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MINERS' SIDE BEGINS AGAIN

Rebuttal Testimony Being Heard by Arbitrators.

Squire McKelvy Takes Up a Lot of Time and Fails to Satisfy the Commission. E. J. Curry on the Stand.

Yesterday was the fifty-seventh day devoted by the Coal Strike Commission to its work. A number of witnesses were heard in rebuttal, but according to this morning's Philadelphia Record when, where, how and by whom old man Scheidt was stabbed at Hazleton and how much Martin Murphy earned in an Olyphant mine, are two deep, dark mysteries that the commission will never solve, whatever else it may accomplish. The stabbing of Scheidt figures on many pages of the testimony before the commission, but no two stories agree in any of the essential particulars.

Daniel F. McKelvy, a Hazle township justice of the peace, was one of the witnesses called yesterday. He was charged with rioting, assault and several similar offenses during the strike, all of which charges were afterward ignored by the grand jury. That he took an active part in the strike was a feature of his testimony. In the course of which he showed how much he had done for their cause from the beginning to the end of their struggle. He told of his night watches on the hills roundabout Hazleton; his councils with the strikers; his warnings and his speeches. He denied that he had ever neglected his duty as a justice of the peace. He then undertook to describe the assault upon Scheidt, but did nothing to untangle the mystery.

In the course of his testimony Squire McKelvy described the assembling of the great mobs that form, as it out of the ground, in all parts of the coal field. He had proceeded very well with this recital when it dawned upon him that this subject had not been touched upon before, and he suddenly stopped. Pressed by Judge Gray to continue his narrative, Squire McKelvy evaded all direct questions, muddled the matter with meaningless diagrams, and finally Judge Gray dismissed him from the stand.

As many as 4,000 men have been formed in a procession in less time than it would ordinarily take a regiment of trained soldiers to break ranks and form "company front." Where the men came from, how they reached the scene and who directed their movements are matters that none of the soldiers in the field at the time were ever able to explain, even to their own satisfaction. McKelvy was doing real well with his explanations when he stopped short.

Martin Murphy, two score lawyers, Daniel J. McCarthy and a dozen experts endeavored to untangle the tangle that twisted Martin Murphy so that he was half convinced that he earned \$1,928.51 in the year 1901, when, in his own soul, as he said himself, he knew that he earned only \$574.13, or thereabouts. James H. Torrey produced a bale of books "touchin' upon and appertainin' to" the earnings of Murphy, which he admitted did not set Martin straight or put the company in a true light, but which met the requirements of the commission experts on the one side and the miners' experts on the other side, yet failed to satisfy Martin Murphy.

Martin appeared on the scene with a grimy sheet of paper, which proved beyond all doubt that Martin Murphy and Michael Reddy earned a total of \$1,928.51 and that two laborers were paid a total of \$780.24 out of this, leaving \$574.13 for Murphy and the same amount for Reddy. The experts, however, would have none of this "figgering," and the commission was compelled to shelve the proposition along with the Scheidt mystery.

The next witness in importance at yesterday's session was E. J. Curry, of South Centre street, who produced the figures at which Freeland merchants sold their goods in 1901, also the figures charged at Markle & Co.'s store for the same class of goods at the same time. Mr. Curry's figures averaged 12 1/2 per cent less than those of the Jeddo firm. Asked what he knew about mine workers being compelled to deal at company stores, the witness said: "I saw a letter from Mr. Walk, who runs the Markle store, to one of my customers requesting him to deal where he worked or work where he dealt."

Ralph White Case Again.

Memories of the two tragedies in which Ralph White, of Sweet valley, was the central figure were again awak-

ened in court this week. It is now almost two years since Ralph White murdered his nephew, and took his own life while incarcerated in the county prison, but much litigation has resulted from the crimes. Most of the cases have grown out of the efforts to inter the remains of White in the cemetery where his relatives were buried. It was the phase of the case that was aired this week and during the taking of the evidence it was shown that the residents of Sweet valley are divided into two factions and the peace of the community is threatened for years to come.

The case was called before Judge Lynch. The defendants were five farmers—Thomas Lyons, Marion Edwards, Avery Long, Eugene Wesley and George Wesley, who are charged with assault by Asa M. Smith, who went to one of the cemeteries in Sweet valley and began to dig a grave for the reception of the remains of White. He and the two men assisting him had been at work but a short while when a crowd surrounded them and demanded that they desist. They refused and then the trouble out of which the case grew occurred.

It will be remembered that the remains of White, after they had been lowered into the grave, were removed during the night and deposited in a pond near by. The body was later recovered and buried in the cemetery under ten feet of cement. The residents of Sweet valley who had relatives buried in the cemetery objected to the burial of a murderer's and suicide's remains in the same plot.

THEATRICAL.

The Harry Jenkins Company, which was originally booked for only three nights, has met with so much success here that the management has arranged with the company to play out the whole week in Freeland. In addition to the evening performances, a matinee will be given Saturday afternoon, when 10 cents will admit a person to any part of the opera house. Tomorrow evening will be ladies' bargain night again, and tickets bought for ladies before 7 p. m. will cost only 15 cents.

Monday evening's play was "A Factory Girl," and an audience which crowded the house enthusiastically applauded the piece. Last evening "His Lordship" was given before another large audience. The specialties rendered between the acts are refined, original and pleasing and are well received.

Tonight the play will be "Arabian Nights" and tomorrow evening "Loyal Hearts of Ireland" will be the attraction.

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The Evening Star, January 16, 1903, of Winchester, Va., says: "Simville's elaborate production of the great love tragedy, 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Auditorium last night attracted the largest number of visitors to Winchester's play house that has ever been assembled there. The merit of the company had been well anticipated, and the large crowd of theatre-goers were highly pleased by the manner in which the play was produced, and the elaborate scenery which was used. Every act was encoored again and again and the curtain was rung up three times each on five acts, and upon the balcony scene, the audience was not satisfied until it had risen for the fourth time. The company is a strong one, and was pronounced the best that has visited Winchester."

Another Mine Tunnel.

The Hazleton Standard says that a movement is on foot, headed by Kemmerer & Co. to drive a tunnel to drain the Sandy Run and Highland coal basins. Frequent meetings have been held but up to the present time no definite conclusion has been reached, due to the fact that G. B. Markle & Co. contend that the price they have been asked to pay is entirely too high. This tunnel, if constructed, will commence at a point near the Millhopper factory, and will have to be driven a distance of 400 feet through solid rock.

The outlet of the tunnel would be in Sandy valley and the territory it would drain would be of incalculable benefit to the operators of the Sandy Run and Highland collieries.

Buried Yesterday.

The remains of the late Mrs. Annie M. Bechtloff were buried yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Schmidt, on North Washington street. Services were conducted at St. Luke's Lutheran church by Rev. J. J. Kuntz, after which the interment was made at Freeland cemetery. Mrs. Bechtloff was aged 80 years, 7 months and 10 days and had been a resident of town for a number of years. The deceased is survived by three sons and one daughter, as follows: Lewis, George and Andrew Bechtloff and Mrs. Henry Schmidt, all of Freeland.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Members Fail to Take Decided Action on the Light Question.

The regular monthly session of the borough council was held Monday evening with Councilmen Moerschbacher, McLaughlin, Doggett, Ward, Hincer, McClellan, Sweet and Crawford present. The following bills were ordered paid: P. J. Boyle, coal and hauling, \$31.51; Freeland Water Company, rent of fire hydrants, \$240; Electric Light Company, street lights, \$273.33.

A communication from Matthias Schwabe in relation to the bill presented at the last meeting for coal to the amount of \$37.50 was read. It showed that an agreement was made for that price. Mr. Schwabe stated that if the price was not satisfactory he enclosed a bill for \$52.35, the prevailing price of coal at the time, and asked council to take their choice. The original bill was ordered paid amidst much merriment.

A letter was read in relation to the payment of a note given in favor of the La Franc Fire Engine Company, in which they claimed more interest than they were entitled to. The treasurer being empowered to pay the note, the matter was allowed to drop.

Bills for \$66.50, the amount expended on the streets by Street Commissioner Doggett, were approved.

The salary of the janitor and for feeding prisoners to the amount of \$31.05 was approved.

The salaries of the police amounting to \$135 were ordered paid.

The report of Burgess John F. Boyle gave the total receipts, \$25.50; \$9.50 due burgess and \$16 due borough.

The report of the special committee on rules and regulations for the Municipal building was made by Chairman McLaughlin. In addition to the rules, recommendations were made. The report was accepted and recommendations adopted.

A discussion on the light question took place. John M. Carr, Esq., appeared and asked council to do something with the matter and not leave a legacy for the new council as the present body has had the matter under its care so long that the new members would be compelled to assume duties that should have been performed by others. Mr. Sweet thought in justice to the light committee the matter be allowed to stand until next meeting. Mr. Hincer made a motion to accept the three-year contract at \$78 per year. The motion was not seconded and the matter was dropped.

The secretary reported having \$0 given him by the street commissioner, which he received from parties for the removal of rubbish.

COURT NOTES.

Thomas Callahan, who, it is said, was a former resident of town, was sentenced yesterday to one year's imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$25 and the costs. He, with a companion named Hugh Shovlin, was charged with entering a railroad station at Nescopeck and robbing the place. Callahan plead guilty and exonerated Shovlin, who was discharged.

John Zona, who for some years served as foreman of the Slavonic Truth printing office in town, was sentenced yesterday for forging the name of Francis Toth, publisher of a Slavonic newspaper in Hazleton. Zona was sentenced to one year in the county prison and to pay \$25 fine and the costs.

The hue and cry raised over an alleged padded registry list in Wilkesbarre's Eighth ward has subsided and reports have it that nothing more will be heard of the case.

BASKET BALL.

The attraction tonight will be the Parsons club, one of the best in the upper end of the county. The proceeds of this game will be donated to Mrs. John McGeedy, of Walnut street, whose husband died suddenly a short time ago. No doubt many people who have not yet attended the game will be present this evening, to lend their aid in assisting a worthy cause.

Manager Davis has taken considerable risk in engaging the famous Atlantic City club for Friday evening next, but as the patrons are demanding the best he proposes to give it to them, regardless of expense. This is one of the most high-priced teams in the country, and the attendance will have to be large before the Crescents can expect to reap any benefit from the game.

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LOCAL NOTES

WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded With- out Waste of Words.

The Charleton Coal Company, which was recently organized to develop coal land near Pond Creek, will meet on Saturday at the home of Thomas Charleton, Sandy Run, when arrangements will be made to push work on the property leased by the company.

Among the Freeland people who attended the Hebrew charity ball at Hazleton last evening were the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. Leichtman, Misses Isla and Mamie Gross, Harry NeuBurger and Calvin Gordon.

Chicken thieves are becoming bolder every week. On Monday night the henry of W. W. Stevens, Coxe addition, was entered and a number of fine birds were taken. Suspicion is directed against certain persons.

Peter J. Breslin, a well known young man of Jeddo, who was refused his position in Jeddo office when the strike ended, is ill with fever in Mercy hospital, Pittsburg, where he went to accept a situation.

Mike Magula, who was severely burned by gas in Oakdale mine last month, has returned from the Miners hospital to his home on North Ridge street and will be treated by local physicians until he recovers.

Kingsley & Wescott, a breaker-building firm of Scranton, has received the contract to erect the new breaker for J. S. Wentz & Co. at Hazle Brook. Work upon the structure will begin at once.

John Sweet, of Upper Lehigh, met with an accident in the mines at that place on Monday. One foot was crushed and he has entered the Miners' hospital for treatment.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

The Wilkesbarre and Hazleton Railway has received its third passenger car. It is No. 206 and is of the same handsome design as the two now in use on the line.

Soldiers of the United States regular army who are enjoying furloughs have been notified by their officers to hold themselves ready to respond immediately if called.

The storing of coal at Roan by Coxe Bros. & Co. has been discontinued for the present, as the D. S. & S. Railroad has now a number of empty cars on hand.

There is a rumor afloat that remonstrances will be filed against the license applications of forty-three Freeland saloon-keepers.

William Job, of Wilkesbarre, has accepted a position as mine foreman at Sandy Run.

The February meeting of the borough school board will be held tomorrow evening.

Postmaster B. F. Davis is attending to business in Philadelphia.

Ice cream on sale at Merkt's.

Fred Schwartz, one of the best known business men of Plymouth, died yesterday.

Hazleton banking institutions have given notice that they will discontinue the practice of keeping open on Wednesday evenings. Workingmen and others who are unable to transact business with the banks at any other time are protesting against the new rule.

PLEASURE.

February 4.—Basket ball, Crescents vs. Parsons, at Krell's hall; for the benefit of Mrs. John McGeedy. Admission, 20 cents; ladies and children, 10 cents.

February 7.—Hop of Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps at Krell's hall. Admission, 25 cents.

February 15.—Entertainment under auspices of Drifton Baso Ball Club at Grand opera house. Tickets, 15 and 25 cents.

February 17.—Ball of Division 19, A. O. H., at Krell's hall. Admission, 50c.

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