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### DEATH OF F. A. BEAMISH

For Years He Was an Important Factor in Politics Hereabouts.  
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Known in State Politics.

The expected death of Hon. F. A. Beamish occurred yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock at his home, 519 River street. His passing away was looked for at any time during the past week as his physician, Dr. Lewis Frey, had little hopes of his being able to withstand the attack of dysentery, the immediate cause of death, because of the debilitated condition. Mr. Beamish had been an invalid for nine years, and was a great sufferer from paralysis and resultant mental depression. On Sept. 9, 1888, while driving with the late Morris W. Hughes, he was thrown

into a ditch and sustained a dislocated shoulder and laceration of the stomach. For many months his life was despaired of, but he recovered partially and was able to be about the streets, although not capable of any great physical or mental exertion. In his prime he was a giant in both these respects, and many were the pitiful comments that were brought forth by his appearance in his infirmitated state as he went along the streets from his home to his office, scarcely able to recognize his old acquaintances, and oftentimes being overcome by his infirmities and requiring the assistance of friends to complete his journey.

Everyone sympathized with him, for everyone was his friend, or at all events, his admirer, for no one could help admiring his genius and remarkable character, which made a man of lowly birth and meager education a leader among men and a power in politics that commanded state and national recognition.

**Came to America When an Infant.**  
He was a politician and one of the most active and prominent of this city has as yet produced. A sketch of his life is a skeleton history of politics in this region during the last thirty-five years. He was born in Cork, Ireland, fifty-four years ago and landed in America while yet an infant. He attended the public schools for a few years, but at a very tender age was compelled to seek his own way in the humble circumstances of his parents. He worked at the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company's rolling mill at first, but drifted about at different employments until 1853, when he acquired ownership of the Sunday Free Press, which netted him a nice competency. He was 21 years of age, some months short of his majority, when he was elected to his first political office, school director of Scranton borough. Soon after Scranton was made a city, he was chosen a member of select council and became clerk of the city commissioners, a board in vogue at that time, but since dissolved. He was also secretary and treasurer of the old Fourth school district, and also served as a director of the poor district for over six years. At the age of 24 years he was the Democratic candidate for mayor of Luzerne county, having in the four years of his political life gained a high standing in county politics. In 1873 he was sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, and pro-



EX-MAYOR F. A. BEAMISH.

more was elected to the school board, of which he became president. He was elected mayor in 1881 and served for one term.  
**In the City Councils.**  
He was an official during nearly his whole life. For six years he was a member of select council, two years a member of common council, fifteen years a member of the board of control, six years a member of the poor board, three years a clerk of common council, two years a clerk of the city commissioners, three years a secretary of the school board, two years a president of the same board, and two years as mayor, besides the state offices enumerated above.  
In 1882 Mr. Beamish enlisted as a volunteer and served as a non-commissioned officer until the "emergency men" were mustered out, when he was commissioned by Governor Curtin as a lieutenant, and in conjunction with Captain N. E. Neill, was instructed to recruit a company of infantry.  
Mr. Beamish's great forte was his ability to make and keep friends. He had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone he knew, and those whom he did not know hereabouts were comparatively few indeed. Often, when driving along the streets, he would rouse up and draw in to his curb to shake hands with some lowly friend, and at all times and in all his actions he displayed no consciousness of superiority. His open-hearted charity kept him poor, although he always had a good income. It is said that he had no regard for money, and was not wholly selfish in his generosity. He was never so happy as when doing a favor for a friend.

**An Unflinching Fighter.**  
In politics he was an unflinching, vigorous fighter, and would never give up until the battle was over, no matter how discouraging the contest might appear. He never held any enmity against those who opposed him, but would be as ready to go to them a favor as he would one to his friends. In his prime he was the undisputed leader of the Democrats of this region.  
Mr. Beamish's wife died three years ago. His children are Mrs. Beamish, Attorney R. J. Beamish, James C. Beamish, Nellie, Mamie, Frank, John and George.  
Mr. Beamish's funeral will be Thursday morning at 9:30. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's cathedral and interment will be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

**TWO INJUNCTIONS HEARD.**  
They Occupied the Attention of the Court All of Yesterday.  
In equity court yesterday morning the injunction case of the borough of Dunmore against The Girardo was resumed, and evidence on the part of the defendant heard. He alleges that the water course he closed up was not a natural course, and therefore, that he was privileged to act as he did. Court took the papers and reserved its decision.

**FREEMAN AFTER DAMAGES.**  
Says the Men He Has Sued Destroyed His Business.  
C. W. Freeman, who recently conducted a jewelry store at Spruce street and Oakford court, began an action yesterday to recover \$2,000 damages from Dr. B. H. Throop, Legrand Wright, William Murphy, Edwin F. Everhart and Eber Dimmick.  
In the declaration in the case filed by Mr. Freeman's attorney, E. C. Newcomb, it set forth that on Aug. 30, 1895, the plaintiff was in possession of two rooms in the Temple Court building, on Spruce street, and that the defendants unlawfully and forcibly broke into his rooms and carried away \$250 worth of his property. This ruined his business, he alleges, and deprived him of a means of earning a livelihood, for which he wants to be recompensed.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS IN CITY THEATERS.**  
The comedy, "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas, which will have representation at the Frothingham tonight, has a wonderful record, and one probably unequalled by any other play. It was first produced in London three years ago, and has been playing there since the first night of its performance. The play is a farce-comedy of the funniest type, and the fun hinges on the disguise of a woman's clothes by a college undergraduate. There is no horse play, but on the contrary the dialogue is brilliant and the fun incessant, but not exaggerated.

**THE ANNUAL REPORTS.**  
Encouraging Results in Women's Christian Temperance Work During Year.  
At Elm Park church yesterday afternoon the members of the Women's Christian Temperance union assembled to hear a review of the work. Mrs. C. D. Simpson, the president, was in the chair. She showed a small balance in the treasury. Mrs. Stubblebine, superintendent of jail work, reported a meeting held at the county jail, and the president expressed satisfaction at the appointment of a matron at the jail. Mrs. Wright, in behalf of railroad work, said that 8,291 pages of literature were distributed, which report was supplemented by a very interesting paper by Mrs. G. L. Field, county superintendent of railroad work. She distributed 4,101 pages of literature among railroad employes. Mrs. Frank reported in regard to mother's meetings. Unions are more generally taking up this work and mothers are becoming more interested. Mrs. Swartz reported Loyal and missionary work done at Little England. Mrs. Franc T. Vall, being called upon to report on the subject of suffrage, responded by saying: "Everybody in Scranton knows where she stands, and she expects to stand for the same principles as long as the church stands. She finished by reading a humorous poem entitled 'The church at Millville.' Mr. Elwell reported for Sunday school work. Mrs. Tost read a short paper on press work. Rev. Richard Horn was called upon and responded in a few words of encouragement and cheer. Mrs. Vall spoke for parliamentary work, and said the women of the Women's Christian Temperance union are training their daughters to sit in the councils of this city, and they must be systematic and business-like. She prophesied that in a few years women will have equal rights with men and will sit in legislative bodies with them. Mrs. Tostbury, the treasurer, was elected delegate to the state convention next month.

### THE COLORED ODD FELLOWS

Are Holding Their Fifteenth Annual State Convention.

### WELCOMING THE DELEGATES

All of the Grand Officers Are in Attendance—Annual Reports Were Read in the Afternoon—Last Evening Was Devoted to Sociability.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Colored Odd Fellows opened yesterday morning in the Central Republican club rooms on Washington avenue. There were present about fifty-five delegates, a number accompanied by ladies, representing nearly every portion of the state. H. S. Patterson, of this city, chairman of the reception committee, welcomed the delegates and grand officers in a neat speech and then introduced E. Denby, of Williamsport, who responded in behalf of the visitors. Mayor Connell was unable to attend, so his private secretary, Mark K. Edgar, read his address of welcome. After all had joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," H. L. Patterson offered a fervent prayer, and the business of the session was commenced. The roll call of officers was responded to by the following: District Grand Master Charles N. Nicholas, of Norristown; Deputy Grand Master Edward Demby, of Williamsport; Grand Secretary Joseph M. Stoddard, of Lancaster; Treasurer John Warren, of West Chester; Grand Warden R. C. Bodey, of Philadelphia; Grand Guardian Joseph P. King; Grand Marshall Alexander Williams, of Newtown. J. F. Carter was elected to act as assistant secretary.

### Reading the Reports.

In the afternoon the annual reports were read. They exhibited a gratifying condition financially and to have a membership of 6,000 in the state. The evening was given over to sociability. The M. T. Jones Household of Ruth, which is the ladies' auxiliary of the order, entertained the delegates in Rauh's hall, Wyoming avenue. Mr. Williams and Rev. C. A. McGee offered the opening prayer, after which a varied musical and literary program was rendered. Those who were unable to attend were represented by an address on behalf of the ladies by Mrs. S. J. Morton. Following this refreshments were served. **Programme for Today.** Today the business session will be continued, during which officers will be elected for the ensuing term. A parade will take place this afternoon, and this evening a concert by the city chorus and a drill by visiting paraders will take place at Music Hall.

### MINOOKA PARISH DIVIDED.

Rev. James F. Jordan Has Been Assigned to the New Charge.  
Right Rev. Bishop O'Hara has appointed Rev. James F. Jordan, of Wilkes-Barre, to the new parish of Rendham, that has been erected from St. Joseph's parish, of Minooka, of which Rev. John Loughran is pastor. The change was made yesterday. Father Jordan has for several years been the assistant priest at St. Mary's church, Wilkes-Barre, and was ordained five years ago. He will assume charge of the new parish immediately. The parish of St. Joseph with headquarters at Minooka has been established since 1870. The church was built in 1872. All the Catholics of Minooka have been brought into St. Joseph's church, and the parish embraced all of the territory.

About a dozen years ago Father Loughran had a church at Rendham for the convenience of the people of Old Forge. This was a mission church, and was called the St. Lawrence mission of St. Joseph's parish. The parish over which Father Jordan will have charge includes Rendham, Barbertown, Mudtown, Connelton and Austin Heights, but it does not take in Taylor proper nor Peltzville.

### OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE.

The Scranton Christian Endeavor union will hold a rally in the First Presbyterian church at 7:45 o'clock tomorrow evening. It will be the first meeting in the work of preparation for the sixteenth anniversary to be held here a year hence. The committee of '96 will be named and introduced. This committee is the executive one and consists of the chairman of the several departments. Their introduction will, therefore, be a very interesting feature. Addresses will be given by several of the city clergymen and a report made of the work by which the convention was secured at Erie. The choir of the First Presbyterian church will render special music. The committee arranging the entertainment will be the First Presbyterian church, and they are largely represented, as it is felt that much of the success of the year's work will depend upon the gathering tomorrow evening.

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er in that institution. She spent a year in study at Milan, Italy, and afterward a year in London, studying under the great master of vocal culture, Mr. Shakespeare, and others. The London, England, Chronicle, refers to her singing at a concert given in London by Mr. Thomas, harpist to the queen, as follows: "Miss Roblin, a young soprano from Canada, with a finely balanced and cultured voice, sang in an impressive manner. We breathe for this young lady a high position in the profession when she returns to the land of her birth."

The ordination services of Newman Matthews to the ministry and his installation as pastor of the Puritan Congregational church, will be held today at that church. The order of exercises will be as follows: Hymn 232; introductory prayer; reading the Scriptures; chorus, "How Lovely are the Messengers;" Mendelssohn; sermon, Rev. Thomas Bell, Plymouth church, Scranton; ordination prayer and laying on of hands, Rev. E. S. Jones, D. P., Providence church, Scranton; charge to pastor, Rev. William Smith, Bethel church, Nanticoke; "Right Hand of Fellowship," Rev. J. L. Davis, Bethesda church, Edwardsville; address to the people, Rev. J. G. Evans, Vandling church, Vandling; anthem, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes;" Whitefield prayer; benediction by the pastor. The choir will be in charge of Reese Watkins.

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