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CITY NOTES.

The Sunday school of Grace Reformed church will hold their Christmas celebration tonight.

No coal trains were run by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company Saturday. Slackness of the trade was the reason.

Methodist ministers of Scranton, etc., meet today at 10 a. m. Speaker, Dr. P. C. Johnson. Theme: "A Visit to the Moravian Town of Nazareth, Pa."

A Polisher named Weiss was assaulted in a fight in Harris' saloon on South Washington avenue Saturday morning. The police were called, but the disturbers had fled.

John Carlin, who was brought to the Moses Taylor hospital last Monday, died there yesterday morning. He was crushed between cars on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road.

The board enclosure in front of the hotel of trade building on Linden street collapsed at 1 o'clock Saturday night and almost killed a man and woman who were just passing.

John Ahern, 21 years old, a stone-cutter, was arrested Saturday afternoon drunk on Lackawanna avenue. He was conveyed to the police station in a push cart, and paid a fine of \$3.

"In Old Kentucky" was produced at the Frothingham Saturday afternoon and evening before large audiences. The piece was well staged and given in a highly acceptable manner throughout.

The company which was billed to produce "The Yellow Kid of Hogan's Alley" at the Academy of Music tonight disbanded Christmas night and consequently the Academy will be dark tonight.

The stock in the New York Bargain store at 26 Lackawanna avenue was damaged to the extent of \$500 by water Saturday morning, which came from the third floor, by the bursting of one of the pipes.

While the crossing and curbs are being put in at the intersection of Washington avenue and Spruce street, the Laurel Hill cars will come down Lackawanna avenue, and the Suburban cars will come down Linden street.

The funeral of John, the 5-year-old son of A. J. Mahon, of Third street, who was fatally scalded in a tub of boiling water, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Interment was made in Dunmore Catholic cemetery.

"For Fair Virginia" was repeated at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon and evening before large and well pleased audiences. Mr. and Mrs. Russ Whytal carried off the greater share of the honors of the performances.

Patrolman Reese Jones found a 4-year-old boy on Spruce street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon stiffened with the cold. This is the second or third time the same youth has been picked up by the police. His parents live on Capoue avenue.

The exchanges at the Scranton Clearing house last week were as follows: Monday, \$25,894.96; Tuesday, \$12,318.77; Wednesday, \$18,722.85; Thursday, \$22,026.88; Saturday, \$18,572.59; total, \$98,533.85. The clearings for the week ending December 27, 1896, were \$81,151.31.

The following additional contributions to the St. Joseph's Foundling home building fund are acknowledged: Mrs. A. Mahon, \$5; Patrick Connetton, \$1; Mrs. Forster, \$1; S. H. Adams, \$2; William Castorline, \$1; Mrs. Gortly, \$1; Thomas Carroll, \$5; friends, \$30; total, \$48.

Friday Rev. I. J. Dunn, of St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, received a telegram conveying the sad information that his father was seriously ill at Wilmington, Del. Father Dunn at once started for Washington and a telegram received in this city Saturday announced the death of his parent. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

The coroner's jury in the case of Almira Hadall, the girl who, it was said had been frightened to death by Italians, but the post-mortem examination revealing traces of poisoning, will meet tomorrow night at Dr. Steiner's office in Renham, Chemist Benjamin, of Penn avenue, will submit the result of his analysis of the contents of her stomach.

J. W. Shufelt was arrested on a warrant Saturday charging him with forging his father's name to a note for \$5, and defrauding W. A. Townsend, proprietor of the American House on Franklin avenue. The warrant was issued by Alderman Howe, who held him in the sum of \$500 bail for his appearance at court.

DEATH OF JOHN CARLING. Pioneer Scrantonian Died Yesterday at the Moses Taylor Hospital.

John Carling, well-known to all the older citizens of Scranton, died at the Moses Taylor hospital yesterday morning at 6 o'clock. Since his wife's death nearly four years ago, he had resided in this city and on Thursday last his son-in-law, T. H. Watts, found him suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and on the advice of his physician, Dr. Longstreet, caused his removal to the hospital, where everything possible was done to relieve him. On Friday he appeared better but grew worse during the night and sank rapidly until he passed away Sunday morning in the presence of his daughter and her husband.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Watts, of Glenburn, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary McKinney, of Adams avenue, the Misses Hannah and Margaret Carling, and Mrs. G. P. Danforth, of 829 Monroe avenue.

"Uncle John" as he was familiarly called, was born in Stewartville, N. J., Feb. 25, 1852, and removed to this place with his parents in 1859. In 1853 he married Louisa Mahon, who died in March, 1893. For many years he was in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. His kind heart, good nature and generosity combined with a keen sense of humor and courteous manner made him many friends and an acknowledged favorite with all his associates.

Funeral services, to which all his friends are invited, will be held at the residence of his sister, Mrs. G. P. Danforth, 829 Monroe avenue, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be private.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. Sixty Men in Concert-Event of the Season at Y. M. C. A. Hall.

The large number of University of Pennsylvania alumni in Scranton expect to see a full house greet the music at club of that institution tomorrow evening in the Young Men's Christian Association hall. The recent concert of the clubs at the home of the University in Philadelphia was nothing short of an event. The Academy of Music, the crowded and the entire city press extolled the performance.

Scranton is one of the few places to be favored by a concert from this aggregation of talented collegians. From the more than three thousand students attending this great university sixty men have been selected, because of their musical ability, to constitute these clubs. A pleasing diversity will be given the programme by combining solo and chorus singing with the strains of band and mandolin. Among those of the clubs known locally are: T. Cushing Jones, of Scranton, and Mr. Goeckel, of Wilkes-Barre. Following the concert there will be an informal reception in the Young Men's Christian Association parlors.

C. BEN JOHNSON INJURED. Was the Victim of the Deadly Sharp Pointed Fence.

C. Ben Johnson, the newspaperman, was painfully injured Saturday night on his way home. He lives on Madison avenue and going up Jefferson avenue along the 700 block he slipped on the ice and the top of his head struck a sharp picket and a gash from the top of his forehead to the poll of the head was inflicted.

Lieutenant John Davis assisted Mr. Johnson to the Lackawanna hospital where ten stitches were put in the cut. He was resting comfortably last night and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

LIVELY PRIMARIES IN THE FIFTH WARD

Resulted in the Nomination of Bezaleel Davis and John H. Walker.

IT WAS A VERY STUBBORN FIGHT

Benjamin Griffiths Says That He Was Not Fairly Treated in the Third District and Proposes to Be an Independent Candidate-Sketches of the Men Who Were Successful in the Fry.

Bezaleel Davis, at the Republican primaries held Saturday in the Fifth ward, was nominated for the aldermanship and John H. Walker was victorious over three other candidates for the common council nomination.

The battle was close and was hotly contested. For alderman there were six candidates in the field and Mr. Davis was elected by a majority of



BEZALEEL DAVIS, Republican Candidate for Alderman in the Fifth Ward.

but only three votes over the next highest man, Benjamin Griffiths. The other candidates were: For alderman, M. L. Blair, D. W. Morgan, Timothy Jones, and Frank Gleason. For common council the candidates were: Charles E. Godshall, John D. Phillips and Chester Cammer.

The battle was a roll call of friends. Mr. Davis, who was nominated, had been in the contest for about six weeks. His success is attributed to the fact that he worked hard and continuously. By his personal vigilance he won.

MR. WALKER'S VICTORY. Mr. Walker's victory is remarkable and is a forecast of future successes in the local political arena. The vote by districts was as follows:

Table showing election results for Alderman and Common Council by district.

Walker's plurality, 65 votes. There is talk of a two-stringed fight for alderman as a result of the bitter feeling among the candidates. Mr.

Griffiths avers that the vote in the Third district was not fairly polled. He says that when he entered the booth in the interests of his candidacy he was forcibly ejected.

Some of the members of the Third district board of election, who are accused of the ejection, stated last night that Griffiths was interfering with the polling of the vote and was therefore sent out. He says that he will appear before the people in February as an independent candidate.

A board of election was nominated in each district as follows: First-Judge of election, W. S. Meares; Inspector, William Morton; register of voters, Frank Shepley.

Second-Judge of election, David Cosgrove; Inspector, Frye Thomas; register of voters, Harry Clark.

Third-Beville Foote, Judge; Henry J. Phillips, Inspector; H. T. Bradshaw, register.

Fourth-Judge of election, Reese E. Bryant; Inspector, Eugene Long; register of voters, John Davis.

SKETCH OF THE CANDIDATES. John H. Walker, the candidate for common council, is a young man, not yet 20 years of age. He was born in the Fifth ward in the same house where he now lives, on Division street. His father is R. W. Walker, an employe of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. The candidate is also employed by the same company as a member of one of the engineer corps.

He has served as secretary of first legislative conventions and as an election officer of the second district of the Fifth ward. Up to this time that is the extent to which he has figured in politics. He is a ready speaker and debater and will make a valuable councilman.

Bezaleel Davis, the Republican candidate for alderman, is 54 years of age, and is a retired grocer. He is one of the leading members of the Summer Avenue Presbyterian church. His home is on Washington street. He never participated in a political contest prior to the present one.

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DEATH OF AN ATTORNEY.

Frank S. Miller, Who Became a Lawyer Last June, Died Saturday.

Attorney Frank S. Miller died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning at his home, 1721 Penn avenue, after a two-months' illness. His health had been delicate for several years. He was 20 years old and leaves a widow and three children.

Attorney Miller was born in Clifford, Susquehanna county, and after a thorough common school education, he entered Millersville State Normal school, from which he graduated. After that he was engaged as principal of the graded school of Everett, Bradford county, where he spent several terms, and leaving there he accepted a position in Pierce's Business college, Philadelphia.

Next he was elected superintendent of the schools of Mahanoy City, and at the end of three years he came to Scranton and registered as a student-at-law in the office of Attorney C. B. Gardner. He was admitted to the bar of this county last June. His office was in the Library building.

The Lackawanna Bar association will meet at 11 o'clock this morning in the arraignment room of the court house to take action on his death. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Interment will be made in Clifford, his birthplace.

WORK OF CIVIL COURT.

During the Year One Hundred and Twenty-three Cases Were Heard Before Jurors.

The civil courts of Lackawanna county have been somewhat handicapped during the last six months on account of the lack of proper accommodations, yet the amount of business transacted during the last twelve months is very large. During the year now fast drawing to a close five terms of common pleas court were held and 225 cases were set down for trial.

Of these 125 actually got before jurors for consideration. In seventy-one cases verdicts were rendered for plaintiffs and defendants were awarded verdicts in thirty-eight instances. There were five compulsory and one voluntary non-suits, one case was settled after going to trial, six were continued after jurors were sworn to "well and truly" pass upon their merits and in one instance the case was withdrawn after the trial had begun. A large number of cases were settled or otherwise disposed of without going before a jury.

For several years the court has been cutting down the number of cases awaiting attention and while three years ago the business of the court was about three years behind time it is now less than a year and a half. A large number of the cases set down for trial at the approaching term of common pleas court were begun at the September term, 1895.

When the repairs on the court house are completed and the regular routine of work can again be observed there will be a still further paring down of the number of cases awaiting trial to be heard until the list is brought within six months of date. It is not considered advisable by the majority of jurists to have civil cases tried immediately after they are instituted nor is it always possible to do so. The intervention of a few months between the filing of the papers in the case and the trial usually brings more substantial justice to all concerned than a speedier trial would.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE TO THE COUNCILS

Will Be Read at Select's First Stated Meeting in January.

HE HAS MADE A RADICAL CHANGE

It Has Been the Custom in the Past for the Mayor to Send in His Annual Message at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year in April-Report of the Kinsey Investigation Commission.

Mayor James G. Bailey has asked the heads of the various departments of the city government to furnish him with statements concerning the work and needs of their departments. He is preparing a message for the councils which will be read on Jan. 7, the date of the first stated meeting of the select council for the year 1897.

It has been the custom in the past for the mayor to submit his annual message to councils in April, the beginning of the city's fiscal year. Mayor Bailey believes that January is the proper time to make his recommendations and suggestions to councils and will ignore the precedents of his predecessors with regard to annual messages.

The message will be quite an exhaustive document, in which the present condition of the city will be dealt upon and the necessity of wise public improvements along lines essential to the development of the city strenuously urged. There is a probability that the mayor may suggest the advisability of making some improvements on the interior of the city hall which is beginning to assume a rather dingy appearance.

It is probable that select council on the night the mayor's message is read will also hear the findings of the Kinsey investigation commission read. Councilman Sanderson was absent from the city for some time after the close of the investigation and a meeting of the commission to prepare its report could not be held. All of the members of the commission are now in the city and a meeting has been called for Tuesday evening, when an effort will be made to have the report framed.

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