#### TAYLOR NEWS.

### Fair and Festival-Pleasantly Surprised-School Director Rogers

The Willing Workers of the Methodist Episcopal church are making grand preparations to hold a fair and feetival at Weber's rink on Sept. 15, 16 and 17. Many useful and costly articles will be disposed of during the progress of the fair.

Misses Edith and Gertrude Watkins, Margaret Jones, Mamie Francis and Jennie Harris enjoyed a pleasant day's outing at Nay Aug Falls on Tuesday. Lackawanna Valley council, No. 81, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will meet this evening in Van Horn's hall.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Bessle James at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Gammon on Pond street on Tuesday even-Games and other amusements were indulged in and delicious refreshwere served. Those present Misses Bessie James, Jones, Della Davis, Hannah Powell, Nellie Robbins, Lizzie Nicholas, Sarah Griffiths, Sarah Jones, Mabel Gammon, and Masters Willie Jones, Tommie Jones, Arthur Davis, Bennie Reese Luther Jones, Eddie Pugh, John Cure, Edgar and Arthur Jones, Handle Griffiths, Willie Powell, Bennie Jones and Everett Davis.

School Director William Rogers has sent in his resignation as a member of the school board from the Fourth ward Mr. Rogers has moved into the Third ward. During his term of serving as a member on the board he has performed his duties with credit both to himself and the board.

Mrs. Reesa Williams, of Priceburg, was the guest of friends in this place Taesday. John H. Hughes, of the Third ward, is making an active canvass for dele-

gate to the Third legislative district The excursion committee of the Protestant lodge, held an important

business meeting last evening. Taylor lodge, No. 267, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will meet this evening

in Reese's hall. Mrs. Bert Beemer and Mrs. Horace J. Daniels, of this place, are sojourning at Lake Winela.

Miss Jessie Owens, of Scranton, was the guest of her parents, Superintendent and Mrs. W. B. Owens, of North Taylor on Tuesday.

The Reds journeyed to Hyde Park on Tuesday to battle for honors with the Browns of that place and were de feated by a score of 12-7. The Reds were handicapped in the absence of their pitchers, so Center Fielder Watkins handled the sphere. Mrs. William Thomas, of North Tay-

lor, is quite sick. The school directors made an inspection of the borough school buildings yesterday afternoon and found things in a fair condition. Superintendent James F. Foley, of the borough schools, accompanied them.

Mrs. William Davenport and daughter. Cora, is spending the past week visiting relatives in New York city. Get the Tribune at T. A. Evans news stand. Have the carrier bring it to your home for 45 cents per month

#### JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Oscar Maines, who has been very sick during the past ten days, is improving slowly. Miss Millie Osborne is visiting Miss

Clara Waring, of Scranton. Miss Pearl Blackman, of Parsons, is visiting Miss Carrie Murray, on Sec-

Edwin Mellow has secured a good osition with the Peck Lumber and Manufacturing company at Providence. Miss Maud Crawford, of Tunkhanrock, is visiting her brother, Mr. Beecher Crawford, on Second street. William Flanagan is seriously ill at

his home on South Main street. Prof. R. H. Martin, of Elmhurst, was in town yesterday. The professional baseball team from

Honesdale will come over this afternoon expecting to defeat a team of picked men from the valley, but that pride may be several degrees lower when they return to the Maple vil-The marriage of Mr. George Merritt

son of Mr. and Mrs. William Merritt, of Rushbrook street, and Miss Mary Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shields, of Third street, is announced to take place Wednesday morning, Aug. 17, at 3 o'clock in St. James Episcopal church.

## ELMHURST.

Miss Lucila Dunning continues se riously ill with a complication of discases.

Mrs. Russel and daughter and Mis-Hattie Dougherty will return to their homes at Rome today, after a week's visit at the Baptist parsonage. Rev. C. A. Spalding and family and

guests and Master Ray Buckingham spent Monday at Lake Ariel. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Carr, of Scran ton, spent Sunday at the houme of

their son, Mr. F. L. Carr. J. W. Williams and family attended the reunion of the Wayne county Odd

Fellows at Lake Ariel Wednesday Rev. Robert Wilson, of Scranton, and Rev. H. I. Higgins, of Chester, Mass. were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byren Buckingham on Mon-Dr. Bull is receiving the congratula-

tions of his friends over his wonderful success at angling, which resulted Monday night in his bringing to shore a trout weighing over fifteen pounds,



四 SCALP CLEANER

the Scranton Gas and Water company. It is now on exhibition at Scranton and will be mounted. Local fishermen are now wondering if "there are oth-

Miss Nellie Allen, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. E. J. Hildebrant. Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Misses Edith and Cornelia Scott and Dr. Bull were delightfully entertained at Oak Terrace Tuesday evening.

Mr. T. J. Thompson and family have returned from a few weeks' visit with Scranton friends. Mr. Thompson is much improved in health. Mrs. Briggs and Miss Georgia Schoonmaker, of Kingston, N. Y., and Miss Louise Johnson, of Scranton, are

guests at Oak Terrace. The beautiful miniature lily pond on the grounds of Colonel Schoonmaker has proved a failure as the lilies could not live owing to the extreme coldness of the spring water, therefore it is being enlarged, the bottom covered with gravel, and will be stocked with gold and silver fish, thus making one more

Rev. C. A. Spalding leaves this morn ing for Bradford county, where he will spend his vacation.

attraction to this already charming

#### OLYPHANT.

Miss Charity Crippen has returned from a visit to Herrick Center. The annual excursion of St. Patrick's church of this place and St. James' church, of Jessup, will go to Farview Monday, Aug. 15. Music will be furnished by a first class orchestra-Tickets, 50 and 75 cents.

Beginning today No. 2 colliery will ommence on three-quarters time. Mrs. Hugh Gerrity, Misses Mamie and Margaret Gerrity, of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives here.

The council met on Tuesday evening and passed the pave ordinance for final reading by a majority of the votes of all members present, except Mr. Gallagher, who refused to vote. Rev. J. M. Smoulter is at Atlantic

City. Miss Anna Brown is spending a week Miss Jennie Kennedy, of Blakely, is

entertaining Mrs. E. B. Clapp, of New Miss Rachel A. Evans left Tuesday with a party of friends from Scranton

for a short sojourn at Mt. Pocono. Professor T. F. McHale has returned from Elmira after a two weeks' visit. Miss Sadis O'Malley spent yesterday

Mr. R. Van Lip, of Binghamton, who has been a visitor at the home of Dr. A. F. Crans, returned home yesterday. Miss Helene Kennedy, of Green Ridge, has returned home after a visit with friends in town.

Miss Nellie Murphy is visiting relatives at Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Evan Miles, of Susquehanna

street, is seriously ill. Mrs. J. J. Manning has returned nome after spending a month with her parents at Clifford. Miss Sadie Heavey, of Brooklyn, is

the guest of Miss Kate O'Connell. Mrs. Elmer Daken, of Powder Mills. spent yesterday with Mrs. D. C. Evans. Susquehanna street.

The contract for the foundation of the new Fourth ward school addition was awarded to John Dempsey, he being the lowest bidder. The contract for heating was let to the Smead-Wills Mrs. Richard Moyles has returned

#### from a trip to Chinchila CLARK'S GREEN.

Miss Clara Covey is visiting friends at Lake Winola and Mill City, Mrs. D. C. Jones of Da visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert S. Har-

The Epworth League entertainment which is to be held in the Methodist church on Friday evening of this week, s a worthy object which should be patronized by all friends of the church The admission is ten cents and the proceeds will be used to purchase music books and necessary supplies for the league. After the entertainment refreshments will be served consisting of ice cream, cake, coffee and other delicacies

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Parsons, of Milford, N. Y., are visiting friends here, Mrs. A. F. Rhodes and children returned on Saturday last from an tended visit to friends in Wilkes-Barre and vicinity. Mrs. Benjamin Mead and daughter

Hattie, spent several days with friends in Carbondale, and returned on Tues-Mr. Hudson Gregory and Miss Jessie

Swartz were visitors here on Sunday last. J. D. and Ebenezer Williams, of Scranton, were visitors to our village

on Sunday last. Our townsman and ex-County Superintendent N. S. Davis is actively engaged in the canvass for the repre-sentative honors from the Third dis-

trict and reports prospects exceeding-

ly promising.

Rev. W. H. Sowell has been voted a acation by his congregation. The Epworth League chapters of this place have accepted an invitation to attend an outdoor service at Waverly on next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock to be conducted by F. C. Hanyen, of the latter place.

## PECKVILLE.

Mrs. E. C. Jenkins and children are isiting with relatives at Pittston. Miss Rena Boucher has returned to er home at Forest City, after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Snooks, Charles White, of the West End, emloyed as a miner in Blue Ridge mines et with a very serious accident last Tuesday, which resulted in his death shortly after his removal to the Lackawanna hospital. The accident was caused by a mine car jumping the track and catching his head between the car and a mine prop. The deceased is survived by a widow and three step children. The funeral will be held at his late home Thursday afternoon. Interment will be made in nion cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hazlehurst, of Scranton, are being entertained at the ome of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham, on Hickory street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Mott are enjoyng a two weeks' stay in Canada-Miss Maud Bell has returned to her home in Pittston, after a pleasant visit with Miss Myrtis Peck.

## PRICEBURG.

Adam Knonowski, a Polander of Lincoln street, met instant death in the Lackawanna Coal company's mine yesterday afternoon. Knonowski and another man went into the mines for ome tools. They decided that they yould go up to the plane, but at the ot some one told them not to go up as they would be in danger. Knonowski went up and the other man stayed down. As he was going u, the loaded cars came down and crushed him. His face is so hadly cut that his wife hard-

oand for Mrs. Knonowski, her other husband having died as they were bringing him from the Lackawanna hospital.

The employes of Storrs' mine will receive their wages this morning at 3 Mrs. William Battin has returned to her home in Providence, after a pleas-

ant visit with her parents of this

#### THE PHILIPPINE NATIVES. An English Traveler Says They Are "An Incomprehensible Race."

Judging from the accounts of an English traveler who has made a careful study of Philippine affairs, the natives of the islands, that is, the domesticated natives, are difficult people to deal with. Before beginning his studies of the native character, he questioned a parish priest who had been living among the natives for more than forty years. The priest declared the islanders were an absolutely incomprehensible race, to whom no known rules of civilization or savagery had the smallest application. Here is the result of the Englishman's personal investigations:

"They are absolutely unreliable: they will serve you faithfully for twenty years and then commit some such horrible crime as delivering over your house and family to brigands. They are patient, sober, and even honest servants usually, but at any moment they may break out and, joining a band of robbers, pillage your house. If you tax them with the crime they are not abashed, but disclaim all responsibility, answering, 'Senor, my head was hot,' which they consider sufficient excuse

"They will never confess to a misdeed voluntarily. They will submit to a beating without a murmur if they think it is deserved, and bear no malice; but if they consider the punishment unjust they will seek the first opportunity of revenging themselves. They never forgive and never forget an injury, but they cherish no memory of kindness. Generosity they regard as a weakness. If you give them anything unsought they consider you a fool and treat you accordingly. They are always asking favors, though never Borrowing they think no shame, but they never repudiate their debts. On the other hand, they never pay back voluntarily, and if taxed with their dishonesty look surprised and

'Senor, you never asked for it.' "If you pay a man 20 cents for a service he will be contented; if you pay him 30 cents he will grumble. They have no words for 'thank you' in their language, nor conception of what the phrase implies. They have no notion of charity, never helping one another except in the case of relatives, but they acknowledge even the remotest ties of relationship. If treated badly they make good servants and never grumble; if treated kindly they are lost and go to the bad. They never stick to an occupation, but are ready to turn their hands to anything. They are jacks-of-all-trades and good at none They are brave against equals if led by superiors, but a real or fancied superiority in the foe causes them to

abandon all hope. "They do not know the meaning of hospitality. They will do what you tell them if you tell them often enough, but they will never do anything of their own accord. They will answer questions, but never volunteer information They will let your horse die for want of corn and never tell you that the still more desolate sea may yet serve supply has given out. They are con- a purpose heretofore undreamed of. firmed liars and show only surprise The exact location of Baker Island, to when found out. They are good husbands, though intensely jealous; but they do not worry about the conduct of their daughters or even their wives previous to marriage. They have no ambition and no ideas of order or economy, but in the matter of cleanliness they are superior to all the in-

## THE LADRONE ISLANDS.

Description and History of the Islands Captured from Spain.

The Ladrones, which were captured by the Charleston on her way to Manila, were discovered by the Spaniards in the first quarter of the sixteenth century, says the Philadelphia Record. The group lies in the South Pacific ocean, between latitude 13 degrees and 21 degrees north and longitude 144 degrees and 146 degrees east, and consists of 15 islands, only four of which the more important being Cuam and Rota, are inhabited.

They were discovered by Fernao de Magalhaes, better known as Magellan, in the course of a cruise in the Pacific ocean, in 1521. They were called by him Las Ilas de los Ladrones-that is say. Thieves' islands-because of the extraordinary propensity of the natives to steal, especially every object in iron, that they could lay their hands on. In 1667, during the reign of Philip IV., the Spaniards established a regular settlement on Guam and the islands were renamed the Marianne islands, after Queen Maria Anna, who sent there a number of missionaries for the propagation of the Christian religion. At that time the Spaniards not having had time to ruin them by bad government, the islands were in a fairly flourishing state, and their habitants numbered from 40,000 to 60,

000 souls. The settlers were very well received. and all went well until they began to attack the independence of the natives. When the war was ended the natives were practicaly exterminated, and today the total population is estimated at something between 8,000 and 10,000. Admiral Anson visited the islands in 1742, and spoke of them in the most glowing terms, but when Byron landed on one of them some years later he was grievously disappointed, for he found it deserted and overgrown with impenetrable shubbery. The miserable condition of the land was at that time attributed, and apparently with good reason, to the incompetent and cruel administration of the Spaniards.

cocoanut, the orange and the waterclon are indigenous to some of the islands, and the Spaniards have introduced the culture of the cotton plant, sugar cane, rice, maize and so forth. Their general aspect, however, is sterile and dreary, Guam being, indeed, that only one that has a prosperous appearance. The coast is rocky and surrounded with coral reefs, and there are many natural bays and parks. The islands are of volcanic origin, and volcanoes still exist in several of the mountains. As to the climate, it is intensely hot in the summer months, but during others there

are cool breezes from the sea. Fearful

hurricanes at times ravage the coast.

especially, it is stated, at the full and

new moon.

Naturally the islands are fertile and

capable enough of cultivation.

#### PARROT PARTS OLD FRIENDS

Epithets Hurled from a Window Estrange Fitzgerald and Spence.

Augustus Spence and Thomas Fitzgerald are veterans of the civil war, residents of Flatbush, and until recently were close friends, says the New York Times. They are now estranged to such a degree that a Police Magistrate has been asked to intervene, and all because of a parrot-a profane and blasphemous parrot. Mr. Spence has asked Magistrate Steers to Issue a summons to compel Mr. Fitzgerald to appear in court and explain why he uttered threats against Spence.

About a month ago, it apears, Fitzgerald was passing his old comrade's house, at 66 Grant street, when a strident and belligerent voice addressed him from within the portals in the following words:

"You're a liar, Tom! You're a liar!" Unable to believe his ears, Fitzgerald paused and gazed aghast at the house. The reflection on his veracity again issued forth, in a cracked, defiant tone, accompanied by still more bnoxious language, Fitzgerald thought he recognized the voice of Spence. Bowed with grief at this severance of lifelong relations, he returned home, and when Spence next met him on the street it was to receive a glacial

The frigidity of Fitzgerald's glare in turn annoyed Spence. He is fitting up a restaurant in Grant street, and one day as he stood by the door Fitzgerald approached, his hair bristling and his eyes flashing defiance. As he passed Spence Fitzgerald turned and yelled in what seemed to Spence a highly personal way:

"Coffee and sinkers, two off the griddle, draw one, a pair of white wings, sunny side up!"

Spence intends that his restaurant shall be of the highest quality, and it irritated and grieved him to have false impressions conveyed to the listening public of Grant street. He approached Fitzgerald, the latter alleges, and intimated that the vigor of 1861 had no yet departed from his strong right arm. Fitzgerald, according to Spence, announced that he proposed to "cut his heart out." Then Spence applied for

When Fitzgerald was asked about the heart-cutting observation credited to him he replied, soothingly: "He misunderstood me. I didn't mean it in that way. You know we both fought in the war, and I wanted him to understand that by bringing up some fond recol-lections I would break his heart. Don't

#### OUR TINY PACIFIC ISLANDS. Some We Have Owned Since 1857 and Still Uninhapited.

How many persons know that the United States has possessions in the South Pacific that might be used as coaling stations in our campaign against the Philippines? asks the New York Herald. Did you ever hear of Baker Island, or Howland Island? It's a thousand chances to one that you never did, but they have been United States possessions since 1857.

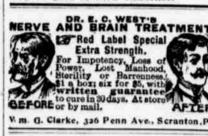
It has been suggested that these tiny island might come in handy jut at this time, pending the annexation of Hawell. They have never before assumed the slightest degree of importance, and even now the officials of the war department at Washington are not inclined to believe that they can be put to a practical use, except in case of the most dire necessity. Still that emergency might possibly

or:se, and these desolate spots upon a be accurate, is latitude 13 minutes 30 seconds north, longitude 176 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds west. Howland Island lies two or three miles to the north.

Neither island is inhabited, except by sea fowl and a multitude of halfstarved, vicious rats. The latter do habitants of the far east save the Jap-, not hesitate to attack a human being. At certain times of the year the islands are visited by vessels, which load with guano, which abounds in great quantities. What little vegetation there is is coarse and scanty.

Baker Island has no fresh water, but n Howland Island are several pools of brackish water, supposed to be partially freshened by distillation from the sea. The anchorage is said to be very The former island boasts a unsafe. movable wharf. It is quite impossible for vessels to load between November

they are out of the usual sailing course supplies. But still there is some satisfaction in knowing that they are there, and that they belong to our government. The time may come when, insignificant as they now appear, we may be glad of their existence.



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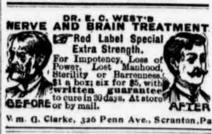
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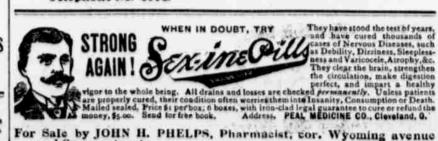
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