News of the Suburbs.

WEST SIDE EVENTS.

Large Number of Valuable Dogs Poisoned by Some Unknown Person---Strychnine Employed, It Is Thought.

Dogs are being poisoned by the wholesale on this side. At least six valuable canines have died from the effects of strychnine during the past forty-eight and other dogs are dying from the poison. When Edwin Hughes, the contractor, opened the door of his residence on South Main avenue yesterday morning he found his pet pug dog lying dead on the front porch. The contortions and rigidity of the muscles shows that poison had caused the death.

Two dogs, one a pug, the other a black and tan, were found yesterday morning lying dead in a gutter on Academy street.

A dog owned by Mr. Wheeler, of South Main avenue, died Monday from poisoning.

Randolph Jones, of South Main avenue, three doors above Mr. Wheeler's residence, lost a valuable dog yesterday. Mr. Jones, who keeps a confectionery store near the Wheeler residence, found his house dog in a dying condition Monday. The animal died.

A canine which is valued very highly by Mr. Thayer, of South Main avenue, was poisoned. In this instance medical aid was used and the dog may recover.

Strychnine is supposed to have been given the dogs by some miscreants. The "doctoring" seems to have been confined to one locality, as the poisoned dogs were from the same neighborhood. The poison must have been placed on meat which the dogs ate. This is the general explanation. About one year ago, it will be remembered, there was a slaughter of dogs in the vicinity of Jackson street. M. F. Wymbs and others at that time lost house dogs. Threatenings to arrest put an end to the poisoning.

CHURCH PASTORATES.

Rev. David Jones has resigned from the pastorate of the First Welsh Congregational church, the resignation to take effect January 1, 1897. Mr. Jones announced his withdrawal from the position at last Sunday evening's meeting of the congregation. His reasons are not known, his wife, who was seen last night, saying that Mr. Jones preferred to say nothing about the matter. Mr. Jones was not at home. He is popular with his church and there is no hint at any internal discord in that body. When the resignation takes effect, January 1, Mr. Jones will have completed a six years' pastorate.

Rev. Thomas DeGruchy, D. D., of Wakefield, R. I., has been tendered a call to the pasterate of the Jackson Street Baptist church.

TWO FUNERALS.

The remains of the late Eleccize Thomas, who died Sunday at Plymouth, were brought to this side yesterday by Undertaker Will Price, and interment was made in Washburn street cemetery. Many friends of the deceased who knew him when he lived at Bellevue attended the funeral.

The funeral of the late unfortunate Elias Evans tok place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Henry Evans, of 140 Filmore avenue, where he died. Rev. John Griffiths, pastor of the Sumner avenue Presbyterian church, preached the funeral sermon. It was a touching address. The poverty of the dead man, his fatal chase for fortune, coming to this country from Wales, all of this were mentioned in the sermon. The interment was made in Washburn street cemetery.

THE AGED ARE FORTUNATE.

The Epworth league of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church will on the evening of October 6 give a social to all members of the church whose ages are over sixty years. It will be a complimentary affair. The public who are so unfortunate to be under sixty years can enjoy the festivities by paying an admission fee of ten cents. The evening will be most enjoyable.

TAKEN SUDDENLY SICK.

Fred. Reynolds, the painter, was suddenly taken ill yesterday afternoon while driving near the Catholic church on Jackson street. Mr. Reynolds was immediately taken to his home on North Main avenue, where he now lies in a precarious condition. Pleurisy is the complaint.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Acker returned yesterday from their wedding tour. They will reside on Elm street, in the Fairview park portion.

Mrs. James Jopling, of Inkerman, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Reid, of Jackson street.

Miss Sadie Ward, of South Main avenue, has accepted a positon in a millinery establishment in Boston.

Mrs. Charles Battin, of South Main avenue, has returned from a two weeks' stay at New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Jones have returned from a visit at Milwaukee.

The Welsh Philosophical society will meet next Saturday night.

Owing to the rain, Bellevue young men did not organize the proposed Republican club last night.

Mrs. Howell Morgan, of Luzerne street, has returned from South Gibson, where she and her son, Howell, jr., have been visiting.

Miss Mary Gilmartin, of Port Morris, is visiting Mrs. John Henry Phillips, of South Main avenue.

Mrs. William C. Wright, of Frostburg, Md., is visiting Mrs. John M. Williams, of North Main avenue.

Opening today at Mrs. Saxe's, 146 North Main avenue.

West Side Business Directory.

HARRIET J. DAVIS, FLORIST.—Cut flowers and funeral designs a specialty; 104 South Main avenue; two doors from Jackson street.

PHOTOGRAPHER.—Cabinet photos, $1.40 per dozen. They are just lovely. Convince yourself by calling at Starner's Photo Parlors, 101 and 103 South Main avenue.

SECOND HAND FURNITURE.—Cash for anything you have to sell. Furniture, Stoves, Tools, etc. Call and see the stock of J. C. King, 701 to 709 West Lackawanna avenue.

DUNMORE.

One of the prettiest and most charming dramas that has been produced by an amateur company was "Anita's Trial," which was given in Manley's hall last evening, under the auspices of the St. Agnes' Guild. With so much ease and grace did all the company execute their different parts that on several occasions the vast audience could hardly restrain their enthusiasm. Anna Oliver as Anita, the Italian waif, captured the sympathies of the audience, in her extreme devotion to right and hatred of shams, whilst Martha Matthews as Mrs. Deacon Pippin, elicited much applause. The special scenic effects were beautiful and were under the direction of F. J. Richards, electrician, of Scranton. They have been asked to repeat it, which they will do, in a few weeks' time.

Miss Emma Rosenkranz, of Pittston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Cordee, of Blakely street.

Box 31 was sounded yesterday afternoon at 4.30, calling out the Independent, John B. Smith and Neptune fire companies, to a slight blaze on Pine street, caused by the burning of a small Italian shanty. Their services were not required, however, as the fire was quickly extinguished by a bucket brigade.

All the arc lights in the central part of the town were extinguished for a few hours last night.

The members of the Y. M. I. are requested to meet at their rooms on Friday evening to reorganize their literary and debating society.

Colonel F. L. Hitchcock addressed a large meeting of the Sixth ward Republican club at their quarters on Tripp street Monday evening, his lecture being listened to very attentively. A Mr. Williams caused endless amount of amusement by trying to dispute Mr. Hitchcock in the course of his speech.

A large crowd of young people of this borough held a most enjoyable picnic in Taylor's woods yesterday, all seeming to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Stuart Pace, of Webster avenue, who had his foot severely burned a few weeks ago, is able to get around a little with the aid of a cane.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schrier, of No. 6, have gone to spend a few days with friends in Bradford.

The Misses Jennie Williams and Bessie Craig, of Peckville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Englert, of Butler street.

Caroline V. Dorsey, teacher of elocution, and Arthur L. Dorsey, comedian, dialect reciter and impersonater, will give an entertainment in Boyle's hall on Thursday evening, October 1.

Rev. F. J. McArdle and Rev. M. J. Smith, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Rev. Father Donlan last week.

MINOOKA.

The Greenwood McKinley club will meet this evening.

Festus Madden, of Forest City, was a visitor in town yesterday.

The Minooka team has arranged a game with the Harmonies for October 4 on the home grounds.

The remains of the late Bernard Davis, of Greenwood, were interred in Minooka Catholic cemetery yesterday. The Greenwood Keg Fund attended the funeral in a body.

John J. O'Neil, the well-known base ballist, will leave today for St. Bonaventure college, Alleghany, N. Y., to take up a course of study.

Contractor Burke is erecting a handsome residence for Martin Jeffers, on Main street.

SOUTH SIDE NEWS.

Contest for Crayon Portrait of Rev. E. J. Melley Will Close Tomorrow Night. Officers of the Polish Church.

The contest for the crayon portrait of Rev. E. J. Melley, pastor of St. John's church, will close tomorrow evening, and the drawing will take place then also. Three young ladies, Misses Margaret Roche and Matilda Tighe, of Cherry street, and Maria O'Donnell, of South Washington avenue, have been selling tickets for chances on the portrait. The one of them who has disposed of the most tickets willl be presented with a prize by Rev. J. A. Moffitt, and a drawing will be made from all the chances on the portrait.

The contest was begun during the summer when the arrangements for the picnic held on August 22 were made. It was at first intended that the contest should close the day of the picnic, but by common consent the time was extended until Thursday, October 1.

POLISH OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Very Rev. Monsignor Wanzyowick, of Rome, who was visiting in Scranton on his way back from Buffalo, preached to the congregation of St. Mary's Polish church Monday night with a view toward assisting in restoring harmony. His sermon was very eloquent. After it was over, a meeting of the congregation was held and officers were elected. Anthony Woyshner was chosen president; Joseph Rimkowski, vice president; Jacob Bartowski and John Kudajlecwski, secretaries; Leopold Galbiesh, Mathias Bugno and Jacob Wratowski, trustees; and Rev. Father Dembinsky, treasurer.

SHORTER PARAGRAPHS OF NEWS.

Charles Aspenschlager has purchased the vacant lot at the corner of Cedar avenue and Cherry street, and intends to erect a residence on it.

George Burns is visiting his parents on Prospect avenue, after a year's absence in Boston.

Forty Hours' devotion began at St. Mary's German church Sunday morning and will close with high mass this morning. The priests who have been in attenrance are Fathers Brehl, of Pittston; Biddlingmeyer, of Wilkes-Barre; and Dassell, of Honesdale.

PROVIDENCE.

The Trio Dacing class will conduct a sicial in O'Donnell's hall Monday night, October 6.

Mrs. John A. Robinson and Mrs. John Robinson, of Spring street, spent yesterday at Peasant Valley.

Larry Harte, of Wilbur street, was painfully hurt yesterday. Mr. Harte is employed in the Marvine shaft as a driver and was in the act of unhitching a mule from a trip of cars when he was caught between the cars and badly squeezed. He also sustained a broken leg.

On October 16, the Trilby Dancing class will conduct a social in Company H armory. Next Friday evening they will hold a social in Brown's hall at which time invotations for the social will be given out.

The Christian Endeavor choir of the North End met last evening in the Presbyterian church for rehearsal.

Mrs. Luke Evans, of Wayne avenue, is seriously ill.

George Wilder, of North Main avenue, is ill.

MOCKING BIRDS AS DANCERS.

Queer Performances They Sometimes Go Through in the Woods.

From the Popular Science Monthly.

The power of the mocking bird to amuse folks is not confined to its abilities as a rich-voiced singer The more birds are studied the more the students wonder what they can't do Birds with some marked characteristics are sometimes neglected in other respects than their peculiarity, and so it happens that the mocking bird is better known as an imitative singer than as an original one, and that it was a dancer as much almost as a heron or crane few were aware.

The mocking birds dance methodically, like woodsmen in a square dance, rather than with the wild gyrations of a darky hoe-down. They keep their bodies stiff, with head and tails erect, their wings drooping and feathers flattened out, something like the English sparrow when hopping about before its sweetheart; but the sparrow's feathers are thrown out usually instead of being flattened against the body.

Two of the mocking birds make a set, and they bound along, jumping rather high, but not far, going from one end of the play-ground to the other, one behind the other about a foot, and each one at the end of the playground turns in a circle slowly and with dignity, and goes back again. Sometimes they stop at some distant object, day dreaming, apparently, then away they go again.

Mr. Blake tells about a hen that was disturbed by the actions of a pair of mocking birds in their dance, whereupon she left her brood of chickens and charged the couple with clubs and fluttering feathers. Up went the mocking birds with true mocking bird talk, scolding and sputtering at the hen until they fairly drove her away.

HIS QUINQUENNIAL PERQUISITE

Every Five Years New Castle's Mayor Kisses the Prettiest Girl.

From the London News.

Once every five years the mayor and corporation of Newcastle-on-Tyne go in state from the mouth of the river to the upper reaches to proclaim their right to the foreshore. They went recently, and the mayor, still in accordance with custom, landed at a village green which marked the end of the journey, and kissing the prettiest girl present gave her a new sovereign. That's for remembrance, as Ophelia says. There are compensations, then, for the toils incidental to civic functions. There must be a keen competition for the mayoralty every five years.

The civic fathers, we observe, are conveyed in "Elizabethan barges." Is this some faint and far-off commemoration of the fact that there was kissing every five minutes or so in the reign of the virgin queen and before? Erasmus, in one of his epistles, says that he never saw such a people for kissing as the English. They kissed all around on the slightest provocation—at meeting, at parting, and, apparently, when anybody said a good thing. Newcastle's rare indulgence in this exercise testifies to the increasing pressure of public business in modern times.

Too Prosperous.

"Poor Bill," said the tramp sorrowfully.

"Wot's the matter?" asked his tattered companion.

"Gone," said the tramp.

"Jugged?"

"Worse; but he died happy and prosperous."

"Prosperous?"

"Yep. That's why he died. He couldn't stand prosperity. He was accidentally locked in a saloon over night."—Chicago Post.

MR. JONES IS INVESTIGATING.

Has Not Decided What Action He Will Take in the Wood Case.

District Attorney John R. Jones has not taken any action yet in the case where young James Wood, son of James R. Wood, of Hollister avenue, died of black diphtheria without receiving medical treatment, but was treated by Christian Scientists.

Mr. Jones said he wished to investigate the case thoroughly first, and then if he finds that there is any law these people have violated, he will, as his duty makes it incumbent upon him to do, bring them to court.

ASSESSING BEGINS TODAY.

Books Distributed and Assistants Sworn in Last Night.

Today will begin the work of making the new assessment ordered by the board of revision and appeals. The assistant assessors received their books last night in the assessor' office and were sworn in by Mayor Bailey.

All data of previous assessments will be totally ignored in making this new assessment. The assessors will base valuations on their experienced judgement and will have no recourse to figures compiled by any former assessors.

CONSTABLE COLE WILL NOT DIE.

For This Boon He Can Thank the Doctors Who Attended Him.

Constable W. N. Cole, who attempted to commit suicide Monday night by taking a large dose of laudanum, will not die.

The physicians labored with him all Monday and part of yesterday and as a result brought him back from the shadow of the valley of death.

LOCOMOTIVE NOMENCLATURE.

It Has Under Gone a Great Change Within 25 Years.

A New London, Conn., correspondent writes: Within the past twenty-five years the nomenclature of locomotives has undergone a great change. The old-fashioned way of naming them after persons and places is now obsolete. During the war and for several years afterward one well remembers the bell-top smokestack engines, and on various roads in Connecticut and Massachusetts these were named after some director or the president of the road.

Some of the well-remembered names were "Henry P. Haven," "Charles Osgood," "Bentley," and "Colt." Among the town names used a quarter of a century ago were "Monson," "Stafford," "Palmer," "Attawaugan," "Wauregan," "Uncas," "New London," "Groton," "Stonington," and "Webster." Numbers now have superseded these names, and it is hard to find a railroad that has not dropped the old nomenclature. The old-fashioned way was to put the name of the engine on the sides of the cab, but the modern numbers are placed not only on the cab, but on the front of the locomotive.

VICTORIA'S GOLD PLATE.

Ten Thousand Pieces Used at a State Concert.

The gold plate which was sent up from Windsor Castle for the state concert last Monday, says the St. James Gazette, amounts to about 10,000 pieces. It comes from the Gold pantry, which is an iron room situated on the ground floor under the royal apartments. The clerk of the pantry gives it out in iron boxes and receives a receipt for it. It is carried by special train, under escort of a guard of soldiers, and delivered to the butler at Buckingham palace. He gives a receipt for it and is responsible for it while it remains at the palace. The same formalities are observed in taking it back, and all persons concerned are glad when it is once more restored to the safe keeping of the gold pantry. The total value of the plate in this department is nearly two millions sterling. A great deal of it dates from the reign of George IV; but among the antiquities are some pieces which were taken from the Armada.

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations---All Quotation Based on Par of 100.

Name.	Bid.	Asked.
Dime Dep. & Dis Bank	140	...
Scranton Lace Curtain Co.	...	50
National Boring & Drilling Co	...	80
First National Bank	650	...
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.	...	25
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.	...	100
Scranton Savings Bank	200	...
Bonta Plate Glass Co	...	10
Scranton Packing Co.	...	250
Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co.	...	150
Third National Bank	350	...
Throop Novelty M'f'g. Co.	...	50
Scranton Traction Co.	16	21
Scranton Axle Works	...	80
Lack'a Trust & Safe Dep. Co.	145	150
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co.	...	50
BONDS.		
Scranton Glass Co.	...	100
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage due 1918	110	...
People's Street Railway, first mortgage due 1918	110	...
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	...	90
People's Street Railway, Second mortgage due 1920	110	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	...	100
Lacka. Township School 5%.	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6%.	...	102
Borough of Winton 6%	...	100
Mt. Vernon Coal Co.	...	85
Scranton Axle Works	...	100
Scranton Traction Co.	...	95