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Some Events of the Day on the West Side of the City Noted.

THE ST. PAULS ENTERTAINED

Pleasant Event in Mears' Hall--Robert Morris Lodge of Iovites to Fit Up Elaborate Lodge Rooms--Personal and Other News Notes.

An enjoyable entertainment and social was conducted last evening in Mears' hall by the members of St. Paul's Tourist club. The room and stage were ornamented with potted plants, flowers and other things. John H. Devine was chairman, and opened the programme with a few introductory remarks. Joseph McDermott then rendered a piano selection. The Columbian quartette sang and an excellent vocal solo was rendered by M. Donegan; Miss Nellie Curtis, an elocutionist of ability, gave a recitation which was received with applause. Edward Walsh rendered a solo. The closing number was a selection by the Columbian quartette, and it was well given. At the closing of the entertainment a dance was held and the merry party enjoyed themselves for many hours. A piano music was furnished by Joseph McDermott. The social was a success in every particular. The officers of the society are, president, John H. Devine, vice president, Thomas Gilroy; secretary, John J. Durkin; treasurer, James T. Noon.

Will Occupy New Rooms.

On May 1 the members of Robert Morris Lodge, No. 58, Order of American True Iovites, will vacate their present rooms in Mears' hall, and occupy the entire second floor of E. H. Clark's building, 124 and 126 South Main avenue, for lodge and social purposes. The rooms which the lodge had become too small and hence the change must be made. The building will contain lodge, social and reading rooms, bath and gymnasium, and will be fitted out in elegant style. A committee consisting of John H. Phillips, C. E. Daniels, Roger Evans, David J. Davis and Eli Harris has been appointed to furnish the rooms and make arrangements for the formal opening, which will be held in May. Mr. Clark will put a force of men to work at once and have the necessary changes made.

Brief Notes of Interest.

Lewis F. Williams, of Jackson street, is seriously ill. The employees of Briggs' mine were paid yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hayes are visiting at Fort Edward, N. Y. Rev. Thomas A. Bell and Z. A. Stover are at Blossburg attending a convention. Walter Davies and Walter Jones, of this side, returned from Pittston yesterday. St. Brendan's council, Young Men's Institute, will hold an entertainment in Mears' hall on April 24. Prices cut in two until Saturday night. We will sell shoes at half price. The Wynola club of the West Side held a meeting last evening at the home of Chauncey H. Derby, on Price street. Robert Morris lodge, No. 58, Order of American True Iovites, will transact very important business at its meeting this evening. The Scranton United Choral society under the leadership of John T. Watkins held a rehearsal last evening in St. David's hall. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Doud, of Van Buren avenue, was buried yesterday afternoon in the Hyde Park Catholic cemetery. Miss Margaret Lewis, of Plymouth, is spending the week with relatives in the city. Miss Lewis formerly resided here and will probably remain. The lease on St. Paul's armory, on West Lackawanna avenue, expires on May 20. Messrs. Farr and Kelly will convert the hall into a skating rink after that date. The funeral of Charles Leber, of Ninth street, will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. F. A. Paupé, pastor of the German Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in the Washburn street cemetery.

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NORTH END NOTES.

Mrs. Jane Williams, of Wayne avenue, has returned from a business trip to New York. John O. Wolfe, of Main avenue, has returned from Ithaca, N. Y., where he acted as usher in the Cook-Keck wedding, which took place Tuesday. Miss Edie Lewis has returned to Wilkeson college after spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lewis, of Edna avenue.

John Noone, a driver in the 14-foot vein of the Von Storch shaft, was badly cut on the right leg while at work yesterday morning. He was driving a trip of empty cars along the gangway and tripping over a piece of coal, fell under the cars, cutting a deep gash along the front of his leg from the ankle to near the knee. He was conveyed to the home of his father, Alderman M. P. Noone, on Putnam street, where medical aid was summoned and the wound closed, to do which required the putting in of fifteen stitches. The Eureka Base Ball club held its first annual ball and drawing in 'D'Connell's hall last evening. The club is now thoroughly organized and in first-class condition. The personnel is: Catcher, Philip Rangan, who is now playing with the Scranton club with a view of signing if satisfactory; pitcher, Frank Reagan; first baseman, Patrick McNulty; second baseman, Steven Galagher; short stop, Thomas Rafferty; third baseman, Martin McManamy; left fielder, John Horan; center fielder, Harry Conklin; right fielder, Michael Walsh, who is also manager.

IN LOCAL THEATERS.

Charles Dickson and company will appear at the Academy of Music to-night in one of the cleverest and most entertaining of light comedies, "Inoc," which will be preceded by the curtain raiser "The Salt Cellar." Mr. Dickson is assisted by a very competent company and the performance given is heartily commended by the press everywhere. "Inoc" was given at Wilkes-Barre a few nights ago and delighted a large audience.

The annual tournament of the Excelsior Athletic club will be given at the Frothingham tonight, when a number of the bouts will take place between some of the best amateur boxers in the east. A number of out-of-town men, who are entered for the events, arrived yesterday and are being entertained by the officers of the Excelsior Athletic club. The tournament will be conducted strictly according to the rules of the American Amateur Athletic union, which insures fair, clean sport. There will be no hipopping; every event will be decided squarely on its merits. It will be the finest tournament ever conducted by the club.

Of the many strange and remarkable passages which the ambitious and revolutions have given to the world, none have been so marked, on the woman side of the race, as Miss Dickinson. Her eloquence is not the studied acquirement of schools and seminaries, but a natural gift. It transcends the discipline and is the most perfect fruit of genius. In oratory, no man is her superior. Her eloquence draws all men and women of diverse creeds and nationalities to hear her. Miss Dickinson will tell her wonderful dramatic story, "Jeanne D'Arc," at the Frothingham Friday evening.

"A Green Goods Man" will be presented at the Academy of Music on Friday evening with Paul Dresser in the leading role. A special feature is the songs and music, which is all new and written especially for this production. "Three Old Sports," "The Fall of Babylon" and "Caroline" will be sung in medleys only by special request, as fully 200 other attractions are now singing them, owing to their popularity.

John Drew has demonstrated his ability along new lines in his play, "The Butterflies," in which he appeared with great success for over 150 nights at Palmer's theater, and in which he will appear for one night at Academy of Music Saturday evening. It is said that Mr. Drew's love scenes with Maud Adams in "The Butterflies" are superb, and that in all sentimental phases of the play he is equally as good as in the light and airy comedy.

For one week, beginning next Monday evening, Milton Aborn and his comic opera company will appear at the Academy of Music in a repertoire of popular comic operas, including "The Tax and Tarter." Popular prices will reign. Company numbers forty people.

This afternoon the "White Crook" company will give a three days' engagement at Davis' theater. It is the second appearance of the company at that house, and during the former engagement standing room only could be obtained. "The White Crook" will be seen at Davis' today, tomorrow and Saturday afternoons and evenings. It is produced by a strong company of comedy and specialty artists.

TONIGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

The Official Programme of the Different Events. Following is the official programme of the tournament to be given tonight at the Frothingham by the Excelsior Athletic club: Announcer, John J. Collins, secretary of Excelsior Athletic club; referee, John Sweeney, Trenton; judges, James May, George Duff, Trenton, and of the Tribune, time-keeper, John Kennedy, Scranton. 115-pound Class--Charles Paterson, Lexington Athletic club, New York; William Kane, Excelsior Athletic club; John Boland, Excelsior Athletic club; Thomas O'Neil, Philadelphia. 125-pound Class--John Loftus, Caledonian Athletic club, Philadelphia; Tim McDermott, Nonpartei Athletic club, Trenton, N. J.; John Mack, Lexington Athletic club, New York; Anthony Gordon, Excelsior Athletic club. 135-pound Class--John Tighe, Excelsior Athletic club; Thomas Williams, Philadelphia. 145-pound Class--John Waldron, Nonpartei Athletic club, Trenton; James McGouldrick, Excelsior Athletic club. 155-pound Class--Edward Butten, Forest City, George Duff, Nonpartei Athletic club, Trenton, N. J. Preliminaries will begin at 8 o'clock sharp.

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MR. WEISSWASSER'S CASE It Will Be Considered by a Commission Appointed by Presbytery.

AS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES Lackawanna Presbytery Is on Record as Favoring One Every Three Years. Details of the Business Transacted at the Sessions Yesterday.

A large amount of important business was transacted at yesterday's session of the Lackawanna presbytery, one of the most important features being the expression of opinion in favor of holding the general assembly triennially instead of annually, as at present. Several exceptions were taken by the committee on sessional records and, in the main, the exceptions were supported by the presbytery.

Rev. C. L. Weisswasser was present throughout the morning session and the judicial committee, which comprises Rev. Dr. Stewart, Towanda, chairman; Rev. S. C. Logan, Rev. F. B. Dodge, Wilkes-Barre; W. H. Jessup, of this city, and James E. Burr, of Carbondale, held a prolonged meeting to discuss his application to be reinstated in the ministry. Rev. F. Von Krug was present to act as interpreter. The charges considered by the committee were deserting his charge and deserting his wife. At the afternoon session Rev. Dr. Stewart, chairman, reported that they had considered the letter from Rev. C. L. Weisswasser, explaining the reasons for his unauthorized departure from the field of his labor, and asking to be restored to the full privileges of the ministry. The papers had been found in order and they recommended that a commission of eleven members be appointed to consider the case and give Mr. Weisswasser a hearing, and that the case be heard this morning at 10 o'clock.

The following were elected the commission: Rev. C. E. Robinson, Rev. James McLeod, Rev. F. Von Krug, Rev. N. F. Stahl, Rev. S. C. Logan, Rev. Felix Steinman, Elders T. F. Welles, J. H. Torrey, James S. Brown, W. H. Jessup and Julius Well. Papers in the Case. A large package of papers were perused by the committee, which will be handed over to the commission this morning. The members of the committee declined to impart any information as to their deliberations, stating that the approval of the commission was all the information which it was advisable to publish.

A charge affecting the character of Rev. August Lange, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preferred by members of the church, will also be dealt with by the committee this morning, who will report upon the two cases to the session.

When the Lackawanna presbytery was called to order yesterday morning the meeting proceeded to dispose of the unfinished business from Tuesday's afternoon session. Rev. Charles E. Robinson proposed that the name of James H. Torrey be restored to the list of candidates for lay commissioners to the general assembly. The appointment of the third lay commissioner having been deferred from the previous session a ballot was taken with the result that J. W. Hollenback, of Wilkes-Barre, received thirty-one out of seventy-five votes cast, so that another ballot was deemed necessary, in which Mr. Hollenback received fifty-eight votes and was declared duly elected. The alternates were elected as follows: For J. W. Hollenback, J. H. Kennedy, superintendent of public schools, Wayne county; for A. W. Dickson, J. H. Torrey, city collector, Scranton; and for Judge W. H. Jessup, Theodore Strong, of West Pittston.

Reduction of Assessment. The committee on bills and overtures presented a recommendation upon the overture from Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding the reduction of the assessment for general assembly expenses. At present the assessment is ten cents per communicant and this is more than is needed for defraying the actual expenses, and an opinion was expressed that it was not wise to raise more money than was sufficient for the purposes required.

Dr. McLeod, in explaining the recommendation of the adoption of an overture proposed a limit of 6 cents per communicant and quoted figures showing the surplus in the funds from 1890 to the present time. The recommendations of the committee were adopted unanimously.

The bills and overtures committee also recommended the adoption of an overture amending the discipline in questions of judicatories against judicatories so as to allow a presbytery to appeal to a synod in another state where the circumstances necessitated such action. The overture originated from the Saratoga, N. Y., assembly and was answered in the affirmative. An important recommendation was also made by the same committee regarding a proposal to hold a triennial general assembly instead of annually, as at present. Dr. McLeod presented the recommendation and in voicing the sentiments of the committee said that circumstances had now changed and warranted the innovation. Previously the church was small and now it was large, and complaints and appeals, except those relating to matters of doctrine, could be carried before the synod and a committee could be instituted as court of appeal with assembly powers.

World Be a Great Saving. Speeches delivered one in three years would receive more attention than those delivered annually, and a saving of \$80,000 would be effected in the two years during which the general assembly would not be held. The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met but every four years and the Episcopal church every two years, and the success of their methods should be an indication of what could be accomplished by them.

Rev. W. A. Beecher, of Wyoming, in speaking adversely of the proposal, drew attention to the fact that although the Methodist church had double the membership, it had not done half as much to home and foreign missionary work. After some further discussion the overture was adopted.

Rev. C. I. Junkin, of the Grant Street Presbyterian church, Wilkes-Barre, asked that his pastoral connection be dissolved, as after mature consideration he had arrived at the conclusion that he could accomplish better work in another field. He had also accepted an invitation to work in the missionary department in New York city. The commissioners from the church having been heard, the request was granted and arrangements made to declare the pulp vacant.

At the afternoon session Rev. Jacob Best, pastor of the Brooklyn church, Susquehanna county, applied to be placed upon the retired list. Mr. Best was ordained in 1848, and went to Africa, where he labored until 1861, after

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which he was at Waymart and pastor of the Brooklyn church for twenty years. Many of the pastors present referred in glowing terms to the valuable work performed by Mr. Best, and Rev. N. F. Stahl was appointed a committee to bring in the proper minutes upon the matter. Rev. William C. Mekey, who has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the Shickshinny church, Luzerne county, was introduced and formally received into the Presbytery. Rev. Samuel Ross McClemons was also received into the Presbytery upon his accepting the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Pittston, in the place of Dr. Parke, resigned. Rev. J. S. Wilkes, of the Stueben, N. Y. Presbytery, was received by letter.

Considerable time was occupied in receiving the report of the committee on "sessional records." The Presbytery decided upon the action to be taken in numerous cases, and several discussions ensued in which the irregularities in the minutes were explained. Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Towanda, presented the report of the judicial committee, in which he stated that papers containing charges against James M. Nichols, an elder of the Second Presbyterian church, Carbondale, had been considered by the committee and they recommended that a commission of seven be appointed to hear the charges on May 27 at 2 p. m. at the Second Presbyterian church, Carbondale. The recommendation was adopted and the following commissioners appointed: Rev. W. H. Swift, George C. Guild, N. F. Stahl and F. A. Mills, Elders Alfred Hand, W. B. Holmes and T. H. Atherton.

Work Among the Foreign Element. Rev. S. C. Logan, secretary of the mission among the foreign element, presented a report of work in the Lackawanna and Luzerne valleys, in which it was stated that the Italian mission was being carried on with great zeal. Rev. L. Dana had been working from the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church as a central point and had opened four missions, visiting all places, even saloons, if there was a favorable opportunity of coming in contact with the Italian element. More than eighty Italian converts had been received and Mr. Dana had also succeeded in opening a kindergarten school at Peckville, where Miss F. G. Fuller had worked successfully until April 6, when she was compelled to abandon her duties owing to sickness.

Rev. J. Dana had resigned on March 1, as he felt himself unable to preach with satisfaction to the Hungarian population and he had been assigned to labor among his own people, the Bohemians. Rev. Alois B. Konkol had been appointed in his place and had been working in the city for eighteen months 800 Slavonic families had settled within reach of the Peckville church, and were without the religious care of any people. A Greek church at Olyphant was the nearest house of worship.

Matter of Suspension. The report recommended that the committee on suspension be requested to transfer to Rev. Alois B. Konkol the commission granted to Rev. John Kluskak; that the executive committee be requested to apply to the committee on suspension for an amount sufficient for that purpose; that the mission among the Slavonic people be secured, and that the mission be commended to the Ladies' Home Missionary society of the presbytery. The first recommendation was deferred until the next stated meeting and the others were favorably passed upon. Moderator Stiles presided over a large popular meeting last night, when the Young Men's Christian Association Glee club gave several pleasing selections. In the report of the young people's work it was stated that there were 39 senior Christian Endeavor societies and 24 junior societies in the presbytery, with a membership of 5,900 members. As a result of last year's work 500 names of young people had been added to the membership of the churches. The action of the board of foreign missions should stir up all the young people to renewed efforts. Owing to a reduced treasury twenty-three young men and women could not be sent to the foreign missionary fields. It was urged upon pastors and elders that they should encourage more the societies and assist them in their great work.

Charles E. Robinson, chairman of the committee on foreign missions, reported that sixty-three churches had made full reports, showing that the sum of \$11,961 had been collected during the year as against \$11,742 for 1894. When all the churches reported it would be found that the sum of \$16,000 had been collected. The sum of \$6,500 had been raised by the Women's Foreign Missionary society as compared with \$5,561 for 1894. Rev. Henry H. Jessup addressed the meeting and referred to the appointment of his brother, Rev. Samuel Jessup, as missionary in Syria, who would be supported by the Young People's society of the presbytery. As his brother was so closely connected with them he described how he came to be a missionary, and then gave a pleasing description of Beyrut, where the trees bear fruit all the year round.

NOTES OF THE PRESBYTERY. A business session of the Presbytery will be held at 10 o'clock this morning, when any undisposed business will be dealt with.

The name of J. H. Kennedy, who received 38 votes in the election of a lay commissioner was accidentally omitted in the report in yesterday's Tribune. As will be seen in another column Mr. Kennedy, who withdrew from the election, was subsequently elected alternate by acclamation.

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