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## OPERATORS ARE GETTING READY

### John Markle May Testify Before Commission.

Corporation Attorneys Hold a Meeting in Philadelphia and Arrange Their Plans for Submitting Evidence.

Preparations for the presentation of the operators' case before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission were made at a meeting of lawyers in Philadelphia yesterday afternoon. The commission will resume its sessions next Tuesday in that city. Most of the operating interests were represented at yesterday's meeting. James H. Torrey, who presided, spoke for the interests of the Delaware and Hudson; James E. Burr, the meeting's secretary, represented the New York, Ontario and Western. There were also present Simon P. Wolverton, Francis I. Gowen, W. W. Ross, Everett Warren, John T. Lenahan, Ira H. Burns, Alfred Hand, Harry C. Reynolds, John B. Kerr and Samuel Dickson, the latter representing the Markle interests.

Among the notable absentees from the conference were Wayne MacVeagh and Joseph O'Brien. Although John Markle was in the city all day, he did not attend the conference. It is understood that he will go upon the stand for the purpose of refuting the damaging evidence concerning the conduct of his mines that was produced by the miners in the course of the hearings in Scranton.

Announcement was made at the conclusion of the conference by Mr. Wolverton of the procedure to be followed in the marshaling of the evidence. "The evidence of the non-union miners will first be finished," said Mr. Wolverton. "That will take three or four days. Then the evidence of these companies will be heard in the order named: Delaware and Hudson, Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Coal and Navigation, Lehigh and Wilkesbarre, the independent companies and the Philadelphia and Reading. We expect that the presentation of the operators' side will occupy the greater part of a month."

When the evidence of the operators shall have been submitted, the commission will be asked to adjourn its session to Scranton, where the miners will submit testimony in rebuttal.

## POLITICAL.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is less than seven weeks until the spring election is due, there is very little activity among the politicians of either party. Two of the most important offices in the borough—burgess and tax collector—are to be filled on February 17, and so far only a few names have been mentioned for the former and none for the latter. It is likely, however, that after the holiday week is over something will be doing, as such an important election as the coming one is not likely to pass without the usual triennial contest.

In the uptown wards, where the Republicans always feel assured of victory and are frequently disappointed when the votes are counted, there will not be much to interest the politicians.

The First will have no vacancies to fill on either the council or school board. The Second has a short-term councilman to select, and in the Third a school director for three years will be chosen. The Fourth has one councilman to elect to succeed Mr. Sweet, whose term expires.

In the Fifth ward School Director Peter Timony announces himself as a candidate for re-election, and John J. Carr, of South Washington street, is in the field to succeed Councilman Moerschbacher.

John C. Boyle is a candidate for school director in the Sixth, to fill the unexpired term of Director Kelly. The friends of J. F. Sweeney are urging him to also enter the race.

## Slot Machine Crusade.

Imbued with the strenuous life which marked his three years fighting rebels in the Philippines, John W. Walters, late sergeant in the United States regi-

lar army, has introduced warlike methods at Tamaqua in his campaign against vice. Upon his return from the Orient recently he was elected chief of police of the town and has since made himself the chief factor in the reform crusade.

Following his orders to keepers of gambling rooms and disorderly houses to get out of town at once, Chief Walters has issued an edict to all proprietors of slot machines to remove them or he himself would do so.

Walters said: "I will give the slot machine men just two weeks to obey this edict. If they fail, then I'll gather them myself, confiscate the money for charity and make a bonfire of the frames."

Walters is a fighter and Tamaqua is anxiously awaiting the result of his sledge-hammer crusade.

## A Fatal Mistake.

Benjamin L. Phillips, until recently a resident of Drifton, died at his home in Hazleton Monday night from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid, which he drank in mistake for medicine for miners' asthma. As soon as Mr. Phillips drank the acid the error was discovered and medical help summoned, but he died after enduring an hour's agony.

The deceased was a resident of Drifton until recently, when he was compelled to move by Cox Bros. & Co., for alleged activity during the strike. He was favorably known throughout the region and his friends regret his untimely end.

Mr. Phillips was born in Wales, and was aged 58 years, 2 months and 11 days. He came to this country in 1871, at Wilkesbarre. He later removed to Mahanoy City, then to Drifton. He is survived by his wife and three children, John, of Freeland, and William and Lizzie, of Hazleton. He was a member of Mahanoy City Lodge of Odd Fellows.

The funeral will leave the family residence, 109 North Pine street, Hazleton, via trolley, for Freeland, at 1 p. m. tomorrow. Interment will be made at Freeland cemetery.

## Two Counties Want Him.

"Robert Edwards," a tramp, who murderously assaulted two foreigners with a knife at Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county, on Thursday last, because he was refused money, drink and turkey, and was himself badly done up in the fracas which followed, was identified at Ashland hospital as John Jeffreys, wanted for attempting to kill Constable Daubert and shooting a woman at Shamokin some days ago.

Despite Jeffreys' injured condition, he was bundled into a sleigh and removed to Shamokin under arrest. A clash between Schuylkill and Northumberland authorities may follow this development, as the man was already under arrest for the Buck Mountain assault.

The prisoner has several times been in jail for various offenses.

## Married at Wilkesbarre.

Miss Lizzie Edmunds, formerly of Drifton, and Lewis Baldwin Walker, of Philadelphia, were married Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, 77 North Meade street, Wilkesbarre, by Rev. R. T. Roberts, pastor of the Welsh Presbyterian church. Only the members of the immediate families witnessed the ceremony. The attendants were Miss Kittie Edmunds and John Edmunds, sister and brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker left on an extended wedding tour. They will make their home in Philadelphia.

## Tigers Ball Tonight.

The New Year's Eve ball of the Tigers Athletic Club has been for years the greatest feature of every social season in lower Luzerne, and this annual event, which will be held tonight at Krell's hall, is looked forward to with pleasure by the sporting people of the entire region. The members of the club may be depended upon to make the ball as successful as those they have conducted in the past.

Dance music will be furnished by DePierro's complete orchestra.

## Basket Ball Tomorrow.

At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the Crescent basketball club will line up against Allentown All-Collegians, a team which comes strongly recommended. The game will be played at Krell's hall and one of the most interesting contests of the season is expected. The Crescents will put forth their best efforts to begin the new year with a victory.

On Saturday evening the Crescents will play at Krell's hall against Pottsville Business college club, one of Schuylkill county's fast teams.

## ROUND THE REGION.

Wilkesbarre labor unions are trying to force the Peck Lumber Company to withdraw from the sub-contract for lumber and carpenter work on the new Federal building. A month ago every man on the building quit work because they alleged that the subcontractors were unfair. To effect a compromise the contractors have now asked the union to accept all lumber on the grounds, provided the Peck Company withdraws from the contract. It is expected that a settlement on this basis will be arranged.

William Smith, who was a mine guard during the late strike, is dying at Pottsville hospital. In an ante-mortem statement Smith said he was assaulted by four men in a saloon at Cumbola, and beaten and his skull fractured. Smith said he applied to scores of plaques for employment and was given work, but was always discharged when it was found out he had been a mine guard.

Falling to find trace of their mother, who disappeared on November 25, the children of Mrs. George Wallace, of Wilkesbarre, broke up their home and went to live with relatives at Sayre. Despite the efforts of the police and others, the whereabouts of the missing woman has not been discovered.

The Warne Coal Company, at Duryea, has entered action in the courts for \$20,000 damages from the borough of Duryea. It is alleged that during the strike the borough authorities diverted a stream in such a manner as to cause the water to back up and flow into the boiler room of the company's plant.

The carpenters of the Wyoming valley, from Pittston to Nanticoke, are preparing to demand an increase of 75 cents a day. They now get \$2.25. They say the increase is necessary owing to the increased cost of living during the last few years. They desire it to take effect February 1.

Carbondale's epidemic of typhoid fever is traced by Dr. Robert L. Pitfield, assistant state bacteriologist, to impure water furnished from two of three reservoirs of the Consolidated Water Company. The reservoirs are to be abandoned on Dr. Pitfield's recommendation.

Carbon county court issued an injunction restraining the county commissioners from receiving bids and awarding contracts for the erection of stone arch bridges. The reason assigned is that short notice was given to enable favored bidders to get the jobs at exorbitant prices.

John Hudock, an employe of the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke, in a fit of passion because a mule balked, struck the animal a horrible gash in the back with an ax. He was arrested.

Jack Bonner and Tommy West, two well-known pugilists, will give an exhibition at Lehighton opera house tomorrow afternoon.

## Y. M. C. A.

You are invited to attend the New Year's Eve reception and entertainment this evening at 8 o'clock sharp, given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. If under 15 years, you must be accompanied by a parent.

The following program will be rendered:

- Chorus—"Winds Gently Whisper."
- Piano duet—Misses Vannauker and Soder.
- Vocal duet—Misses Bonoma.
- Vocal solo—Miss Brown.
- Exhibition of hypnotism—Dana Heck, Hazleton.
- Vocal solo—Miss Soder.
- Instrumental duet.
- Chorus—"When Evening Twilight."
- A collection will be taken.
- Games and social pleasures will follow.

Don't miss this happy event. Program at 8 o'clock sharp.

## PERSONAL.

Samuel Cunningham, of Montana, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, in Drifton.

Miss Mame McFadden, of Philadelphia, is the guest of the Misses Ferry, Washington street.

Brother Joseph, of Villanova college, is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Hugh Malloy.

Miss Nettie Johnson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnson.

Miss Bid Haggerty, of Scranton, is visiting relatives in town.

## BIRTHS.

Nagle.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nagle, Front street, a son.  
Rudolph.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rudolph, Washington street, a daughter.

## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

### Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

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

The Charlton Coal Company, composed of A. J. Lathrop, Kingston; Joseph G. Sarricks, Wilkesbarre; E. A. Oberlander, Drifton, and Thomas Charlton, Sandy Run, have filed papers of partnership and will mine coal near Sandy Run.

Rev. J. B. Kerschner, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, fell on the ice on Monday and fractured his right wrist-bone. The injury is very painful, but will not prevent the reverend gentleman from attending to his duties.

Helen, an infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Haganey, of the Second ward, died yesterday, aged 6 months and 30 days. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

A ball in honor of the delegates attending the convention of District No. 7, U. M. W. of A., will be held at Krell's hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Local Unions Nos. 1499 and 1939, of Freeland.

Bernard McLaughlin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McLaughlin, North Ridge street, is suffering from a severely sprained leg. The accident happened while coasting on the steep hill near his home.

All the collieries in this region will operate to-morrow, but how successful they will be remains to be seen. A large number of men will refuse to report for duty on account of the importance of the day.

The January meeting of the borough school board has been postponed from tomorrow evening until the same night of next week, on account of the first day of the month being a legal holiday. "Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

Attorney R. J. O'Donnell, acting for Charles Gallagher, of Roanoke, Va., has sold to John Bellezza the Centre street property occupied by M. Merkt and a lot on Main street, near Centre, for \$4,000.

The Young Men's Corps conducted a successful smoker at their meeting hall on Monday evening. The members turned out in large numbers and spent several pleasant hours.

The family of Ollie Mason is preparing to remove to the South, where Mr. Mason, who left here during the strike, is employed as a locomotive engineer.

Evan G. Willing, of Seek; Joseph Schnee, of Freeland, and Frank Neilo, of Bunker Hill, are auditing the accounts of District 7, U. M. W. of A.

Three fresh cows for sale. Apply to August Widdick, Dorrance.

An accident to the hoisting engine at No. 5 slope, Upper Lehigh, yesterday, caused the colliery to shut down until the machinery is repaired.

George H. Miller, of Hazleton, has accepted a position in the Press office, succeeding Ralph Baker, who left today for Mahanoy City.

George Singely, of Foster township, has been drawn to serve as a juror during the week of February 2.

The annual New Year's serenades will be tendered tomorrow by St. Ann's and the Citizens' bands.

George Hudock, of Main street, lost a fine horse on Monday. Colic caused the animal's death.

Watch-night services will be held this evening in some of the local churches.

Eva Moore has been appointed post-mistress at Frisbie, this county.

Wanted.—A girl for general housework. Apply to Patrick McFadden, South Centre street.

## PLEASURE.

December 31.—Fourteenth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's hall. Admission, 50 cents.  
January 1.—Basket ball, Allentown All-Collegians vs. Freeland Crescents, at Krell's hall. Admission: Ladies and children, 10c; gentlemen, 20c.  
January 6.—Ball under auspices of Local Unions 1499 and 1939, in honor of delegates attending the U. M. W. of A. district convention, at Krell's hall. Admission, 50 cents.

Employment for Fifty Girls.  
Fifty girls can find remunerative employment at the Freeland silk mill. Applicants must be over 13 years of age, and those between the ages of 13 and 16 must comply with factory law in every respect. Apply at mill office on Birkbeck street.

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### Fancy Neckwear—

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### Men's Furnishings—

Xmas Suspenders from 25c upward.  
Xmas Socks from 25c upward.  
Xmas Shirts from 50c upward.  
Xmas Silk Mufflers, from 50c upward.  
Xmas Sweaters from 50c upward.

### Slippers and Shoes—

This store's collection of Holiday Slippers is exceptional. The positive price savings to be had here makes a buyer of you at once.

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### Stylish Hats—

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