

CONFLAGRATION AT WILKES-BARRE. St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church Totally Destroyed. THE FIRE SMOLDERED ALL NIGHT. One of the Most Beautiful Churches in the Valley Burned to Ashes.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 25.—St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church, situated on South Franklin street, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire having caught from the heating apparatus in the basement.

It must have smoldered all night, as when discovered the whole interior was ablaze. The interior was very beautiful. Only the brick walls remained standing. The church was valued at \$30,000 and was four years ago remodelled at a cost of \$20,000.

Some of the most expensive furniture was saved but the loss to the building and furniture will be \$20,000.

AY HAVE BEEN THE RUBBER MAN. Serious Charge Made Against a Clergyman at Rochester. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The case of Rev. David Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Second Universalist church of this city, who was arrested on the charge of immoral conduct, was taken up this morning by the police.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was arrested on the complaint of Mrs. Annie Adven, who complained that he had on numerous occasions accosted her on the street in an indecent manner.

The police, however, declare that they are in possession of information which justifies them in suspecting that he is indeed the night prowler who for many months has been a terror to the women of Rochester.

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1869, with a crew of men, he explored the copper regions of Lake Superior, and sank a shaft which became worth \$100,000. Mr. Bennett retired to his farm about fifteen years ago and has lived there since. He is nearly 90 years old, rugged and healthy.

KANSAS CITY FOLLOWS CHICAGO. Spitting Nuisance to Be Abolished by the Authorities.

Kansas City, Dec. 25.—Kansas City is to follow Chicago's lead in attempting to abolish the spitting nuisance. Mayor Jones and City Physician Coffin had a conference over the matter yesterday and today Mayor Jones called the attention of the police department to the reform which it is desired to accomplish.

MAHER DOPES O'DONNELL. The Australian Pugilist Pa to Sleep in One Minute and a Half—Anxious Sports Disgusted.

New York, Dec. 25.—It took Peter Maher just one minute and a half in the first round to send Steve O'Donnell from Australia down and out this afternoon at the Greater New York Athletic club, at Coney Island, formerly the Seaside Athletic club.

At 2 o'clock, the hour set for the preliminary bout, there were not more than six hundred people in the building and it looked as if the frost outside would be a different nature inside, but when the big fellows shook hands at 3.37 p. m. there were fully 3,000 present.

MAHER'S AIDERS. Maher's aids were John Quinn, Peter Lowry and Peter Burns. Although the men cheered for about five seconds, Maher's face wore a determined expression at which O'Donnell appeared nervous and shifted uneasily on his feet.

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BOY BARITONE IS A FUGITIVE. Elmer Russell, Accused of Crimes in Honolulu, Escapes. San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Elmer Russell, the famous boy baritone, has been found in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is on his way to San Francisco.

AVOCA. A sacred concert will be held in the Primitive Methodist church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock when the following program will be given.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. MONEY—IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW you can make money in Wall Street on demand certificates of deposit.

BANKING. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Scranton, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, Dec. 17, 1896.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Total Assets: \$2,096,345.37. Total Liabilities: \$2,096,345.37.

Architects. EDWARD H. DAVIS, ARCHITECT, Rooms 24, 25 and 26, Commonwealth building, Scranton.

Dentists. DR. F. L. MCGRAW, 305 SPRUCE STREET. DR. H. F. REYNOLDS, 325 P. O.

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