The mine strike commissioners will reassemble here tomorrow to proceed with the taking of testimony in the interrupted hearings. Commissioners, Watkins, Clark and Parker, comprising the sub-committee appointed to use the the good offices of the commission in assisting as conciliators in bringing about an amicable adjustment are now in the city.

They do not expect to have any call on their "good offices" as conciliators. The other commissioners have re-engaged their rooms at the Jermyn for an indefinite period, beginning tomorrow. A conference of the commissioners will take place at the Jermyn tomorrow night.

Vice President David Willcox, of the Delaware and Hudson company is the only one of the out-of-town counsel for the coal companies who has arrived. He and James H. Torrey, of this city, local counsel for the Delaware and Hudson, have been conferring for the past few days on the evidence their company will present. The counsel of all the companies are to meet Thursday or Friday to confer about the presentation of their side of the case.

Have Daily Conferences.

President Mitchell, Attorney Darrow, Mr. Lloyd, Dr. Weyl and others of the miners' representatives before the commission, are in daily conference regarding the reopening of their case. The miners' expert accountants are going over the figures of the companies on the matter of wages in pursuance to the suggestion of the commission that such matters of mathematics as can be agreed upon shall pe presented jointly, and without attendant controversy.

There is still a complete absence of any definite knowledge as to how long the sessions of the commission will last. Speculation as to how long the commissioners will be here taking the testimony, fixes the period at from three weeks to three months. Judging from the great mass of evidence the companies have prepared coupled with their determination to have every phase of the controversy thoroughly threshed out before the commissioners, makes the latter guess the more reasonable one.

Dr. Roberts' Testimony.

When the commission adjourned, Rev. Peter Roberts, Ph. D., was on the stand about to be cross-examined by John T. Lenahan, of counsel for the non-union miners.

If the commission takes up the work where it left off the first day of the second sitting of the commission will likely develop some interesting reading matter as Mr. Lenahan, it is understood, has some very pointed questions to put to the miners' witnesses regarding their views on the rights and wrongs of the non-unionist.

Proceedings in Book Form.

Recognizing the widespread interest taken all over the country in the testimony and argument before the Anthracite Strike Commission, The Tribune will print in convenient book form the reports appearing in its columns from day to day, and will offer a limited edition of copies for sale at $1 each. The volume will consist of several hundred pages, eight by eleven inches, and will appear as soon as the commissioners render their decision. The daily reports in The Tribune miss nothing of essential interest and are the fullest and most accurate reports printed in any newspaper. Orders should be sent to The Tribune now as the edition is liable to be exhausted.

CNSERVATORY RECITAL.

It Will be Given Tomorrow Evening in the Parish House.

The fifty-sixth recital of the conservatory will be given tomorrow evening in St. Luke's parish house under the direction of J. Alfred Remington. The following is the programme of pianoforte selections:

Ensemble Class (Four Pianos)—
Sonatina, Opus 58.....Diabelli
Misses Doty, Hessler, Hodges, Knaufhold, Law, Schlager, Watkins, Williams.
Martha Richmond (Green Ridge)—
Peasant Dance, Op 208, No. 5, Baumfelder
Birthday Greeting, Op 66, No. 12..Hiller
Anna Wahl (Scranton)—
Goblin's Revelry, Op. 19.....Ellenberg
Anna Wahl, Margaret Wyley, Margarite Zerbe—
Happy Dream Waltz.....Hallendorf
Helen Hopewell (Scranton)—
Hedge Roses, No. 1.....Spindler
Bessie Pierce (Scranton)—
"Out in the Green," Op 215, No. 1, Giese
Flora Kaufhold (Scranton)—
Mazurka, Op. 8, No. 2.....Von Wilm
Miss Mary Flower (Gouldsboro)—
Valse—Impromptu in A Flat, Von Wilm
Miss Edith Doty (South Scranton), Miss Hazel Hessler (Green Ridge), Miss Nellie Schlager (Scranton), Miss Ethel Watkins (Hyde Park)—
Wild Blossoms (Wilde Bluethen), Krug
Clara Haas (Scranton)—
Spinning Wheel (In Senta's Spinnstube .....Bendel
Miss Gussie Brandt—
Sonatina, Op. 49, No. 1.....Czerny
(Three movements.)
Miss Clara Browning—
Concerto in E Fat Major....Beethoven
The orchestral accompaniment arranged for second piano played by Mr. Pennington.
Ensemble Class (Four Pianos)—
Schiller Festival March.....Meyerbeer
Misses Browning, Crane, French, Gerlock, Hicks, Hirshfeld, Slocum, Wagenhurst.

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Miss Le Vay at Hotel Jermyn.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, with advanced styles in mid-winter millinery and fancy stock collars.

Announcement.

Mrs. R. Bloom, representing B. Mongolies, of No. 736 Broadway, New York, will be at Hotel Jermyn Tuesday, Dec. 2, with a full line of fine furs and Persian Jackets at wholesale prices. Room 166.

Be sure and see the Four Lukins at the Dixie this week—twice daily.