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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Judge Robert Von Moschizsker, of Philadelphia.

AUDITOR GENERAL, A. E. SISSON, of Erie.

STATE TREASURER, Jeremiah A. Stober, of Lancaster.

JURY COMMISSIONER, W. H. Bullock.

Harry K. Thaw's resolution never to take another drink or to carry a gun, will probably be properly kept—so long as he resides in the Mattewan asylum, unless the officials there have queer rules.

"Robert Bacon, a man of wealth, will be appointed Ambassador to France," says the Philadelphia Star. Why certainly. Did ever any one hear of a man who didn't have wealth being appointed Ambassador to anywhere?

"Prison for dealers in white slaves is a mild form of punishment. There ought to be a tread mill or stone-breaking job for them," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. We demur. They are the only so-called human beings who should be electrocuted.

"Fine, imported sardines, packed in olive oil," sold by several stores in Pittsburg, were found by the state Pure Food Commissioner, to be just common, ordinary, everyday "chubs" and the "olive oil" a product of peanuts. Seven dealers were arrested, who pleaded ignorance of the fraud.

The Pennsylvania Railroad reports that more perishable freight was shipped by farmers of Southern New Jersey during the month of July than in any previous month in the history of that section. A million and a half dollars worth of produce was distributed over the New England states, the Middle West and Canada from points located on the West Jersey and Seashore railroad, and a part of the Pennsylvania system.

The aesthetic, soulful city of Des Moines, Ia., is about to equip all its factories with calliopes instead of whistles—the latter "make such a discordant noise." When the 150 steam plants of the city play the workman's 7 o'clock "assembly"—"I Can't Get 'Em Up," for instance—all in different times and tones, Honesdale's enterprising steam sereechers will be Eolian harps as compared to the fendish racket that will ensue. A newspaper man is said to have originated the scheme, and we are ashamed of him.

Arthur Haas, a despondent young man, of 26 years, performed a new and novel hanging, upon himself, in Pittsburg, Friday. He attached a rope, ten feet long, to the topmost post, tied the other end around his neck, straddled the banister—and slid, until he was brought up by the taut rope. It was a perfect job. His neck was dislocated. This is a valuable idea for people who now "humanely" shock people to death by electricity. By placing criminals feet foremost into a cannon, with this rope attachment, how much more beautifully the candidate would be "exported," when the match was applied.

In New York State a law goes into effect Sept. 1st, 1909, which provides that children, under 16 years, cannot be convicted of any "crime" except murder; all other offenses will be "juvenile" delinquencies." Among them are eloped burglary, larceny, etc. Why not include murder? That would be just as much of a "juvenile delinquency," in fact, as the others mentioned. New York in its extreme "philanthropy" toward the rising generation, is preparing to turn loose upon the world more criminals than ever, for do not think that the old criminals will not take immediate advantage of this foolish law, by employing these new "immunes" to do their work.

Mrs. Alma V. Lafferty is now the only woman member of the Colorado legislature. She has made a splendid record. She is a wife and mother, and a good housekeeper.

The average Congressional journey from home to the National Capital is 762 miles, and figured on the basis of three cents a mile, which is almost liberal enough to include Pullman charges in most sections, the Congressmen average \$22.86 for every trip.

Judge Sadler, of Carlisle, last week sentenced Frank Kauppman, who had been convicted of stealing brass from the Cumberland R. R. Co., to two years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$5 and costs. We note this to give the public to understand that it mustn't steal brass. If you wish to do something bad, rob a bank. Your chances to escape punishment are greater.

An aquarium six by six feet in dimensions is being constructed in the State Museum for the housing of some of the queerer varieties of fish and turtles found in the streams of the State. Curator Rothrock, of the museum, already has several specimens for the collection. These are some soft-shelled turtles and some dogfish from the Susquehanna river. That the Susquehanna, unless at its mouth, contained dogfish, will be news to most people.

The Stroudsburg Jeffersonian is responsible for the statement that prisoners in the Carbon County Jail, have, it has been discovered by the commissioners of that county, been detained in that prison for weeks after sentences have expired, so that the sheriff could get 45 cents per day for feeding and caring for them. If that is true, the one who illegally detains them should, himself, be legally detained for a while.

Six hundred delegates, representing the sixty-five thousand Knights of Pythias of this State, are in Wilkes-Barre at the forty-second annual State convention. The sessions are to be held in Iron Temple and will continue until Friday. Much interesting and important business is to be transacted at this convention and among the chief things will be a proposed reduction in the initiation fee and the lowering of the age limit.

When some unfortunate marries a girl who doesn't know and doesn't desire to know how to cook a decent meal of victuals, he is disgusted, and at once concludes that all girls are alike in that respect. He then gives vent to his disappointment in some newspaper, like the Carbondale Leader, arraigning the whole girl outfit of the country. That is nonsensical. There isn't one girl in a dozen, who is of marriageable age, but who does know how to cook, and the "soft impeachment" simply makes the man and the paper ridiculous.

BACK TO MATTEAWAN.

Harry K. Thaw, by the decision of Justice Mills, handed down on Thursday last, is still insane and was remanded to Mattewan Asylum. The prisoner took the decision coolly. His only statement was a denial of the assertion that in the court's opinion he still had the same delusion that had driven him to commit homicide.

The determination, that as a prisoner, he has not yet recovered, is based principally on the opinion of Dr. Baker, Assistant Superintendent at Mattewan. "All such authorities are public officers with no conceivable motives except to do their duty," says the court. The court is more convinced by the testimony by the alienist for the state than by the prisoner's experts. Thaw evidently made a bad impression upon the Justice by his actions both on and off the witness stand.

The Scranton Republican is of the opinion, and very properly, too, that when a woman or man resorts to the excuse of "hypnotic power," to excuse themselves of wrong-doing with another, it is simply cowardly and low-lived. The cause is almost invariably in his or her own inclination, and afterward in lack of principle. "It is characteristic of many people," says the Republican, "that they wish to shift the blame of their deeds upon another. The most accommodating refuge for a woman is in the hypnotic theory, while for a man the 'unwritten law' remains a convenient apology. Both are equally cowardly and insufficient as providing a motive."

The new Lackawanna freight depot in Scranton, now in process of construction, will represent an expenditure of \$60,000.

President Taft has employed a Boston fat-destroyer who says he will reduce the President's weight thirty pounds in one month. It is to be hoped that success may attend his efforts. Not that it is any particular business of ours, yet we have a natural anxiety as regards the personal appearance of the "first gentleman of America."

The New York Labor Bulletin issued under the direction of State Commissioner of Labor John Williams, shows a substantial increase in prosperity, particularly among the wage earners. The percentage of idleness among organized wage earners in New York State, which at the end of March, 1908, was 35.7 per cent., or the highest on record for that date since 1896, was at the end of March of the present year, 21.1 per cent. returns representing over 350,000 wage earners.

THE D. & H. RAILROAD.

Delaware & Hudson's report for the half year ended June 30th last shows an increase in gross earnings of \$407,214, or 4.6 per cent., over the same period a year ago, and a comfortable lead in net of \$206,748 equivalent to 6.1 per cent.

Comparatively speaking the year 1908 was a trying period for the D. & H., although the company was enabled to show 12.39 per cent. earned on its capitalization of \$42,400,000. In that year the net earnings of the coal company fell off \$104,365, compared with the previous year, the decline, however, being due to the increased expenses, the gross receipts showing a gain of \$252,701 over 1907. Railroad net earnings declined to the extent of \$782,000.

While it is yet too early to forecast the year's showing with any degree of accuracy, it will not be misleading to state that on the basis of the six months' earnings, the twelve months will show something like 13.5 per cent. earned on the capital stock. This statement is conservative in view of the fact that there is every reason for believing that the last six months will make a much better comparative showing than the first half year.

Old Home Week Committees Meet.

Thursday evening last the committees on Old Home Week met for consultation and instruction.

The session was called to order by president, J. D. Weston. Minutes read and approved.

Signmond Katz reported that 1,000 large posters had been ordered for the outside towns, advertising the week's events. The matter of programme was then taken up and the following, after due deliberation, was adopted:

Monday, Labor Day, the 6th—Reception of guests, two baseball games, morning and afternoon. Band concert in the evening.

Tuesday—Civic and labor parade in the afternoon; speech making at the court house after parade. Lawrence band, of Scranton, will give concert in the evening; fireworks will be displayed from Irving Cliff and a boat carnival held on Park lake.

Wednesday—Firemen's parade, including visiting companies. Baseball at 4:30 p. m. Evening entertainment the same as preceeding night.

Thursday—Dedication new High school building at 2 o'clock. Baseball in afternoon and band concert in the evening.

Chairman M. J. Kelly, of the music committee, stated that satisfactory arrangements had been made with Mr. Lawrence, of Scranton, for his band to play from Tuesday to Thursday inclusive and that the Honesdale Cornet Band and Maple City Drum Corps have also been secured to furnish music for the celebration. Stated that they were within apportionment allowed by executive committee.

Chairman John Erk, finance; Hon. F. P. Kinable, speakers; Martin Canfield, privileges; F. W. Schuerholz, athletics, all reported progress in their respective committees.

W. J. Ferber, of the firemen committee reported that the Alert Hook and Ladder company had invited Hawley, Narrowsburg, Honesdale, Port Jervis and Carbondale, and the Chemical Engine company of Texas No. 4, Forest City. The home companies have not received acceptance from all invited companies as yet.

W. P. Snyder, civic parade, boats, etc., reported that 18 different social and fraternal organizations of the town had been notified and were asked to furnish boats for the parade. Of the number the following have responded: Knights of Columbus, Maennerchor, Business Men's Association, Murray Company, hardware dealers, will be represented by other business firms. Mayor Kuhnbach said his committee,

that of invitations, was ready to act at once; that as soon as the invitations are printed they would be taken care of by the committee.

Hon. W. H. Dimmick, chairman of reception of guests, was not present.

Robert Murray, of the fireworks committee, stated that an expert was in Honesdale and held a conference with him regarding the high points surrounding Honesdale to display the fireworks and that he decided upon Irving Cliff as it would eliminate the danger problem if that point were used. Mr. Murray asked for an extra appropriation of \$35 over the allotted amount of \$100. He claimed the expert would furnish a programme of 18 numbers, each evening for \$50 per night, the extra amount \$35, being for the expert. The display could be seen for two miles from the cliff and would last from 40 to 50 minutes.

H. H. Richards, of the decorating committee, asked for \$100 additional to amount apportioned him. Claimed that it was impossible to build arches and do the necessary trimming on \$200. Stated that Mr. Fuhrman would furnish street stringers for \$2 a piece, of different colors, which would make a continuous decoration from one end of Main street to the other. It would take from 60 to 70 banners to decorate Main street. The meeting then adjourned.

NEARBY NEWS.

Masked burglars have caused a reign of terror in Mayfield, Simpson and Jermy last week. No less than seven places have been entered, and, while little money has been secured, the masked men who have broken into houses have thoroughly cowed the inhabitants of the towns mentioned.

Samuel Darkes, employed as a cigarmaker in the factory of Miles Bressler, at Freeland, Luzerne county, committed suicide, at 10 o'clock Friday morning by shooting himself in the head with a 35 calibre revolver. The ball lodged in his brain and it is presumed that his death was instantaneous.

An unknown man, supposed to be an employe of the Scranton Coal company, was instantly killed and his body horribly mangled by being run over by a D. & H. train near Mayfield Sunday last at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The body was taken to the morgue of Undertaker Henerick, but has not been identified.

At Dalton, Pa., Charles Cummings, a chauffeur, on Saturday evening, was terribly burned, and the automobile he was trying to fix, while a bystander held a lighted lamp, was totally destroyed by an explosion. The trouble was caused by the lamp being held too near the gasoline tank. It is thought that Cummings will recover, if he is not too badly burned internally.

Fighting foreigners mixed things up in another stabbing affray at Mayfield Thursday night. The fight was the culmination of a drinking orgy in a big boarding house. John Marcheck was stabbed in the left lung by George Schufelski. The assailant and another one of the brawlers are in the county jail.

William S. Weaver, of Just Right Place, Scranton, father of Belle Weaver, the girl killed by a railroad train in Canada, July 6, and who was himself reported missing August 6, has returned home. From his investigation Mr. Weaver is convinced that the girl's death was entirely accidental, that she was run down while walking the railroad track.

Watching a street sprinkler, an eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, of Peckville, slipped from the bench on which he was standing and was impaled on a sharp picket, which pierced his abdomen. He was hurried home and an operation performed by Dr. J. B. Grover, of Peckville, and assisted by Dr. Roberts of Scranton.

Joseph Wamass, who was shot at Glen Lyons last Wednesday, died at the Mercy hospital, Saturday. Stanley Wolciewski, of Glen Lyons, is under arrest charged with having done the shooting.

The young man accused of the shooting is the son of a farmer and the shooting is said to have occurred while Wamass was picking an apple in Wolciewski's orchard. This is denied, the defendant saying that he and his father were in Moganaga at the time of the shooting.

Scranton led the country in the July showing of new buildings constructed, according to the total amount of valuation. In the issue of the American Contractor, which is the recognized organ of building interests throughout the country, the palm for July is given to that city, the percentage of increases over the same month in the preceding year being .334. The next nearest increase in the list of all the leading cities of the country is that of Denver, with its .229 per cent. Bridgeport comes third with .205, while Wilkes-Barre trails far down the list with a loss of .147. Scranton's increase in July was .334, or a total valuation of \$1,138,586, as compared with \$256,528 for July, 1908.

Susie, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stebbins, of Little Meadows, was fatally burned on Thursday, Aug. 5, while playing with a burning torch made by lighting a "cat-tail" or swamp flag, saturated in kerosene.

Andrew Gondonich, living at 17 Green place, Pine Brook, was struck on the head by a falling brick while passing a building in the 900 block Olive street, Scranton. His skull is probably fractured and his head severely cut. He is at the State hospital.

An unknown man, apparently an Italian, aged about 35 years, was struck by the west-bound Black Diamond Express about 5 o'clock Thursday evening at a point near Midvale and instantly killed, his remains being horribly mangled. They were put aboard the train and taken to Pittston where they were turned over to the care of Undertaker Howell by Deputy Coroner Smith.

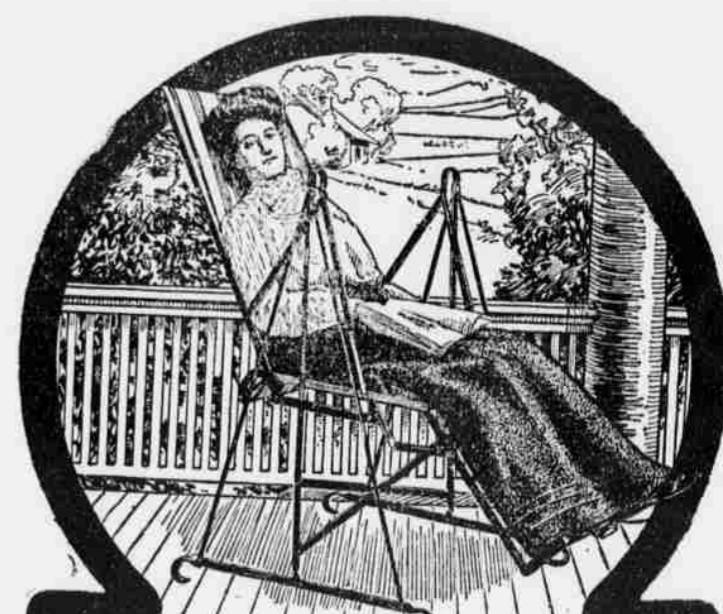
After enjoying a day of sport, fishing at a summer resort, James Skuse, a resident of Yatesville, met instant death while hurrying to catch the 6:05 train for home. While running he stubbed his shoe against a piece of rail that is used to convey the handcar into a small shanty, and with the force he fell over the viaduct striking the ground on a pile of stones. Death was almost instantaneous.

Awakened by something on her face, Mrs. John McKnight, of Shartlesville, seized the object and was horrified to feel it squirm in her hand. She hurled it aside and it fell upon the neck of her sleeping husband, who sprang out of bed with a yell of terror. Then he jumped back in bed again, and for several minutes man and wife waited in pitchy darkness while they could hear something sliding about on the floor. When the noise ceased McKnight got up and lit a lamp.

After a long search he found a black-snake coiled under the sewing machine. It was promptly dispatched.

Revival meetings will be held in the church in Torrey, beginning on Wednesday evening, September 1st. Rev. Benj. F. Watts, of Reading, will assist the pastor.

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