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CITY NOTES.

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Court appointed Patrick Gronin guardian for Miss Kate Flaherty, both of Archbald, Saturday.

Lieutenant Reese Watkins, inspector of rifle practice, Thirteenth regiment, will open the Dickinson range for the season April 1.

R. E. Caragosa, the real estate man, was recently elected superintendent of the home department of Elm Park Sabbath school.

At the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western depot in this city a new platform five hundred feet in length will be built. Work on the construction will begin this morning.

The bank exchanges reported by the Scranton Clearing House association last week were as follows: March 14, \$121, 896.86; March 15, \$125, 361.59; March 16, \$128, 759.23; March 17, \$131, 547.29; March 18, \$135, 644.17; March 19, \$138, 176.89; total, \$724, 329.17. Corresponding week in 1897, \$629, 546.55.

The term concert at the Bloomsburg State Normal school will be held tomorrow evening. There will be several choruses and orchestra numbers, a piano solo by Laura Bredler, a piano duet by Edith Wolf and Hattie Cope, a vocal duet by Alice Bowman and Resse, a piano solo by Elsie Hicks and a mandolin and guitar club selection.

The records for fast railroad travel between this city and Wilkes-Barre were broken yesterday by the Delaware and Hudson newspaper train chartered by the New York World. The train carrying bundles of World's for Wilkes-Barre made the distance of nineteen miles in twenty minutes and fifty-six seconds. Engineer Sam Cobb, Jr., was at the throttle.

GUN CARRIAGE CONTRACT.

Dickson Manufacturing Company a Bidder for Government Work.

C. H. Zehnder, president of the Dickson Manufacturing company, returned Saturday night from Washington, where he submitted proposals to furnish the government with gun carriages for small and large types of fortification guns. The prices ranged from \$12,000 to \$40,000 each. The cannon to be mounted are of the disappearing type.

Mr. Zehnder's proposal for the Dickson company was to furnish the smaller type of carriage. The contract, when awarded, will be made with several manufacturing concerns as one of the chief requirements is quick delivery, and to insure this result the award must be distributed.

Mr. Zehnder said to a Tribune reporter last night that he gained the impression in Washington that congress would act in full accord with the administration in the final disposition of the Cuban and Maine questions. From conversations he had with acquaintances, superior attaches of the war and navy departments, congress would not resort to serious action on the president's caution and final conclusions.

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THE SCRANTON CASH STORE

TWO INTERESTING MISSION SERVICES

Were Held Yesterday at the Second Presbyterian Church.

REV. MR. BANNERMAN, OF AFRICA

He Revealed in a Highly Instructive Way the Strange Customs of the People of the Dark Continent and Its Interior--Their Weird Religion, Unusual Habits and Methods of Living--Great Change Has Been Experienced in Mission Work.

Yesterday was filled with interesting service at the Second Presbyterian church. In the morning Rev. John G. Watson, a missionary from Persia, gave a sermon which was heard with great attention.



REV. WILLIAM S. BANNERMAN.

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Africa is much like an inverted soup plate in surface. About the mouths of the great rivers was the place of work by missionaries until recently. Now on a plateau 1,500 feet above the sea level in interior a climate is found where a white man may live perhaps five years.

The coast people used to be as savage as those of the interior today. Now they are civilized in many respects. A man who told us the present habits and results of the gospel among these natives. The race among whom Mr. Bannerman had been the "Fang," with an interclassification of the "Bule."

THE CANNIBALS.

A few years ago the Fang people were known as a wild cannibal race. There are said to be three millions. They are not the true negro but bronze in color and regular of feature. It is now not unusual to be hailed from the bank by a party of natives who want to know if the people in a boat wish to buy meat, holding up a portion of a human body as enticement. When the missionary enters a strange village it is the custom to ask if his carriers will be eaten before morning. As the natives now try to conceal their cannibalistic habits the answer is: "No, but had you stopped at the village over yonder they would have eaten the carriers and you." In this village the same story would probably be told about his present hosts. The first lesson in the school primer is "man eating men," which teaches not to eat each other, and that even if they hide it from the missionary God will know it. It is sometimes asked if the missionary is at all safe in this region. He can live there with comparative safety, but truly never safe, for there are the perils of the forest in the canoes, the terrible fever and the danger from hostile natives.

They believe that the white man is a spirit and while they are familiar with the effects of eating human flesh they are a little uncertain as to how a spirit would agree with them internally. The Fang live in villages in the forest. There is never a forest fire, so damp is the climate. Their methods of agriculture are very crude, for the vegetation is so luxuriant that when it is cut it rapidly grows again. A description of a Bule town was then given. The houses are probably twelve feet long, with two openings. The one at the front street for the men, the one opening at the rear for the women. In and out of, both pass the smoke, the chickens and domestic animals. They are a polygamous people, where wealth consists in women. A man with no wife is lightly considered, while one with twenty is a person of opulence.

WOMAN'S VALUE.

There flint-lock guns, one hundred yards of cloth or a certain number of packages of matches are paid for a woman. There is method in these positions. A man would soon be robbed of his guns, his cloth, etc., but women are a species of property that can run away and defend itself, besides bearing the burden of the work. They ask the missionary how many guns he gave for his wife. When he says he gave nothing, as it is not the custom

in America, they all want to come to this country. The children are taught to lie, to steal, to kill outside the family circle. At first they seemed to be good in the people who never, but after knowing them thoroughly much is seen to love, although in the beginning they all want to do the evil thing, acting on the principle that all the world is an enemy.

Whenever a house has been built to God, it is acknowledged to be a city of refuge, whereby no man can be touched by the foe. The first thought of a Fang is "Who is going to kill me today." He walks with his gun, muzzle forward always, and forever on the defensive. It is often said "Why don't you let the heathen alone. They are happy in their own manner of living," but nothing can be so false as this statement. They are not happy. They are not light hearted, but miserable, wretched, naked, dreading death and living from day to day in horrible fear. Mr. Bannerman then gave a history of the brief work among the Fang of the interior, and the wonderful change that had been brought about. No new gospel is needed. The same old words hold still their power and miracles are still wrought on the Dark Continent.

The missionary is able to work in more safety among these savages, because he brings them the things they value, an axe for a few days' work, a box of matches or a piece of cloth. They then have a reverence for the missionary as they believe him to be. His fearlessness is something which amazes them. All people in the world believe in a Supreme Being.

DEATH AND WITCHERY.

A remarkable fact is that they see in death something unnatural. If a man is dying he thinks somebody has killed him by witchery. The African believes thoroughly in the after life. They believe that God made all things set all things going and then went away and left them. The missionary comes to bring back their God and they welcome the gift. They are always ready to hear. They say God does not care for them else He had never left them in the trackless forest to kill each other. The missionary tells them the old, old story and they want to hear it from "The Book." Sometimes they listen in rage and go off in anger.

ADDRESSED BY DR. ROBINSON.

He Talked to a Large Gathering of Young Men.

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Robinson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, addressed the Young Men's Christian association meeting yesterday afternoon. The attendance was large and the doctor's talk was one of the best that has been given before the members of the association. His subject was "Seekest Thou Great Things for Thyself? Seek Them Not."

Dr. Robinson drew the lesson in his impressive manner and forcibly brought out the thought that the life lived for self alone was a failure. He earnestly urged the young men to live a life of purity, full of noble thoughts and deeds. His very capable and earnest address made a profound impression upon all present. J. M. Chance directed the music in his usual graceful and artistic style. The orchestra rendered an opening selection, and a trio for piano, violin and flute was given by Messrs. Doersam, Allen and Bauschmann.

EPISCOPAL MISSION SERVICES.

Are to Be Conducted Here by Rev. James O. S. Huntington.

Rev. James O. S. Huntington, who will begin a series of mission meetings at St. Mark's church, Dunmore, tomorrow evening, will visit a number of factories in this city during his stay.

Mr. Huntington will also speak at St. Luke's church noon-day services on Wednesday and Thursday.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.

Miss Hills led the afternoon meeting of the Young Women's Christian association.

Rev. Thomas McKay, of Plymouth, occupied the pulpit of the Plymouth Congregational church.

Rev. Joseph Bell, of Johnston, preached to the Shiloh Baptist congregation morning and evening.

Rev. C. E. Robinson addressed the afternoon Gospel meeting of the Young Men's Christian association.

Miss Julia Bryant, of Washington, addressed the afternoon meeting of the railroad branch of the Young Men's Christian association.

The Yoke Fellowship band of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association had charge of the evening meeting of the American Volunteers.

Dr. Gottwald, of Washington, D. C., occupied the pulpit of the Simpson Methodist church at the evening service.

A special song and praise service was given at the Hampton Street Methodist church by the members of the Junior Epworth league in the evening instead of the regular preaching service. Mrs. E. P. Boyd had charge.

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor of the Howard Street Baptist church, of Epworth church, delivered in the evening the first of a series of sermon-lectures on "Comparative Religion." His text was John vii. "If a man will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."

The members of the Band of Hope of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church held a special service in the evening instead of the regular service. The service consisted of singing and reciting passages from the Bible by the children. Mrs. George Howell and Mrs. H. G. Fry-thurch were in charge.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

Met Last Night and Officers Elected in College Hall.

The Holy Name society, composed of men and recently organized at the cathedral, held a meeting last night in College Hall. Three hundred were in attendance.

Rev. James O'Reilly, spiritual director of the society, announced the following appointments as officers for the ensuing term: M. J. Kelly, president; John Langan, vice-president; John Colligan, treasurer; John J. Campbell, secretary.

At the regular meeting of St. John's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society of Pine Brook yesterday, the following officers were elected: President, Thomas Harrison; vice president, M. Rafferty; secretary, Timothy Burke; financial secretary, Timothy Burke; financial secretary, Bernard Kelly; corresponding secretary, J. Dempsey; treasurer, M. O'Malley; sergeant at arms, Joseph Joyce; trustee, James Joyce, John Flaherty and A. Roche.

NEWS GATHERED IN THE CITY HALL

Three Poor Members Reappointed by Judge Archbald.

ONE BOND ORDINANCE IS DRAFTED

It Provides for an Issue of \$500,000. Bicycle Ordinance to Be Introduced at an Early Date -- Pine Brook Scheme for a Short Cut to Park Place Opposed by Sandy Banks Property Owners--School Finances Will Show an 1897 Balance.

President W. S. Langstaff and ex-City Treasurer Reese G. Brooks, of Scranton, and P. J. Murphy, of Dunmore, were on Saturday re-appointed to the poor board by Judge Archbald. Their terms will continue for three years.

An omnibus bond ordinance has been drafted by a prominent councilman and is being quietly submitted for the approval of other members. It is said to provide for an issue of \$500,000. As the ordinance indicated would be the case, the chief items will be for sewers, repaving and parks, although several important street improvement items form a considerable part of the measure. Local projects are wholly eliminated from the draft.

A bicycle ordinance that will meet the approval of councils, bicycle clubs and non-riders will be introduced in council soon after the reorganization of those bodies. Heretofore city officials and bicycle club representatives have disagreed as to details, but not on the necessity of some protective measure. The increase in the number of wheelmen and wheelwomen makes it imperative that some measure to control riding should be speedily evolved. The objectionable tax and restriction clauses are to be considerably modified.

The Pine Brook real estate dealers' scheme for a new thoroughfare to parallel Providence road and connect Capouse avenue with Park Place is shown in the completed plan and survey by the city engineer. Exclusive of the cost of land, the estimated expense is \$75,000. The route is along Ash street from Capouse avenue near Kelly's bakery to a bridge over the Delaware and Hudson tracks, thence by a filling to a bridge over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks, thence by another filling to a bridge over the Ontario and Western tracks to Diamond avenue near the Eureka House. According to the plan three bridges and 90,000 cubic yards of filling would be required, to say nothing of the necessary condemnation of land. It is argued that Ash street is the natural main thoroughfare from Petersburg and should be the main connection through Pine Brook, giving a direct route between Petersburg and the Providence section. If this plan is realized it would greatly reduce the value of properties along Carbon street at the Sandy Banks. Real estate owners in that section may be expected to energetically fight the scheme.

It is quite likely there will be a balance of school funds on June 1, the end of the current fiscal year. Out of the \$24,898 appropriated there has been expended to date \$26,782, leaving a balance of \$18,243. Against the balance there are total deficits of \$38,426 in several accounts, leaving \$47,116 to be expended. To this there will be added \$25,000 from delinquent taxes and \$50,000 from the state's appropriation. The tomorrow evening, will visit a number of factories in this city during his stay.

There is no change in the preliminary skirmishing for the select council presidency. Mr. Chittenden was the choice of a Republican caucus which was attended by all the Republican members excepting Messrs. Schroeder and Wagner. Mr. Roche, of the Democratic ten, is trying to unite that minority in support of Mr. Wagner, who would then require only one Republican vote to be elected. Mr. Roche in his efforts for Mr. Wagner is actuated by the fact that he loves Mr. Chittenden less, rather than that he loves Mr. Wagner more.

It is by no means probable that the appropriation ordinance reported by the joint estimates committee and referred for printing will be favorably received when it comes before select council next week Thursday night; in fact, it is quite certain that the ordinance will meet with considerable change by that body's Republican majority which does not approve of some of the individual

DIED.

DAVIS.—In West Scranton, March 19, 1898. Evan S. Davis, 61 years of age, at 45 North Decker's court. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Forest Hill cemetery.

FERN.—At the Archbald, March 18, 1898. John, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fern.

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Items inserted by the committee's Democratic majority at the suggestion of Messrs. Gilroy, Grier et al. Mr. Gilroy caused to be inserted a fat sum for repairing the Fourth district sewer hose house. There are councilmen who think these purely local improvements are not as necessary as appropriations for the city at large and the former will be wiped out.

The Dunn Sprinkling company has not filed with the city clerk the bond required by the provisions of the street sprinkling ordinance, and consequently the measure has not been approved by Mayor Bailey. Unless the bond materializes before Monday, April 4, the ordinance will be null and void.

The joint auditing committee of councils will meet tonight. The teachers' committee of the board of control will on Wednesday night consider the resolution granting teachers extra pay for registering night school pupils.

The insurance committee of the board of control will meet this evening.

GET THE BEST.

During the present week it is probable that a large chapter in American history will be written. Recognizing the intensity of the public's interest in the report of the Maine court of inquiry and in the developments to follow, The Tribune has arranged to display on a bulletin board in front of its office the successive details. These bulletins will be supplemented each morning by the most comprehensive report of the preceding day's news ever printed in a Scranton newspaper. This report will include all news up to 4 a. m. It will be four hours fresher and will be delivered four hours earlier than that in any New York or Philadelphia paper entering Scranton. Better buy the best.

Y. M. C. A. ATHLETES.

Work at the Park is Now Well Under Way.

Of the several strong amateur base ball teams being organized for the coming season, none gives promise of greater success on the field than the Young Men's Christian association club. The management of the association's base ball work has been placed in the charge of Thomas R. Brooks, for many years identified with the leading amateur clubs of the city and particularly with the Young Men's Christian association clubs. Mr. Brooks has already collected some promising material. Among those mentioned for positions on the team are the following: Catcher, Thomas Giltner; pitcher, Michael Walsh, of Mayfield; first base, David Owens; short stop, John H. Brooks; third base, Arthur Gunster; left field, Chas. Gelbert; center field, John J. Murphy; right field, Wick White. T. R. Brooks will play second base.

The following are the names of the association's athletic committee: W. R. McLeave, chairman, T. R. Brooks, treasurer; W. G. Parks, H. B. Cox and F. W. Pearsall, John H. Brooks, while not a committee man, will be generally consulted in reference to all athletic field and track projects.

Work has already been started in improving the park facilities. A hand-ball court, tennis court and cricket crease have been marked out and are being constructed. Members have for several days been using the base ball diamond.

The following committee have been appointed: Track events, H. L. Dinmick; weight throwing and putting, J. E. Dwell; jumping and vaulting, M. S. Plimley; tennis, Edward Schaefer and E. G. Hatwell; handball, W. T. Jones; cricket, E. F. Morrison; medical director, Dr. G. A. Blanchard.

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