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Some Events of the Day on the West Side of the City Noted.

THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE SEAL.

Laid at Rest in Washburn Street Cemetery With Masonic Honors--Nothing Has Yet Been Learned of the Whereabouts of William Oakley.

The funeral of George Seal, which was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was one of the largest which has been seen on this side in a long time. The many friends of the family gathered at the home on North Keyser avenue at 1 o'clock, where a brief service was held. Undertaker Will Price then conveyed the remains to the Washburn street Baptist church. The route taken to the church from the farm was by way of Main avenue, and as the carriages passed down that thoroughfare, the following lodges marched with solemnity to meet it: Hyde Park lodge, No. 329, Free and Accepted Masons; Court Pride of Lackawanna, Ancient Order of Foresters; Electric City lodge, No. 313, Knights of Pythias; Hyde Park lodge, Sons of St. George, and Mingo Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men.

The funeral services were in charge of the Masons, who were marshaled by Joseph Oliver, Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D., preached the funeral sermon in the Jackson Street Baptist church, where all the family friends had assembled. He took as his text the following verse: "If a man dies, he lives again." Dr. Hughes gave a sketch of the career of the good old man who had passed away, and referred to his excellent character and good standing among his fellow men. The remains were viewed as the procession moved out of the church. The casket consisted of a beautiful piece, designed to represent an arch, in the center of which was the Masonic emblem in pretty colored flowers. At the Washburn Street cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest, A. B. Stevens read the funeral rites of the Masons. Henry D. Jones was flower bearer. The pall-bearers were Richard Nichols, Harry Goodhall, M. G. Dimmick, Warklin Jones, T. Carey and George W. Jenkins.

Where is Oakley. William Oakley, of Price street, has not been heard from since his disappearance on Sunday morning, when he stated that he was going to visit relatives in Rendham. As heretofore stated, Mr. Oakley did not visit Rendham. A Tribune reporter conversed with Mrs. Oakley at her home last evening and she stated that she was at a loss to explain his absence, as no word had yet been received. Among the places where her husband might visit are Carbondale, Greenfield, Leroyville, and his parents' home at Harford, Susquehanna county. Mrs. Oakley sent a letter of inquiry to the latter place and expects an answer this afternoon. If Oakley has a purpose in remaining from home it was not premeditated, as he did not draw his salary which was due at the store of Joseph A. Moars. Mrs. Oakley stated that her husband was of a kind disposition and no quarrels had ensued previous to his departure.

Young Girl Buried. A large number attended the funeral of Ara, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Roberts, which took place at the family residence, on North Garfield avenue, about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D., pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, officiated, and preached an interesting sermon. The floral offerings were very pretty. The remains were taken to the Washburn street cemetery where interment was made. The pall-bearers were Thomas Hopkins, Albert Davies, David Morley, Will Robertson, Thomas Howell and Roy Williams.

Brief Notes of Interest. Will Shaw, of Moscow, is visiting friends on this side. Lowest prices on Wall paper in the city. Fred Reynolds. Thomas Finnerty and Mrs. Julia Mc-

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JOS. A. NEARS, 113 S. Main St.

Garry, of Honesdale, spent yesterday with relatives in the city. Miss Jennie Noth, of Lafayette street, is visiting friends in Philadelphia. Our fine pressed and ingrained papers are going cheap. Call and be convinced. Reynolds, 202 North Main avenue. Louis Noth, of Lafayette street, has returned from Trenton, N. J., where he was a delegate of the Scranton Turn Verein.

Miss Ida Phillips, of Putnam street, is the guest of friends in Waverly. Don't forget to buy your spring wall paper at Reynolds'. The rates are very low.

The funeral of Mrs. Sabina Weber, of North Summer avenue, will take place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. F. A. Paupé, of the German Presbyterian church, will officiate.

We are making a special sale of wall paper for a few days. Reynolds. Mrs. O. S. Green, of Syracuse, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, of South Main avenue.

The Hyde Park Literary and Debating society, of the First Welsh Baptist church, will meet this evening. The best line of wall paper in the city is at Reynolds', North Main avenue. Keystone Lodge, No. 37, Loyal Knight of America, held a meeting in Earl Carl hall last evening.

Artistic picture framing at low rates. Fred Reynolds, 202 North Main avenue.

West Side Business Directory. PHOTOGRAPHER--Cabinet Photos, \$1.40 per dozen. They are just lovely. Come three yards by calling at Starbuck's Photo Parlor, 161 and 163 South Main avenue.

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SECOND HAND FURNITURE--Cash for anything you have to sell. Furniture, stoves, etc. Call and see the stock of J. C. King, 102 and 103 Jackson street.

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PLUMBING--William D. Griffiths, 113 North Main street, does all kinds of Plumbing, Steam Heat and Gas Fitting. Satisfaction is strictly guaranteed.

NEWS OF THE SOUTH SIDE. An Unoccupied House Nearly Burned Down Yesterday Morning--Scranton Athletic Club is Looking Up a Site on Which to Erect a Magnificent Hall.

An unoccupied 3-story frame building located at 321 Orchard street was almost burned to the ground between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The structure was formerly owned by P. F. Ryan and family and was occupied by them until Wednesday, when they moved out. All the household effects, except a kitchen range, had been carted away. The origin of the blaze is unaccounted for, because it is maintained by Ryan that no fire was left burning in the stove. Accordingly there is strong suspicion that it was the doing of an incendiary.

The building passed out of the hands of the Ryans and became the property of the Electric Building and Loan association, represented by Attorney W. F. Boyle. An insurance of \$700 was carried by the association with the Hanover Fire Insurance company of New York city. The local agents are the firm of Phillips & Holmes. The damage to the building is fully covered by the insurance.

Meeting of Scranton Athletic Club. Last night was the date of the regular monthly meeting of the Scranton Athletic club. Although all the details and plans are yet somewhat obscured, an enterprise of which the club is in the habit of will in a very short time assume a practical shape. It has on numerous occasions been the subject of wonder that the South Side is not equipped with a first-class hall. Just along that line is where the club proposes to act.

There are upward of a few thousand dollars in the treasury and the money is going to be spent to build a hall that in all its appointments will answer "a long felt want" and become a credit to the city as well as the South Side. The most feasible way of grasping with this by no means trivial undertaking is to restrict membership to adults between the ages of 18 and 29. Rev. E. J. Melley, the pastor, looks with favor on the object of the young men and will meet them in the church hall Sunday afternoon with the view to form a temperance organization.

Shorter Paragraphs. Henry Weber, of Pittston avenue, has returned after a short stay in Forest City. Emil R. Bonn went to Nanticoke last night on a trip in which business and pleasure were combined.

The mission, which will last two weeks, will be begun next Sunday at St. Mary's German Catholic church. Michael Conneron, of Hemlock street, has recovered from his recent severe illness and has resumed his daily work.

Mrs. Randolph Jones, of Jackson street, West Side, district president of Patriotic Order of True Americans, installed the officers of the ladies' lodge connected with Camp 430, last night.

The funeral of Mark O'Boyle, late of Cedar avenue, will take place with a high mass of requiem at 9 o'clock at St. John's church this morning. Interment will be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

To Build Solomon's Aqueduct. It is announced that the Turkish minister of public works has decided to reconstruct the aqueduct which supplied Jerusalem with water in the time of King Solomon.

The Largest American Town. There is a movement in North Adams, Mass., to make the town a city. With a population of 21,000, it claims to be the largest town in America, with the exception of Watervliet, N. Y.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup brings instant relief in cases of asthma, bronchitis, and all throat and lung diseases, down to the very borderland of consumption.

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WILL THE MERCHANTS KICK

May Be Asked to Pay a City Mercantile Tax.

THERE IS SUCH A CITY LAW

Another Law Provides for an Appraiser. His Non-existence is the Only Hitch. City Needs Revenue and Merchants May Be Forced.

A rather peculiar state of affairs was revealed the other day when Alderman Fuller was asked by the police department to issue a warrant for the arrest of an auctioneer who had not paid a city license. It was found that the city had no right to collect the tax from the auctioneer, or, for that matter, from any merchant or person doing business temporary or otherwise on an established spot.

The circumstance is very similar in idea to a punishment provided for some act which is contrary to neither the statutes or city ordinances.

There are two city ordinances in the recently prepared digest fixing a license fee upon all mercantile business, such as the sale of drugs, clothing, cigars, dry goods and the like, and a penalty is likewise provided by the payment of a fine or a short term of imprisonment.

The tax cannot be collected nor the penalty enforced for the reason that the tax shall be fixed by a city mercantile appraiser, a separate ordinance making provision for such an officer.

Merchants Entered Complaint. For a number of years there has not been such an official, and the term of the last city appraiser was limited because of the weighty objections made by merchants to the tax. They argued that it was sufficiently burdensome to pay the county mercantile appraisal.

The section providing for a local appraiser stipulated that the revenue from the tax should be devoted to the police department and it is this provision that makes it possible, after next Monday's reorganization of councils, that an appraiser will be appointed and a tax levied upon his returns.

Never in the city's history had there been so much difficulty in cutting down the estimated expenditures to fit the revenue as was indicated by the recent labor over the 1885 appropriations ordinance. Nearly \$100,000 was slashed out of the estimated expenditures and it is natural that many councilmen with eyes to the future consider the idea of collecting a mercantile tax. City officials are of one mind in the opinion that Scranton was never worse in need of funds than now.

How the Question Arose. All the surmising and talk on the subject originated over the independence of one Lackawanna avenue auctioneer. When the police threatened him with arrest because he did not possess a license he snapped his fingers at them and told them, figuratively speaking, to go to a warmer place than Scranton. It was following this little episode that the discovery was made that no city mercantile appraiser existed and consequently no license had been assessed.

Whatever may be the outcome of the matter there is a feeling among the officials in the city hall and some councilmen that the merchants are the most feasible source of needed revenue during these hard times.

What fate will befall a proposition to appoint an appraiser is a matter of conjecture.

ONE NATIONAL OMISSION. Every Able Congressman Should Be Provided with a Cuspidor. From the New York Sun.

The newspapers did an unpatriotic thing lately when they rent the veil, turned on the fierce light that eats upon a throne, and revealed the House of Representatives spitting tobacco into its ventilators. It ought to have been a sore subject to them. They forgot that to many thousands of Europeans of the better classes the prima facie definition of an American is, a sharp

A. CONAN DOYLE, the great light of the new romantic school of fiction, has written another story for our columns which is, if possible, quite as interesting as his famous "Medal of Brigadier Gerard," published in this and other papers a few weeks ago.

The new story, publication of which will begin tomorrow, is entitled

HOW THE BRIGADIER HELD THE KING

It is an exciting story of adventure with brigands in the mountains of Spain.

The style in which it is written is characterized by the dash and spirit so notable in the Brigadier's adventures

in carrying the message of Napoleon.

It would be a misfortune to miss this story, and our readers will do a favor to their friends if they provide them with copies of our paper containing it.

person that spits; and every American who meets has to live that definition down for himself. Our absolutely unique combination of culture and casualness is too much for the average casual of effete monarchies, and he seldom gets over it; certainly not by visiting us at home. After a tour in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and especially in its wilder and woollier parts, the well-bred, foreigner, unless ever nicked up a gun during the civil war, should fall to provide his chosen sages with the salivary necessities of congressional life. Every one knows that the ventilator was simply the dernier resort of over-burdened and ill-accommodated statesmanship; and it is not a moment of nicotian emergency, what to a representative are back pay, boundless stationery, and whole families of personal clerks when the proper crockery is absent?

Let our new congress take a new departure in this really national matter. Let there be liberality. Give every member ample and exclusive facilities, with his monogram on the facilities, and let the long-range marksmen of congress have seats on the aisles and exchange the courtesies of the situation. Thus, and thus only, shall such scandals as this ventilator business be forever abated.

FAVORS SUNDAY SELLING. Reasons Why Rev. Dr. Rainsford, of New York, Wants Saloons Opened.

The reasons assigned by Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford of St. George's church, for his opposition to the present excise law on Sunday, are at least interesting, if not convincing. At a recent Sunday-opening mass meeting held in Cooper union, he said: "I am in favor of opening saloons on that day for certain hours, say from 12 mid-day to 10. Let me give some of my reasons. I believe that the opening of saloons for certain hours on Sunday would diminish law-breaking. The present law, he thought, is impossible of enforcement, and its disregard begets a disrespect for the law which is unhealthy to the public morals. As to this evasion, he said: "I need not say that this is not true of Irish or Germans alone. It is also true of a large proportion of our American population."

"Secondly, I am in favor of opening the saloons on Sunday, because I think such action fairer to the poor men and the working class. Personally I believe the vast majority of men in every way are healthier and richer for not touching any alcohol. I have tried both plans myself. I was once a moderate drinker. I am now a total abstainer. I may convince my neighbor of this truth, yet I cannot force him to do so."

"The only club the workingman has is the saloon. He does not go there simply to drink or to smoke. He goes to meet his friends, and he has to go there to meet his friends, for he has no home in which they can meet him. You have no right to close up the workingman's club on Sunday. If you do, you must close up the gentlemen's clubs, too, for we do not need clubs nearly as much as the working people do. I wish there were other clubs for the wage-earners. I believe in time there must be, but I deal with facts. At present there are not."

English Brewers' Profit. The Brewers' Journal states that English syndicates have \$91,000,000 invested in American breweries. A division on which, at 9 per cent. last year, was \$8,190,000, and was paid in gold.

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