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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The lecture at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow night for the benefit of the McAll mission promises to attract a large audience. It is to be illustrated and is most interesting in character.

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The Young Women's Christian association is doing a noble work in this city and should be assisted whenever possible. It will not cost much to patronize the dinner or supper to be given at the rooms on Thursday of this week. More than value is given in return but your quarters and half dollars will be appreciated and are greatly needed in the rapidly enlarging field which this organization occupies.

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The chrysanthemum show for the benefit of the Home for the Friendless will be a great success. The florists are entering into it with much pleasure and interest and the results will be something to astonish Scrantonians. The Lawrence orchestra will furnish music Thursday afternoon and evening, when the following programme will be rendered:

March, "Stars and Stripes" .....Sousa
Overture, "Fest" .....Leutann
Selection, "Maritana" .....Wallace
Fantasia, "Gipsy Life" .....Lee Thiere
Selection "American Beauty" ....Kerker
Waltzes, "Oriental Roses" .....Moses
Descriptive, "Village Life".....Catlin
March, "Pacemaker" .....Miles

PERSONAL.

Fred W. Fleitz, esq., made a business trip to Blossburg yesterday.

Thomas English, of Wilkes-Barre, was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

W. S. Foote and family leave today for Glenwood, Susquehanna county, where they will spend a week with Mrs. Foote's parents.

John Wesman and E. Schuerholz, of Honesdale, spent yesterday in this city.

Misses Nellie O'Reilly and Kathryne O'Malley, of Shenandoah, who have been the guests of Miss Mollie O'Malley, of West Market street, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs A. S. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marquand, Simon Borg, Cyrus Lawrence and J. R. Rusling, of New York, were on a tour of inspection of the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern road Monday. They spent that night at the Jermyn in this city.

Alexander Morton, of Darbel, Scotland, who was in this city last week gathering information relative to possibly establishing here a carpet and tapestry mill, is one of the judges at the horse show this week in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Morton went to New York city on Sunday but will return here on Friday.

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RAISES A NEW QUESTION.

Can Depositions Be Accepted as Evidence in Murder Trials?

George H. Van Horn, the accused murderer of Mrs. Josephine Wescott, will be once more brought down from the jail and into court today, in compliance with a provision of the law requiring that whenever a motion or other such step is taken in a murder case, the accused must be present, if it is possible to produce him.

A motion is to be made by his attorneys, L. P. Wedeman and E. W. Thayer, for a rule to take the depositions of Albert J. Saunders, who was so seriously wounded while gunning at Nicholson, Monday, and who claims to have seen and talked with Van Horn at the Delaware and Hudson depot in this city the morning following the murder.

The motion will raise a point which has never been passed upon in this state, that is whether or not depositions will be accepted as evidence in a murder trial. Judge Edwards, before whom the motion will be argued, stated to Mr. Wedeman yesterday that he knew of no authority for such a proceeding and advised him to hunt about for such before coming into court. Mr. Wedeman claims that there is authority in the common law for it and hopes to be able to convince court to this effect this morning.

NOON-DAY ORGAN RECITALS.

After This Week They Will Be Suspended Until After Holidays.

The noon day organ recitals at Penn avenue Baptist church this week will be the last until after the Christmas holidays. These recitals are given by the organist, Haydn Evans. Following are the programmes for this week:

WEDNESDAY.

Introduction (Lohengrin) .....Wagner
Andante (from 2 Symphony) .....Widor
Rhapsodie .....Saint-Saens
Grand Chorus .....Guilmant
(On a Theme by Handel.)

FRIDAY.

Offertory No. 1 .....Batiste
Prelude and Fugue .....Bach
Allegretto .....Lemmens
Old German Song .....Mendelssohn
(Arr. by Whiting.)
Postlude in F .....Petrill

TAX COLLECTOR IS SHORT.

Judgment Entered Upon His Bond by the County.

County Solicitor H. A. Knapp, yesterday directed Prothonotary Pryor to issue an execution for $961.42 against Tax Collector P. H. Geever of Fell township who is short that amount on his 1896 duplicate.

The sureties on his bond are Eliza McGeever, T. P. McNulty, John McNulty, Patrick Harte, George R. Ross, James McGinty, Daniel Loftus, Mary Moran and Thomas McDonough.

The state and county taxes of the township amounted to $3,480.12. Mr. McGeever is credited by exonerations and settlement with $2518.70. The difference $961.42 is unaccounted for.

THEY PAID THEIR FINES.

Ten Victims of the Wagon Raid Are Several Dollars Wiser Now.

Ten owners of as many wagons called at the City Hall yesterday and upon payment of fines secured their wagons taken in Street Commissioner Dunning's round-up Monday night.

The fines ranged from $1 to $3, according to the size of the vehicle and the amount of difficulty encountered in hauling the booty.

Four of the owners refused to pay the fine and their wagons still remain in the yard behind the city hall. Mayor Bailey heard the cases.

SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK.

They Visit the Cann Residence on Jefferson Avenue.

Marion Stewart Cann visited police headquarters last evening and stated that four overcoats, two hats and a number of umbrellas had disappeared from the hall of the Cann residence, 243 Jefferson avenue.

The wearing apparel had been left hanging to the rack in the hall, and it is supposed that some sneak thief opened the hall door and secured the articles.

ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Will Be Celebrated by the Camps of the P. O. S. of A.

On Dec. 10 the camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of the state will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the order.

There are 660 camps in Pennsylvania and nearly every one of them is arranging for some kind of a demonstration.

Musical Studio.

Miss C. E. Rosencrans of 603 Washington avenue, will receive pupils for instruction on the piano and organ.

Miss Rosencrans has the privilege of bringing with her from the Faculty of the S. S. Seward Institute, and also from the First Presbyterian church at Florida, N. Y., highest testimonials to her ability as teacher and organist. Special attention given to technique. **

DIED.

CARROLL.—In North Scranton, Nov. 15, 1897, John the 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, of West Market street. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

COFF.—In West Scranton, Nov. 15, 1897, James Goff, of 325 Fifteenth street, aged 57 years. The funeral will take place at 2.30 Wednesday afternoon, services to be conducted in St. Patrick's church, and interment to be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

JOYCE.—In Scranton, Nov. 15, 1897, Anna Joyce, aged 7 years, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Joyce, of Crown avenue. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

THOUSANDS VISIT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Many Went Away Satisfied That It Is an Apparition.

FATHER MELLEY'S STATEMENT

Spot on the Wall Is Due to Natural Causes--A Patch of Plaster Was Placed in the Wall and Has Become Damp and Dark--In a General Way It Looks Like the Head and Shoulders of a Woman--Church Had to Be Closed.

St. John's Catholic church, on Fig street, was visited by thousands yesterday who were anxious to see what gossip referred to as an apparition on the east wall of the church. After spending some time in gazing on a spot that bears a strong resemblance to a head and shoulders covered by a nun's veil, many went away firmly convinced that the spot was of supernatural origin. That in fine they had seen an apparition of the Blessed Virgin.

They told their friends and their friends told their friends and as a consequence people from all parts of the city and valley visited the church during the day. The trolley cars from the central city were crowded and hundreds were compelled to walk.

At the masses in the early morning the church was crowded and the pastor, Rev. E. J. Melley, thought that as the day wore along the true nature of the alleged apparition would become manifest to the people and the excitement die out. On the contrary it continued to increase during the day and so did the stream of visitors to the church. At 3.30 the throng had assumed such proportions that Father Melley decided it was advisable to close the church for the day. Accordingly the doors were locked and the curious denied admission.

WHAT FATHER MELLEY SAID.

Within a few minutes a crowd of several hundred persons had gathered in front of the edifice and they did not disperse until the rain began to come down heavily. When seen by a Tribune reporter last evening, Father Melley said:

"The spot on the wall is due entirely to natural causes. I have had a careful examination of it made today and there is no question that the dark spot on the wall is a patch of plaster placed in the wall that has become damp from some cause or other, probably by water soaking through the siding. The resemblance to the head and bust of a woman is startling when seen from a distance, but a close examination readily discloses the true nature and cause of the discoloration. I am not surprised that so many persons who have merely gazed at the spot have been led to believe that it is a supernatural manifestation. The fact that it appears in a house of God naturally lends some color to such a theory. We have noticed the spot for some time, but it has been more noticeable during the past few days than ever before, owing no doubt to the continuous wet weather."

The Tribune reporter made a minute examination of the spot and found that Father Melley's statement was borne out in every particular. The discoloration is between two windows, on the east side of the church, near the sanctuary, and directly over a picture representing the taking down of the Savior from the cross after the crucifixion.

CAUSE OF THE SPOT.

The discoloration is eleven feet from the floor and is two feet wide and three feet long. At some time or other, either when the church was erected or afterwards, a bad spot was discovered in the plaster and a piece was removed and its place supplied with rough plaster different from that used in the remainder of the wall. A white or hard coat was not put on over this patch, which somewhat crudely represented the head and shoulders of a woman wearing a nun's veil.

Before the wall was painted sizing was applied to this patch and the plaster surrounding it for three or four inches. Four years ago the walls of the interior of the church were tinted terra cotta. In some manner not yet fully explained the patch of plaster has become damp and as the dampness increases the patch becomes darker and darker.

This has brought its outline prominently in view on the wall, and to add to the general impression the sizing surrounding the patch makes the terra cotta tinting appear much lighter than it is on the rest of the wall. It therefore requires no great stretch of the imagination for a person in the proper frame of mind to see the bust of the virgin surrounded by a halo. From the opposite side of the church the spot presents a startling appearance.

On the outside of the building on a line with the top of the spot is a piece of wood on which the siding for the second story rests. It is probable that during the recent wet weather water has found its way from this belt into the wall and made its appearance in this patch, because more porous than the remainder of the wall, from the fact that it lacks the hard exterior, known as a "finishing coat," which the remainder of the wall possesses.

ALLEGED MIRACLES.

All kind of stories are afloat on the South Side with reference to the supposed apparition.

Many mothers came with sick infants in their arms and from this naturally followed stories of miraculous cures of diphtheria and other diseases.

LECTURE BY MRS. LENORA M. LAKE.

She Speaks Under the Auspices of Women's Keeley League.

Mrs. Lenora M. Lake who will lecture tonight in College hall under the auspices of the Women's Keeley League arrived in the city yesterday. Mrs. Lake lectured in Wilkes-Barre Monday night and in referring to her the Wilkes-Barre Record yesterday said:

"Mrs. Lake is an able lecturer. She speaks plainly and to the point and hold up to her audience in the plainest manner possible the evil effects of intemperence. She has been prominent in the public eye for some years, coming to notice first during the early struggle of the Knights of Labor. She was then known as Mrs. Lenora M. Barry, attracting atention by her strong and forceful utterances in behalf of labor. She was one of the T. V. Powderly's aids and lectured in nearly every city throughout the Union. Mrs. Lake early displayed a desire to labor for the uplifting of humanity. She entered the C. T. A. U. movement, throwing into it all her force, character and ability. It is to the lasting credit and fame of Mrs. Lake that no woman has done more for the total abstinence movement in this country."

HAVE TURNED CONGREGATIONALISTS.

Dr. Bird's People Will, However, Retain the Prohibition Feature.

What has been known as the People's Prohibition church, meeting at 324 Adams avenue, will form into a permanent organization next Sunday morning as the Congregational Prohibition church, they having allied themselves to the Congregational denomination.

Thus the first Prohibition church in the United States gives up the fight as a separate denomination.

Rev. Levi Bird, D. D., the man who has been in charge of the flock since its organization last summer, gave out the information last night. He did not refer to the surrender as a defeat, but looked upon the Congregational church as the one best fitted to the ideas of his people and himself.

Sunday morning the first communion service will be observed.

THE BREWERY WAR.

Meeting Scheduled for Last Night Was Postponed Until Next Tuesday Night—Bartell's Statement.

There was to have been a meeting between Hermon Bartell of Syracuse, the projector of the anti-combine brewery, and the saloonkeepers who have been united to come in and make it a co-operative affair, but owing to Mr. Bartell not having completed the necessary preliminaries word was sent out yesterday that the meeting would not take place until next Tuesday night.

From the tenor of his conversation with a Tribune reporter, Mr. Bartell is averse to having it understood that he is fighting the combine. "There is room enough for all," he said. There is a field here for a big first class brewery and I contemplate establishing one here. That is all there is in the project. The details of my plans are not quite in shape for publication yet but next Tuesday night I expect to be able to speak freely on the subject." He intimated that the new brewery will be an enlarged counterpart of the one which he is now building at Kingston.

Mr. Bartell had a conference with his attorney E. C. Newcomb, at the Valley House and also had a session with a number of the more prominent hotel keepers, who are prospective stockholders in the new brewery but what transpired was not a matter for the public, they stated.

GAMBLER ANDREWS ARRESTED.

Charged with Passing Two Worthless Checks for $50 Each.

George R. Andrews, a Binghamton gambler, well known in this city, and who was a part owner of the "Windsor" rooms in this city last winter, has been arrested for passing bad checks. The case is explained in the following dispatch from Binghamton on Monday to the Elmira Advertiser:

"George R. Andrews, a formed local hotel proprietor, was arrested this morning by Detective Stevenson on two charges of grand larceny in the second degree, preferred by Chief of Police Wright, of Syracuse. When placed under arrest Andrews acknowledged that he had passed two worthless checks for $50 each while in Syracuse. He will be taken to Syracuse tomorrow."

EXPERIENCED MINER'S MISTAKE.

William Holmes' Error May Cost Him His Life.

Even though he is an experienced miner and well advanced in years, William Holmes, of Parker street, is dying at his home as a result of his error in too quickly returning to a blast he had prepared in Storrs' shaft No. 1, and which he supposed would not discharge. He was preparing a second blast when the first exploded within a few feet of him.

Holmes was struck in the left side and about the head by the flying debris, and badly mangled. The chances are against his recovery.

Scranton Conservatory of Music.

On Wednesday next the Scranton Conservatory concludes its first term's work, and the Winter term begins on Thursday. It is probable that few institutions have had so large an attendance the first term with the attendant enthusiasm. The number of students registered is exactly 147. Next term's work will include a large number of recitals, also free advantages in Sight Singing, Musical Dictation and Lectures on Music, Languages and Art. To avoid the rush on opening day, students should register before Thursday. **

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DOUBLE TRACKERS DECIDE TO ACT

Will Ask Court to Readjust Mulberry Street Assessment.

A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED

It Will Secure Counsel and Have the Inequality of the Paving Assessment as a Whole Called to the Attention of the Court--Mr. Medway Was in Favor of Allowing the Assessment to Remain as It Is.

The double trackers on Mulberry street who take exception to the pave assessment, will carry their grievance into court. At a meeting last night in Alderman John T. Howe's office a committee was appointed for this purpose, and a levy made upon each dissatisfied property holder for a pro rata share of the expenses.

The average sum to be saved to each property holder if the assessment of the board of viewers can be readjusted is $150.

Charles L. Schlager presided last night and there were present about two dozen men. One of those present was J. L. Medway, who owns property on Mulberry street. Mr. Medway's remarks were unexpected. He arose, after several of the gentlemen present had spoken, and expressed his views in direct antagonism. He disapproved of the proposed readjustment.

Mr. Medway has no street car track in front of his property, however, and the other gentlemen have, some of them two tracks. This is the burden of the protest. They do not think it right that the "double trackers" should pay as much as those who have no tracks or only one track in front of their properties. Their main reason is that the Traction company is assessed to pave the pave between the rails and tracks.

Mr. Schlager spoke on this line, and referred to the petition which was presented to councils and referred to the finance committee, "there to rest," said Mr. Schlager. Joseph Gunster also spoke in a similar vein and urged carrying the matter into court.

Finally the following were appointed a committee to procure counsel: P. W. Stokes, who was secretary of the evening; Mr. Schlager, A. J. Thomas and Robert Koebler.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The annual dinner of the Young Women's Christian association will be given Thursday. The ladies of the association have prepared for the crowd which usually enjoy the feast of good things on such occasions. The following menu will tempt the appetite: Beef soup and finger rolls, roast turkey, roast beef, potatoes, squash, cabbage, celery, cranberry jelly, pies, cheese, plum pudding, ice cream, cake, coffee and tea.

Miss Effie K. Price, the international general secretary, of the Young Women's Christian association will arrive Saturday and be given a large reception Saturday evening by the young women of the association.

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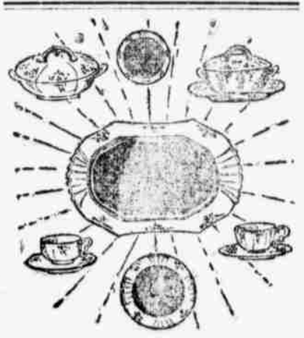

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