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CITY NOTES.

Blue Grass will be the attraction at the Academy this evening. Yesterday's spring weather brought out a large number of pedestrians. Miss Hannah Jenkins and Jennie Morgan returned from New York. Frank Cushman's Bijou theater, formerly Mabel Hall, will be opened to the public this afternoon for the first time, with a continuous performance from 2:30 until 10:30. During last week the amount of business transacted by the Scranton Clearing House Association was Feb. 28, \$20,672.94; March 1, \$14,281.94; Feb. 29, \$20,777.61; March 2, \$12,638.99; March 3, \$11,426.92; March 4, \$10,641.76. Total collections for month of February, \$2,891,354. The Throop Hose company, of Throop, filed its application for a charter with the Board of Fire Commissioners. The subscribers to the articles of incorporation are H. W. Bollenman, George H. Haverly, Thomas Monahan, Joseph V. Birtley, Charles D. Sanderson and J. H. Law. A jury appointed by Sheriff Barre to appraise the value of the estate of the late Thomas McHale, of Dunmore, met at the arbitration room Saturday. It appraised his property at \$400. Senator M. E. McDonald appeared for the petitioner and Attorney T. J. Duggan for one of the heirs. The regular monthly meeting of the Pastor's union, of Scranton and vicinity, will be held at the C. E. Pryor building, Wyoming avenue, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Rev. J. W. Webb, D.D., pastor of Central M. E. church, Wilkes-Barre, will address the meeting on "Characteristics of Great Preachers."

TO CONVERT THE JEWS.

Rev. A. Ben-Oliel Speaks at the Second Presbyterian Church. Rev. A. Ben-Oliel spoke before a large audience at the Second Presbyterian church last night. His address was in the interest of his brethren in Jerusalem who, he says, are oppressed by the encroachments of the Turkish and Russian governments. He prefaced his remarks by saying that "Jerusalem is to all Christians the most beautiful and interesting country on the globe. The world is bound by obligations to take a practical interest in the Jews. They are preserved wonderfully by God to again be the apostles of the Gospel to the heathen world; for this they are, during their dispersion, being acclimated to every zone of the earth and learning every tongue and dialect. Of the many conversions made among the Jews to the Christian faith Mr. Oliel spoke at considerable length, and related the notable conversion of a Jew whom the Sultan of Turkey had made a Bey. The winning over of such a man is a thing unprecedented either at Jerusalem or elsewhere. In conclusion he spoke of an evangelistic hall as Jerusalem's greatest want, but contributions received would be expended for educating Jewish missionaries and in other directions to work conversions. Auction Sale at 1:30 P. M. Today. Spices of all kinds, tea, vanilla and lemon extracts, groceries, etc., at 245 Wyoming avenue. Harris, auctioneer. PAINT MILLWAKES larger here on draught and Rockaway outlets from the shell at JOHN LORHAM'S, 219 Lackawanna avenue.

BARREL MILL GOES UP

Terrific Explosion at the Works of the Moosic Powder Company.

ONE KILLED AND TWO INJURED

The Little Town of Moosic Receives a Shaking Up Unparalleled in Its History—Hardly a Whole Pane of Glass Left in the Place—Horrible Death of the Fireman, Thomas Weir—A Large Splinter Pierces the Body of Wesley Stanton.

A terrific explosion occurred in the western part of the yard in which are situated the works of the Moosic Powder company, at Moosic, on Saturday. The barrel mill, which stood contiguous to the Spring Brook creek and was isolated from the rest of the buildings a distance, perhaps, of 150 yards, was blown to atoms. In this mill the three ingredients, charcoal, sulphur and soda, are put through the preliminary process in the manufacture of blasting powder. Cylindrical vessels containing the mixture, which is "churned" until to use a technical phrase, the "charge is ready to be dumped." Ordinarily, while the evolution of these ingredients into powder is going on, the stuff is not considered dangerously combustible.

Twenty minutes before the explosion happened Foreman George H. Pearl, one of the most experienced powder workers in the country, on his rounds visited the powder mill. Everything appeared to be in perfect working order, nor was there ought perceptible of anything unusual. After he left the place the three men regularly employed there, Wesley Stanton, Archie Dymond and William Koppf, all sober and trusted employes, repaired to the engine room, which was annexed to the "barrel" mill, to eat their morning lunch. Koppf finished his before the other two started on an errand to the press mill, some distance away.

A TERRIFIC SHOCK. He was hardly a hundred yards from the spot when the mill exploded and the terrific shock threw him to the ground.

The destruction of the barrel mill was complete. To look at the foundation walls one would be reminded of the site of a large dwelling that had been burned down a dozen years prior, not a single member remaining. The coping stones of the walls were tumbled in the inclosed area in a conglomerate heap, blackened and crumbling. The building was a frame one built three years ago, now all debris, and scattered within a radius of two hundred feet would make a good sized wood pile. Part of the engine bed remains; the rest of the machinery is strewn promiscuously about the yard in all sizes from a single nail to a ton beam.

Archie Dymond was the only man who escaped the explosion. He was thrown through the left breast, piercing his lung and protruding at the base of his shoulder blade, like an arrow went a pointed hemlock splinter about two feet long and broadening to the thickness of the end of a base ball bat.

Dymond was seriously bruised. Both men escaped the flying machinery, which traveled with the deadly propulsion of battering rams.

FIREMAN WEIR'S HORRIBLE DEATH. Thomas Weir, a fireman, in a building fully 150 yards from the scene of the explosion, was reading Saturday's TRIBUNE. The shock snapped the steam pipe and the heavy equalizer fell upon his head, crushing the parietal bone of the skull. Death resulted instantaneously. The escaping steam poured down in volutes upon him, but his injury was caused, his spirit had joined the immemorial caravan. His aged mother, whose worst fears were realized, appeared quickly on the scene.

The flood of grief that seemed to rend the hearts of the bereaved was everywhere. The splinter was removed from his breast and morphine was administered to relieve his pain. Dr. N. Y. Least arrived on the 1:30 p. m. train on the Delaware and Hudson railroad and hurried to examine the sufferer. He was still strong, but his vitality was slowly ebbing away. Dymond's arm was fractured and he was otherwise badly bruised, but the physician fear no fatal results unless his internal system suffered from shock. Stanton was 25 years old. He was married not long ago to Miss Cooledge, whose brother was killed in the explosion that occurred on April 15, 1892, making the second loss to the family within two years. Thomas Weir resided in Stark's Patch. He was about 28 years old and leaves a widow and two children, the older of which is not yet three years old. Dymond, aged about 27 years, is unmarried, and boards in Old Forge.

PRESIDENT BOLES ARRIVES. Colonel H. M. Boles, of this city, president of the company, reached the mill a short time after the explosion. He summoned medical aid, nurses, and ordered all the other necessary clinical appliances. The superintendent, Benjamin Hutchins, is traveling in the south for his health. His splendid conservatory and hot house was utterly demolished and the windows in his residence broken. There is not a building in Moosic free from the shock. Passing through the town one would think by looking at the houses that they were all deserted.

The store of John McCordie, stocked with nearly \$10,000 worth of groceries, presented the appearance of what a cyclone could do to it. Patent medicines, of which there was probably a few hundred dollars worth, crashed from the shelves and every bottle was broken. The shelving toppled from its fastenings and the plastering bestrewn the floor. The Moosic depot of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company was without a window pane or skylight. McCordie's home was minus windows, several shutters and outside ornaments. Altemus' hotel had the plate glass windows in front entirely demolished. The Presbyterian church suffered the loss of a few stained glass windows. There was not a single building in the village intact. In some of the houses the stoves were upset.

WHAT CAUSED IT. The cause of the explosion will probably never be known. The supposition is that some part of the machinery got out in the cylinders is the only basis on which a theory can be founded. There is not a vestige of the barrel mill left, so that no definite conclusion regarding the explosion will ever be arrived at. The mystery will remain un-

solved, the cause must be charged to the inexplicable uncertainty that attends matters of this kind. The damage can not be rightly estimated as yet. The work of rebuilding will begin at once. At the time of the explosion there was material enough for nearly 1,000 tons of powder in the cylinders. The explosion on April 15, 1892, in which the coring and press mills were totally destroyed and seven men killed, did not create so much havoc or damage to so much property as did the blow-up of Saturday.

As many as 5,000 people viewed the scene of the disaster yesterday. The streets were thick with people from 8 o'clock until dark. Relics of the explosion, such as marbles, pieces of wood and iron, etc., were carried away by the crowds of curiosity seekers.

ONLY twenty-seven days. EXCITEMENT OVER PROPOSED SEWER. The granting of a Charter to Citizens of Olyphant the Cause.

The borough of Olyphant is now undergoing a series of intestine convulsions that would destroy a more peaceful community. For the past few years the residents of the central portion of the town has been endeavoring to establish a sewer system. Considerable money has been expended in the way of raising and meetings held, but all to no avail. A recent act of the legislature authorizes the formation and incorporation of sewer companies for the draining of boroughs and towns in this commonwealth.

In December last some of the largest property holders in the central portion of the town, conceived the idea of forming a company under the terms of the late act of assembly and applied for a charter. This at once aroused the ire of a coterie of speculators who have been profiting considerably of late by securing street railway franchises and disposing of them to railway capitalists. Judging the present sewer plan by their own action, they set up a howl of indignation, forsooth, that anyone should attempt to interfere with their works. A petition was at once circulated and presented to the secretary of state by ex-Congressman Amerman, and ex-County Auditor Dolph, which resulted in the delaying of the charter until last week. At a meeting of the council held on last Wednesday evening, the sewer company was given the right to lay its pipes through the town, and a resolution was signed by the burgess and advertised in yesterday's papers. When the speculating leaders of the anti-sewer movement learned of their defeat, they at once called an indignation meeting and succeeded in securing the attendance of a few sincere property owners.

One of the sewer company when questioned with regard to the matter said that he has \$5,000 worth of property in the town, which would be doubled in value by the establishment of a sewer system. Everything possible was done to get a sewer bill without success. The present company intends to commence active operations at once. No property holder is obliged to connect and the cost to individuals will be reduced 80 per cent.

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AT WONDERLAND THIS WEEK.

"Colleen Bawn" and "Streets of New York" Will Be Produced. While the Wonderland management was well satisfied with the reception accorded last week's plays, Manager Davis, in this week's "Colleen Bawn" and "Streets of New York," hopes to eclipse last week's record. Miss Ethel Fuller, whose work has won much favorable comment, will remain at Wonderland indefinitely, assuming prominent parts in both plays.

"Colleen Bawn," an Irish drama, is one of Dion Boucicault's productions and is considered by many to be the most popular of that famous playwright's dramas. "Streets of New York" is of the same style as "Under the Gaslight," which was on at Wonderland last week. "Colleen Bawn" will be given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and "Streets of New York" the remaining three nights of the week; matinees every day except today and Thursday.

MR. NOON IS A CITIZEN. He Received His Naturalization Papers Sept. 30, 1879.

Common Councilman-elect James F. Noon, of the Eighteenth ward, as to whose citizenship a question was lately raised by friends of his recent opponent, W. M. Williams, is a position to enjoy a laugh at that opponent's discomfiture. In reply to the statement of Mr. Williams' friends that Mr. Noon's name is not on the records of the Lackawanna courts as having taken out naturalization papers, Mr. Noon produces the documents themselves, which were granted to him Sept. 30, 1879.

This does away with any necessity for a new election in the Eighteenth, and puts the friends of Mr. Williams in a position suggesting the need of explanations.

ONLY twenty-seven days. CUSHMAN'S BIJOU THEATRE.

Well-Selected Corps of Performers Will Appear at Today's Opening.

The old Music Hall, transformed into Cushman's Bijou theatre, will have a grand opening today. A continuous performance will run from 2 o'clock this afternoon until 10:30 tonight, which plan will be continued indefinitely.

Among the well-selected corps of performers will be Frank Cushman, Jules Jordan, a metropolitan favorite; the Monroe sisters; George Hassel, a finished male soprano; Frank Carlton, a comedian well known in Scranton, and Kiesel, late of Haverly's minstrels. The price of admission will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, according to the location of seats.

The management promise a refined entertainment and intend that ladies and children can attend without escorts and receive attention and courtesy under the personal direction of Manager Bassell.

DR. McLEOD'S LECTURE SERIES. Each Sunday Will Discuss Characters Famous in Bible History.

Next Sunday Rev. James McLeod, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, will begin a series of lectures concerning characters famous in Bible history. He announced last night that this did not necessarily apply to exclusively those who lived in biblical times, but would include also men whose lives during a later period were allied to the Scriptures.

Next Sunday the subject will be "John Chrysostom," following which the other Johns of biblical celebrity will be discussed. The first lecture will be particularly for young men and women.

VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S MEETING. The Executive Committee Convenes in Century Company's Rooms.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Volunteer Fireman's Mutual Beneficial association of this city was held in the rooms of the Century Hose company's rooms yesterday afternoon. P. J. Hickey, of the Century, was temporary secretary. Before the meeting closed A. R. Simrell, of the General Phinneys, was chosen permanent secretary of the association for the coming year and August Schimpff, of the Neptunes, was chosen permanent chairman.

A meeting will be held on March 14 in Knab's hall to take up unfinished business.

New Stationery Store. John L. L. Travis at 506 Lackawanna avenue has added to his store a stationery department. Blank books and stationery of every description can be had at low prices.

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IRISH CATHOLICS

Words of Rev. P. J. McManus, of Green Ridge, on That Subject.

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At Music Hall last night the John Mitchell club gave an entertainment to commemorate the 16th anniversary of Robert Emmet, the young Irish patriot who suffered death for his participation in a revolt against English oppression in Ireland.

A strong, stirring address was made by Rev. P. J. McManus, pastor of St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, who during his remarks took occasion to rebuke the statements so often heard throughout the country that the priest exercises a political power over Irish Catholics. William Dawson was chairman of the evening and without preliminary remarks opened the evening's program by introducing Miss Lillian Allen, who rendered a piano solo in a skillful manner. In response to an encore she recited "Moneybags" in a splendid manner. Miss Lizzie Gerrity recited "The Toboggan" and Miss Florence Schelling followed with a "Waltz Song," exquisitely rendered. The evening sang with much feeling "The Dear Little Shamrock," Miss Mammie Homan recited "Shannon's Head," and then Will F. Burke, of Providence, was introduced. He sang "Don't Run Down the Irish," and to encore "Always Leave Your Shamrock." Miss Annie Roche's rendition of "Let Me Hold Thee Close My Heart," evoked loud applause, and she was compelled to respond to an encore.

REV. P. J. McMANUS' ADDRESS. At this point P. J. McManus, of Green Ridge, was introduced to the audience as the speaker of the evening.

He prefaced his remarks by saying: "We are here to honor the memory of Robert Emmet, an Irishman, a Protestant and a martyr for freedom." After briefly sketching the history of the brilliant young Irishman up to the time he gave up his life on the scaffold for love of country, the reverend speaker said:

Robert Emmet was an Irishman of the first order. He was a patriot and faithful to his friends. He was a Protestant. Why do I specify this? In these days when societies are formed all over the world to honor the memory of a well-known man, the misguided men who are induced to join these organizations an object lesson of how true the Irish people are in their patriotic enterprises. It is the duty of every Irishman to honor the memory of the Irish patriot. It was enough for him to know that he had been a true son and a patriotic defender of his land.

That freedom of conscience we expect for ourselves we honor in others. We are taught to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. The merit that man has is honored for, no matter what his religious convictions. Catholic constitutions have repeatedly sent Irish Protestants to represent them in the English parliament. The same has been done and honored leaders were Protestants. The great leader that has gone away, and so is the present leader, Justin McCarthy. Let me mention the name of the great rival Catholics influenced in politics by their priests!

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The annual spring inspection of the Thirteenth regiment was terminated Saturday evening by the inspection of Company H. The actual result of the inspection will not be known to the members of the Thirteenth until after Major Wright, the brigade inspector, has made his official report to General Gobin, the Third brigade commander. From the observations of those officers of the Thirteenth who accompanied Major Wright on his tour of inspection in the several companies a better inspection, in the aggregate, than they did a year ago. There was a marked improvement in attendance, these being but four men absent out of a total of 487 officers and men. The four absentees are credited to the First battalion, three in Company B and one in Company D. The latter company, however, had every possible man present and in all fairness should be credited with 100 per cent present. The one absent lies dangerously ill at Moses Taylor hospital, which made a physical impossibility for him to be present. Captain Barnard presented to the inspector a surgeon's certificate in this case and it is possible that General Gobin, when the case is brought to his notice, will not allow the company to be marked down under the circumstances. There was no valid excuse why the three men of Company B should be absent. The Second battalion had every man present. Every officer of the field and staff and line was in attendance. The general appearance of the men, the condition of clothing, arms, equipment and accoutrements, with the single exception of one company, was almost perfect. In company drill and extended order but five companies exceeded. In guard duty there was a marked improvement over last year. Six of the eight companies were almost perfect in this most important branch of military education. The sentinels gave evidence of having been properly and intelligently instructed by the non-commissioned officers of the guard. Two companies displayed poor knowledge of guard duty.

PROUD OF THE SHOWING. On the whole, Colonel Ripple can feel proud of the record made by his command at the spring inspection. The other commands of the division will have to do extraordinary work to excel the Thirteenth.

There seems to be no doubt at the present writing but that the entire division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will go into annual encampment this summer upon the famous battlefield of Gettysburg. This being the case, there will be a movement on the part of the field and staff to entertain as the regiment's guests in camp the field, staff and line officers of the Twenty-third Brooklyn regiment, who so royally entertained the Thirteenth regiment's team in New York last September.

Company E, of Honesdale, entertained Major Wright and Colonel Ripple and staff very handsomely at an informal lunch after inspection last Wednesday evening. Company G, of Montrose, paid the same complimentary Friday evening. Both affairs were heartily enjoyed by those who were so fortunate as to be present. These two companies are the best entertainers in the regiment.

Owing to the necessity of Major Wright having to go to Baltimore Saturday he was unable to inspect Company H. Colonel Ripple, by request of Major Wright, detailed Major Mattes and Adjutant Miller to inspect Company H at its armory. Major Mattes made a most thorough inspection in his usual precise and methodical manner. Adjutant Miller inspected the guards.

POSTPONED NON-COMM' SCHOOL. The postponed non-commissioned officers school second session will be held at the armory of the Scranton City Guard for the six resident companies next Thursday evening, March 8. Or Friday evening Adjutant Miller will conduct a non-commissioned officers school at Honesdale for Company E, and on Monday, March 12, at Montrose for Company G. Every non-commissioned officer, unless ill or absent from the city, must be present.

Company E was highly complimented by Major Wright and Colonel Ripple and staff for its magnificent armory. It is certainly the largest and most complete company armory in the state. The spring inspection for 1894 is over, yet the ratings for 1893 have not been published. It is a burning shame that the adjutant general's report for 1893 has not been issued to date.

Major C. Bow Dougherty, of the Third regiment, recompaneed Major Wright Thursday and Friday evenings at the inspection of Companies F and G. The roof of the old armory is in danger of falling in. An entire new roof will have to take its place. What a shame that the Thirteenth, the best regiment in the state, is compelled to occupy such miserable quarters! That new armory will give a dream after all. CRITIC.

ONLY twenty-seven days. KEIB'S MILK WAS SPILLED.

He Wants the Traction Company to Re-compense Him for Damages.

Charles Keib, a South Side milk dealer, began suit against the Scranton Traction company on Saturday to recover \$500. In January Mr. Keib's milk wagon was run into by one of the traction company's cars.

The result was a badly damaged wagon and much spilled milk. Mr. Keib believes the Traction company was responsible for the accident and wants to be recompensed. He is represented by Attorney C. H. Von Stora.

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Charles Keib, a South Side milk dealer, began suit against the Scranton Traction company on Saturday to recover \$500. In January Mr. Keib's milk wagon was run into by one of the traction company's cars.

The result was a badly damaged wagon and much spilled milk. Mr. Keib believes the Traction company was responsible for the accident and wants to be recompensed. He is represented by Attorney C. H. Von Stora.

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