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### CITY NOTES.

Pay your Poor Taxes and save costs. \* The diagram for James O'Neill opens at 9 o'clock this morning at the Academy of Music box office.

Arthur Normille, of Binghamton, a member of the firm of Normille Bros., was in the city yesterday.

Charles Robinson has purchased by sheriff sale the hotel property of Joseph D. Lloyd, of Freeburg, for \$781.

The Cayuga and Briston mine employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company were paid Saturday.

Peter Ogles and Victoria Sartar were married Saturday by Alderman Wright in the office of the clerk of the courts.

Arthur E. Sharps, 44 under 29 years of age, has, on complaint of his father, been committed to jail on a charge of embezzlement.

A petition for divorce has been made by Mrs. Mary Schooner, through her next friend, David T. Howell. She was married to John Schooner as recently as Aug. 4, 1894.

A well attended meeting of the Jewish Culture society was held at the vestry rooms on Linden street yesterday afternoon, when several essays were read by members of the society.

The Scranton Clearing house made the following exchanges last week: Dec. 3, \$189,507.71; Dec. 4, \$126,745.93; Dec. 5, \$144,962.37; Dec. 6, \$102,526.12; Dec. 7, \$129,972.57; Dec. 8, \$92,440.01; total, \$888,195.41.

Martin Ryan, aged 21 years, a laborer, while drunk lay down on the Lackawanna tracks near Sweetland street Saturday. He was discovered with his head resting over one of the north bound rails and asleep. A few minutes after Lieutenant Williams removed him a train passed. In police court Ryan paid \$5 for having his life saved.

Charles Cronk, who boards at the corner of Spruce street and Franklin avenue, and works in the wagon shop of W. E. Gilhoel, on Seventh street, fell in an alcoholic fit on Lackawanna avenue last evening and was taken to a nearby drug store. Later he was removed to the central police station. A week ago he was taken to the Lackawanna hospital while similarly affected.

Pawnbroker Green, of Lackawanna avenue, was arrested Saturday on complaint of John C. Roche, brother, who charged the defendant with receiving stolen goods. Mr. Roche was refused the privilege of searching the pawnbroker's store for a stolen overcoat, although possessed with a search warrant. Alderman Fitzsimmons held Green under \$300 bail to answer the charge in court.

The first of a series of basket ball games in the State Young Men's Christian association league will be played this evening in the gymnasium between Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. The positions of the local players will be as follows: Davis, home; W. Jay, center; Teets, right center; Foster, right guard; Gill, left guard; Malot, goal; Burdick, right forward; Murphy, left center; Gibbs, left forward.

Alfred Burnes, 40 years of age, an Englishman and by trade an engineer, was on Friday afternoon nap Saturday against a telegraph pole at the corner of Wyoming avenue and Spruce street. The weather was wet and not conducive to the ordinary enjoyment of an open air snooze, but Burnes was snoring when Patrolman Rodham disturbed him. Burnes was wet inside as well as outside, so he was placed in the station house. He was sent to jail for twenty days.

Colonel Monies' post, No. 213, Grand Army of the Republic, has elected the following staff: E. L. Haas, commander; John Chandler, senior vice commander; C. Atwater, junior vice commander; Levi Getz, surgeon; John Sanford, chaplain; J. W. Jones, officer of the day; Lucy Litz, officer of the guard; P. Delacy, quartermaster; John T. Howe and John Horn, representatives to state encampment;

## FRANZ BEZEK MAY BE HUNG

### Jury Rendered a Verdict of Murder in the First Degree.

### COURT COMMENDS THE VERDICT

Judge Edwards States from the Bench That It Meets His Approval—Prisoner Does Not Seem to Realize His Fate. Secrets of the Jury Room.

Murderer Franz Bezek was convicted Saturday afternoon of murder in the first degree, and the almost unanimous verdict of the jury met with the approval of a first class and deserving one. Not long after 2 o'clock Judge Edwards, who was presiding in the court in No. 1, was notified that the jury had agreed and was ready to deliver a verdict. A messenger was sent post-haste to the court and at 2:30 Bezek, in charge of Deputy Sheriffs White and Bortwe, was marched into the prisoner's dock.

The jury filed slowly into court and took seats in the box to the right of the bench. On the faces of every man in the court was a look of interest. It was a forecast of the determination at which they had arrived. The prisoner was led to the defendant's table, and he looked somewhat pale and nervous. Every eye in the court room was upon him and along the walls of the court were the faces of the men and women who had gathered there to witness the trial. Judge Edwards ordered the verdict taken, but before this was done Attorney Watson asked the court to order the stenographer to read the court's instruction to the jury in the morning. After this was done Deputy Clerk of the Courts Thomas P. Daniels read the names of the jurors, and each one answered aloud.

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk. C. W. Kirkpatrick, the foreman, answered in the affirmative. "You say you are ready to deliver a verdict," said the judge. "Yes, your honor," answered the foreman. "You say you are ready to deliver a verdict," said the judge. "Yes, your honor," answered the foreman.

### WORK OF BIBLE SOCIETY.

Reports Made at Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church. The congregations of the Second and First Presbyterian churches united in the latter edifice last night, when was held a business meeting and the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Lackawanna Bible society. President Alfred Hand presided at the meeting, which followed the usual evening devotional service conducted by Rev. Dr. James McLeod, pastor, and Rev. Dr. Charles Robinson, of the Second Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. McLeod delivered a sermon after the business session.

Mr. Hand explained the purpose of the society in its distribution of the Scriptures, which are given to any person who cannot afford to purchase. He closed his brief remarks with an appeal for a liberal contribution.

A. W. Dickson and C. W. Kirkpatrick were appointed to nominate officers and directors for the ensuing year and requested to retire for conference and report as soon as possible. W. H. Richmond, treasurer, reported as follows: Nov. 27, To balance, \$486.74; Nov. 27, To collection annual meeting, 19.00; Nov. 27, To check from Rev. S. S. Kennedy, 300.60; Dec. 8, To check from M. Norton, 382.88; Sales back, 315.00; Dec. 15, To check from Rev. S. S. Kennedy, 315.00; January, 1893, interest at bank, 2.21; July, 1893, interest at bank, 1.59; Total, \$1,535.99.

### IN LOCAL THEATERS.

William Collier, who came into prominence as a comedian by his work with Reed in "Hoss and Hoss," appeared at the Academy of Music Saturday night in his new comedy, "A Back Number," by Edward E. Kildler. It is not an assertive comedy of the "Hoss and Hoss" type. The action moves in a quieter, smoother groove and the piece altogether is of a more pretentious nature. Mr. Collier assumes the dual roles of Benjamin Bennett, a village schoolmaster, and Shiftless Ike, his brother, a human boomerang. In the first named character Mr. Collier's work has been described as similar to that of Sol Smith Russell.

It is not. Collier will never be a Russell. As Shiftless Ike, Collier was at his best. His natural vivacity and spontaneity were constantly bubbling forth and he kept the audience in a merry mood when on the stage in that character. His Benjamin Bennett was far from being so well done. Collier does not successfully assume the role of the patient, gentle, kind and unobtrusive school teacher. It is a phase of character delineation apparently unsuited to his temperament and talents. His Shiftless Ike, it is, that makes the piece enjoyable. Collier was supported by a fair company which included George W. Leslie, James R. Smith, Edward Clarke, Louise Allen Collier, Belle Bucklin, Helen Renner and Mattie Earle. The story told by the comedy is interesting and some of the dialogue really clever.

Manager Burgunder has booked an unusually fine list of attractions for this week. They include the best companies now traveling and Scrantonians are to be congratulated on the opportunity afforded them of seeing artists who only at rare intervals leave the large centers of population. The week's bill opens tonight with "Blue Jeans" which has been produced 400 times in New York city. Magnificent scenery and mechanical effects are introduced. Tuesday evening Richard Mansfield and his stock company will produce "Beau Brummell." This will be one of the dramatic events of the season and a large and fashionable audience will unquestionably be attracted to the Academy tomorrow night.

James O'Neill, than whom there are few more capable actors on the American stage, will produce "Virginius" Wednesday night. He is supported by a capable company and will give a fine presentation of that well known tragedy. Joseph Ott, of "Dazzler" fame, who is starring this season, will give his new farce comedy "Star Gazer" Thursday night. He has character that sets off to good advantage his peculiar comedy methods and is assisted by a fine company.

Friday night Augustin Daly's company, which includes "Adonis" Dixey, will be seen in "A Night Off" and Saturday night the Bryne brothers will be seen in their pantomimic comedy, "Eight Bells."

Manager Laine, of the Frothingham, has also secured some good things for the entertainment of theater-goers this week. Tonight and tomorrow night "A Trip to Turkey" will be seen at that house. It is extremely light, enlivened by catchy, sparkling music, refined specialties and a ballet and chorus with over twenty pretty girls in dazzling, oriental costumes. The cast includes Richard Gorman, Maurice Hageman, Harold Hartzell, F. G. Mack, G. P. Lynn, and Misses Florence Ellis, Kate Gilbert, Duddle Douglas, Donna Dean, and little Irene Franklin, the phenomenal child contralto. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the great realistic play, "The Engineer," will be produced.

Manager Davis has secured Joseph D. Cronin's powerful company for the early part of this week at Davis' theater. "The Hunch King" company has had a continued run of successes and comes to Scranton with unusually good press notices and the comedy melodrama they present promises to be full of new features, new novelties and the elegant costumes which are carried cannot fail but to be a considerable attraction. The comedienne, Miss June Agnost, is the principal actress and is a most natural and finished artist and there is every indication that a treat will be afforded at the Davis theater during her stay in the city.

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Chamber Concerts. The first of the chamber concerts, already announced, will be given in the Young Men's Christian association hall, Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock. Subscription, \$5 for five season tickets with reserved seats. The diagram of the hall will be opened at Powell's Monday, Dec. 10.

Mr. Theodor Hemberger, first violin; Mr. A. N. Rippard, second violin; Mr. R. J. Bauer, viola; Mr. T. H. Rippard, cello; Mr. J. Willis Conant, piano. Mrs. George Dibb, Dimmick will be the soloist.

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