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FLASH MR. JOHNSON.

Loses a Goodly Part of His Finery White Away on a Picnic.

William Johnson, the flash colored gambler, who is a familiar figure around the central city streets, was robbed of some of his finery by another colored man, George Lardis, some time during Thursday afternoon or evening.

Johnson went to a picnic at Crystal Lake and upon his return to his "club house" in Oakford court discovered that his full dress suit, mandolin and jewelry case containing very gorgeous and costly gems had disappeared. An investigation showed that Lardis was the thief and that he had skipped to Philadelphia. The police were notified and an effort is being made to apprehend Lardis.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

Reason Why Uriah McDonnell Sued the Scranton Traction Company. A statement of the trespass suit brought against the Scranton Traction company by Uriah McDonnell, of North Main avenue, was filed yesterday in the office of Prothonotary Pryor. Attorney C. H. Soper represents the plaintiff.

Mr. McDonnell asks damages in the sum of \$5,000. He complains that the company filled in the street in front of his house and that surface water flowed from it to his property. He claims title to a line running through the center of the street.

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MAYOR WILL NOT SUSPEND BLOCK

Because the Charges Against Him Appear Groundless.

HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVESTIGATED

But as They Have Been Publicly Reiterated and the Accused Demanded a Hearing, the Mayor Will Have an Investigation When Mr. Roche Returns--Accused Man Anxious for an Inquiry.

Mayor Bailey will make an investigation of Select Councilman John E. Roche's charges against Patrolman Block, but not until after Mr. Roche's return from his vacation trip on which he departed yesterday morning. The same charges were made to Mayor Bailey Tuesday and he had Chief Robling make an investigation. The result was that the charges were proven groundless. No further investigation would be made but for Mr. Roche's public accusation. Now the accused patrolman demands a public investigation and offers to resign on the spot if it is shown that there is any semblance of truth in the charges.

Wade M. Finn, chairman of the police committee, yesterday called on Mayor Bailey and formally notified him of the charges which Mr. Roche had lodged with the committee, announcing at the same time that the committee stood ready to give any aid that might be required in investigating the case. The mayor told him that he had ordered an investigation and that it would be held when Mr. Roche got back. Mr. Finn reminded the mayor that if the charges against the patrolman were not proven, that he could collect pay for the time he was under suspension, whereupon the mayor stated that it was not his intention to suspend Patrolman Block as he was satisfied in his own mind that there was nothing in the charges.

Chief of Police Robling was called into the office and he reiterated his report to the mayor that the charges were found to be false. It seems, the chief said, that the idea that Patrolman Block was drunk on the night of the storm was based on a mere suspicion. During the early part of the night he was detailed to assist the officer on the Pine Brook beat, who had more than the evidence to keep on duty running at the wires that were down on Capouse avenue. At midnight Block was sent back to his own beat on Penn avenue, and the fact that he was not seen around Pine Brook after he went for supper gave rise to the suspicion that he got drunk and wandered away somewhere.

Chief Robling, himself, saw Patrolman Block before he went on duty at 7:5 o'clock in the evening; he was seen by Lieutenant Davis and Desk Sergeant Deter, besides a number of other officers who were on duty at the time. The chief said that he did not see the patrolman at any other time during the night and at neither time was there the slightest sign of drink on him. Two Tribune reporters who met Patrolman Block and chatted with him for a few minutes, while on their way home at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, also offered to testify that he did not show the least evidence of intoxication. The fact that no one has so far given anything more than hearsay evidence against Patrolman Block makes the mayor's determination not to suspend him appear to be perfectly proper.

Mr. Block is very much incensed at this second recall for and unjust attack on his character.

RAIN WATER CAUSES TROUBLE.

Fruit Trees and a Retaining Wall Damaged by It.

An action of trespass was yesterday instituted by James J. Randolph against F. E. Nettleton. Damages in the sum of \$5,000 are asked. Mr. Randolph claims that the defendant in August, 1895, had erected a building on Penn avenue and that the building extend over so that the rain flowed down on the plaintiff's premises and destroyed fruit trees in his garden and damaged a retaining wall.

SON OF EX-MAYOR LOFTUS DEAD.

Passed Away at His Home in Moosic and Had Been Ill Only a Few Days.

M. J. Loftus, son of ex-Mayor Mathew Loftus, died at his home in Moosic early yesterday morning. He was 29 years old and had been sick but a few days, though his health had been falling. He suffered from Bright's disease. The funeral will be held this morning. A high mass of requiem will be celebrated in St. Mary's church, Avoca, and interment will be made in Dunmore cemetery.

IS A BAD SORT OF A BOY.

James Calpin Arrested Twice at the Instance of His Family.

A very bad and worthless sort of a boy is James Calpin, son of Patrick Calpin, of 429 Railroad avenue, if the police

docket and Alderman Howe's records are to be believed.

Thursday night he was arrested for stealing his younger brother's bicycle, intending to pawn it for the purpose of slaking an insatiable thirst with which he is afflicted. Yesterday morning some well-meaning but short-sighted relatives secured \$300 bail for him and had him turned loose.

He at once proceeded to his home and an hour later his father was at Alderman Howe's office to lodge charge against him of disorderly conduct and making threats. He was again arrested and is now in the county jail under \$500 bail.

The father says that his son has not worked in several months and what is worse refuses to take employment which has been secured for him. The house has been barred against him, but he comes home drunk daily, breaks in and helps himself to food, after which he departs for a further debauch.

AIRWAY IS REACHED.

Twin Shaft Rescuers Come Upon It Yesterday--Looks as if It Is Not Badly Choked.

The objective point of the Twin shaft rescuers during the past week has been the airway leading off from the slope and paralleling it to the workings below. The opening is cut through solid rock and it was thought that it was not so badly choked as the slope. The belief was heightened a week ago when the miners heard the sound of rushing air which they at once knew must be caused by the current going through the airway, the door of which they readily conjectured had been battered down by the falling rock in the slope.

The possibility that the airway would offer an easier and it might be immediate means of access to the entombed men caused the rescuers to increase their zeal and after six of the hardest days that have been put in since the work began, they yesterday afternoon came upon the anxiously striven for goal.

Their surmises were proven correct. While they could not pass through the aperture leading into the airway, owing to an immense slab which must yet be removed they could see that the opening, even at its intersection with the totally collapsed slope is in a fairly passable condition and that there is every cause to believe that farther in it is comparatively intact.

Unless this new avenue of reaching the workings fulfills its present promise the work of trying to recover the bodies will be abandoned. There is no use in concealing the true state of affairs any longer. The bodies can not be recovered by the old method.

It is not an impossibility from a physical standpoint, but it is from a financial standpoint. The Newton Coal company, even if it was disposed to spend all it is worth, could not pay for what it will cost to recover those bodies. They are at present virtually opening a colliery day and night without taking out a penny's worth of coal. It is twenty days since the dread accident occurred. Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock measurements were taken and it was found that the slope has been cleared for a distance of 45 feet. The slope is 1020 feet long. At the foot of this slope the work of burrowing for the bodies will only commence. Where they might be found is guesswork. They may be at almost any point in the cave-in area, which is practically the whole mine, and this area extends over one hundred acres.

The three inspectors who form the committee of investigation, Messrs. Stein, Roderick and Brennan, upon coming out of the mine yesterday after making a tour of inspection, said in their opinion that it was useless to continue the search farther.

ANOTHER CONVENTION COMING.

Master Horse Shoers of the State Will Assemble Here in September.

The next state meeting of the National Horseshoers' association will be held in A. O. U. W. hall on Lackawanna avenue on September 8. R. T. Gould, secretary of the local association, was informed to that effect yesterday by mail from the executive board, which met recently and chose Scranton as the most desirable place for the next convention or state meeting. W. A. St. John, of this city, is second vice president of the state board. A meeting of the local association will be held next Tuesday evening to begin arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates. Many of the master horseshoers of the state are expected. The object of the association is twofold. One is to fix a schedule of prices for horse shoeing which will be uniformly observed, and the other to imitate the example of New York state in requiring a person to pass a satisfactory examination before he is allowed to open a shop.

IN A DUAL CAPACITY.

That's How Mahedy Claimed to Have Served Winton Borough.

Before Alderman Wright yesterday, Thomas Mahedy, secretary of the board of health of Winton, secured judgment against the borough for \$8, representing the annual salary and expenses of the office. Mahedy was appointed to the board of health in 1895 by the council and later was chosen secretary, his salary being fixed at \$75 a month. When he made claim for his hire and the incidental expenses of the office, the borough council refused to pay him, alleging that such action was made illegal by the act of 1893, which declares that the members of the board shall serve without pay. Mahedy contended that he was not asking pay for serving as a member of the board, but for performing the duties of secretary and the alderman judged that he was right in his contention. Mr. Kelly represented the borough and Mr. Newcomb the plaintiff.

OLD ACCOUNT SETTLED.

Food Inspector Thomas Squares Himself with the City.

Yesterday Food Inspector Richard Thomas paid to City Treasurer Boland the sum of \$450, representing the balance due on his delinquent tax accounts for a number of years beginning with 1877. Mr. Thomas has all along contended that he did not owe the city the amount claimed alleging irregularities in the city's accounts. Steps were taken to convince him of the correctness of the city's claim and he agreed to settle.

Untried of Potter County.

Condersport, Pa., July 17.--At the Potter county Democratic convention held yesterday at Ulysses, the Chicago platform was endorsed and the following ticket nominated: For assembly, D. H. Cobb; prothonotary, A. Johnson; register and recorder, Dr. W. H. Kaselle.

CONTRACTS FOR NEW ELECTRIC SYSTEM

They Were Let Yesterday by the Members of the Poor Board.

COHO & CO. WILL PUT IN THE PLANT

The Building and Boiler House Will Be Constructed by Contractor E. S. Hughes--Miss Ricky Miller's Father Refuses to Support Her and She Was Admitted to the Poorhouse.

The poor board met yesterday afternoon and let the contract for the construction of the new electric light plant at the Hillside Home to H. B. Coho & Co., of New York, for \$5,375. Bids were opened for the construction of the building and boiler house for the plant and the contract was let to Edwin G. Hughes for \$7,522, and all extra masonry done to be charged for at the rate of \$2 a perch.

At a previous meeting of the board a resolution was passed directing Secretary Lynett to advertise for bids for the electric plant. The bids were received and were referred to the Home committee. A special meeting of the committee was held and the bids were considered, and in accordance, the following report was yesterday presented:

The Home committee upon careful consideration of the several proposals received for the erection of an electric lighting plant at Hillside Home feel justified in recommending the Ideal engine and Eddy dynamo, as the plant that will best fill the requirements of the institution. The proposals on the above apparatus and covered by the specifications are: Nightingale, Johnson & Co., \$7,355; Scranton Electrical Construction Co., \$8,255; H. B. Coho & Co., \$5,375; Hunt & Connell, \$5,900. As the bid of the latter does not include 1,500 16-ampere power lamps valued at \$175, we recommend that the contract be awarded to H. B. Coho & Co. as the lowest bidder.

Frances B. Swan, Fred Fuller, W. A. Payne.

RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED.

A motion by Director Murphy that the report be received and the recommendation adopted was opposed by Directors Shotton and Terpe. Mr. Terpe was not in favor of giving the contract to a firm that will take the money out of the city when a home firm's bid, even though higher, is only a few dollars' difference. Mr. Shotton's objection was that the firm of Coho & Co. fixed up specifications of their own and bid on them. Director Fuller explained that the bids were advertised for and each bidder knew what was wanted and it was only a question what kind of machinery the bidder would supply. The Home committee went to New York and Philadelphia and after inspecting from fifteen to twenty plants arrived at the conclusion that the Ideal engine and the Eddy dynamo were what they wanted. Each bidder knew that. On the roll call there was but one vote against granting the contract to Coho & Co. Mr. Terpe was the person dissenting.

The other contractors besides Mr. Hughes who bid on the construction of a building and boiler house for the plant were as follows: Ezra Finn & Sons, \$9,000; Edwin Williams, \$9,450; and \$3 per perch for extra masonry; J. B. Woolsey & Co., \$7,922. On motion of Mr. Shotton the contract was awarded to Mr. Hughes for the amount before stated.

RICKY MILLER'S CASE.

Miss Ricky Miller was before the board, asking to be admitted to the Hillside Home. Mrs. Swan stated her case. She is a good girl, she said, but her father has treated her worse than an animal. She has been sent out to pick coal on the dumps until her ears and feet were frozen. Some time ago the same applicant was before the board, and it was resolved that she be admitted to the home and that her father be charged with her support. He lives in Petersburg and has property, but has no interest in her because she is idiotic and a child by a first marriage. Mrs. Swan's motion was carried that the father be made to pay for her support at the Home or else go to jail.

Patrick Sullivan, an old soldier, who came home on a visit to his sick wife on Cayuga street, wants to go back to the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The board furnished him with a ticket. Mr. Sullivan has a record for bravery in the Rebellion and when he was in good health he supported his family in good style. He is afflicted with "age and want, that ill-matched pair."

JOHN RUANE'S ESTATE.

Attorney M. J. Donahoe appeared in the interest of the estate of John Ruane, of Broad street. Ruane is lunatic, confined at the asylum and owns property on Brook street which was recently sold for \$1,000. After the debts were paid only \$350 remained, and the bill of the poor board for his maintenance

amounts to this balance. Mr. Donahoe asked the board to make the bill as light as possible. The matter was referred to Attorney Scragg and the proper committee.

Mrs. Susan Stevenson, of the North End, applied for two tickets to bring herself and husband back to England to their friends. They are in America a year, and he was permanently injured not long ago in the mines. She will get the tickets.

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DIED.

CARLIN.--In Scranton, July 15, 1896, William J. Carlin, funeral on Monday at 9 o'clock from the home of Mrs. John McGinnis, 321 Beech street. Services at St. Peter's cathedral and burial at Hyde Park.

LOFTUS.--At Moosic, July 17, 1896, M. J. Loftus, aged 29 years, funeral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Services at St. Mary's Catholic church, Avoca, and interment at Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

MOORE.--In Scranton, Pa., July 17, 1896, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, of Cedar avenue, funeral Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PRESS.--In Scranton, Pa., July 16, 1896, George Herbert, son of William Press, of Third street, funeral services at 2 o'clock Friday, interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

O'MALLEY.--In Scranton, July 17, 1896, Margaret, daughter of Professor and Mrs. John E. O'Malley, of Hiram avenue, aged one year, funeral tomorrow afternoon. Burial at Altoona.

SNYDER.--In Scranton, July 16, Flossie, daughter of George and Annie Snyder, aged 2 years, 9 months and 23 days, funeral Sunday at 2 p. m. from parents' residence, 129 Penn avenue, interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

VAN BUSKIRK.--In Scranton, July 17, 1896, at 7 a. m., Horatio W. Van Buskirk, aged 48 years, funeral services at home, No. 707 College place, between 8 and 9 a. m. tomorrow. The body will be taken to Williamsport for burial via the 9.55 a. m. D. & W. train.

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