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# THE STAND

Refused to Tell Commission Amount of Profits.

Legal and Moral View of the Boycott Given by a Clergyman--Miners Are Ready End Their Side of Case.

stitution."
"But, Father, how much farther would

you go?
"I would advise my friends not to patronize that merchant," said the wit-

ness.
"Just so," said the judge, "but you would not boycott me if I refused to boycott the merchant, would you?"
"Oh no, I would not," answered the

cott the merchant, would you?

"Oh no, I would not," answered the witness.

"That's where I draw the line," the commissioner rejoined.

Nothing that the hearings evoked was listened to with more intense interest than this exportion of the legal and moral view of the boycott.

The interest called several witnesses who told of conditions at the collieries of A. Pardee & Co. One of them was a boy, who said he lost a leg in the mines, received nothing for its loss, but instead when he returned to work the company took his father's debt off his wages.

Three witnesses who are employed in the mines of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, were called to testify to the sizes of the cars at the company's collieries. They claimed their size was increased without a corresponding increase in pay.

**Christmas** 

Games

FREE

John William Griffith, superintendent of schools of Nanticoke, was called to the stand to show that miners' children do not go as high in the school grades as the children of other parents, which corroborates testimony given by other school superintendents.

It now begins to look as though the commission would be able to conclude the taking of testimony in three weeks, not taking into account the Christmas recess. Attorney Clirence Darrow, of counsel for the miners, said to the commission that his side would in all probability floish its direct testimony this week. D. J. McCarthy, another of the miners' attorneys, said afterwards that his side is about ready to quit at any time now when the commissioners indicate that they have had enough of such information, as the miners are presenting.

gyman--Miners Are Ready to End Their Side of Case.

The representatives of the miners during the course of yesterday's proceeding before the Strike Commission called one of the independent operators to the winers stand to tell the exact price he received for his coal, and the mine owner redused, giving instead after much questioned, giving instead after much questioned, president of the People's Coal Company, which operates the Oxford Cooliery, in Scranton. The request for him to take the stand came as a surprise. The Oxford colliery during the strike managed to get enough men to operate the plant, and for one month, according to Mr. Crawford, his company received So a ton for its coal.

The atterneys for the operators objected to the inquiry proceeding along the lines of what a company's profile were. Mr. Darrow said he called the witness to show that the coal companies are well ashe to giv a min the coal companies are well ashe to giv a min the coal companies are well ashe to giv a min the coal companies are well ashe to giv and the there was very little violence. He sympathized with the men becauge he believed their cause was justed for without putting it on the coal companies are well ashe to giv and the there was very little violence. He sympathized with the men becauge he believed their cause was justed to a case of a hotel keeper in his parish boing compelled to go out of business. If and had done everything honorable to avoid the strike.

An interesting colloquy took place between Judge Gray and Rev. O'Donnell, and the differentiate, said the witness, "and I felt it was to more merchants I would feel justified in doing so."

"Or course I agree with you so far," said the judge.

"A temperance society, for instance, has for its primal purpose the beyoctting of saloons, and no one will accuse a temperance society of being an evil in december of a case of a hotel keeper in his parish boing compelled to go out of business because to the interest of my organization to refain frym patronizing sense of the proc

and general commission and protested vigorously against the commission holding his company responsible for the conditions that may exist at the Coxe or Markle m.nes. He was quickly stopped by Chairman Gray, who said that the commission did not intend to hold any company responsible for whatever special conditions may exist in other parts of the coal fields. While none of the attorneys for the other coal-carrying roads said anything to the commission they stated privately that Mr. Wilcox's attitude in the matter had their indorsement.

TITLE OF COMMISSION CHANGED

### Died at Wilkesbarre.

William Jones, a former resident of Freeland and Upper Lebigh, died yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jones, Wilcesbarre, aged 48 years. Death was the result of an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was known to his friends by the name of "Bill Mathew." He was unmarried, and in addition to his parents is survived by one brother, Edward, of Birkbeck street, and one sister, Mrs. David Thomás, of Upper Lebigh.

The remains will be taken on Monday to Statington, where the interment will be made.

### Store Order Suit.

The question of the constitutionality of the store order tax bill is to be tested in the supreme court. Attorney General Elkin believes, in spite of the decision of Judge Simonton, that the law is constitutional and will take an appeal to the higher court, which will be argued next May, when the court meets again. The papers are now being prepared and must be filed within thirty days after the decision was rendered. It is possible that there will be further legislation on this subject at the next session of the legislature.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A Oswald. There is none better made. Holiday novelties and candies, Merkt's

### ROUND THE REGION.

Mine Inspector Pytherick has force the Lehigh Vailey Company to she down its William A. colli-ry at Durse. During the strike the Lackiawanna Com-pany abandoned the Haistead mine, a joining the William A., and the worl-ings filled with water: The walls be tween the two mines are very thin and it targed the William A. might be drown

to say to you. See the fourth page.

Acting on instructions given by Judge Craig, Monros county grand jury yesterday investigated the escape of Charles Grether, the convicted murderer, from the county prison. As a result Sheriff Y. O. Mervine, Deputy Sheriff John Mervine, the former's son, and Watchman William H. Reinhart, a brother-inlaw of the sheriff, have been indicted.

An order has been issued by the Eric Company forbidding any of its employees from engaging in other business while employed by the company. Many of the mine workers had been in the grocery, liquor and candy business on a small scale.

Boys' overcoats, long cut, \$5, worth \$8.50 to \$12, a@Refowich's.

At Pittsburg yesterday a jury in a case against the United States Express Company in an action to recover damages for the loss of a buildog in transportation gave judgment for \$800 in favor of the plaintiff.

The will of the late Benjamin Barge of Mauch Chunk, leaves \$75,000 to Yale university for the establishment of a chair of romance, also \$5,000 to the same institution for scholarships.

Felt boots and rubbers at Refowich'

Basket Ball Game.

The season's opening game of basket ball, between the Crescent and Hazleton clubs, under the management of the Crescent Athlette Association, took place at Krell's hall Wednesday evening. The Clitzens' band was present and enlivened the audience, which was large and appreciative. The hall was marked, posts padded and the baskets placed at each end.

Referce Herbst, of Freeland, opened the game. The teams played fast and succeeded in arousing the audience to a high pitch and much applause followed when either side secured a basket by some clever throw.

The first half ended in favor of Hazleton by a score of 12 to 5.

After a selection by the band, Referce Barnhart, of Hazleton, opened the final half, which was much faster, with better playing by both teams.

The score at the end stood: Hazleton, 27; Crescent, 11.

The line up was:

Crescent. Positions. Hazleton. Electon.

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в	D'Donnell-Dav	isForward	P. Man
	Welsh	Centre	H. Man
ě	Stolz	Guard	····· Downing
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١,	Field goals-	H. Maue 5; P.	rosser 2; Rich 4
,	Fimekeepers	Velsh 3; Stolz	1; O'Donnell 1
	- mencepere	wear and Low	DII.

Timekeepers—Wear and Poweli.

The next game here will be played on Wednesday evening, when the Crescent club will have the Wilkesbarre Y, M. C. A. as its opponent. Several other games are booked for the season and basket bail promises to become an entertaining pastime during the winter months.

## Three Miners Killed.

The Wooming region was the scene of another terrible mine accident last evening which cost three lives, a fourth man being fatally hurt. Four men in the employ of the Kingston Coal Company at No. 3 slope, Kingston, were waiking behind a trip of loaded cars. When the cars had nearly reached the mouth of the slope, the coupling broke and the train started down the slope at a terrific rate of speed. Before the men could get out of the way, the cars dashed into them and three were killed outright.

dashed into them and wheel and outright.

A rescuing party went down the slop as soon as possible and brought up the dead hodies. They were horribly mang ed. The names of the dead are: Berjamin Davis, miner, aged 47 verified, five children; John Micheminer, married; Peter Pedio, laboration in the miner, married; Peter Pedio, laboration in the miner was a second in the miner was a second in the married peter peter was a second in the miner was a second in the miner was a second in the married peter was a second in the miner was a second

### Royal Arcanum Officers

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has elected the following officers for the coming year:
Past regent—B. F. Shelhamer.
Regent—W. R. Flad.
Vice regent—Harry Yoch.
Orator—William H. Ripple.
Chaplain—Amandus Oswald.
Secretary—Jesse A. Aiden.
Treasurer—John Thomas.
Guide—John James.
Collector—W. C. Feil.
Warden—George Sheaman.
Sentinel—U. G. Fetterman.
Trastees—George Harman, Joseph
Fenstermacher, B. F. Shelhamer.
Representative to grand council—A.
H. Bleckley.
The new officers will be installed on January 12, when an entertainment and banquet will be held.

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# LOCAL NOTES

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

### Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

At 6.30 o'clock last night an electric light wire, weighted with the sleet which was failing, crossed a fire alarm wire and the whistle blew until the trouble was located and remedied. The long blast aroused the people of town, many thinking that a fire had broken out.

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Tickets for the third number of the

L& M. Institute entertainment course
re on sale at McMenamin's store. The
ate is the 16th inst. Spillman Riggs,
umorous lecturer and musical impermator, will be the attraction.

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John C. Roach has been appointed deministrator of the estate of the late rhomas B. Roach, of Alden, who was a corner resident of this section. The state is valued at \$1,200.

C. W. Salmon, of Addenried, a form er resident of Drifton and a son of Samuel Salmon, of town, will be marrish in the near future to Miss Esther Clen mens, of Beaver Brook.

Refowich's \$8 and \$10 overcoats are the swellest in town. They are worth \$14 to \$16.

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Christmas buyers are beginning to look around for places to make their purchases. If you don't advertise, you needn't expect them to call.

Mrs. John Furey, of Oakdale, is suffering from a sprained arm, received by falling down a flight of steps at her home.

Mrs. Harry Argust, of Upper Lehigh, was taken on Tuesday to the German hospital, Philadelphia, by her husband. Queen Quality shoes for women and Douglas shoes for men, at Refowich's.

School will be held on Monday even ing for the first time in the new Mining and Mechanical Institute building.

Refewich will make you a suit or overcoat to order for \$18, for which other tailors charge \$22.

John Meehan has accepted a position of the United States Expressionpany's wagon.

The NeuBurger store has something to say to you. See the fourth page.

An organ has been placed in the meet-ing room of the Daughters of Naomi, in Krell's hall.

The monthly test of the fire alarmystem will be made on Monday. Barber George W. Faitz is preparing to open a branch shop at Jeddo.

### DePIERRO - BROS CAFE.

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Gloves from 25c to \$4.50.

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