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CITY NOTES.

City schools, school teachers and janitors of school buildings will be paid today.

Michael Rosentare and Annie Egnot, of Archbald, were granted a marriage license yesterday.

John Boyle O'Reilly, council, No. 134, Young Men's Institute, will hold a book reception Monday night.

Scranton convales, No. 157, Improved Order of Heptastasis, held a social meeting last night in Raub's hall for the purpose of taking action on the death of Dr. Ives.

Camp No. 572, Patriotic Order Sons of America, has removed its place of meeting from Fuller's hall, on Lackawanna avenue, to Finley's hall.

A. E. Robinson had George Shaller arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by Alderman Howe on a charge of assault and battery.

The members of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association and their families last evening at the association's hall enjoyed A. V. Bower's famous stereoscopic lecture on Pompeii.

Deputy Sheriff J. B. Fisher yesterday levied upon the works of the Bonta Glass Pipe and Conduit company at Throop on an execution for \$150.00 issued at the instance of the Hunt & Conell company.

The Spooner Comedy company will close its week's engagement at the Frothingham today by producing "Eeek's Girls" in the afternoon and "A Woman's Devotion, or the Cuckoo's Nest" at night.

Jame Kaig and Eftor McGovern were taken to the Moses Taylor hospital yesterday. Kaig, who resides below Taylor, is a laborer at the South Mill, and a piece of iron falling from a roof struck him on the shoulder.

A furious individual under the influence of liquor attracted into Alderman Howe's court yesterday afternoon and proceeded to make himself unbecomingly and a considerable disturbance.

Martinius Sleveking, the famous Dutch pianist, is announced to play again in Scranton. The three greatest pianists of the day are Paderewski, Sleveking and Rosenthal.

Nicola Dittalia and his two countrymen, Nicolas Pello and Lorenzo Semengo, who reside in Old Forge township, and figured in Alderman Howe's court Wednesday have settled their differences outside the court.

Lockwood Sheetings. Having made a large purchase of these very popular goods, at exceedingly low prices, we offer our customers the benefit of our bargain.

Mill Blown Up. The salt-peter mill at the Dupont Powder company's plant at Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, blew up Thursday but no one was injured.

Twining, optician 125 Penn avenue, in Harris' drug store, Hours 9 a. m., 5 p. m.

Before having your rooms papered, call and get prices at 538 Spruce street, Pedrick & Potter.

CONDITION OF THE COAL TRADE

Set Forth in the Annual Report of Operators' Association.

THE PRODUCTION FOR MARCH

It is Estimated That It Will Reach 2,500,000 Tons--During the Last Month the Coal Market Has Shown Some Improvement in Prices, but Demand Has Been Weak--Present Basis of Prices is Unfair.

The Anthracite Coal Operators' association in its letter of March 1st will say:

"During the past month the anthracite coal market has shown some improvement in prices, but to offset this, a weak demand. The effect of the over-production during the latter part of 1896 and the month of January, 1897, are apparent and no change need be looked for until the production has been curtailed enough to allow of a material decrease in line and tidewater stocks.

"The circular prices, \$3.10 net, for stove coal, 12 1/2 in., has not been maintained. Some sales of twenty-five to thirty cents below this were noted in the early part of the month, and rumors of similar sales were heard during the last week.

"In view of the unsatisfactory returns from their coal business in 1896, several of the larger interests will make a strong effort to keep the current circular prices in force until next fall. It is expected in some quarters that a break will come in March or April, but any attempt to change the circular, other than advancing it, will meet strong opposition.

ESTIMATED OUTPUT.

"The estimated output for January and February was 5,000,000 tons, but the proportion for the first month was largely exceeded. This difference will likely be made up in part during February as the colliers on nearly all of the railroad lines have been working on short time.

"The average prices returned for January are as a rule lower than December, showing a steady decline since last November. These for February are expected to show some improvement. It is estimated that the production during March will be 2,500,000 tons.

"The injustice of the present system of contracting for coal at 69 per cent. of the tidewater average price is clearly shown in the annual report of the Lehigh Valley Coal company. In 1896 this company mined 2,319,757 tons of coal and received from its tenants 2,278,834 tons, a large part of which was purchased on the 69 per cent. basis. During the year the Lehigh Valley railroad transported 16,288,977 tons of coal and of this only 1,871,953 tons were sent to tidewater, or but 18 per cent.

"The average price for this 18 per cent. established the price paid for the entire amount of coal bought by contract and mined by the Coal company.

BASIS IS UNFAIR.

"Such a basis for a contract is manifestly unfair and its eminent injustice to the operator is shown in the financial returns of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, which, under this system, though it receives a royalty on the coal mined by its tenants, was unable to meet any part of its fixed charges. Sixty per cent. of the lowest market price for coal is not an equitable division when the operator has all the risks and expenses of production and is allowed no voice in the price at which his output is sold.

"With reference to the annual reports of the coal carrying roads the letter of the operator is shown in the financial returns of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, which, under this system, though it receives a royalty on the coal mined by its tenants, was unable to meet any part of its fixed charges.

"Gross traffic earnings from anthracite coal equal 64.8 per cent. of total freight traffic earnings. According to the report this company's mining expenses were \$25,696,589.26 and receipts from coal \$21,957,628.29. This evidently includes freight on the coal, but as it occurs in both figures and is embraced in the total earnings from all sources, above, together with freights from coal, amount to 74.7 per cent. of the total earnings.

REPORTS AVOID DETAIL.

"These figures show what an important part mining and transporting anthracite coal play in the operations of coal carrying railroads, more than any other source of income, and yet the reports issued by nearly all of the companies carefully avoid any details which will allow a criticism of the management of these important interests. The figures which they give are of little service and with few exceptions no other information is vouchsafed, except the rounded platitudes in which the officers express their belief that the security holders should be satisfied to blindly entrust their money and interests to those whom they have employed.

"Are the railroads, then, in such a dangerously distressed condition that they are afraid to make a frank and open accounting? Are they afraid to show the enormous losses which the mismanagement of their largest and most important interest--anthracite coal--stays? With the exception of the Philadelphia and Reading and the Delaware and Hudson, not one of the large coal producing roads has dared face its stockholders with the heavy deficits of its coal departments, but by deducting these losses from the traffic and 'miscellaneous' receipts there remains an amount which, by grace, they should not be tolerated longer by the real owners of these properties."

THE SCRANTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Mr. H. L. DeWitt, of Port Jervis, N. Y., joined the school on Tuesday.

Miss Anastasia Clifford, Frances Wolfe, Viola Waldieffer, Katie McDermott, Cora Holsinger and Mr. Harry Smith have recently secured situations.

Wholesale and Retail.

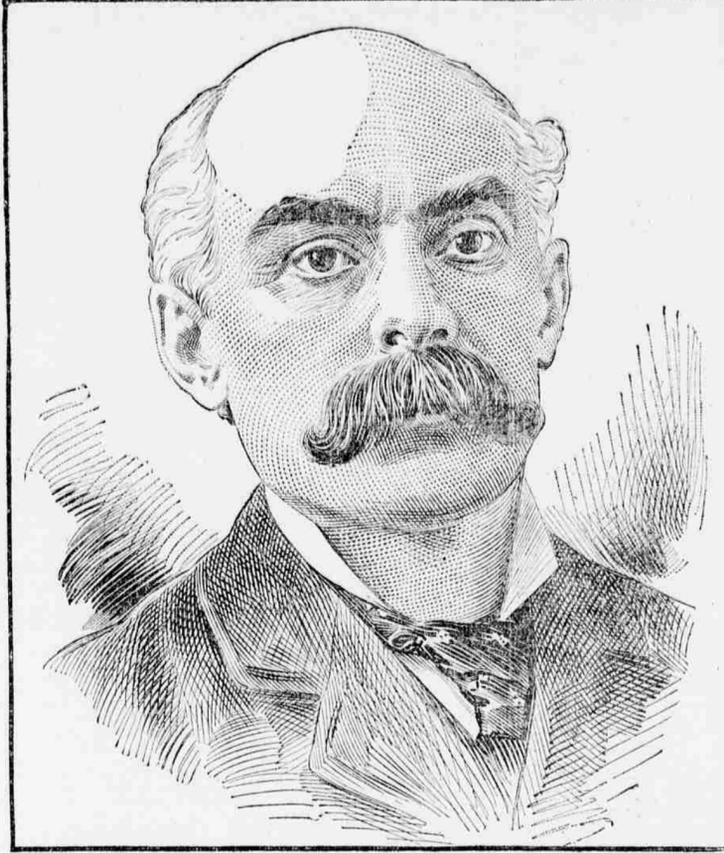
Pabst's Milwaukee Beck Beer, at Lohmann's, Spruce street.

Crouch Bros. & Beatty's closing out to quit business shoe sale is getting all the trade.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

REFORM MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

Hon. George B. Swift Among the Endorsers of Paine's Celery Compound.



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These, and the thousands of other hearty testimonials that have recently been sent to the proprietors of Paine's celery compound, are simply an index of what this most wonderful remedy is doing in every state in the Union, and in every city and village.

"PULPIT AGAINST PRESS."

An Explanation in Justice to Rev. Father Iwanowski.

In The Tribune of Feb. 25 appeared an article relative to certain litigation between Rev. Stanislaw Iwanowski, of Philadelphia, and Daniel Langowski, editor of the "Pygmalion" (Scranton), to which Rev. Father Iwanowski takes exception. The inference unintentionally conveyed in that report was that he was responsible for numerous suits calculated to put the country to a big expense.

M. AND M. BANK GETS IT.

Loans \$25,000 to the Scranton Board of Control.

The special committee of the board of control appointed to negotiate a loan to tide the board over until it received the long overdue state appropriation, made arrangements yesterday to borrow \$25,000 from the Merchants' and Mechanics' bank.

The Inauguration.

For the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, at Washington, the Lehigh Valley Railroad will make very long excursion trains, and this is your opportunity for sight-seeing at the capital of the United States, witnessing the pomp and pageantry of the inauguration festivities at a small cost to yourself.

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NEW BANK BUILDINGS.

Erection of Several Model Structures Are Contemplated--Third National Is to Have a New Home.

The banking institutions are bent on giving evidences of their prosperity and their faith in the future of Scranton. The erection of the handsome "Traders" bank building has caused a general awakening among the neighbors along this line of improvement and now nearly every one of the city's financial institutions have the building bee merrily buzzing in their bonnets.

The latest announcement in this relation has it that the Third National bank will enlarge and remodel its building on Wyoming avenue; the Scranton Savings bank will replace its structure next door with a handsome and costly building; the Dime Savings and Discount bank will enlarge its pretty home on the corner of Wyoming and Spruce, and the First National will give to Scranton a bank building that will be a bank building if it can secure a suitable site.

The announcement as far as it pertains to the first two banks is authentic, in fact the work can be said to be under way, as the plans for the savings bank have been completed and Architect Holden is working on the Third National plans. This Dime bank matter is "up in the clouds yet" as it was put by one who was approached on the subject, yesterday, but is likely to come down almost any time. As to the First National bank rumor says it has an eye on the Handley block and the plot in the rear of the Wyoming house.

The plans for the Scranton savings bank have been heretofore described in these columns. The Third National's plans contemplate the extension of banking rooms to the arm of the L which runs behind the Savings bank building and the occupation of the hallway which now leads to Henry Ball, Jr. and W. T. Smith's offices and the office of William Connel on the second floor.

The bank proper and the offices will be reached from a main entrance located in the center of the building and on the level of the street. The bank floor will also be lowered to the street level. The interior will be all that the architect's skill can make it, in the matter of convenience and befitting elegance.

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FIELDS' MINSTRELS.

Gave a Pleasing Entertainment at the Academy of Music Last Night.

Al. O. Field and his company of jesters, singers and comedians, gave a very mirth provoking entertainment at the Academy of Music last evening. It is not an "old-time" nor yet a so-called "modern" minstrel performance that Mr. Field gives. It was arranged with a view to furnishing a varied and pleasing evening's entertainment and where this result could be achieved by the efforts of the minstrel, he was employed, where it could not, something else in the nature of a specialty was introduced.

There is a gorgeous first part over which Dan Quinlan presides as interlocutor, Al. Field and a number of others furnishing the merriment and Will Walling and others the vocal music. Eddie Fox followed with some imitations of the violin and Ollie Young gives the greatest exhibition of club swinging ever seen in the city. Arthur Rigby recites a funny monologue, Bogart and O'Brien are seen in a musical sketch that keeps the audience in a roar and "Apollo," who was seen in this city before this season, did his sensational high wire act.

There are a number of other entertaining features of the performance. The singing of the members of the company was not the least enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS will dispel the "blues."

THE SCENE CHANGES DAILY

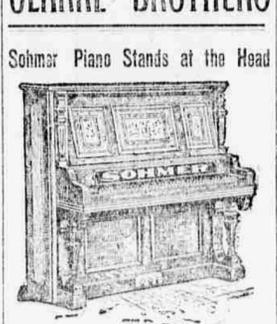
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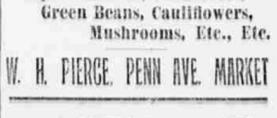
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