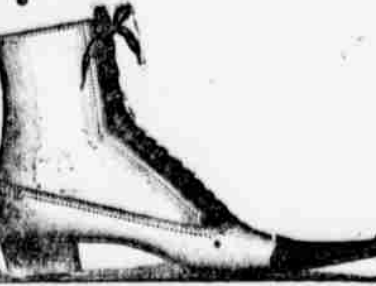


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CITY NOTES.

Public school teachers and substitute teachers will be paid today for the month of January. A social will be held by John Boyle O'Reilly council, Young Men's Institute, Monday evening in their rooms on Lackawanna avenue.

The treasurer of the Home for the Friendless acknowledges with thanks the following donations: First Presbyterian church, \$2.12; a friend, \$10; G. H. Bird-sall, \$5; total, \$27.12.

The ladies in charge of the supper to be given at 8 o'clock at the Freeport avenue on Washington's birthday, have provided the following menu: Roast turkey, roast beef, ham, baked beans, potato salad, cabbage salad, pickles, cheese, home-made bread, rolls and biscuits, canned fruit, cake, coffee.

ILLUMINATING GAS CAUSED DEATH. Frank Beamish Found Dead in His Office in Pittston.

Frank Beamish, the Pittston representative of the Scranton Free Press, and brother of the editor of that publication, R. J. Beamish, was found dead in his office in the Board of Trade building, on Main street, Pittston, yesterday morning.

LAST DAY FOR LICENCES. Applications This Year Not So Numerous as Last Year.

Today, at noon, the time for filing liquor license applications expires. Clerk of the Courts Daniels stated yesterday that the office will not be open during the afternoon.

TURKEYS, CHICKENS, today at THE SCRANTON CASH STORE.

INSTITUTES OF LOCAL FARMERS

Held Yesterday at Clark's Summit and Madisonville.

VERY INTERESTING PROGRAMMES

They Were Carried Out at Both of the Institutes--The One at Madisonville Began Thursday and Concluded Last Night--That at Clark's Summit Began Yesterday Afternoon and will Conclude To-night--Both Institutes Largely Attended.

A farmers' institute was held yesterday at the Methodist Episcopal church at Clark's Summit. It began at 1.30 p. m. and was presided over by H. W. Northup.

- 1.30 Music. Prayer. Words of Welcome--Rev. E. W. Young. 2.20 The Water Factor as Affecting Soil Fertility--Hon. W. L. Nesbit, Lewisport, Pa., member of the State Board for Northumberland County.

Today the general farming sessions will be held afternoon and evening, at which this programme will be carried out.

- 9.30 Music. Prayer. Question Box. 10.00 Management and Care of Dairy Cows--Joel A. Herr, Cedar Springs, Pa.; member of State Board for Clinton Co. 10.30 Why Are the Farmers' Profits Falling?--Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Jenner, Somerset County, Pa. 11.00 Results of Experiments with Compost, Fertilizers, Barn-Yard Manure, and Lime--Enos H. Hess, State College, Centre County, Pa. 11.30 Discussion. 12.00 Adjournment.

At 7 o'clock p. m. the ladies' session in the interest of the "Country Homes" will be held. The programme arranged is:

- 7.00 Music. Prayer. Recitation. 7.30 The "Country" Home--Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Jenner, Somerset County, Pa. 8.00 Children's Part in the Adornment of the "Country Home"--Joel A. Herr, Cedar Springs, Clinton County, Pa. 8.30 Training for Our Life Work--Enos H. Hess, State College, Centre County, Pa. 9.00 Adjournment.

Freeman Leach presided over a farmers' institute held in Grangers' hall, Madisonville, yesterday. The programme of the morning and afternoon sessions was as follows:

- 8.30 Question Box--Operated by W. H. Swartz, Madisonville, Pa. 10.00 How to Build Up a Dairy Herd--Enos H. Hess, State College, Centre County, Pa. 10.30 Cattle Feeding--Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Jenner, Somerset County, Pa. 11.00 Management and Care of Dairy Cows--Joel A. Herr, Cedar Springs, Pa.; member of State Board for Clinton County. 11.30 Discussion. 12.00 Adjournment.

STANTON CASE SUBMITTED.

Verdict Will Be Conditional on Future Finding of Law. The case of Giles Stanton against the Traction company and city was given to the jury at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No verdict had been reached at adjournment.

dict should be conditional upon his future finding as to whether or not the evidence was sufficient to warrant the submission of the case to the jury. The defendants offered no testimony, simply disclaiming liability.

THE HOME CONCERT.

The beautiful stage of the Lyceum has never presented a more attractive appearance than last evening, metted the audience when the curtain was lifted and revealed a pretty grouping of the entertainers of the Home for the Friendless benefit. The broad expanse was decorated with a lavish display of palms and blossoms of plants artistically placed by Clark, the florist, in the background.

The sopranos were Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Miss Cordelia W. Freeman, Miss Susie Black, Miss Lillian W. Brown, Miss Lizzie Hughes-Brundage, all well known soloists. The contraltos were Miss Marguerite Jones, Miss Lida Garagan, Mrs. M. J. Williams, equally prominent in vocal circles. The tenors were Messrs. Alfred Wooler, Tom Boynton, David Stephens, Edwin Bower, with Messrs. John W. Jones, Moses E. Horsey, and E. Thomas, Philip Thomas, Ralph Williams as basso singers. Miss Florence H. Richmond was the pleasing accompanist.

It was impossible to say that one soloist stood in higher favor than another, but none was more enthusiastically received than Miss Allen in her violin numbers. The Gipsy Dance was played with all the fire and abandon which distinguished her work of this description. The rarely lovely Eucere, a lullaby by Godard, probably touched and pleased her audience more than any other piece, and most brilliantly executed Sorsate number, which held a marvelous beauty in the oft-repeated notes containing rich thrilling tones she played so effectively on a cello. Miss Allen and Miss Freeman were accompanied on the piano by Miss Blackman.

Perhaps no part of the concert was more enjoyed by the dramatic and fascinating trio by Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Messrs. John W. Jones and Alfred Wooler. The three splendid voices blended beautifully and the selection was heartily enjoyed.

Mr. J. Willis Conant's piano solo was one of the gems of the evening, played with a beauty of technique and a conscientious interpretation which so enthralled the audience. Much regret was felt that Miss Timberman was unable, because of illness, to fill her place on the programme.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY. Will Be Rendered by Bauer's Orchestra at Pure Food Show. The following programme will be rendered today by Bauer's orchestra at the pure food exhibit in Jonas Long's Sons' store:

Vienna. Grand Selection.....The Geeser March.....Ernie's New Modley Overture.....The Whirl of the Town Waltz Spanish.....La Susana Grand Selection.....The Belle of New York March.....The Breeze Selection.....An American Beauty Overture.....At the Music Hall's March.....Third Brigade

New Time Table on the Central R. R. of New Jersey. The Central Railroad of New Jersey announce that a new schedule on the New Jersey Central and Lehigh and Susquehanna divisions will take effect on Sunday, Feb. 29, with important changes.

Public time tables will be in the hands of agents for distribution on Saturday, Feb. 19.

LAST EFFORT MADE TO STAY SENTENCE

Final Argument for a New Trial for Van Horn.

CONDEMNED MURDERER LOOKS ON

Attorney Wedeman Produces Newly Discovered Testimony Tending to Destroy the Contentment of the Commonwealth That Van Horn and Mrs. Westcott Were Unfriendly Immediately Preceding the Killing--His Attorneys Handicapped.

George K. Van Horn, the convicted murderer of Mrs. Josephine Westcott, witnessed yesterday the final effort to save him from the impending sentence of death.

The effort was made in argument court before Judges Archbald, Gunster and Edwards by L. P. Wedeman, the condemned murderer's aggressive attorney. It was the final argument for a new trial on the reason previously advanced and upon the strength of the newly discovered testimony, tending to bear out the contention of the defense that Van Horn and Mrs. Westcott were friendly and doubtless intimate even up to the day of the killing.

MET BY A WOMAN. Later in the day Van Horn left the cell and walked down the court as far as the Linden street intersection and was met there by this same woman, apparently by appointment. They talked for some time, evidently in no friendly manner, and then separated, the woman returning the way she had come and Van Horn resuming his work at excavating the cellar.

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VAN HORN WAS PRESENT. Van Horn came in with Deputy Sheriff George Fryor while the proceedings were on. He looked quite nonchalant as the first day of the trial, when his almost taunting air of indifference was the subject of such surprised comment.

NEARLY TWENTY HOURS LATE. Delaware and Hudson Passengers Stalled Nearly a Day. The snow blockade on the Delaware and Hudson was broken yesterday, but not until one train had been delayed for nearly twenty hours, says yesterday's Philadelphia Record. "It was nearly 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when train 5, due here at 8.30 o'clock on Wednesday night, arrived here and within about an hour three other trains followed."

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was solidly packed in with sand and the engine could make no headway. During the morning a snow plough passed on another track and the snow was thrown against the cab window of No. 5's engine with such force as to break the glass and to cut the fireman quite severely. The passengers were not compelled to endure much privation. All managed to secure good lively appetites but the delay was not long enough to cause the pangs of hunger to be felt to any extent. The engine was supplied with plenty of coal and the cars were comfortably heated.

ARMORY COLD AND DAMP.

Company D Last Night Passed Resolutions With Reference to It.

Company D held their regular drill at the armory last evening, and were put through all sorts of manoeuvres to keep the blood in circulation, most of the marching being done in double time, but in spite of this, much inconvenience was felt from the damp and draughty condition of the building. The steam still remains shut off and the air is cold and damp. Much murmuring was heard from the members of the company, and after the drill the boys held a meeting in the armory and discussed the matter. It was finally decided that a petition setting forth the condition of affairs should be sent to the colored and to the board of trustees, praying for prompt action in the matter. Upon motion of First Sergeant Branda, the following resolution was adopted:

Believing that not only the future high standing, but also, the very existence of our regiment depends largely upon immediate erection of a new and suitable armory in this city, and, also, believing that the present time is as favorable as can be found, therefore, be it Resolved, That the clerk of this company be, and hereby is, instructed to address a letter to the colonel commanding the regiment, and to the board of trustees of the Scranton City Guard association, expressing to them these sentiments, and praying such immediate action in this matter as they may think best; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the papers for publication.

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ished by Mike Sharak before Judge Gunster. Jessup & Jessup yesterday filed reasons for a rule for a new trial in the Keator case, alleging, principally, errors on the part of the trial judge. The county commissioners met yesterday and resolved themselves into a board of tax revision and appeal to hear and pass upon objections to the new triennial assessment. Mr. Demuth was made chairman of the board and S. W. Roberts secretary.

Russian or Steam Bath, 50 cents; at Purcell's, 503 Linden street. BEECHAM'S PILLS cure Sick Headache.

NEW STEINS



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February 19, 1898.

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