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**BEFORE BREAKFAST.**

A children's dancing party in honor of Carol Finn and Lorraine Weichel, was given yesterday by Mrs. E. G. Worden, at her home, 1023 Pine street. About forty little folks were present, and in their entertainment Mrs. Worden was aided by Mrs. C. E. Wagner, Mrs. G. W. Finn, Mrs. C. J. Weichel, Miss Jones and Miss McIntosh.

C. Phillip Smith, the famous New York artist, is at Hotel Jermyn. He is giving water color lessons to a number of ladies while in this city.

### PERSONAL.

Mrs. Meekins, of Wilkes-Barre, is the guest of Miss Burnett, of Richmont avenue.

Miss Annie Daley, who has been visiting her parents on Penn avenue, has returned to Pittsburg.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Amelia Watt Hughes, of Green Ridge, and Charles F. Knight.

Miss Blanche Andrews, formerly of "The Leader," has joined forces with Jonas Long's Sons in their cloak department.

Miss Mary Bristol, formerly of Scranton, has returned to this city and taken a position with Jonas Long's Sons in the millinery department.

Dr. N. E. Newbury has resumed his duties as senior physician at the Lackawanna hospital after a two weeks' visit at his home in Jersey City.

Frederick Hartnoll, a clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Dunmore, who suffered an accident some time ago, is convalescing. His physician believes that he will soon be able to be about again.

**Hail Death with Joy.**  
"I was a great sufferer from Heart Disease. The disease was so great I was confined to bed for days. I often thought I could hold death with joy. No physician could give me relief. I procured a bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, the first dose gave me almost instant relief. I have taken four bottles. I never felt better in my life."—Mrs. Margaret Smith, Brussels, Ont. Sold by Matthews Bros.—73.

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### SHIFFER SENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL

He is Charged with Having Forged Fourteen Checks.

### REFUSED TO GET A BONDSMAN

Did Not Care What Became of Him He Said—Ready to Go to Jail—Before Alderman Howe and Had Warrants Issued for Two Men Whom He Charges with Keeping Gambling Houses.

Frank Shiffer, building contractor, was committed to the county jail yesterday in default of \$1,000 on a charge of forgery made by Chief of Police Frank Robling, jr., at the instance of several central city business men. Before Alderman Miller, Shiffer waived a hearing. He previously made a confession of his guilt to the police.

A few hours before the hearing at 11 o'clock yesterday morning Shiffer went before Alderman John T. Howe, of the Seventeenth ward, and swore out warrants for the arrest of two men in this city whom he charges with conducting gambling houses.

Shiffer lost his money gambling. The forgeries were made on the name of E. S. Williams, contractor, by whom Shiffer at old times was employed.

Shiffer's forgeries were begun last Friday. By the use of thirteen checks for amounts ranging from \$8 to \$70 Shiffer secured from as many central city business houses an aggregate sum of \$204.25. The forgeries were discovered when the checks were deposited Saturday morning and during this week. The matter was placed in the hands of Chief of Police Robling and a warrant sworn out before Alderman Miller.

When arraigned for a hearing yesterday morning Shiffer assumed a nonchalant air. He didn't care where he went or what became of him. When reminded of the respectability of his relatives he cried out that they persecuted him, alleging that they several times had been instrumental in having him locked up. Shiffer refused to try to secure bail and was committed.

When City Detective Moir was asked about the warrants that Shiffer swore out for the arrest of the accused gamblers he would say nothing of the action the police will take.

Shiffer, it is known, after procuring the warrants left for the city hall and was there arrested. The names of the men accused by Shiffer could not be learned from Alderman Howe or the police.

### CRAWFORD FIRE ESCAPE.

It Was Tested Yesterday at Wyoming and Lackawanna Avenues.

The Crawford fire escape was tested yesterday afternoon at the corner of Wyoming and Lackawanna avenues, Valle Melberg, a young man, jumped a score of times from an electric light pole into the big basket arrangements which is intended by its inventor, Jonathan S. Crawford, of West Scranton, to catch people who find it necessary to escape by the air route from burning buildings.

The "escape" has been the subject of detailed mention in The Tribune. It was first seen on the fall end of the last firemen's day parade.

Yesterday Mr. Crawford had his apparatus on a wagon. At the corner the test began at 2 o'clock.

Explanatory canvass on the wagon told what was going to happen. When a crowd of from fifty to one hundred persons had collected the wagon was stationed close to the curb on the Wyoming avenue corner of the new department store. An electric light pole was selected and Melberg, after making a scolding bow to the crowd, climbed up to a point about thirty feet from the ground. He took good aim at the nutted-basket under him then he dropped like an apple from a tree. His body struck square in the opening, bounced back about two feet and then settled down to final repose.

This was repeated at intervals, Melberg getting more at ease every trip. The crowd at one time was very pretentious, and some applause was heard. Melberg got \$10 for his services.

The test was made at the suggestion of Chief of the Fire Department P. J. Hickey. The inventor, Mr. Crawford, will now try to have his machine adopted by the local department.

### TO RECEIVE DR. RAYMOND.

Union College Alumni Have Arranged the Reception.

### JAMES CURTIS' TWO FRIENDS.

Call on Him Regularly at the Lackawanna Hospital.

Two friends of James Curtis, the man who was stabbed in the neck by one of two companions on Penn avenue, Saturday afternoon, are constant visitors at the Lackawanna hospital since Curtis became one of the patients.

It will be remembered that Curtis, after he was stabbed, refused to give the slightest intimation as to who was his assailant. The newspaper named Monday told of this faithfulness of the wounded man to his friends.

### SHE SAVED HER CHILD.

Mrs. J. Levy Had a Thrilling Experience at Her Home in Forest Court Last Night.

Mrs. J. Levy's 6-year-old son awakened very suddenly at 10:30 o'clock last night and as the room where the little boy sleeps on the second floor of the double dwelling in Forest court was dark he could not find his way and began crying for his mamma.

Mrs. Levy was in a room downstairs. She heard the moving about in the room over her and she heard the little boy calling. The mother fearing that her son would fall down the stairs hastily grasped a lamp and speeded to his rescue. When she reached the top of the stairs she stumbled and the lighted lamp went spinning from her hand.

That is what caused the fire alarm from box 116, corner of Olive street and Wyoming avenue at 10:10 o'clock last night.

After the lighted lamp struck the floor, the chimney was shattered and Mrs. Levy saw a tongue of flame start up from the carpet. She only thought of her son. Rushing over the burning carpet at great danger to herself, Mrs. Levy grasped the boy and the mother and son escaped through the rapidly rising flames.

When she got outside Mrs. Levy went to the Hotel Terrace office on Olive street around the corner from Forest court and the clerk sent in the alarm. Now Aug and Phoenix companies responded and in twenty minutes afterward all the excitement was over.

The damage will not exceed \$100, covered by insurance. Jones, of Wyoming avenue, owns the property, No. 595 and 607 Forest court. The family of James C. Todd occupy the building with the Levy family.

The Crystal horse wagon did not reach the fire. The company has two new horses, furnished by Frank Coburn on thirty days' trial. At a meeting of the joint fire committee Tuesday it was decided to reject the horses, the team not giving satisfaction at the trial test and since. Last night when the alarm sounded the two blacks left their stables all right and were easily hitched to the wagon. The other, "Niger," by name, reared and pranced but was finally harnessed. The outer doors swung open before Permanent Man Tropp could get on the seat of the wagon and the two blacks dashed out on the street. Permanent Man Tropp was thrown against the door siding, when he tried to grasp "Niger's" head.

The horses, reaching Linden street, made a perfect turn and started at a mad race toward Wyoming avenue. Fortunately the way was clear, for nothing animate would have stopped them. At the corner of Wyoming avenue and Linden street, in front of Jordan's hotel, the horse wagon collided with a telegraph pole, arresting the flight of the runaway long enough for Permanent Man Tropp, who followed on a run, to reach the team. They were brought under control and driven back to the company quarters. The wagon was smashed slightly, and the force of the collision knocked the trucks out of gear.

Permanent Man Tropp sustained a painfully bruised shoulder, the result of his meeting with the door siding. Arrangements will be made as soon as possible to give the Crystals the proper kind of an outfit.

### HIS TOES WERE SMASHED.

Falling of a Heavy Casting Injures a Blast Furnace Workman.

Joseph Kelley, a young man, was received at the Moses Taylor hospital yesterday morning suffering from injuries to his right foot, Kelley works at the blast furnace of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, and as he and a number of other workmen were lifting a 500-pound casting it fell and struck Kelley's foot. Several toes were smashed.

### BLAST FURNACES LEASED.

Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company Increasing Its Facilities.

The Lackawanna Iron and Steel company has leased the Bird Coleman furnaces at Cornwall and the North Cornwall furnaces near Lebanon. These three furnaces have been idle nearly six years. They will go into blast early in January.

With these furnaces in operation the company will have an abundant supply of pig iron, something it has lacked for some time past.

### FUNERAL OF WILLIAM H. LAW.

Will Take Place This Afternoon from the Residence of His Father.

### FIREMEN ARE AFTER INSURANCE MONEY

But the New Association Hasn't Hit Upon a Plan.

### THERE IS A LEGAL DIFFICULTY

City Treasurer Cannot Surrender the Fund of \$2,261 to an Unchartered or Unauthorized Body—Firemen's Relief Association Has Two Methods and the Other is by State Charter. Both Plans Under Way.

There is in the hands of the city treasurer over \$2,000 waiting to be distributed in sick benefits and indemnities among the city's volunteer firemen but no part of the money can be surrendered by the city treasurer until some approved medium is organized for its distribution. On Aug. 13 the Firemen's Relief association, Scranton, perfected a temporary organization and has since been engaged in finding ways and means of acquiring the money. The association is composed of two delegates from each of the sixteen Scranton fire companies. The association met yesterday afternoon in the common council chamber in the city hall.

According to an act of the legislature of which Mr. Clarence, known to firemen as "Father" Clarence, is the author, a 2 per cent. tax for disabled and sick volunteer firemen is imposed annually on foreign fire insurance companies doing business in the state. The act is the purpose of Firemen's Relief association of Scranton to adopt by-laws and a constitution to be filed with the application for a charter. The charter secured, the association can obtain the money from the city treasurer and distribute it.

### THE OFFICERS.

At the August meeting Chief Hickey, of the fire department, was elected president; Harvey Long, of the Crystals, vice president; A. B. Holmes, of the Columbus, treasurer; Emil Bonn, P. F. Gordon, of the Excelsior, financial secretary. Five trustees were elected.

Seventeen delegates attended yesterday's meeting over which Chief Hickey presided. The members were not clear as to what course to pursue and the action taken indicated that two courses will be followed to get possession of the fund which amounts to \$2,261.27 according to a communication from City Treasurer Doland.

The following were appointed a committee to confer with the city solicitor and Chief Hickey, providing for the surrender of the fund to the association: Simon Thomas, of the Franklins; J. J. Grier, of the Excelsior; Charles Wagner, of the Relief; C. H. Schaer, of the Phoenix; and Emil Bonn, of the Crystals.

It was reported that the Allentown and Harrisburg firemen had secured the fund allotted those cities and Chief Hickey was directed to correspond with them and with firemen's associations in other cities and ascertain what method they had adopted or had in prospect. He was requested to ask for copies of their by-laws and deliver them to the by-laws committee appointed at the August meeting. The committee to confer with the city solicitor in reference to recommending their adoption.

**\$100 IN SIGHT.**  
There was, it was stated, nearly \$100 acquired by the Firemen's union and in the hands of its treasurer, Fred Durr, who was anxious to deliver the money to the new association under proper authority. Treasurer Doland, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Long were appointed a committee to receive proper credentials from the secretary and request Mr. Durr to deliver the money to the new association through them.

The delegates present were assessed 25 cents each and nearly \$4 obtained to purchase a minute book and other supplies for the recording secretary.

Mr. Grier suggested that the delegates express their opinions to the by-laws committee as to the proper amount of sick and accident benefits to be incorporated in the by-laws. This caused quite a lengthy discussion in which Mr. Schadt, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Bonn argued that the question of benefits, etc., should be considered later when it was ascertained what plan had been adopted in other cities. No definite action was taken on the matter.

### O. & H. BLOCK SIGNALS.

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### ANTHONY JUSCHI DYING.

Has Lived for Several Weeks With a Fractured Skull.

Anthony Juschi, the man who sustained a severe fracture of his skull by falling down the steps leading to the basement under the Coyne House, a few weeks ago, will not live many hours. The fracture was a bad one and for three days Juschi was unconscious and his name could not be learned.

### MEDICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Were Nominated at a Meeting Held Tuesday Evening.

Officers were nominated as follows at a meeting of the Lackawanna County Medical society Tuesday evening: President, Dr. Lewis S. Barnes; vice presidents, Drs. Smith and Keller; secretary, Dr. G. D. Murray; treasurer, Dr. Gates, censor, Dr. Fulton; librarian, Dr. Gardner. At the next meeting of the society action will be taken in reference to a banquet.

### TALKED TO CHILDREN.

Mrs. Hall, Missionary, Spoke at Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hall yesterday afternoon addressed a meeting of children at the Penn Avenue Baptist church on "Africa," where Mrs. Hall has spent the past five years as a missionary.

### Ninth Ward Caucus.

A caucus of the Republican voters of the Ninth ward, Scranton, will be held in the mayor's court room, Thursday evening, Dec. 16, 1897, between the hours of 6 p. m. and 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a school controller, an alderman and constable. (Signed) Vigilance Committee.

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