PERSONAL.

Attorneys M. J. Donahoe and Hon. John P. Quinnan have formed a law partnership and their offices are in the Mears' building.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Newman, of Headertown, Pa., are spending their honeymoon in Scranton as the guests of Eli Bender, of East Market street.

The following from this city will leave this morning to attend the state convention of Odd Fellows at Pittsburg: W. Gaylord Thomas, E. C. Dean, P. J. Yeager, A. Vosburg, Louis Wenzel, L. G. Schantz, J. H. Kelly, Henry James, Thomas J. Williams, Philip Dippre, John Fern, Frank T. Sturges, G. C. Rogers and William E. Thomas. They will be accompanied by Thomas Jay, Jermyn; Coe Finch, Dunmore; B. J. Schenk, Moscow; F. O. Hanyon, Clark's Green, and John Metts, Moscow.

A. LEE, THE DRAYMAN, DEAD.

An Old Resident and Familiar Figure in the Central City.

Alexander Lee, one of the oldest and best known colored residents of this city, died yesterday morning at 2.30 o'clock after an illness of seven months' duration.

He was 68 years of age and has been a resident of this city since 1863, when he came from the South and started in the dray business. For a quarter of a century he has been a familiar figure around the Scranton house corner where he had his stand and it is safe to say that there is not a Scrantonian who has resided here for any length of time to whom he is not known.

His wife, two daughters, Mrs. G. W. Brown and Emily Lee, and three sons, Fred, George and Bert, survive him. The funeral will take place from Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Dunmore cemetery.

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

No Truth in the Bible Is More Clearly Defined.

REV. DR. McLEOD'S MORNING TOPIC

The Second Advent Has Been the Christian's Buoyant Hope -- He Will Come in Glory and Magnificence--Purpose of the Advent.

A timely sermon was that preached by Rev. Dr. James McLeod yesterday morning in the First Presbyterian church. It was on the second coming of Christ and from the text: "The same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts, i, 2.

Dr. McLeod referred to the text as words of good cheer uttered by two of God's angels at the time of the Ascension. He said this fact and the value of Christ's Ascension were dwelt upon last Sunday and made appropriate yesterday a consideration of the second coming. He remarked:

Will Christ come back again to this world? No truth is more clearly revealed in the Bible. It is repeated so often and in so many varying circumstances that we dare not doubt it. "We look for the Savior—the Lord Jesus Christ" said St. Paul to the Philippians, and that should be the attitude of all Christians. The heaven must receive Him, until the time of the restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. But when these times are fulfilled, then shall all the tribes of the earth see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. "Every eye shall see Him" we are told. The early Christians were urged to live soberly, righteously and godly, and they were encouraged to do so by looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. What the angels said to Christ's disciples at the time of His ascension will be literally fulfilled.

WHEN WILL CHRIST COME?

The first advent of Christ was a center around which revolved the holiest thoughts and hopes of God's people for thousands of years, and, even so, the second advent is another center around which the thoughts and hopes of Christians have been revolving since His ascension, and around which they may continue to revolve for thousands of years. Our Lord may delay His coming, but nevertheless He is coming, and He will come in the fulness of time—that means He will come just at the right time.

The time of our Lord's second advent has been a subject of controversy all along the ages. There have be a Christians whose views of the second advent have been quite as erroneous as those of the Thessalonians. There have been interpreters of this prophecy whose interpretations are harder to understand than the prophecy itself. Some of these friends are very sure that the second coming of Christ will be pre-millennial. Others who are as devout and as learned in the Scriptures are quite as sure that our Lord's second advent will be post-millennial. One class would have us believe that Christ, when He comes, will reign in person on the throne of David for a thousand years; a far larger body of devout Christians have no such idea. They believe that His reign will be spiritual.

Some Christians make a great deal of the time of our Lord's coming, but the exact time is unimportant. It is the fact of His coming that is important. It is pleasant to think that a really number of saintly souls have lived and have gone to glory without knowing or without caring anything about the pre-millennial or post-millennial controversy. If the exact time of our Lord's second advent were as important as some Christian would have us believe, it would surely have been more clearly revealed. But it is not clearly revealed. It is hidden from God's children. It is a secret thing which belongs exclusively to God.

To be convinced that He will not come soon, but to believe that He will come sometime—and at the right time—and to live as Christians ought to live in view of that fact, and will probably for His appearing, is a surer mark of piety and of Christian intelligence than it is to wax enthusiastic over a theory, or to become ecstatic over the contemplation of that which may be only a pleasant dream.

HOW WILL CHRIST COME?

Christ will come back from heaven in the same manner as He went to heaven. He was seen going away, and while the angels coming back again. Every eye shall see Him. A cloud received Him out of their sight. Behold, He shall come with clouds. His second coming will differ widely indeed from His first advent. At His first advent He came in great humiliation. At His second advent He will come in great glory. He will come surrounded with all the glory of heaven—a thousand thousand of angels ministering unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand round about Him; all worshiping Him.

But it is the purpose and results of our Lord's second advent in which the church and the world are most deeply interested. Will He come to set up an earthly kingdom, to restore the Jews and to reign in Jerusalem for a thousand years? So some say. We will not discuss that question; it is not an essential question. There are other matters connected with His advent which are infinitely more important. Whether He will sit in the throne of David in any literal sense is a small matter compared with these plainly revealed truths, namely, that He will come to vindicate His people whom He has redeemed, to raise the dead, to judge the world, to reward the penitent righteous, to punish the impenitent and to be crowned by all intelligent creatures King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians he says: "We look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change the bodies of our humiliation and fashion them like unto the body of His glory." That is a great and blessed truth. When and how the Jews are to be converted; when and how antichrist is to be overthrown; when and how the battle of Armageddon is to be fought—these are speculative questions. But the fact that Jesus Christ will raise the dead at His coming is plainly and positively stated.

In some way or other these bodies of ours, which will die and mingle with the dust, will be resurrected and revivified. These bodies in which we have sinned and suffered, in which we have rejoiced and wept, in which we have experienced strength and weakness, in which we have been sick and weary—these bodies of our humiliation will be changed and glorified and prepared, so as to be the everlasting companion and abode of their redeemed spirits.

LIKE CHRIST'S BODY.

Whatever be the nature and the appearance of that human body and reasonable soul that Christ now has in glory, such will be the nature and the appearance of His redeemed and glorified people. Then He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. The body of His glory is not the body of His humiliation, nor will the body of our glory be the body of our humiliation. And this glorious change is to take place at the coming of our Lord! The very thought of it is enough to make the lame man leap as a hart, and to cause the tongue of the dumb to sing.

Behold, I come quickly! Christ's coming will be sudden and His work, when He comes, will be as sudden. The changes that He will effect will be instantaneous. It will not take Him long to raise the dead and change the living. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. This is God's word, and that will be God's work.

The best preparation for Christ's second advent is to be thoroughly interested in His first advent. He came to seek and to save the lost. Are we among the saved? If we have cried to Him for mercy; if we are trusting in Him now; if we are trying to live soberly, righteously and godly, then all will be well at His coming, for when Christ, who is our life, shall appear then shall we also appear with Him in glory, and so shall we be ever with the Lord.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SERVICE.

Organization's Seventh Anniversary Commemorated by Special Service.

Yesterday was the seventh anniversary of the Epworth league, and the event was observed by special services by chapters throughout the country. In Elm Park church the service was held from 6.30 to 7.30 o'clock in the lecture room and Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, the pastor, preached a sermon especially for league members and young people. President G. F. Whittemore conducted the league service. It included special songs and responsive readings and a prayer by Dr. Giffin. The president read a paper on the "Progress of the League," and reports were made by the mercy and help committee through D. T. Yost, chairman, and by the devotional committee through F. A. Beidelman, chairman. The service closed with the saying of the consecration vow in unison.

Dr. Giffin's sermon had to do with the league's motto, "Look Up, Lift Up." He added the sentiment "Go Up," taking for his text Ezekiel i, 6: "He went up by stairs." In the discourse it was argued that the young should fulfill the purpose of going upward rather than making it a mere matter of intention. Step by step, steadfastly, fearlessly, but always going, was, said Dr. Giffin, the only way.

AT THE PENN AVENUE CHURCH.

Its Pulpit Was Occupied by a Gifted Speaker Yesterday.

A peculiarly gifted speaker, Rev. Albert J. Steelman, Ph. D., of Chicago, occupied the pulpit in the Penn Avenue Baptist church yesterday.

Dr. Steelman is a young man and for three years has pursued a course of study at the University of Chicago, which earned him the degree of Ph. D. Previously he had for six years been in charge of the American Baptist mission in the City of Mexico. He has been preaching since the early eighties.

FEAST OF WEEKS.

Jewish Festival is Being Celebrated Linden Street Synagogue.

Last night in the Linden Street synagogue was commemorated the festival of Pentecost. The festival is described as the "Feast of Weeks" and recalls the delivery of the Jews from spiritual bondage. The Feast also recalls the giving of the Decalogue from Mount Sinai.

Rabbi J. Feuerlicht last night preached a timely Pentecostal sermon. The church was decorated with palms and flowers, and there was a special music programme by an augmented choir. A similar service will be held in the synagogue this morning.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Holy communion was administered at St. Luke's Episcopal church at 7.30 a. m.

Rev. Rogers Israel preached in the evening at St. Mark's mission, Dunmore.

"Some Fools we Meet" was Rev. W. H. Stubblbine's evening subject in Calvary Reformed church.

Rev. H. W. Beck, of Lewisburg, preached the morning sermon in the Green Ridge United Evangelical church.

Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson's evening theme in the Second Presbyterian church was "How to Treat the Body or What to do with the Physical Man."

The afternoon gospel meeting at Young Women's Christian association hall yesterday was conducted by Miss Nellie J. Allen, who is college secretary for this state.

At the services in Railroad Young Men's Christian association yesterday afternoon state and foreign mission work was discussed and special music was rendered.

Rev. Thomas M. Handy, of Overton, Bradford county, has been appointed by Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara to succeed the Rev. John J. Doherty, deceased, as pastor of St. John's Catholic church of Honesdale.

The annual convention of the Tri-County Christian Endeavor union will be held in Pittston next Friday. Rev. T. E. Jepson, pastor of the Olivan Baptist church, Carbondale, will preach the convention sermon.

A. V. Rowe preached in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church in the morning. At 7.45 p. m. special services for women only were held under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association. Miss Carson, the evangelist, conducted the meeting.

At 7.30 o'clock last evening Miss Sara Carson addressed a women's mass meeting at the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. The large audience room was crowded with women who listened with the closest attention to Miss Carson's eloquent and practical words.

TUESDAY'S CELEBRATION.

Programme for the Sons of Veterans Anniversary.

The following programme will be rendered at the exercises to be held by Lieutenant Ezra S. Griffin post, Camp No. 8, Sons of Veterans, on the occasion of their fifteenth anniversary, to be held on Tuesday evening, May 19, beginning at 8 o'clock, in Ezra S. Griffin Post hall, over First National bank on Lackawanna avenue. An invitation is extended to all veterans and their families to attend. Admission free.

1. Address of welcome.
J. R. Thomas, commander Post 125, Grand Army of the Republic.
2. Heroic March.
Hayden Banjo and Guitar club
3. Selection .....Columbia Quartette
4. Recitation .....Miss Nellie Thomas
5. Vocal solo .....Miss Ada Von Storch
6. Piano solo ...Professor Charles Johnson
7. Recitation .....Miss Susie Fisher
8. Normandie March.
Hayden Banjo and Guitar club
9. Duet .....Misses Thomas and Fisher
10. Recitation .....Charles Cadwgan
11. Piano solo .....Miss Loretto Stack
12. Vocal song .....Miss Nellie Thomas
13. Address .....Brother J. Archie Jones
14. Piano duet.
15. Selection .....Columbian quartette
16. Banjo solo.
17. Recitation .....Miss Grace Goodrich
18. Piano solo ..Professor Charles Johnson
19. Duet.....Messrs. J. A. and Fred Jones
20. Address .....A. J. Colborn
21. Piano solo .....Miss Edith Dunkerly
22. Selection.
Hayden Banjo and Guitar club
23. Piano solo ..Professor Charles Johnson

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

John J. Kennedy and his great company of players will be at the Frothingham all of this week when popular prices will prevail. Besides Mr. Kennedy, who is a great fun maker, the company consists of the clever actor, George W. Barrier, and the gifted dancer, Miss Emma De Castro, are among the members of the company. The company has its own special orchestra and magnificent scenery. "A Midnight Express" will be the bill for tonight.

Of the Sages who will be seen at the Academy of Music all of this week the Reading Herald says: "The brief lectures on hypotism with which Mr. Sage prefaces the performance each night are most interesting and instructive and those who have attended every entertainment have acquired some considerable knowledge of the art. The performance last night was very nearly a complete change from those of last week. One of the most convincing parts of it was Mr. Sake's throwing into a hypnotic state some half a dozen persons in the audience."

Plans for a Children's Ward.

The executive committee of the Lackawanna hospital has instructed Architect Holden to prepare plans for a children's ward. It will be 25x30 feet in size and two stories in heights and will be built on the Mulberry street side of the hospital lot. When the plans are completed they will be submitted to the state board of charities for approval.

Union Bicycle Stolen.

Early Saturday morning a Union bicycle owned by Conductor B. S. Swaze, of the Bloomsburg division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was stolen from the St. Charles hotel sample room. The thief entered the sample room from the hotel corridor and made his escape through a door opening into the alley between the St. Charles and Connell's hardware store.

Pillsbury's Flour mills have a capacity of 17,500 barrels a day.

PLAN TO POPULARIZE THE RACE TRACK

An Appeal to Be Made to the Legislature for Different Laws.

THEY ARE NOT FAVORABLE NOW

Dr. William Haggerty's Views on the Subject--An Effort Will Be Made to Have Men Elected to the Next Legislature Who Will Secure Amendments to the Existing Laws.

Citizens with the legislative bee in their bonnet will find it to their interest to know that turfmen and farmers in not only this county, but throughout the state, have decided to agitate the enactment of laws governing the race track, which will popularize the sport in Pennsylvania.

Dr. William Haggerty outlined the subject to a Tribune reporter. He, as is well known, is one of the most prominent horsemen in Scranton. The doctor said that the race track from a business point of view has a great influence upon the prosperity of farmers. When a man raises an animal that possesses speed, he is able to dispose of it with profit through the existence of the race track and such being the case, stock farms are kept and the owners reap a substantial profit. But for the track, a man with a fast horse for sale would have to bargain with some wealthy person inclined to buy, and that would not yield a fair value to the seller.

Those in this county who are seeking the state legislature will be asked to define their views on the subject and it is unnecessary to add that if there should be any statesmen with conscientious scruples against legalizing the race track such cannot reasonably expect the support on election day of the horsemen.

ELEMENT OF GAMBLING.

Dr. Haggerty was willing to concede that there is an element of gambling surrounding the track that arouses moral opposition. His answer to this is that the true horsemen are among those who are most bitterly opposed to making a track a place where men are shorn of their cash. There is a vast difference between betting in a legitimate way within reasonable and sensible grounds on the result of a horse race and downright gambling.

In several states laws are now in force allowing racing. Thousands of the best people in the country go out daily in season to see a contest of speed between two or among more of the noblest of animals. There is nothing brutal, nothing disgusting. There is a betting ring for those who feel that they are able through shrewd foresight to pick the winning horse in the race. If they want to indulge in a bet let them do it under proper circumscribed conditions which effectively bar the possibility of financial ruin, is what the doctor says.

LOVE OF THE SPORT.

He argues that it is not for the purpose of maintaining a gambling institution that men combine and build a race track; they are actuated by the pure love of horsemanship, mindful also of deriving a fair equivalent in gate receipts from the people who journey to see the races. And in order to bring about laws that will harmonize with the development of the racing industry in this phase, they are astir now to procure from the prospective candidates for the legislature pledges to support any reasonable laws, relating to the subject.

The laws on horse racing now in effect in Pennsylvania are too stringent in some respects and a modification is what is desired. Doctor Haggerty gave his assurance that the matter will be pushed during the next campaign.

NEW PLUMBING RULES.

Sanitary Commission Finished Its Work on Saturday and It is Now Ready for Adoption.

The work of formulating the new sanitary plumbing regulations was completed on Saturday by the special commission consisting of Master Plumber M. T. Howley, of the firm of P. F. & M. T. Howley, Architect F. L. Brown, of the firm of Brown & Morris; Dr. W. E. Allen, health officer, and Building Inspector John Nelson. The new code will be submitted to the board of health at its next meeting.

Upon its acceptance many changes will go into effect. All plumbers will have to register and take out certificates, which the board will issue to those who prove competency by experience or an examination.

Hereafter plans for plumbing work will have to be submitted to and approved by the plumbing inspector, an office which the rules contemplate. Until such time as the inspector is appointed, which will probably be next year, the building inspector will examine plans.

Among the new regulations is one prescribing that all water closet work shall be open; that is, uncased by wood or other such material. All soil pipes in or under a house must be of cast iron, so as to prevent the escape of sewer gas. Material will be examined before being used and when the job is completed it will be tested by the inspector. The code contains fifty-six rules in all.

FOR THEFT AND FORGERY.

Joseph Pepper Steals a Check, Forges the Endorsement and Passes It.

One Joseph Pepper is being sought after by the police for the theft of a check and forgery.

On Friday he was in the office of Robert Adams, secretary of the Spring Brook Water company, and when nobody was about, abstracted a check for $31.50, made payable to Joseph Steinhauer, of Wilkes-Barre. Pepper took the check to Posner's clothing store on lower Lackawanna avenue and purchased a suit, receiving several dollars in change.

When Mr. Posner attempted to cash the check at the First National bank, he discovered that the indorsement was a forgery, the bank officials being familiar with the payee's signature. Mr. Posner thereupon got out a warrant for Pepper's arrest, but as yet he has not been captured.

WANT THEM TO DRESS ALIKE.

Employes of Scranton Traction Co. Must Don the Blue by July 1.

An order has been issued by the management of the Scranton Traction company, directing that all the employes on the street cars shall equip themselves with a blue uniform. The men must comply with the order by July 1.

The caps of the conductors are to have a square crown and straight peak, and those of the motormen are to be bell shaped and have a round peak. The coat is to be of sack cut, double breasted, and five buttoned. Extra men will not be required to fit themselves with uniforms until they are in the employ of the company two months.

HEAT WAS THE CAUSE.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, of Palm Street, Prostrated Saturday.

The twenty-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming, of Palm street, died suddenly Saturday, affected by the heat. The child was out of the house only five minutes when his mother found him unconscious in the yard.

She sent immediately for Dr. J. A. Manley, and though the doctor called very promptly, the child was dead when he reached the house. An examination showed that heat had brought on convulsions, which ended in death.

Memorial Day Order.

Headquarters George Hill post, No. 540, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, Moosic, May 11, 1896.

General order No. 1:

First—George Hill post will observe Memorial day on Saturday, May 30, and it is earnestly desired that not only the members of the post, but all old soldiers and sailors unite with us in giving honor to our heroic dead.

Second—The following order of the day will govern the post: At 9 a. m. Comrades Tinklepaugh, Beeler, Willard, Miller and Weisenflue will proceed to the cemeteries at Taylor and Minooka and plant the flag.

Comrades William Sanders, Charles Sanders, William Webber, James Weber and John Christian to the Langcliffe and Catholic, at Avoca.

Comrades Graver, Hamlin, Porter, Mead, Penn, Tomlinson, Neal, Arnts and Knauff to the Mayer cemetery.

At 1 p. m. post will assemble at post hall in Moosic in full uniform and wearing memorial badges; line of march will be taken up at 1.30 sharp.

Third—To all societies, organizations, schools and every one, we extend a cordial invitation to assist in these services.

The members of the post will meet at Commander Snyder's Sunday, May 24, at 10 a. m. in full uniform, wearing memorial badges, to attend divine services at the Primitive Methodist Episcopal church in Avoca. By order

G. M. Snyder,
Post Commander.
John Christian, Adjutant.

Important Change in Delaware and Hudson Time Table.

On Monday, May 18th, trains will leave Scranton as follows:

For Carbondale—5.45, 7.55, 8.55, 10.15 a. m.; 12.00 noon; 1.01, 2.20, 3.52, 5.25, 6.25, 7.37, 9.10, 10.30, 11.55 p. m.

For Albany, Saratoga, Montreal, Boston, New England points, etc.—5.45 a. m.; 2.20 p. m.

For Honesdale—5.45, 8.55, 10.15 a. m.; 12.00 noon; 2.20, 5.25 p. m.

For Wilkes-Barre—5.45, 7.45, 8.45, 9.38, 10.45 a. m.; 12.05, 1.20, 2.30, 3.33, 4.41, 6.00, 7.50, 9.50, 11.38 p. m.

For New York, Philadelphia, etc., via Lehigh Valley railroad—6.45, 7.45 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 4.41 (with Black Diamond express) p. m.

For Pennsylvania railroad points—6.45, 9.38 a. m.; 2.30, 4.41 p. m.

For Western points, via Lehigh Valley railroad—7.45 a. m.; 12.05, 3.33 (with Black Diamond express), 9.50, 11.38 p. m.

Trains will arrive Scranton as follows:

From Carbondale and the North—6.40, 7.30, 8.40, 9.35, 10.40 a. m.; 12.03 noon; 1.05, 2.27, 3.25, 4.37, 5.45, 7.15, 9.45, 11.32 p. m.

From Wilkes-Barre and the South—5.40, 7.30, 8.50, 10.10, 11.55 a. m.; 1.16, 2.14, 3.48, 5.22, 6.21, 7.33, 9.03, 9.45, 11.52 p. m.

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