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**PERSONAL.**  
 E. P. Holland, of Binghamton, is in the city.  
 Court stenographer H. H. Coston is out of town.  
 I. K. Miller, of Bloomsburg, was here yesterday.  
 Professor M. J. Lovern, of the South Side, paid a visit to the officials of the court house yesterday.  
 County Superintendent of Schools J. C. Taylor is detained at his home on North Main avenue, owing to illness.  
 Miss Minnie Ferry, of Wilkes-Barre, returned home yesterday after a visit to Miss Annie Donnelly, of Madison avenue.  
 Clerks John H. Williams and Fred Kirchoff, of the county commissioner's office, are confined to their homes from illness.  
 Rev. J. H. Schmidt, of the German Baptist church, is entertaining Rev. M. P. Staub, of Texas, a former pastor of the church.  
 United States Attorney Samuel E. Griffiths, of Pittsburg, left yesterday for New York, after a few days' stay in this city on official business.  
 Miss Minnie Flannaghan, of 1717 Luzerne street, entertained a select party at her home last evening. She acquitted herself as hostess in a most charming manner.  
 H. E. Morse, president of the Edge Moor bridge company, and son and Charles W. Boyan, chief engineer of the company, are at the Hotel Terrace. The Edge Moor company has the contract for building the iron work of the Linden street bridge.  
 Rev. Richard Aust, Attorney M. A. McGinley, E. J. Welsh, P. H. Gilgation and Attorney J. Elliot Ross, returned last evening with Dr. John O'Malley from Mineville, Schuylkill county, whither they went to attend the funeral of Dr. O'Malley's mother.  
 Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. C. W. Scranton yesterday and registered at the Hotel Terrace were Miss M. F. Townsend and S. S. Townsend, of Oyster Bay, N. Y.; Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Nicoll, Mrs. Alcott, Mrs. William Robinson and Charles D. Townsend, of New York; F. W. and W. Tracy Smith, of St. Albans, N. Y.; Miss Shoemaker, of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. W. G. Phelps, of Binghamton.

J. Elliot Ross, a leading attorney of Scranton, Pa., was in attendance at the banquet given by Keystone Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, on Thursday night, when he delivered a most able, eloquent and forcible eulogy on the Order of Heptasophs in particular, and the ameliorating influence of well regulated beneficial societies in general. Brother Ross' genial and quick-witted nature and his fine personnel, won for him many friends. He is one of the grand officers of the supreme conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, and was here in his official capacity. He was never in York before, and we feel sure that if he was as well pleased with York, as the York Heptasophs, and others who met him, were pleased with him he will come again.—York Daily.

**NO ONE TO BLAME.**  
 Mine Inspector Hewitt's Opinion of the Death of John Connors.  
 After fully investigating the manner in which John Connors, of the South Side, came to his death by falling 200 feet down the West Ridge coal company's shaft last Friday night, Mine Inspector Patrick Hewitt is convinced that no blame attaches to any of the men present at the time of the unfortunate casualty.  
 Mr. Hewitt's opinion is that Connors neglected the precaution of taking a secure hold of the cage.  
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**THREE SERMONS ON SIN**

Preached at the Mission Services at the Cathedral Yesterday.

**WINNING SOULS BACK TO GOD**

Father Bucholz Spoke in the Evening and Took His Text from the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah—Mission Is Doing Much Good.  
 The mission in progress at the cathedral will prove a noble blessing to the congregation if the attention and devotion already noticeable is a standard to judge from. At 5 o'clock mass the church was filled to the doors yesterday morning, and at all the other services of the day the eagerness of the parishioners to benefit from the instructions of those zealous fathers, must fill the hearts of the latter with a reverend joy.  
 Father DeHaza celebrated the 5 o'clock mass and delivered a short, brilliant sermon on sin. He pictured the awful punishment that the Creator visits upon the unrepenting sinner. The 8 o'clock mass was read by Father Neumuebler, who spoke on the text, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his immortal soul?" This quotation from the writings of St. Paul was made the basis of a beautiful exhortation for all to serve God and be happy in his presence forever in the Kingdom of Heaven. The power with which Father Neumuebler depicted the wrath of God visibly affected all present.  
 Father Bucholz preached the evening sermon from the text, "Know ye and understand it that it is evil and bitter to have abandoned the Lord your God, Jeremiah 2:19." The sermon dealt with the punishment of sin.  
 The Fate of Lucifer.  
 Father Bucholz spoke first of the happiness of the angels in heaven, adoring God, supremely blessed. The tempter came among them, because God willed it so to test their fidelity. Around Lucifer, the prince of darkness, a host of celestial spirits who wanted to elevate his equal to God. Pride entered Lucifer's heart, and an angry God in an instant created hell, opened the portals of heaven and dashed to everlasting perdition the once luminous Lucifer and all his followers. This was the first instance of God's punishment of sin. The speaker drew a parallel of the conditions of the fallen angels before and after their fall, described the torments which they are now suffering, and how God allows them the power to come upon earth and tempt man.  
 God created Adam and Eve, our first parents, and placed them in the Garden of Eden, a place so beautiful that almost next to heaven, it is impossible for the mind to conceive or the eye to behold its magnificence. Adam and Eve were promised everlasting life; but they ate of the forbidden fruit and sinned against God. The penalty inflicted was banishment from the garden, and doomed to wander the earth and earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, and become weak mortals subject to death. The same man was placed upon all the posterity. That was God's second punishment of sin.  
 Wrath of God Visited Man.  
 Once more, when the tribes of Adam had spread over the earth, and when they had grown sinful and no longer heeded the Master, a flood of water swamped the earth and every living thing perished except Noah and his ark. This was the third awful punishment of sin.  
 In these three lessons man must learn that the same God still exists and will continue to punish sin as long as sin exists. Father Bucholz branched out into a practical talk on the common and prevalent sins, what leads to them and how they can be avoided. After dwelling for a time on these ideas, the speaker turned toward a different phase of the punishment of sin, which substantially was this: that no man who is in sin can be at peace with his conscience or with his fellow man. There is a social punishment for sin.  
 The Mercy of God.  
 In concluding his sermon Father Bucholz expatiated on the mercy of God. Many men lead sinful lives and daily offend Him; but yet God does not strike them with His vengeance, because in His mercy He lets them live, expecting them to return to Him.  
 Man is a free moral agent and is given the choice between heaven and hell. God loves man, created him after His own image and likeness, and desires that he shall be happy forever. Whosoever refuses mercy deserves the wrath of God.  
 The 5 o'clock mass was read by Father Neumuebler.

**NEW BASE BALL RULES.**

Important Changes to Be Recommended by National League Committee.  
 Base ball enthusiasts will be interested in several amendments which will be recommended by the committee on rules to the National league. Edward Hanlon, chairman, of Baltimore, and James H. Hunt, of Boston, met at the Fifth Avenue hotel, in New York, yesterday and decided upon several changes which will be recommended after the approval of W. W. Kerr, of Pittsburg, another member of the committee.  
 It is proposed to prevent the wearing of large gloves by all players except the catcher and first baseman. Another change is to enlarge the pitcher's box twelve inches towards the home plate. Another amendment is aimed at the loud coaching done at games. This is to be stopped. The proposed amendment is to make it mandatory on the umpire to enforce the rule. Manager Hanlon said he felt almost sure that the convention would adopt the proposed amendments. He said he did not care to recommend any radical changes in the rules, as the public seems well satisfied with the present way of playing base ball.

**NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.**

A. H. Masters conducted a well-attended prayer meeting at the association rooms last evening.  
 Conductor D. H. Nield of the Delaware and Hudson, is confined to his residence, at Green Ridge, by an attack of grip.  
 Engine No. 46 on the Delaware and Hudson road has just emerged from the shops after a thorough overhauling. This locomotive is now equipped with a Westinghouse air brake and the latest improvements.  
 An illustration of the effects of the blizzard is shown in the fact that the receipts of the Ontario and Western during the second week in February were \$200 less than in the corresponding week of the previous year.  
 Things continue to boom on the Delaware and Hudson road. A large number of crews were placed on extra duty on Sunday and several extra coal trains are being sent up north. The men are looking forward for better times on the "old reliable."  
 Railroaders should assist in emphasizing the fact that the free lectures on the "Air-Brake" on Tuesday and Friday next are open to all railroaders from whatever district they may hail. Strangers will be cordially welcomed by the Scranton boys. A few words as to the capabilities of Messrs. McKenna and Langan, the lecturers, would be in good season. As superintendent of the air brakes on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road, Mr. McKenna has a wide experience which has made him an authority upon this question. He has devoted a considerable part of his lifetime to the study of the matter so that he may be well termed an expert in the business. Mr. Langan has also practical experience in all the difficult details of the brake. It is conceded that the machinery presents many complications which, when unexplained to a railroader, cannot be overcome without practical instruction. Engineers often find that the brake will not always work freely and are puzzled as to the cause. Mr. Langan is ready and capable of explaining these difficulties if they are presented to him in a clear and intelligent manner. It is therefore of the utmost importance that all trainmen should avail themselves of this opportunity of clearing up any difficulty which they might have met in the course of their experience.

**WITHIN EIGHTEEN MILES.**

Wilkes-Barre Has a Well Developed Case of Small Pox.  
 A case of smallpox of the most severe type was discovered in a house of ill fame in Wilkes-Barre yesterday, which is kept by a woman named Brandt. The patient is a woman named Allie Donahue, who went from Scranton to Wilkes-Barre about two weeks ago.  
 The house where the case is located is one of the worst kind of dives. It is a double dwelling occupied by several families, one colored. Before the place was quarantined one family escaped and up to a late hour last night had not been located by the health authorities.

**LEFT HARFORD SCHOOL.**

Six Truants from the Orphan School Are at Large.  
 Six boys escaped from the Soldiers' Orphan school, at Harford, Susquehanna county, on Sunday night. Their names are Bert Bath, of Pittston; Arthur Gardner, Earl Keely, Claude Thomas, Roy Murchough and Joseph McCandless.  
 As they wear the uniform of the school it is very probable that they will soon be arrested. Colonel Ripple, one of the trustees of the school, received a telegram from the superintendent yesterday morning notifying him of the boys' escape, and after a conference with Chief Simpson telegrams were dispatched to Binghamton, Carbondale, Pittston and Wilkes-Barre, so that the arrest of the boys may be anticipated at an early date.

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**EVENING OF MERRIMENT**

Annual Masquerade Ball of the Scranton Liederkranz.

**IT WAS LARGELY ATTENDED**

William Emerich Was Prince and Miss May Speicher, Princess—After Midnight General Dancing Was Indulged in—Committee.  
 The twenty-sixth annual masquerade ball of the Scranton Liederkranz was held at Music Hall last evening and was a merry, enjoyable event it was.  
 About 7:30 when the grand march began, the dancing floor was filled with the maskers while in the galleries were hundreds of spectators who watched with great amusement the antics of the young people on the floor below, who were indulging in all manner of ludicrous antics. The march was led by Julius Boyer. The prince and princess were William Emerich and Miss May Speicher, who were richly attired as befit their office, but were not masked.  
 The members of the committees in charge of the ball were also unmasked, but wore the handsome and dignified court attendants. They were as follows:  
 Committee of arrangements, Louis Driesen, Julius Boyer, Henry Dimler. Floor committee, Herman Landau, Edward Bloch, Jacob Ferber. Entertainment committee, Siegmund Roos, Charles Wagner, Charles Nier. At midnight all unmasked, and after that the privilege of dancing was extended to all present, whether in costume or not.  
 The hall was elaborately and artistically decorated for the occasion by Samuel Fuhrman, and it is doubtful if the hall ever looked prettier than it did last night. Music was furnished by Bauer's orchestra.  
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**ADDRESS AT PROVIDENCE.**

Flowing Remarks of Rev. A. P. Doyle in Holy Rosary Church.  
 Last night the congregation of St. Mary's Holy Rosary church in the North End was highly edified by the eloquence of Rev. A. P. Doyle on the subject of total abstinence. So great was the demand for admission that chairs had to be brought into requisition. The Father Mathew societies and cadets of the parish assembled at St. Mary's hall and marched in a body to the church, the front pews being reserved for them. Representatives of the societies distributed pledge cards among the audience.  
 Father Doyle said he had often heard of the devotion of the men of Providence to the cause of total abstinence, but as he was present with them he could not depart without extending his hearty thanks for their noble efforts in such a glorious cause. He hoped that his visit among them might be fruitful of some good, if his words did not entirely convert some he prayed God that, at least, he might be the means of inducing them to remain abstinent during the approaching season of Lent.

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