

EXECUTIVE L. A. W. NEWS AND BULLETIN

Latest Facts of Interest From the League's Headquarters.

READING MATTER AT REDUCED COST.

Many Publications May Be Had at Low Rates by L. A. W. Members. Plan to Provide Ways and Means For Divisions and Consulates. One Pair of Tires Ran 25,000 Miles and Were Fit for More Use. Current Cycling Notes.

The Tribune presents below the latest news bulletin of the executive committee of the League of American Wheelmen. The object of issuing executive league news in bulletin form is to supply notes of general interest to cyclists and to save the necessity of interviews to which officers of League of American Wheelmen are frequently subjected.

League of American Wheelmen members during 1897 will have an advantage not heretofore provided, in the form of reduced subscription prices on the many popular periodicals, magazines and papers. Favorable "club rates" have already been granted by many publications, and a full printed list with stated discounts and subscription blanks will shortly be sent to the officers of the several state divisions.

The loan committee, created by resolution of the last National assembly of the League of American Wheelmen, "to provide ways and means for the help of such divisions and consulates in the league as may, from time to time, require financial aid," has rendered good service in the few months of its existence. In March last the committee formulated rules and conditions governing loans and prepared application forms which require officers of a borrowing division to set forth fully all facts which ought to be considered in passing upon the application. This application, (and in some cases a written guarantee) is forwarded to the league as a matter of course, and placed before the loan committee for its action. Thus far only one application has been rejected, and loans aggregating several thousand dollars have been made to seven divisions. The national body of the league holds a lien upon all future membership fees coming from borrowing divisions and thus each loan is well secured.

A good bicycle with decent tires will last six seasons or more and a pair of good tires of fair weight may be worn from 6,000 to 10,000 miles on ordinary roads. An English authority states that a pair of tires in one instance was known to run 25,000 miles and still be fit for use.

The General Council of the Cyclists' Touring club of England has accepted the proposition of the L. A. W. looking to an interchange of benefits, and contracts are now being prepared which provide that an L. A. W. member may join the C. T. C. (when about to tour abroad) and receive his membership ticket, foreign tour books, maps, hotel lists, etc., before sailing. This arrangement will enable him not only to lay out the details of his trip before reaching Europe, but will insure to him the benefits of discount rates at hundreds of hotels in all the popular cycling districts of the Continent and the British Isles.

A letter has been received from President Plant, of the extensive "Plant System" of railroad and steamboat lines, covering several thousand miles of land and water routes in the southern and southeastern states, in which the writer states that the entire system has adopted the rule of treating bicycles as baggage, that no extra charge is made for this service and that cycling travel over these routes is in every way encouraged.

President Potter is in correspondence with prominent members of the present congress with the view of obtaining the passage of a bill empowering the secretary of the treasury to admit touring cyclists from Canada and from trans-Atlantic countries, en route to the United States without exacting the payment or deposit of custom duties on the wheels brought by such tourists for their personal use.

The use of toe-clips, even by lady riders, is steadily increasing. They make pedaling easier and the foot pressure more uniform and more constant; they keep the foot in place, prevent the slipping of pedals at critical times and save the rider many bad falls and perhaps serious accidents. Riding with toe-clips is vastly easier than without and no rider who ever used toe-clips continuously for a week was afterwards content to ride without them.

In considering the application of Boston for the 1898 L. A. W. meet the executive committee has been forced to regard the hostile attitude of the New England Railroad and Steamboat combination, and their unpopular practice of charging an extra sum ranging from ten cents to several dollars for each bicycle checked as baggage over roads running to and from Boston. An L. A. W. meet at Boston would be vastly popular and would probably add \$200,000 in railroad fares and freights to the New England railroads, but L. A. W. members argue that this sum, and even more, might better be paid to friendly roads running to some western city than to enrich the coffers of the New England combination. A letter has been sent by the executive committee of the L. A. W. to the general passenger agents of several eastern lines to ascertain, before final decision is reached, whether these lines

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A COMMON CASE OF PILES.

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cannot be induced to abandon the obstinate rule now in force of making extra charge for bicycle.

RODRICK DAVIES ORDAINED.

Scranton Clergymen Took Part in the Services.

Roderick Davies was ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor at the Congregational church, of Parsons, on Monday. Rev. Dr. T. C. Edwards acted as moderator. Devotional services were led by Rev. J. P. Thomas, of Nanticoke. The questions pertaining to the ministerial office were asked by the moderator.

The consecrating prayer was offered by Rev. David Jones, of Scranton. The charge to the installed pastor was delivered by Rev. Theophilus Davies, of Plains. Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., of Scranton, delivered the charge to the church. Rev. Peter Roberts, of Oly-Beard, also preached.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

The Byrons Today.

The Byrons will begin a three-days' engagement at the Academy of Music today. "The Plunger" will be the Christmas Day bill. "The Plunger" has been a decided success wherever played. The opera, "The Plunger," is a very fine play, suits his better, it is said than anything he has ever been seen in, while the Widow Clover was written expressly for him and he has won his spurs in his usual charming manner. The scenic effects in the play are really one of its best features.

Shall We Forgive Her.

An interesting play, and a successful one, is "Shall We Forgive Her," which comes to the Lyceum Christmas afternoon and night. It is a play of the highest quality, and one of the best of the genre. The plot is simple, but the execution is superb. Miss Wainwright, who plays the heroine, is a most capable actress, and her performance is a masterpiece of acting. The play is full of interest, and it is a pity that it has not been more widely seen. It is a play of the highest quality, and one of the best of the genre. The plot is simple, but the execution is superb. Miss Wainwright, who plays the heroine, is a most capable actress, and her performance is a masterpiece of acting. The play is full of interest, and it is a pity that it has not been more widely seen.

Davis' Nickelodeon.

One may drop in at this museum almost any time, afternoon or evening, and be in time to see a performance. The house opens at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At about 2:30 a curio hall show starts. Immediately after the curio hall performance commences. Shortly after this another curio hall show begins—and so the performances are almost continuous. In the evening the same plan is followed. The show this week is very good indeed. The ladies who attend are very complimentary to the house and its general conduct.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.

GENERAL BOYNTON REPLIES.

Editor of the Tribune, Sir: Commander A. B. Stevens, of Ezra Griffin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, like all other critics of the letter on pensions to the New York Sun, which you did me the honor to copy, finds it necessary to set up a case of his own for attack, which cannot be found either in the letter, or in your comments upon it. Such cases as those of General Siskles and General Beaver, to which he alludes with so much warmth, were especially referred to in the letter as veterans whose disabilities so impeded and limited their efforts in the line of life that no pension, however liberal, could compensate them for the loss which their disabilities imposed. If Commander Stevens read the letter with sufficient care to justify him in criticizing it intelligently, he could not have failed to see this. His best, therefore, appears to be artificial. His reference to these distinguished and most seriously disabled officers sounds very much like an effort on his part to bring forward these cases of signal merit, as an impregnable line behind which to farm himself in reserve. The process of this enrolling himself in this class of most deserving pensioners seems to resemble that of the man, who called attention to the fact that great men seemed to be dying off rapidly, and that he did not feel very well himself. It is no strange, to a degree that makes it marvelous, that Commander Stevens "could not help a sentiment of indignation" when reading the article "New York Sun" and its comments on the same in your paper. He assigns as a reason that "during the war 30,000 loyal men laid down their lives; 30,000 Union soldiers and sailors were made orphans for life; and since the war 30,000 veterans have died premature deaths, leaving in all more than 2,000,000 devoted mothers, wives and orphans to mourn their loved ones."

Here he approaches the essentials of the case, though he fails to see that he presents it to his undoing. Those who advocate pension reform proceed upon the proposition that if the unworthy, the undeserving and those whose disabilities no longer exist, and who, from being fully able to live in comfort, do not need them, would be stricken from the rolls, the nation would be better able to keep all the deserving veterans, or the widows and orphans of such from want. Commander Stevens, however, seems to belong to that large class of wealthy veterans, to whom even a doubt of being able to command a comfortable support through life, has never suggested itself, but who, by taking pensions, stand directly in the way of the more liberal treatment of the classes, which he names, and which it was the purpose of the Sun article and your comments to help.

H. V. Boynton, Washington, Dec. 20.

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BISHOP'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Directed to Rev. James F. Powers, D. D. Chairman of Notification Committee.

WHAT BISHOP TALBOT SAYS.

In Return for the Confidence Which His Election Indicates He Pledges His Complete Consecration to His Sacred Duties—New Bishop Was Chosen on Nov. 10 to Succeed Right Rev. N. S. Rulison Who Died in Germany.

The fact that Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot has accepted the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, to which he was elected at South Bethlehem on Nov. 10, was announced in yesterday's Tribune. Bishop Talbot's letter of acceptance to Rev. James F. Powers, D. D., of Pottsville, chairman of the notification committee, is as follows:

Bishop's House, Laramie, Wyoming, Dec. 10, 1897. My Dear Brethren in Christ: About three weeks have elapsed since I received your official communication notifying me of my election as bishop of Central Pennsylvania. From the first I have been disposed to consider favorably the high honor you have been pleased to confer upon me. The fact that your diocese, with its vast population of over 2,000,000 of souls, is in reality a missionary field with much ground as yet unoccupied by the church has appealed strongly to me, but a crisis in one's life of so grave a nature as this election brings, seemed to demand deliberate and careful thought.

My anxiety has been made the greater because of the many interests involved in a decision, but relying upon the divine favor to guide me in the discharge of its duties, I now accept the office to which you have called me. If constant consent to my translation is granted by the Bishops and diocese I shall soon be ready to enter upon my new charge as your chief pastor.

PROFOUNDLY IMPRESSED.

I am profoundly impressed with the conviction that your great diocese demands for its leadership a grace and wisdom far beyond what I may hope to possess, and did I not feel that your recent action was inspired and guided by the divine head of the church, I should not dare to assume so weighty a responsibility. But the unanimity with which you have been led to choose me, the singular harmony that prevails throughout your diocese, the manifest loyalty and esprit de corps alike of the clergy and laity, all lead to the belief that I shall find that hearty co-operation and sympathy which will make the heaviest work a joy and privilege.

In return for your confidence I can only pledge you my complete consecration to those sacred interests which will necessarily be dear to us as bishop and people, and ask your constant prayers in my behalf. With every assurance of profound regard I am, gentlemen, very faithfully, your servant.

Ethelbert Talbot. To the Rev. James F. Powers, D. D., Chairman, Rev. Henry L. Jones, D. D., Secretary, George C. Johnson, Treasurer, Mr. A. D. Holland, Mr. W. A. Sawyer, members of the committee.

Bishop Talbot was elected bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of Wyoming and Idaho more than ten years ago and by his faithful and earnest work has brought his diocese to the front rank of the American church. Several years ago he was elected Bishop of Georgia, but declined the honor conferred upon him because his work in the West had just begun. A monument of his work in the West is the magnificent cathedral at Laramie, Wyo.

SUCCEEDS BISHOP RULISON.

Bishop Talbot as Bishop of Central Pennsylvania succeeds the Right Rev. Dr. N. S. Rulison, whose untimely death occurred in Germany in September last, whether he had some peaking a return of health. Bishop Talbot will take up his residence in the bishop's house on Poplar Hill, South Bethlehem, about February 1.

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And this great stock of Holiday Merchandise will have been sold. We don't mean to carry over a dollar's worth of Christmas stuff. Every item of this nature, in these great stocks, must be sold before the doors close tomorrow night. To this end we have made

UNHEARD-OF PRICES

in every department. We have ordered our buyers to cut and slash from right to left, and left to right. We opened our store hurriedly to accommodate the Christmas shoppers. By so doing, we have saved the public in this vicinity thousands of dollars. Thousands more can be saved today and tomorrow. We must have room for the car loads of Spring Goods that are waiting to succeed the Christmas stocks. Hence, during this great two days' sale,

We Guarantee to Save You from

One-Half to Two-Thirds on All Purchases.



Here's some more of those sensible Holiday Gifts we've been talking about for several days. This time it's Linens and Comfortables and so forth. Read every item here—it's to your benefit:

500 dozen large size Fringe Napkins, with pink, blue, red, yellow or white borders. at 5 cents. and worth double—every one. TABLE DAMASK—pure Irish linen, 60 inches wide; well worth 39 cents.

at 25c yard. LUNCH SETS—colored borders—with a dozen napkins to match. What you'd pay \$2.98 for—and quickly.

at \$1.98 set. BED SPREADS—full size and hemmed; handsome Marcellis designs. Regularly sold at \$1.39.

at 79 cents. REAL EIDERDOWN COMFORTABLES—full double bed size, covered with fancy French Saten on both sides. Worth by every fair standard, \$4.25.

Our price, \$2.98. FLAXNETTE SKIRT LENGTHS, in all colors, with handsome borders, for today and tomorrow only, at 24c.

89c. PROOF ETCHINGS, in inch and a half gift frames, with heavy mats; all attractive landscape designs and worth \$2.25. Today at \$1.49.

IMITATION WATER COLORS—hard to tell from originals. In gift frames and worth at least \$1.25. Today at 89c.

Old "Kris" is Almost Here

And everything points to his successful invasion of Scranton. His pack has been well loaded with purchases from this great store. Yesterday's throng blocked the aisles throughout the store. Yet through it all the machinery of this new enterprise worked smoothly. We have taken extra precaution to care for the crowds of today and tomorrow. We mean that every shopper shall be waited on—and carefully. This must be so. Our perfect store system would not permit it otherwise.

The Sale Of Turkeys And Chickens

Many a turkey started on its journey from this store to the Christmas dinner table yesterday. Such Turkeys never "gobbled" or were gobbled, rather, in Scranton before. Fine, young, tender. That's the pedigree of the Turk's here. But they don't command "pedigree" prices. If they did you'd pay 21c. for them today. Our price while they last is

1434 Cents a Pound. And we might speak the same story about Chickens, save that they are 1034 Cents a Pound.

Pictures.

Two Great Picture Bargains for today. Gifts that look pretty and are pretty. Match these in price if you can:

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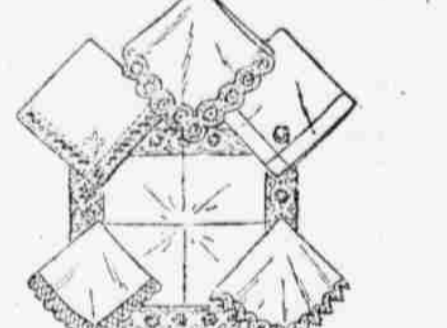
Groceries.

All of the lively specials advertised in the Grocery Department yesterday, will be continued at the same prices today and tomorrow. Absolutely fresh goods. Think of that! And here's two more:

25c. GINGE, SNAPS, Fresh. Brittle. Crisp. Very Fine. 6 pounds for 25c.

25c. OYSTER CRACKERS, Fresh? Yes! Came in yesterday. 6 pounds for 25c.

Handkerchiefs.



At 7.30 Tuesday evening—the hour of a Handkerchief sale here, there were eighty-one people around the counter waiting to grasp the bargain. Moral: Watch our Handkerchief sales. Two for today—all day.

At 21 cents Absolutely pure linen Women's Handkerchiefs; a hundred different styles, with hemstitched, embroidered and lace edges. Value cannot be duplicated in this city for 20 cents.

At 45 cents Men's extra large Pure Silk Handkerchiefs, wide hemstitched borders, and large handsomely embroidered initials—every letter. The kind you'd buy if we said 75 cents.

Toys.

Two more selling days. We want every Toy sold by tomorrow night. You can guess what that means as to prices.

17c. The "Star" Sleighs. High runners, built of well seasoned lumber and good value for 35c. Here at 17c.

19c. Low runner Sleighs, built similar to the above, only longer. Worth 45c. at 19c.

\$1.95. The "Black Flyer"—one of the best low runner sleds made. Handsomely painted and decorated; with solid steel spring shoes. In any other store for \$3.00. Here at \$1.95.

Last Chance of the Season for a Glove Bargain

Two Clasp Pique French Kid Gloves for women, in black, tan, beaver, brown, red and pearl, with self and black embroidery, made by the well known manufacturers, Trefouse & Co., in Paris. Actual value, \$2.00. For \$1.48 Thursday and Friday - - - - - Pair.

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