

Social and Personal.

Oh be merry while you may... Lenzen days speed their... Dance and laugh the hours away...

"Dear me," ejaculated a young woman this week, who has entered with spirit into the fact of the hour of sending mission boxes away filled with garments made by the society leaders...

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Mrs. Joseph M. Boies started out this week with the intention of being present at a dinner given by Mr. Horace Young in Albany.

It is possible that Monsieur Guilmant may spend the following Sunday in Scranton as the guest of Mr. Pennington when an informal reception may be arranged in his honor.

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25 YEARS WITH THE EQUAL.

Mrs. E. S. Cromwell Has Utmost Faith in PAINES' CELERY COMPOUND



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Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1898. Wells, Richardson Co. Gentlemen—A young lady residing in my family, who had tried various remedies for nervous debility and depleted condition of the system, found great and permanent relief from the use of Paine's Celery Compound.

THIS YEAR'S COUNTRY FAIR. Arrangements Begun by the Maitland Driving Park Association.

The officers of the Maitland Driving Park association, which has the distinction of giving the only real agricultural fares in the immediate vicinity of Scranton, met yesterday afternoon at the office of the vice president, George Stevenson, in the Coal Exchange, where questions of finance were decided and arrangements begun for this year's trotting meeting.

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FROZEN TO DEATH.

Dr. Peck Goes to See Friends and was Overcome by the Cold.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock the lifeless body of Dr. Wilbur Peck, who boarded at Dallas, was found frozen stiff along the road between Harris Hill and Dallas, at a point near the intersection of the road with a creek.

The deceased had formerly resided at Scranton, where his wife died less than a year ago, since which he fell in with his son, John Ferguson, at Dallas.

On Wednesday evening he left the house with the intention of visiting a friend at Clear Lake. He stopped at the home of Charles Faulner, a short distance from Fernbrook Park, to inquire the way, and this was the last seen of him alive.

He was quite well known, and was a soldier in the late war, having been discharged with an honorable record. He was 64 years of age. He leaves three children, George Peck, who is engaged at the Fort cemetery; Arthur D. Peck, of Forty Fort; and Mrs. Louise H. Lloyd, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2.30 p. m., with service in the old chapel at Fort Fort, and interment in Fort Fort cemetery.

Religious News Notes.

Rev. M. J. Watkins will read a paper at the Baptist pastors' conference Monday morning on "Varieties of Character and Gifts among New Testament Believers."

Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor of the Scranton Street Baptist church, will address the meeting at the Railroad department, Young Men's Christian association, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at 3.45 o'clock.

Miss Hawley, city missionary of the Elm Park church, will lead the devotional meeting of the Young Women's Christian association, at their home, Sunday afternoon at 3.45.

Methodist. Elm Park Church—Love feast at 9. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. L. Rice, pastor. Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

United Evangelical Church—Capous avenue. Rev. C. D. Moore, pastor. Sabbath school, 9.55 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

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CATACOMBS UP TO DATE.

Tombs of Christian Martyrs Now Inspected by Electric Light.

The visitor to Italy complains of modern steam tugs on the grand canal in Venice, and the new-fangled ideas of cleanliness in the streets of Naples and the new quarters in Rome, but the height of the prosaic seems to have been reached when the illumination of the catacombs by electric light.

Thousands of Romans and foreigners have today visited this sacred spot. The crowd itself formed a picturesque view, as from below one looked up at the pilgrims descending and ascending the long steep flight of stairs or at the long processions of cowed monks and black-robed nuns, showing in vivid contrast to groups of students of the German College in their scarlet gowns.

These catacombs are outside the Porta San Sebastiano, on the magnificent Appian way, that the Romans called the Queen road, and near the world-renowned tomb of Cecilia Metella. St. Cecilia is not the only prominent martyr of the early Christian era whose name is connected with this burial place.

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