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LOTTERY KING JAILED.

GENERAL AGENT WURTZBERGER AR RESTED AT WILKES-BARRE.

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What is considered to be the biggest lottery business outside of New York or New Orleans was broken up at Wilkes-Barre by the police last week, when John Wurtzberger and his staff of clerks were arrested. Wurtzberger, who is known as the lottery king, is about five feet high and very stout and jolly looking. A dozen, years ago he was a big grocery man, but failed, owing to his goodness of heart, having trusted people who never paid him, to the extent of \$40,000. About ten years ago he first became a lottery agent and then gradually increased the business until last year it reached the amount of \$120,000. According to his carefully kept accounts his patrons number-every class and profession from the society man to the tramp, the banker to the mine laborer, and from boys hardly in their teens to men too feeble to leave their homes, and also a goodly number of women.

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Wurtzberger's place of business was in the Coal-Fxchange, on Public Square, right in the heart of the city and in one of the most prominent buildings. The rooms are on the second floor and right next door is the office of an alderman. The office is luxuriantly furnished, and three clerks are employed by Wurtzberger to help him in the business. He also has agents in almost every town and hamlet in Luzerne and many adjoining counties. Wurtzberger has told friends that he sent over \$8,000 every month out of the city to the numerous lotterles herepresents. His sub-agencies in other towns send in the balance of the \$120,000 a year, which is the amount of his business outside of his commissions, which represents fully \$10,000 or \$20,000 more as the actual amount paid him for lottery tickets.

The chief companies for which he sold tickets are the "Royal Havana Guarantee Loan Company," "The Louisiana of Kansas City," "Montana of Butte," "City of Mexico," "Original Juarez Company" and others.

The business was conducted so openly that the police were disarmed. The office was right under their eyes, anybody was welcome to it, and the absonce of all secreey put the police off their quard. They have known the business was going on for years, but it was not until a father whose son had squandered large amounts appealed to the police on Thursday that Mayor Nichols decided to act.

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over to the police station. The police took in charge a lot of prize lists and a heap of tickets of all denominations, the lowest being ten cents. At the police court Wurtzberger pleaded guilty, was fined \$50 and held in \$500 brill for trial.

The extent of Wurtzberger's operations are evident from a look through his books. Sales of from ten cents to several thousand dollars are recorded. Most of the business men at the county seat dabbled in the lottery, and the officeholders and politicians were heavy speculators. The Polanders and Hungarians about the mines bought extensively and so did a great many clerks, while women made good customers.

George A. Lohman, who committed suicide a short time ago, was financially embarrassed, it is said, owing to his heavy investments in lottery tickets. He was Wurtzberger's best customer and spent thousands of dollars with him. He placed great faith on the tickets winning sufficient to null him out of his winning sufficient to null him out of his

heavy investments in lottery tickets. He was Wurtzberger's best customer and spent thousands of dollars with him. He placed great faith on the tickets winning sufficient to pull him out of his financial trouble, and only waited long enough before committing the tragic act which ended his life to compare what lottery tickets he held with the winning numbers of the drawing previous to his death.

Ex-Banker F. V. Rockafellow, who is now in Cherry Hill for falling to take proper care of other people's money, was also a heavy buyer. When his bank was closed a starch box was found in his private office filled with lottery tickets. Everybody knows the size of an ordinary starch box and can very readily form an approximate idea of how many thousands of dollars would necessarily have to be invested to buy sufficient tickets to fill a box of this size. Those found were probably only a small measure of what the old and once respected banker bought from the time he succumbed to the influence until the crash came which sent him to a prison cell and many of his depositors into poverty.

On the other hand, there have been some big winnings in Wilkes-Barre. In 1890 Jesse Boyd, a machinist at the Lehigh Valley shops, and Jacob Anstett, each held half a ticket in a big lottery which won a \$30,000 prize, and they split it in two, each taking \$15,000. This

\$30,000 prize was collected through the bank of F.-V. Rockafellow & Co., and those who know say it was this transaction that prompted the old banker to begin investing in the lottery.

The police are not quite sure how Wurtzberger transacted his business with the lottery companies, whether he used the mails or express, but they state they will make a thorough investigation and clean out the business entirely. The exposure has caused a big sensation.

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Important Bill to Miners.

A joint committee of anthracite and bituminous mine operators, miners and inspectors have agreed upon a bill which creates a mining department, which shall have control over all mining affairs now in charge of the department of internal affairs, and all books, papers and records relating thereto now in charge of that and the auditor general's department. The head of the new department is to he known as the commissioner of mining. He is to be a civil engineer or other person fully qualified by scientific knowledge and experience, and shall also have passed the examination for mine inspector with a rating of 92 per cent.

The bill also provides that a mining commissioner shall not act or practice as a land agent, or as a manager, viewer or agent of any colliery, nor shall he be interested therein. This commissioner shall be appointed within thirty days after the passage of the act and shall held office for four years. His salary is fixed at \$4,000 per year and traveling expenses. He shall give a bond in the sum of \$10,000. Five clerks are authorized for the department.

The mine commissioner shall devote his whole time to the work and shall advise and consult with the mine inspectors, establish forms of their reports and authority to enter and examine mines. Nothing, however, in this law abridges the privileges or duties of mine inspectors as at present established.

On a petition of not less than ten persons, operators or miners, he shall investigate all charges of neglect, incompetency or maileasance in office against mine inspectors, and petition a court of common pleas in the district to inquire concerning them, and if sustained the court shall notify the governor, who shall declare the office of 'inspector vacant and appoint an inspector as now provided by law.

Knights of Malta Convocation.

Commencing on Tuesday, May 7, the

On Tuesday morning the delegates will again meet at the opera house and hold two sessions daily until the business of the grand lodge is completed.

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New Engines for the Valley.

The Lehigh Valley is getting twenty-five new engines from the Baldwin works of Philadelphia, a number of which will be ready for shipment today. The company is also in the market for six passenger engines which will be designed after the 656 class. In addition to this the company is building two for fast passenger service at South Easton and have ordered the Schenectady works to construct three heavy engines for ordinary every day use.

Grand Ball Tonight.

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Beneficial Society, at Freeland operahouse. Admission, 50 cents.

March 18.—Ball of the C. B. A., of Oneida, at Regla's hall, Sheppton. Admission, 50 cents.

March 26.—Lecture by Prof. W. Cameron Ferguson, on.—'Hypnetism," at St. John's Reformed church. Adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents.

March 30.—"Policeman's Luck," comedy drama, by the Juvenile Dramatic Company, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 5 and 10 cents.

April 22.—Ball of the Shamrock Drum Corps, of Eckley, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

BURGLARS ABOUT.

An unsuccessful attempt was made early Friday morning to rob the resi-dence of Rev. Cyril Guvolich, pastor of St. Mary's Greek Catholic church. The

other but as Rev. Guvolich is quite a strong man he soon freed himself and sprang into a small side room, locking the door behind him.

In the meantime the housekeeper, Mrs. Tacharus, became alarmed at the noise below, and she began calling for help from a second-story window. This frightened the burglars, who prepared to depart, but before doing so fired a shot into the door of the room which the priest entered. The bullet struck the door jamb and imbedded itself in the wookwork.

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Today's Celebration. The following is the programme for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Freeland:

ORDER OF PARADE Chief Marshal—Rev. M. J. Fallihed Aids—Hugh Malloy, M. J. Moran. Clergy in Carriages. Carriages and Horsemen.

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FIRST DIVISION.

St. Patrick's Cornet Band.

St. Patrick's Beneficial Society.

Tirolese Society.

St. Vigillo's Society.

St. John's Slavonian Society.

St. Michael's Greek Society.

Garibaldi Beneficial Society.

St. Kasimer's Polish Society.

Slavonian Band. Young Men's T. A. B. Society Drum Corps.
St. Ann's Pioneer Corps.
Pioneer Reserve Corps.
St. Mary's Cadets, of Eckley.
Mary's T. A. B. Society, of Eckley.

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THIRD DIVISION.
Freeland Drum Corps.
Division 19, A. O. H.
Shamrock Drum Corps.
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Liberty Drum Corps.
Division 6, A. O. H.
Parishioners.
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ROUTE OF PARADE Luzerne, to the church, where the so ties will be dismissed.

A Lecture on Hypnotism.

John F. Halbach, advance agent for Prof. W. Cameron Ferguson, of New York city, was here last week and completed arrangements for a lecture upon "Hypnotism," or, as it is often called, "Mesmerism." Prof. Ferguson is known of the most advanced scholars in marry, has recently pleted arrangements for a lecture upon "Hypnotism," or, as it is often called, "Mesmerism." Prof. Ferguson is known as one of the most advanced scholars in this science in the country, has recently returned from an extended visit to London, England, where he fully investigated the subject. The history of hypnotism will be given from the time of Mesmer down to the present day, and how it is applied in two of the leading hospitals in Paris, where it is used in place of drugs and surgical operations are performed painlessly with its aid. Besides treating the subject fully the professor will give several practical illustrations on the stage, and explain who can be hypnotized, who can hypnotize and what it is.

The lecture will take place at St. John's Reformed church on Tuesday evening, March 26, under the auspices of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society.

Still Hearing the Coxe Case.

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There was another meeting before Examiner Henry P. Brown on Friday in United States District Attorney Ingham's office, Philadelphia, in the interstate commerce—Coxe Bros. vs. Lehigh Valley Railroad suit. The case has been pending for some years and it is brought.

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ass Laura Koons was tender, faral reception at the rooms of German Social Club on Friday even in upon her return home from West Cheter normal school.

The Halelton Liberty band will celebrate the anniversary of Lee's surrender on April 9. The band was through the war and was present at Appotomax when the struggle ended.

Christopher C. Jones, warden of the county jail, died on Saturday morning fitter an illness of two days. The prison commissioners have appointed Charles have eappointed by the fourth district temperance societies to secure a speaker of rallies in-the towns of this region. He will lecture in Harleton on Sunday, April 39; Beaver Meadow, May 1; Harlington the band against the liquor trade this spring and summer.

Contest Ended.

The contest for the lady's gold watch, we the benefit of the Eckley Catholiurch, closed on Saturday even amounts collected are as Rose Campbell, 8304.509 pic, \$364.50; Miss M total, \$600. Mil of the winner in the wi

scribed.

Base Ball Season to Open.

The Tigers will open the base ball season in Hazleton on Saturday, April 20, by a game with the State league club. They will also play in Hazleton on Saturday, April 27, and will open the season in Freeland on April 28 by a game with the same club. The Tigers will be strengthened much over last year, and Manager Gillespie expects to be able to put up a strong game against the leaguers.

Officers Installed.

The following officers of Garfield Commandery, No. 6, Knights of Malta, were nstalled at the last meeting by the district denuty:

installed at the last meeting by the dis-trict deputy:
Generalissimo—Owen Fritzinger.
Captain general—B. F. Rute.
Prelate—Joseph Sensenbach.
Senior warden—James Bell.
The remaining officers will probably
be installed this evening.

valve.

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On April 1.

On April 1 the hotel at Main and Fern streets, formerly conducted by George Malinkey, will be reopened by Charles Seesholtz, who will keep on hand a complete assortment of whisky, wines, beer etc., and he extends an invitation to all his friends and the public in general to call there on or after that date.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS. Have You

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

ynopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Oc-currences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

The members of the borough could meet on Wednesday evening.

The Hazleton hospital was inspected a committee from the legislature of

house tonight.

Many of the students attending the normal schools are home to enjoy the Easter vacation.

The promoters—of the Grow county scheme are still working and have great confidence that they will be successful.

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W. S. Bittner, of Lansford, has leased
the Cottage hotel from the proprietor,
Fred Haas, and will assume charge on
April 1.
The temperance society of Harwood
was presented with a handsome American flag yesterday by Calvin Pardee, of
Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.

Andrew Pfaff, one of Freeland's former residents, but now of Philadelphia, is here this week in the interest of the Catholic Times.

Ninety-seven of the 540 Lehigh Valley engineers between Easton and Buffalo.

share.

Lewis Pascuto, who pleaded guilty at Pottsville to the killing of another Italian at Honey Brook a few months ago, was sentenced on Friday to pay a fine of \$50, the cost of the case and undergo an imprisonment of fifteen years in the eastern penitentiary.

Constables Denis Gallagher and M. J. Constables Denis Gallagher and M. J.

Constables Donis Gallagher and M. J Mulvey were arrested on a charge of blackmail at Wilkes-Barre. They are accused by Daniel Ressinger, of Forty-fort, who claims they extorted \$25 from him because he was found walking with a married woman. The constables are

Geo. W. Faltz will remove his barb

Dr. N. MALEY, DENTIST

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