

Lackawanna County.

CARBONDALE.

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CITY PARKS.

The Little Beauty Spots Cost Less Than \$300 in 1897. At the next meeting of councils the appended report of Treasurer J. M. Alexander, of park commissioners, will be submitted. The figures show that during 1897 the little beauty spots cost less than \$300:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, and LADIES REWARDED.

At the Installation of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association. St. Rose branch, No. 7, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association, held an enthusiastic meeting in the Father Mathew hall Thursday evening and past president Margaret M. Kelly installed the following officers: President, Julia Neal; vice president, Margaret Carroll; second vice president, Nellie Dunbar; recording secretary, Margaret Kelly; assistant recording secretary, Bridget McAndrew; financial secretary, Bridget Kihill; treasurer, Margaret A. Morrison; marshal, Julia Kihill; guard, Mrs. J. F. McDonald; trustees, Ella Hart and Katherine Farrell.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Mary Nealon, of Pike street, is entertaining Miss Sidde Sweeney, of Archbold.

OLD FORGE.

Miss Atherton, of Tussocknock, was a visitor at the home of Mr. George Drake, sr., on Tuesday.

MOSCOW.

Miss Ruth Gardner returned to Wyoming seminary, Monday, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gardner.

TAYLOR NEWS.

The Jubilee of Welsh Baptist Church. Nomination of Ward Officers. Today and Sunday the jubilee services of the Welsh Baptist church of Main street, Taylor, will be held. This church was one of the first churches organized in this town. The program is as follows: This evening at 7 o'clock the jubilee services will commence. Mr. Griffith W. Owens will give an address on history of the church from its organization to the pastorate of Rev. G. H. Nichols and J. D. Rounds, of R. R. Y. M. C. A. Birmingham. These men will speak at the other services of the day. Extra services the following week. Rev. William Edgar, of Providence M. E. church will preach every evening except Saturday.

PRICEBURG.

A number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Margetson Thursday evening to celebrate the fifteenth birthday of their daughter, Mary. Games, music and singing were the features of the evening's enjoyment. Those present were: The Misses Hannah and Ada Palmer, Margaret Gray, Margaret Bray, Margaret Hall, Annie Roberts, Sarah Ann Cooper, Mary Margetson, Harry and George F. Floweright, Ernest Strain, Robert Birkbeck and Abraham Margetson.

A SHEPHERD ENJOYS HIS UNIQUE DISTINCTION IN SOUTH BEND.

Billie Johnson is the only pony in the world who is a household pet. He is an imported Shetland pony which Mr. Henry D. Johnson, of South Bend, Ind., bought fifteen years ago for his son, Henry, when the latter was a baby. Billie now boasts of seventeen years, but he is as frolicsome as a colt of any age. He has all the privileges usually enjoyed by a favorite hound, except that he has never warmed himself at the fire or slept on the spare bed. But Billie comes into the house prancing gayly on seven pairs of stumps, the click of his small hoofs being like that on a carpet floor.

As Billie is only forty-eight inches high, he easily stands or sits on an ordinary chair, with his front feet dangling against his breast like the hands of a clock. He is as docile as a lamb and is a perfect companion to the children. He is a regular member of the circus troupe which holds high carnival in the children's bed room. It is his chief recreation in stormy weather, and the pony, dog, cats, pigeons and babies furnish a fascinating programme.

The seven ages of Man. In Act II, scene 7 of the dramatic poem 'As You Like It', Shakespeare describes the 'Seven Ages of Man,' and but few readers of this invaluable volume have read the classic Prologue (commonly known as Prologue) dealt with the same subject in his 'Tetrabiblos, Chap. X. Book IV, on Astrology, written about 121 B. C.

During Mr. Johnson's recent illness in a Chicago hospital two of the pigeons, every key being being, fled from the invalid. They made the flight of eighty-six miles in an hour and fifteen minutes. When Mr. Johnson first took the pair to Chicago the male bird was five and a half hours returning home, which was considered the record at the time.

SOUND AND WELL.

Entirely Cured of Catarrh of Kidneys by Pe-ru-na. The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, is sending free Dr. Hartman's latest book, entitled 'Vindicta Catarrh.' This book states in the plainest language possible, all that a patient need know to cure himself of this dreadful disease. Mr. J. C. Snow, of Castalian Springs, Tenn., in a letter to Dr. Hartman, says: 'I carried out your instructions as near as I could and am cured entirely of catarrh, sound and well. Accept my thanks. Several others are taking Pe-ru-na, which has proved beneficial in every case. I always keep a bottle of Pe-ru-na in my house for all cases. I suffered from kidney disease before and while I had catarrh. To my surprise I am entirely cured of both catarrh and kidney trouble; also as a reliable tonic for general debility.'

There will be a raffle for a gold watch for the benefit of Mrs. Bridget Smith at the Harrison house on Monday evening, Jan. 31.

A regular meeting of the Blakely school board will be held this evening. Yesterday (Friday) forenoon the attention of some of the huddlers at the Grassy Island, Delaware and Hudson breaker was called by the passing of a knight of the road, and very soon they discovered that smoke was arising from his clothes. Messrs. Dennis Connors and George Hennessee soon went to his rescue and stripped him of some of his garments and proceeded to roll him in the snow and dirt that was close by to extinguish the flames, as it was learned upon investigation that he had piped in his pocket a pipe with five in it. The name of the wandering Willie was not known.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Butler received a number of young folks at their home on Union street, in honor of their niece, Miss Mima Miller, of Lenoxville. It was quite a surprise to the young lady, but she soon proved equal to the occasion and entertained the company royally, and all enjoyed a good time, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Rosa Bray, Louise Hendricks, Maggie Jones, Belle Wallace, May Jenkins, Pearl Whitman, Rebecca Gayne, Jessie Hoeffcker, Francis Robinson, Jennie Rufford, of Peckville, and Hesse Webster, of South

OBSERVATIONS BY OPHIUCUS

A Chapter on the Mysterious Significance of Playing Cards and an Astrological View of the Seven Ages of Man.

Nearly every person must at some time or other have experienced the singular effects which result from the various dispositions of the cards either by chance or strict observation. It is not hard to find some clue to the reason why a pack of cards should be chosen as a medium for fortune telling and divination. It is generally believed that cards were invented to amuse one of the early kings of the line of Bainsburg, but this seems to be wholly erroneous. Who the person was who invented these instruments of amusement is not known, neither can we tell in what age they were invented, as not the least record of their origin can be found. Our knowledge is limited to the country from whence they came—namely, Egypt. By examining the cards they will be found to consist of two colors, red and black, which answer to the two equinoxes, vernal and autumnal. The 12 months of the year are represented by the 12 suits of the cards, and the four seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter. The emblems of the suits formally were, and still are in Spain—by the diamond, it was a rose, the emblem of summer; the spade, an acorn, the emblem of autumn; and the heart, a cup, the emblem of spring, the emblem of winter.

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MUSICAL NOTES.

Mrs. Cordelia Foxman, the popular soprano, has been provided upon to teach one day each week in Carbondale. She will be at Carbondale Saturday in the church position, but returns to Scranton on Mondays, teaching here during the remainder of the week.

A Ladies' orchestra has been one of the attractions at the Academy during the past week. The organization is composed of charming and handsome members, and if they would take a day off and tune their instruments the orchestra would be attractive in every respect.

Two musical prodigies made their first appearance in London last month. Bruno Simeoni, a pianist, not yet seven years of age, who played Mozart's concerti in D minor with a beauty and delicacy of expression, which were overwhelming. The other, a young girl, played a number of pieces with all the intense fervor of a mature artist.

A London musical critic commenting upon rank of four great composers, places Mendelssohn, Henry Wood, Lamarcus and Richter as named.

Sousa's band will be found at Earl's Court and the Imperial institute after March 1. Earl's court is something similar to the Columbian exposition, and the Imperial institute is known as the Pet Club house of the Prince of Wales.

The veteran conductor, Carl Zerkow, has at last resigned the position of director of the Worcester Festival chorus. To be succeeded by Mr. George W. Chadwick, of Boston, at present the principal of the New England Conservatory of music. Mr. Zerkow is well known in Scranton, having been an educator at our established.

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NORTHERN MILEAGE TICKET BUREAU.

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