CITY NOTES.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western will pay at the machine shops tomorrow.

The diagram for the "Spider and Fly" opens at the Academy of Music box office at 9 o'clock this morning.

The regular monthly meeting of the Eureka Literary society will be held at the home of George Walter, 517 Olive street, Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The schools of the city will reopen next Monday. Superintendent George W. Phillips is busy seeing that the buildings are prepared for the reception of the pupils.

Marriage licenses were yesterday granted by Clerk of the Courts John H. Thomas to Jacob Brandewene add Mamie Cohen, of this city; Jacob Zalindek and Agnieszka Klonnik, of Marshwood.

George Patterson, colored, was brought before Alderman Fitzsimmons at the instance of Adam Monsie, of Marshwood, who charged Patterson with the theft of $20. The alderman held Patterson in bail to appear at court.

The streets and bridges committee of common council will meet at the hotel of Councilman Simon Thomas on North Main avenue this afternoon, when the Decker's Hill sewer will be discussed, and action will probably be taken in the matter.

The report of the viewers of the Fourteenth sewer district as printed in THE TRIBUNE last Saturday was incorrect for the reason that the "copy" of the advertisement had not been properly arranged. As soon as the report is rearranged in will be printed in THE TRIBUNE.

Officer Thomas Jones arrested William Keating, of Larksville yesterday morning upon the charge of entering the house of John Thomas and refusing to leave. The prisoner would not leave the house when requested, and alarmed Mrs. Thomas considerably by threatening to run a knife through her body.

Florence mission gratefully acknowledges donations for August from Mrs. W. F. Hallstead, W. H. Pearce, E. G. Coursen, Mrs. J. B. Dimmick, Miss Draper, Sing Sing; a friend, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Mrs. Simon Rice, Palmer, the florist, Conrad, milk dealer, Ziedler's bakery, medical attendance, Dr. Connell and Dr. Dean.

MOODY ON ASSURANCE

Tells How Christians Can Become Possessors of It.

DISCOURSE IN THE EVENING

Had Something to Say About Meetings for Workingmen—Said There Was a Tendency to Discredit the Book of Daniel and Thereupon He Made an Eloquent Plea for the Preservation of the Scriptures as They Stand.

The Moody mission services began yesterday at 4 p. m. at Elm Park church, when Mr. Moody addressed a large audience upon "Assurance," basing his remarks upon St. John, xx, 31. A gentleman once approached him with a request that he would recommend a book upon "Assurance" and he told him that the best book was by a man named John. The gentleman referred to asked whether the author was an Englishman and was surprised to find that the Bible was referred to.

Such was the case with hundreds, said Mr. Moody, who read every book but the Bible and are surprised that they cannot get assurance. When he was converted and got assurance he thought that every Christian should wear an outward badge, but after experience of years he thought different, as every rogue and hypocrite could wear a badge, and God knew the best place by placing it in the heart of man. Some Christians were kind, even tempered and with a smile for everyone; others were snappish, cross and impatient. Which class, he asked his audience with some emphasis, do you belong to? I would not, he said, give that much for tons of the latter class, at the same time giving an emphatic snap with his fingers. Mr. Moody went on to refer to other points bearing upon his subject and was diligently followed by a large number who were well provided with Bibles and read his quotations. He expressed himself delighted with the large number who had brought their Bibles with them and trusted that everybody would do likewise at the remaining afternoon meetings.

SERVICE IN THE EVENING.

Once more the capacious Elm Park church was filled at the evening service and many attended at an early hour to enjoy the excellent singing which is conducted by Mr. Stebbins previous to the service.

The Elm Park church quartette discoursed some sweet music during the preliminary service after which Mr. Moody made an announcement with regard to the workingmen's mission, and stated that in May he began to work among the workingmen in the Wyoming valley and after a three months' absence he was highly gratified to observe the great success of the mission.

Last Saturday he addressed 1,500 workingmen in the tent at Pittston. The work would be removed from Pittston to Scranton in a few days and he asked them all to work for the success of the movement. Many people with poor clothes would not attend a church, but there was every possibility of getting them into a tent. Let the mothers bring their babies with them. In order to encourage the mothers to do so he once announced in England that no woman would be allowed in the meeting without a baby in arms, and the result was that 1,100 babies were in the meeting. He felt that the movement would be successful and asked the meeting to make a collection towards defraying the expenses.

JONAH AND THE WHALE.

Mr. Moody in commencing his sermon expressed his joy to see so many young men present and extended a hearty invitation to attend on Thursday evening, when he would speak on the "Prophet Daniel." Last night he addressed his remarks upon the book of Daniel, and stated that there was a tendency in and out of the church to throw discredit upon this book, but if they gave up one portion of the Bible let them give it all up. Mr. Moody then denounced in strong terms the action of those people who stated that they did not believe in certain portions of Holy Scriptures, and as an instance quoted the stand taken that the whale could not swallow Jonah, as its mouth was not sufficiently large. "Why," he exclaimed, "God could make a fish with a mouth large enough to swallow this church and all the people in it." The idea that God could not create such a fish to upset the Scriptures.

Other men, he remarked, would not believe in supernatural things, and therefore wanted to do away with all the books. Why if the men who wrote those supernatural incidents in the Bible did not believe in them, they were writing a deliberate lie. There was something supernatural in everything connected with the life of Christ, and all His life had been prophesied and these prophesies had been fulfilled. The idea of a man who calling himself a disciple of Christ, finding fault with the only book of his Savour. There were many things which a man could not understand. He had read it for forty years, and if he understood it at first all interest in it would have gone, but it was as fresh to him as ever and thank God, he declared, that he did not understand the whole of it inasmuch as it was a source of continual new interest to him. He recollected one man who spoke against the Bible and declared we wanted a new one, and he was asked which was the first book, Genesis or Revelations. "Well, I can't exactly tell, but I know we want a new Bible."

KNOW THE LEAST ABOUT IT.

The men who wanted a new Bible were the men who knew least of it. There was no book so misjudged as the old Book, and men who hesitated to give an opinion on other books without a thorough perusal, freely criticised the Bible without being able to quote one verse of its contents. The best answer to skeptical men was the number of prophecies that had been fulfilled. Two hundred prophecies from God to Christ had been fulfilled, and that 400 years before the coming of Christ.

It was, he emphasized, easier for him to believe the Bible than D. L. Moody. His heart had deceived him a 1,000 times, but the Bible never. One thousand five hundred Bibles were printed every hour of the day and hardly a language was spoken but that the Bible was printed in it. Too many preachers take a text from the Bible and go up like a balloon selecting subjects all over creation with which to wrap up the verse, but preaching no Scripture. Such sermons went over the heads of people and hit none. One word of God was worth tons of "Moody's sermons."

After a vivid repitition of Dr. Andrew Bonner's portrayal of the betrayal of Christ by Judas, Mr. Moody referred to his own visit to the Holy Land and was most graphic and impressive as to his efforts to find the spot where his Saviour had died for him, his journey to Bethany and other parts and in an eloquent peroration closed a most impressive sermon on a most eloquent subject.

This afternoon Mr. Moody will speak on "How to Study the Bible" and particularly requests his hearers to bring their Bibles with them to the meeting, which will be held at Elm Park church at 4 p. m. He also addressed a request to his audience to assemble at 3 45 so that a few selections of Gospel hymns could be sung before the meeting. Another meeting will be held at the same church at 8 p. m., which Mr. Moody will also address. Mr. Bliss will speak at the Gospel tent, West Side, at 4 p. m. and 7.30 p. m.

WORK OF MR. BLISS.

The work of E. W. Bliss in the West Side tent, has so far been very effectual, and considering the difficulties under which he has labored, he is to be highly commended. There is a dropping off in his audiences caused by Mr. Moody's services in the Elm Park church, but beyond this the meetings are as enthusiastic as ever. The choir is now doing excellently and Mr. Moody paid them a high tribute on their singing while preaching in the tent on Sunday evening.

West Side people have become deeply interested in the campaign, but are greatly dissatisfied with the arrangement that Mr. Moody is not to preach over there again. An effort is now being made to have him there next Sunday morning.

Last evening a great many gathered unde rthe canvas tent. The meeting opened with a service of song and praise, after which Rev. L. C. Floyd gave a prayer. Mr. Bliss gave a short talk on sinners in general, and the various ways of hiding sins. A solo, entitled "Go Bear Thy Burden," was sung in a rich baritone voice by John Jones, of Bellevue. Mr. Bliss gave a prayer and announced that services would be held every evening this week except Saturday. "The Crowning Day Is Coming" followed. Mr. Bliss took as his text for his evening discourse Isaiah iii, 9, saying: "In all their affliction, He was afflicted." During his remarks he said:

God always felt for the people. Man had no sooner wandered away in Eden, than God was after him. There are sorrow and other things coming to us all the time. Some people try to avoid accidents and the like, but it is of no use, for it is our lot on earth. A man sometimes fails in business, and the first thing he says is, "God don't care for me." How quick the heart is to suggest such things. Our text says: "In all his affliction, he was afflicted." I did once think that God delighted in raising some people and letting others fall.

COMPASSION OF GOD.

Some people would rather have me talk about God's compassion than his justice. "In His love and pity He redeemeth them." How could God overlook sin in His compassion and justice? That text was the answer. God asked the question, "Who'll go?" and the only begotton son said, "I'll go." God showed mercy all through the 4,000 years before Christ came, and His son went to the temple when only 12 years of age. He suffered on the cross, and when that heart was pierced with a Roman spear blood and water flowed out and the sins of the world were covered. Why won't you accept this Jesus Christ as your savior?

God comes with will and compassion and says, "Whosoever will may come." Christ paid the price and brought us out of the condemnation and now God says, "Here's your freedom papers." Take them tonight and believe in Him. Some times a man sees something which greatly angers him, he storms around and almost commits murder. Another man will see something which angers him and will close his eyes and pray to God. When God redeems a soul He carries us through to the end of our days. "Father, if you do everything for your son, havn't you a right to expect love and gratitude." If any man loves not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed at the Lord's coming.

I want to ask you, my hearers, if you ever brought a flower or other token to the Lord Jesus Christ. Can't you say I'll try and live a better life, and turn your back to your sins? Say, I'll do His will and obey Him, Master here I come, I come to Thee in my sins and weakness and oh Lord Jesus wilt Thou accept me?

Dr. Bliss gave an earnest prayer. Mr. Stebbins sang a bautiful selection, and after a short prayer service the meeting closed.

GREAT MUSICAL EVENT

Laurel Hill Park Being Put in Readiness for the Competition Thursday and Friday.

A large force of carpenters have been busy for several days past preparing Laurel Hill park for the grand musical festival which will open there tomorrow afternoon. An immense stage has been erected near the center of the park and has been surrounded on three sides by benches capable of seating 2,500 spectators. Directly in front of the stage a space has been set aside for the reserved seats, where 500 chairs have been placed for those who desire extra comforts. The seats are raised in a manner that will allow every member of the audience to have a full view of the stage over the heads of those sitting in front of him.

The main stage is built around several handsome oak trees, whose branches afford shelter from sunlight and dew, but canvas will also be stretched over the platform as additional protection. The committee has spared no expense in having the arrangements as near perfection as possible in every detail, and credit is due the secretary, John Courier Morris, for the admirable manner in which the arrangements thus far have been completed. The programme of the festival includes many meritorious features. There will be competitors for the chief choral prize from Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth, Pittston, Providence and Forest City, while Hyde Park will be represented by two choirs. Five bands will be present: Bauer's band, Germania band, of this city; Pittston band, Jermyn band and the Pottsville band.

The "Gloria," for Catholic choirs, will be competed for by four of the most cultured organizations in the county. One from Scranton, led by John T. Watkins; one from Olyphant, led by Thomas Watkins; one from Dunmore, led by D. Jones, and one from Forest City, led by John Morgan.

In addition to the interesting features offered by the various musical and literary contests, it is announced, on Friday, Thomas Darlington, M. A., of Oxford, England, will deliver an address. Mr. Darlington, who is one of the greatest scholars of the age, has been in this country several weeks visiting relatives at Chester, Pa., and has consented to deliver an address at Laurel hill on account of the interest he has taken in the Electric City and its institutions.

The opening contest will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Two sessions will be held tomorrow, afternoon and evening. On Friday three sessions will be held, viz: Ten o'clock, a. m.; 2 p. m., and 8 p. m. The park will be brilliantly illuminated with arc lights each evening and all sessions will be enjoyable throughout.

NOTHING TO LIVE FOR

So E. J. Safford, of Greenwich, N. Y., Thought and Therefore Committed Suicide.

NO FEARS FOR THE FUTURE

When Standing on the Brink of the Great Unknown He Penned Letters Stating That the Future Had No Terrors for Him—Blamed Whisky and Gambling for His Downfall, and Gave Some Sage Advice to Young Men.

One more unfortunate, whose life became a burden to him, shuffled off the mortal coil yesterday. On Aug. 8 a well dressed man giving his name as E. J. Safford, whose folks live at Greenwich, N. Y., hired a room from a family named Jones at 140 Franklin avenue. He was about 45 years of age, nearly six feet tall and weighed 200 pounds. The family with whom he roomed saw but little of him; he slept late in the morning and was not in the habit of retiring until a late hour at night. He appeared to be well supplied with money.

Yesterday when Mrs. Jones went to his room to arrange it, expecting to find him gone out as usual, she found his door locked and went there several times during the day with the same result.

About 4.30 in the afternoon her husband returned from work and she explained that there was something queer about the fact that the door of Safford's room was locked. He investigated and opened the door with a key and found Safford dead in bed.

REASON FOR THE SUICIDE.

The Jones' heard him enter the house about midnight and go to his room. Before retiring he locked the door and left the key on the dressing case. Letters and $8 in money were found on the stand. This letter was scribbled with a lead pencil on the back of a letter directed to him at an address in Binghamton. It was from M. O. Ottens & Co., of New York, and requested him to ship by express certain goods unsold in his possession.

The letter is as follows and explains the motive of suicide:

I have taken R. J. Ingersoll's advice and taken a little morphine, that is when he is tired of living, as I am, and I can see nothing to live for. I am worse than "broke" and can see no way to recuperate.

I have always tried to live an honest life, but whisky has got the better of me and try as I could I was unable to conquer the everlasting desire of its effects. I am not insane, nor have I any fears of the future. My only regret in regard to this act is the pain which it will cause my relatives who are respectable people, residing in Greenwich, N. Y. Whisky is the cause of this act. If I could have controlled my appetite I could tide myself over my present financial troubles. This money here is the last I have in the world, and it is due the landlady. To the coroner: Doctor, be sure that I am dead before you allow my remains to be placed in the coffin.

Yours, etc., E. J. SAFFORD.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

The other letter was written on the back of a telegram received from the same firm. It said:

There is a pawn broker's ticket in my vest pocket calling for my watch if some one will kindly look after it. If the boys notify my brother, C. H. Safford, Greenwich, N. Y., he will no doubt come or send after my remains.

My advice to young men is, avoid gambling and whisky, especially the latter, as it is the only cause of my downfall.

Kind regards to all except those who know they have wronged me. Paper is shy and I will have to stop writing.

VERDICT OF THE JURY.

Coroner Kelly was notified and he arrived and empanneled the following jury: Si Coffee, Joseph Keogh, P. O. Knight, S. N. Benjamin, C. A. Keller, Alex. Grumberger. After reading the letters and listening to the testimony of the members of the family a verdict was rendered to the effect that the deceased came to his death from an overdose of morphine taken with suicidal intent.

Undertaker Raub removed the body to his establishment on Spruce street, and a telegram was sent to the dead man's brother. Safford was a frequenter of the gambling rooms about town and had been drinking heavily since he came to the city.

WEST SIDE NEWS NOTES.

E. R. Griffiths, of Mount Carmel, is in the city.

Mrs. Arthur B. Hughes, of North Lincoln avenue, is seriously ill.

Rev. W. S. Jones is expected home today from a vacation spent in Wales.

William R. Williams, of South Main avenue, has returned from Wilkes-Barre.

Thomas Phelps, of Boston, is visiting his cousin, William R. Thomas, of Jackson street.

Miss Sarah Evans, of Washburn street, is in Plymouth, owing to the illness of her cousin.

Mrs. Roger Evans and son, of Jackson street, are visiting friends in Susquehanna county.

The Ladies' Female choir held an open air rehearsal last evening on North Bromley avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Doud, of Oakland, Cal., are visiting E. M. Fellows, of North Sumner avenue.

Miss Gwladys Joseph, of South Hyde Park avenue, has returned from a visit with friends in Waterville, N. Y.

Philip J. Davies, of Eynon street, will leave on Monday next for Exeter college, New Hampshire, to take a course of study.

The First Welsh Baptist church will run an excursion to Lake Ariel today. The train will leave the Erie and Wyoming depot at 8.30 a. m.

Misses Bronwer Joseph, of South Hyde Park avenue, and Vannie Williams, of Eynon street, left yesterday for New York, where they will embark for a short visit in Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson, of North Rebecca avenue, are suffering from the effects of some canned beef, which they think was poisoned. Dr. Carroll is attending them, but thinks there is no danger.

Many of the residents on North Sumner avenue are complaining of marauders who nightly visit their gardens and steal fruit and vegetables. For some nights past the yard of August Webber has been visited and plums and other fruit taken. Mr. Lewis, of Lafayette street, is minus a bale of hay.

The funeral of Edward Shearns, of Fillmore avenue, occurred at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael McAndrew. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. B. Whelan in St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock. Interment was made in the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

SOUTH SIDE.

John Rosen Taken in Charge by the Police of Hackettstown, N. J.

John Rosen, the Cedar avenue hotelkeeper, whose name has been in print several times lately through his disappearance is now confined at police headquarters in Hackettstown, N. J. A week ago he left home without the knowledge of his family and they traced him to New York. The police department of that city was notified to keep a lookout for him, as he was thought to be suffering from mental aberration.

Last evening Chief of Police William T. Simpson received a telegram from Dennis O'Shea, chief of Police of Hackettstown, acquainting him that a man answering the description of Rosen had been picked up on the streets while walking about aimlessly, and that he was in a dangerous condition.

Chief Simpson went to the Rosen residence and apprised them of the news. George Rosen left at 1 a. m. to bring home his father.

SOUTH SIDE JOTTINGS.

Mrs. Fred Hartman, of Pittston avenue, is visiting in Honesdale.

Thomas Mahon, of Fig street, who has been very ill of typhoid fever, is recovering.

Henry Wetter and Adam Luther, of Cedar avenue, spent yesterday fishing at Lake Ariel.

Butcher Jacob Hofmeister has purchased an interest in Armbrust's meat market, of Cedar avenue.

The repairing of the Prospect avenue culvert has been begun by Contractors Corcoran & Donahoe.

Miss Anna Malia, of Pittston avenue, attended the wedding of her brother, W. H. Malia, yesterday at Honesdale.

At St. John's church, on Fig street, and St. Joseph's church, Minooka, high masses will be sung hereafter, beginning next Sunday.

Miss Maud Powers, of Cedar avenue, left yesterday for Stroudsburg State Normal school, where she has been a student the past term.

Miss Minnie Spohrer, of Maple street, is again fully recovered. The accident she sustained at the Meadow Brook Silk mill was not a very serious one.

A black heifer 18-months-old, owned by R. J. Callery, of Birney avenue, strayed away yesterday, and any information regarding it will be thankfully received by the owner. **

The new drug store of F. L. Terppe, at Cedar avenue and Birch street, is finished and will be occupied in a week. The transfer of Mr. Terppe's stock will begin next Monday.

The St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society of the Twentieth ward will hold a special meeting this evening at its hall to make all arrangements for attending the parade in honor of Rev. P. J. McManus tomorrow evening.

Scranton's Business Interests.

THE TRIBUNE will soon publish a care fully compiled and classified list of the leading wholesale, banking, manufacturing and professional interests of Scranton and vicinity. The edition will be bound in book form, beautifully illustrated with photogravure views of our public buildings, business blocks, streets, etc., together with portraits of leading citizens. No similar work has ever given an equal representation of Scranton's many industries. It will be an invaluable exposition of our business resources. Sent to persons outside the city, copies of this handsome work will attract new comers and be an unequalled advertisement of the city. The circulation is on a plan that cannot fail of good results to those concerned as well as the city at large. Representatives of THE TRIBUNE will call upon THOSE WHOSE NAMES are DESIRED in this edition and explain its nature more fully.

Those desiring views of their residences in this edition will please leave notice at the office.

MARRIED.

BIESECKER—COLE—At the residence of Rev. B. F. Summerhill, in Madisonville, on Sept. 1, Miss Martha Cole to Levi Biesecker.

AT THE THEATERS.

All the resources of spectacle, pantomime burlesque, opera, vaudeville, comedy, scenic art, costuming, electricity, science, mechanical devices and stage craft have been exhausted this year to render M. B. Leavitt's brilliant extravaganza, "Spider and Fly," the most magnificent production of the decade. Two 60 foot cars are required for the transportation of its numerous effects. The "Spider and Fly" is to be presented at the Academy of Music on Friday evening.

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The electric picture dance, the latest English novelty, will be introduced by Hettie Bernard Chase at the Frothingham at the Saturday matinee in her famous farce comedy, "Little Coquette." During the progress of the dance Professor H. J. Campell will present a series of highly attractive scenic wonders with beautiful mechanical effects. This will prove the greatest terpsichorian novelty of the season and far in advance of anything yet presented. Sale of seats commences Wednesday morning at the box office.