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PERSONAL. George N. Carr, of Tobyhanna, was here yesterday. Captain William Kellow is dangerously ill with the grip. Miss Mary Bristol, of Haslach's millinery, is in New York. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fallon, of New York, are at the Westminister. Herman Langfeldt is in New York looking after his first importation of spring millinery.

IN LOCAL THEATERS. Of Robert Mantell, who will appear at the Academy of Music Wednesday night in "The Corsican Brothers," the Washington Star says: "Robert Mantell is an actor of fine natural gifts, pleasing personality and much experience, and in the leading dual role of 'The Corsican Brothers' he has ample scope for his powers and his acquisitions. The play is a strong and well-constructed one and has retained its hold on the hearts and imaginations of the people through many changes in dramatic fashion. Mr. Mantell delineated Fabien as a simple, manly, determined, yet tender and sympathetic character, and speedily won the good will of the audience." That remarkable production, "Darkest Russia," will be seen at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening. Wherever this attraction has been produced comes encomiums of highest praise. The play is one of intense realism and has for its theme the despotism of the Russian empire. The scenes act as marvellous realism, every act surpassing the other in decorative display and mechanical features. The costumes, too, has received lavish attention, are not only accurate and correct, but picturesque and beautiful. The entire company is composed of artists of reputation and were selected for their fitness for the roles which they portray.

"A Cracker Jack" will begin a return three days' engagement at Davis' theater today. It takes high rank as a comedy and was received with much favor when produced here last week. LEG GONE, MIND GOING. Loss of a Limb Affected the Mind of John Warner. John Warner, a young man residing with his parents at Electric park, was on Saturday taken in charge by the police on request of his father. Yesterday he was taken as an insane patient to the Hillside Home.

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MISSION FOR YOUNG MEN. Opened at Cathedral Yesterday with Sermon by Father Bucholz. MARRIED MEN'S MISSION ENDED. Father DeHaza Preached a Powerful Concluding Sermon Last Night—His Subject Was the True Church—Father Bucholz Spoke in the Afternoon.

With the close of the married men's mission, which terminated last evening at St. Peter's cathedral, there ended a week of prayer and religious observance that is most creditable to the three Jesuit fathers in charge. The mission for the young men of the parish was begun yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with a most affecting sermon by Father Bucholz. The church was thronged with the youth of the city, and the reverend speaker felt highly pleased and gratified to see such a generous response. He told them the story of the widow's son, which is narrated in the Scriptures. The young man had died and the funeral was proceeding slowly on its way to the cemetery. Christ met the mourners and taking pity on the desolate condition of the weeping mother, our Savior performed a miracle and brought the corpse to life.

"My dear young men," then said Father Bucholz, "there is another mother, and she has many, many sons. She loves them all as this widow loved her only child. There is another death, the death of the soul by mortal sin. The young man who dies in mortal sin, because he does not turn to God, knows how many are spiritually dead. The church, this holy mother, weeps over you, and she speaks to God through this mission and says: 'Arise, awake and live!'"

The mission, the speaker said, was for the purpose of enlightening Catholics about their duties to God, and also to give them new strength in their religion. Young men are spiritually dead when they have neglected the sacraments and committed sin. "The boys' and young men's mission this week will be the same as last week with the married men."

RELIGIOUS TOPICS. Evangelist Scoville will begin a series of Sunday afternoon evangelical meetings at Conservatory hall on March 10. A quarterly meeting of the trustees of the Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church will be held this evening. A farewell reception will be tendered to Miss Maundy at the Young Women's Christian association on Thursday evening.

Rev. Dr. Stryker, of Hamilton college, preached in the Young People's society at the Green Ridge Presbyterian church yesterday. A musical and literary entertainment will be given by the members of the Providence Presbyterian church on Thursday next. An important business meeting of the members of the Olyphant Presbyterian church will be held tonight, when Rev. George E. Guild will act as moderator.

Rev. A. F. Ferris gave an illustrated sermon in the Holy Family church on "Old Bible Characters." The church was crowded and the sermon was delivered in a manner which made it interesting and instructive. Rev. F. B. Hodge, of Wilkes-Barre, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church yesterday. The services were well attended and considerable interest was evinced in the powerful sermons of the well known divine.

Presiding Elder Eckman attended at the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church yesterday and preached to a crowded congregation in the evening. A love feast will be held in the morning at Rev. A. W. Cooper conducted the quarterly meeting of the church. A large audience assembled at the Providence Presbyterian church last evening, when an excellent program of music was rendered by the choir. The efforts of Professor T. J. Davis were highly appreciated, and he is to be commended for something such good specimens of choral work. Tomorrow evening the Junior Young People's society of the Dunmore Presbyterian church will hold their orange social in the church parlors. The entertainment and social will continue from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. and will include a flag drill and other appropriate numbers by the little ones.

NOTES FOR GUARDSMEN. Sergeant Katie's Budget of the Latest News and Gossip. DEATH OF GEO. SCHUMACHER. Project to Raise Funds for a New Armory Assumes Tangible Form—Resignation of Captain Rockwell, of Company H—Corwin to Succeed Him.

Musician George Schumacher, one of the most popular members of the regiment, died last Friday at the home of his parents, 413 Beech street. He was attached to Company H. Schumacher was a general pet with the boys on account of his sunny disposition and sociability. He was conspicuous when at the drum corps, but especially so in camp, when, as Adjutant Miller's orderly, he appeared on the field and around headquarters.

The last words of our little comrade were to express a wish that the military attend his funeral. His wish was carried out yesterday by his old company, and his remains were laid to rest with military honors. Colonel Ripple called a special meeting of the board of officers and trustees last Monday evening to consider the plan for raising money to start the new armory. Those present were: Colonel Ripple, Lieutenant Colonel Conson, Colonel Osthous, Major Mattes, Captain Stillwell, Captain Barnard, Captain Mohr, Lieutenants Mattes, Tracy, Conklin, and Jessup. It was unanimously decided to accept the offer made by two of our talented young citizens, ex-guardsmen, who are well known on the dramatic stage. These gentlemen will be given charge of the theatrical part of the work. They will secure the best of home and foreign talent for the production of a celebrated play at the part of Major General Fitzpatrick, assisted by Dramatic Writer J. Owen Moore.

Committee Has Been Named. Colonel Ripple has been chosen to lead the movement. He has appointed Lieutenant Conson as chairman of the business committee; Captain Stillwell, treasurer, and Lieutenant Mattes, secretary. A contract was signed last Tuesday for the use of the Frothingham theater six nights, from April 22 to April 27 inclusive. Everywhere the plan is heartily approved, as all know the urgent needs of our guardsmen and, in fact, the city, in respect to this armory. We must have it. It is utterly absurd to reason that our young citizens will continue in the service of the commonwealth as national guardsmen although patriotism is a very nice sentiment, but it will not alone hold together a body of citizen soldiers in time of peace. An armory in keeping with the standing of the Thirtieth regiment is absolutely necessary. A remark was made to the writer one day last week to the effect that "Wilkes-Barre has a fine armory and a poor regiment; Scranton has a fine regiment and a poor armory." Let all take an interest in this effort. The officers and men of the Thirtieth have at all times given liberally to others. Do they not merit a return from the public in general?

New Officers of Company H. An election was held in quarters of Company H last Tuesday to fill the office of first lieutenant, caused by the retirement of Lieutenant E. D. Corwin, whose commission expired some time ago. His brother, S. W. Corwin, was elevated to the vacancy, having been previously second lieutenant. J. W. Benjamin, formerly first sergeant, was elevated to fill the office of second lieutenant. Major Whitney presided. Captain Rockwell, whose resignation has finally been accepted because of his removal from the state, leaves Company H with a feeling of regret. He has been in the guard thirteen years, and was acknowledged to be one of the best drill-masters in the state. Another election will be necessary to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation. First Lieutenant Corwin will have no opposition to his election to this office.

Opinion from Pastime. He Believes That Judge Archbald Will Be Called to the Office. Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons, in his "Pastime" column in yesterday's Sunday News, paid the following tribute to Lackawanna's able and courteous president Judge, R. W. Archbald: "The immense and rapidly increasing amount of work that yearly confronts the Justices of the supreme court has been for several months engaging the attention of the bar and judiciary of the state. At the recent meeting of the bar association of the state, at Harrisburg, the subject was exhaustively discussed and the conclusion reached was that an intermediary court should be established, the decision of which would be final except in rare and exceptional cases. In consequence a bill has been introduced in the legislature providing for such a tribunal. Its passage is said to be certain. The bill provides for five judges. They will be appointed by the governor, one to serve for three years, one for five, one for nine, one for twelve, and one for fifteen. They will afterwards be elected for the term of fifteen years. Four will belong to the majority party and one to the minority. "Well-founded rumor says that President Judge Archbald will be one of the appointees. His elevation to a judgeship in a higher court would prove gratifying to his many friends and admirers. He richly deserves any promotion his party can give him. His painstaking devotion to duty, excellent ability, uniform courtesy and commendable fairness entitle him to such preference as his well wishers feel confident he will receive. He has, by his great assiduity and rare attainments, long been one of the brightest ornaments of the judiciary of the state. While his advancement would be Lackawanna's loss, yet that would be willingly accepted when it was considered that he was rewarded for his conscientious and satisfactory administration of justice in this county."

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