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PERSONAL. W. Hayden Evans, of South Hyde Park avenue, is attending a few days in Philadelphia.

City and School Taxes 1902. The above tax duplicates are now in my hands for collection. F. S. BARKER, City Treasurer.

PROGRAMME OF THE HEARINGS

HAZELTON DISTRICT STORY TO BE HEARD FIRST.

Twenty Witnesses from that Region Arrived Yesterday and Were Drilled by Miners' Attorneys to Take the Stand When the Mine Strike Commission Resumes Its Sessions Today—Still Expecting Amicable Settlement—Commissioners Arrive and Hold Conference.

Contrary to expectations, the miners who are to tell the story of conditions in the Hazelton district instead of from this district, when the hearings before the strike commission are resumed this morning.

A score of men, women and children, who are to tell the story of conditions in the Hazelton district instead of from this district, when the hearings before the strike commission are resumed this morning.

The purpose of taking up the Hazelton district first, instead of the Scranton district, is not divulged by the miners' representative, but it is supposed it is that they may start off their detailed story with a recital of what they contend are the worst conditions existing in the regions.

Still Have Hopes. The fact that in answering the MacVeagh invitation to meet the miners' representatives in Washington, the operators said they thought nothing of the possibility of a settlement, and that the peace negotiations are not permanently abandoned.

Six Women Here. Six of the witnesses who came from Hazelton are women. They are to give testimony as to the cost of living, the necessity of sending children to work at night, their inability even with this help to make ends meet though they practice the strictest economy.

Had a Conference. Bishop Spalding repaired to the Jermyn at 8.20 o'clock and met Judge Gray, Mr. Clark, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Parker. When General Wilson and Colonel Wright came at 10.30 a conference was held and a report heard from Messrs. Clark, Watkins and Parker, the sub-committee left behind to represent the commission as conciliators in the peace negotiations.

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.

Don't forget the sale of Christmas gifts in Penn Avenue Baptist church parlors, Thursday afternoon and evening, December 11.

Miss Susan Dickinson, who has been ill for the past two weeks at the Lackawanna hospital, is convalescent.

Hon. Charles E. Rice, president judge of the Supreme court, has entirely recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis but will not resume his seat on the bench before Jan. 1—Wilkes-Barre News.

SCRANTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC. J. ALFRED PENNINGTON, Director. FIFTY-SIXTH RECITAL. St. Luke's Parish House, This Evening, December 2.

OVER 4,000 WOMEN ATTENDED SERVICE. GIRLS SLID DOWN THE SLIDING POLE

Large Number of Worshippers at the Mission Now Being Held in the Cathedral. Interesting Bit of Evidence in Case Against Fire Captain Bailey, Who Has Been Found Guilty.

The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the charges of intoxication and neglect of duty, preferred against Captain George E. Bailey, of Engine company No. 5, by Superintendent H. E. Feber, yesterday filed a report with Director of Safety Workmen, finding Captain Bailey guilty of both charges.

The court went a little out of its jurisdiction in its report by adding a recommendation that Bailey, who is now under suspension, be reinstated on January 1, reduced to the ranks and transferred to some other company. It is understood that instead of dismissing Bailey from the service, Director of Safety Workmen will follow out some such line of action.

Bailey pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication, at which some very interesting evidence was brought to light. Permanent man William Face testified that on one occasion two young women were in the engine house until after 11 p. m., and in response to pressing inquiries admitted that a number of young Green Ridge girls have been in the habit of sliding down the brass pole leading from the second to the first floor.

Captain Bailey, upon being sworn, said that the two young women who were in the engine house until such a late hour at night were merely waiting for friends and were invited up into the parlor by him because he didn't think the ground floor a proper place for them to wait. He admitted that he had seen the girls sliding down the brass pole on several occasions.

TO BUILD FIFTY HOUSES. Spruks Bros. Have Purchased Large Plot on Pittston Avenue, Near Roaring Brook Bridge.

The firm of Spruks Bros., lumber dealers, have purchased a large portion of what is known as the "Orchard" plot on Pittston avenue, just across the Roaring Brook bridge, and contemplate erecting thereon, within the course of a year or more, no less than fifty dwellings.

The land was purchased from the Lackawanna Iron and Coal company, and comprises about four and a half acres, running from the Roaring Brook bridge to Orchard street on the west side of Pittston avenue, a distance of about a block and three-quarters. The firm is negotiating for the land between Orchard and River streets and may purchase this within a very short time. They contemplate opening Orchard street through to Cedar avenue and erecting no less than fifty single dwellings facing both on Pittston avenue and on Orchard street. These houses will be two and one-half stories high, uniform in construction, surrounded by ordinary sized yards. It is proposed to rent them to persons with families who are earning small salaries, but who may wish desirable homes near the central city. The work of excavation and laying the foundations for several of the dwellings was begun yesterday.

BUILDINGS ARE SAFE. Engineer Blewitt Reports Regarding No. 20 and 40 Schools.

Former City Engineer Patrick Blewitt was recently engaged by the board of control to make a careful examination of the mine workings under No. 20 school, on Cedar Heights, and No. 40 school, on Summit avenue, for the purpose of ascertaining whether these buildings are perfectly safe.

He has presented a report to the building committee, in which he announces as his opinion that these buildings are both safe. The cave-in which recently occurred near No. 20 is all over, in his opinion, and there is no danger of any settlement of the surface about the school. The report has been accepted by the committee.

Account Masagani Grand Opera Company.

At Armory, Scranton, Pa., Monday, December 8, 1902. Arrangements have been made with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company for special rates between Wilkes-Barre and Avoca, and Carbondale and Peckville. Consult local agents as to train service and rates.

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SAYS MEASURE IS ILLEGAL. THE REORGANIZATION ORDINANCE IS ATTACKED.

At a Hearing in the Case of G. W. Jenkins Against the City, Former Judge Carpenter Declared the Ordinance Void, Because It Was Signed After the Councils Which Had Passed It Had Gone Out of Existence—Evidence of Recorder Connell Was Taken.

A most interesting point was raised yesterday by former Judge J. W. Carpenter in an argument before Referee M. V. Lowry in the case brought against the city by G. W. Jenkins, who claims that he is the legal delinquent tax collector of this city, and who is suing to recover salary for thirteen months, ending August 1 last.

It will be remembered that the general reorganization ordinance reorganizing the whole city government provided for a consolidation of the offices of delinquent tax collector and city treasurer. Judge Carpenter in his argument pointed out that this ordinance and everything done under it is illegal and void for several reasons, the most important being that it was not approved by the recorder until the day after the council which finally passed it went out of existence.

Should Have Been Printed. The judge also held that under the original charter of the city and under the provisions of the ordinance, the ordinance should have been printed at once, after its passage, in the newspapers, a course which was not followed out. The other salient part of the judge's argument was that the Supreme court decision established Mr. Jenkins' right to the office until when City Treasurer Robinson was appointed a formal notification of the council should have been sent to Jenkins.

He also held that the city treasurer by failing to file a bond as delinquent tax collector failed to qualify for the place. City Solicitor Watson, in reply, argued that the appointment of Robinson constituted a removal of Jenkins who, he said, has never been delinquent tax collector legally and whose title to the office, admitting that he ever had one, expired on July 8, 1901. He admitted that the approval of the reorganization ordinance, after the council which passed it went out of existence, seemed to be at variance with established precedent, but contended that the same rules which apply to congress and the legislature need not necessarily apply to a municipal council. The first two bodies do not exist for a certain period, while the council always exists.

Witnesses Sworn. The witnesses sworn yesterday included former City Treasurer E. J. Robinson, who testified that he was formally appointed delinquent tax collector by letter on July 8, 1901, by Recorder Connell. He admitted on cross-examination that he never gave a bond, because there was no provision fixing any definite amount for such a bond. Recorder W. L. Connell swore that he sent a letter to Robinson notifying him of his appointment and said that he never recognized Mr. Jenkins' right to the office of delinquent tax collector. His secretary, Mark K. Edgar, testified to having given the letter to Robinson.

METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY. Station, Scranton, Pa., month Sept. 1902. Date, Max. Min. Mean. Nature of day. 1.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 2.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 3.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 4.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 5.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 6.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 7.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 8.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 9.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 10.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 11.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 12.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 13.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 14.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 15.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 16.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 17.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 18.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 19.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 20.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 21.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 22.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 23.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 24.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 25.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 26.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 27.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 28.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 29.....37 31 41 .50 Clear 30.....37 31 41 .50 Clear Mean.....37.1 31.2 41.7

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degrees; date 29th; greatest daily range of temperature, 31 degrees; date, 30; least daily range of temperature, 4 degrees; date, 18th; mean temperature for this month in 1902, 44 degrees; 1901, 25 degrees; mean temperature for this month for 3 years, 41 degrees; average excess of daily mean temperature during month, 2 degrees; accumulated deficiency of daily mean temperature since January 1, 1902, 1.02 per cent. Prevailing direction of wind, southwest; per cent. total movement of wind, 4,737 miles; maximum velocity of wind, direction and date, 32 miles from the northwest on the 22d. Total precipitation, 1.06 inches; number of days with 1/16 inch or more of precipitation, 2; total precipitation (in inches) for this month in 1902, 2.57; 1901, 2.58; average precipitation for this month for 3 years, 2.38 inches; total deficiency in precipitation during month, 0.61 inches; accumulated excess precipitation since January 1, 2.34 inches; No. of clear days, 4; partly cloudy days, 11; cloudy days, 13. Dates of frost: Light, none recorded; heavy, none recorded; killing, none recorded. Mean snow-fall, 2.1 inches.

Frederic H. Clarke, Local Forecast Official.

ALL FROM OUT OF TOWN. Three Lists of Words for The Tribune's Junior Educational Contest.

Three more lists of words came to the contest editor yesterday in The Tribune's Junior Educational Contest. They were all from outside of Scranton, and it looks as if the boys and girls in the smaller towns were either more ambitious or more anxious to win a cash present for Christmas than their city cousins. The lists received yesterday came from:

Clarence Calvert, Green Grove, Pa. Harris Glanville, Pleasant Mount, Pa. Louise Edgar, Honesdale, Pa. John Gadwood, the popular barber, formerly with Griffith, has accepted a position with A. H. Young's new hair shop, 423 Spruce street, where his old friends will find him with every convenience for doing first-class work.

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