

Y. M. C. A. WORK AT CAMP THOMAS

SCRANTON MAN HAD CHARGE AT CHICKAMAUGA.

F. W. Pearsall, of This City, Was the Camp General Secretary—He Had Tremendous Responsibilities—He Tells of the Y. M. C. A. Work at Yesterday Afternoon's Gospel Meeting of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. Not Pleased with What He Terms the "Army Beer Saloon."

Life in the big army camp at Chickamauga was the topic of an address by F. W. Pearsall, general secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, at yesterday afternoon's gospel meeting of the association.

Mr. Pearsall is very well qualified to talk on the subject. Until recently he was "camp general secretary" at Chickamauga park, which means that he was in charge of the Young Men's Christian association headquarters and twenty-three association tents and fifty-five association workers.

Mr. Pearsall said: "In this brief war the soldier has been compelled to yield the first place in the settlement of the conflict to his sailor brother, but when opportunity offered he showed himself to be not lacking in the admirable qualities that have ever distinguished the American soldier."

"It was my privilege to spend two months during the past summer in camp with the army at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, where nearly 60,000 troops were encamped. In company with my brother, Sanborn, of the Rescue mission, and a corps of Christian workers operating under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association, we endeavored to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a practical way to the young men who composed our armies."

CONDITIONS AT CHICKAMAUGA.

"I know that it will be expected that there will be some mention of the conditions at Chickamauga that resulted in so much illness and a loss of life nearly as great as the army sustained from sickness in Cuba. I prefer to say little of the hardships that we endured and nothing in criticism of the government, although there was a great deal of sickness and many deaths. The association workers had their share of sickness, thirteen of them being compelled to give up the work, because of illness, and one, Secretary W. C. Pawley, of Lima, Ohio, who gave up his position at that place to work among the soldiers at Chickamauga, laid down his life a week ago last Friday, after a short illness from typhoid fever. Whether all of this sickness and suffering and death was necessary, and if not the question as to who should have been in charge of this position at that place, undoubtedly be the subject of official investigation—I am not prepared to discuss. In the meantime the safest and wisest plan is to wait and avoid hasty judgments that may wrong the innocent."

"One happy result of this war, despite its misery, has been the blotting out of differences between North and South. The men of the blue and gray who fought with such bravery at the bloody battle of Gettysburg have marched together under one flag during the past five months and past differences have melted, turned into vapor and vanished during the hot summer days in the Southern camps."

CHARACTER GOOD.

"The character of the men who compose our armies is exceptionally good. Some few, it is true, were men of bad character, but in the great majority of our young fellows who had been in their choice of 'doing time' in a reform school or enlisting, and who had chosen the army. But for the most part the boys who wore the blue were above the average in character. I found a Harvard graduate acting as hostler in a cavalry troop waiting for some one to die that he might get a place in the ranks. Another college graduate worked around the mess of another troop, waiting for the same chance."

"Even the ranks were dotted with clergymen who had forsaken the cloth of their professional calling to wear the blue of the most menial soldier. There were exceptions, of course—for instance, Captain Perkins, of the Kentucky cavalry, a Presbyterian clergyman. I recall another, Rev. Mr. Kenner, of the Fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, who reached camp as a private. His promptings were two-fold, to serve his country and to see that the boys in his care should be exercised over many young men of his church who were in the regiment. He finally succeeded the chaplain, who resigned."

"But no matter what was the personal type of the men, as individuals, they were, without exception, anxious to go to the front. On the evening that orders came for a large body of men to prepare to leave for Santiago, their enthusiasm knew no bounds while the order was being read. Colonel Colt ordered the ranks, however, another order arrived and was read, countermarching the first order. Many of the men cried over their grievous disappointment."

KEPT TRACK OF THEM.

"After the Fourth Ohio, Third Illinois and Fourth Pennsylvania left for Porto Rico via Charleston, I took pains to keep track of them. I later learned of an incident which shows the kind of stuff in an American soldier. Colonel Colt, of the Fourth Ohio, was appointed to General Brooke's staff. He was ordered one day to take 200 men on a dangerous piece of detached duty about three miles from the main body of the army. Colonel Colt, knowing the good qualities of Companies A, C and K, of his old command, picked 200 of them and started. They were ambushed by three times their number. Colonel Colt ordered the men to seek what protection they could in a ditch alongside the railroad tracks, over which they were traveling, and sent three men back to the main body, nearly three miles away, for aid. The men in the ditch peeped away at the enemy and kept him under cover despite his superior strength."

"Seeing two dynamite runs coming to their relief, Colonel Colt's two hundred men broke from their position, drove the enemy out of his first entrenchment and over the second and into a block house and the trenches about it. They did this in order to prevent their being robbed of victory by the dynamite. This spirit is true of all the soldiers I saw—cowardice isn't in their make-up."

"Persons who thought the men in camp had little to do, are mistaken. The volunteers, especially, had much to do. They were transformed from

WELLES' TERRIBLE DISCOVERY.

Found His Mother and Aunt in a Disreputable Resort.

Edward Welles, of Wilkes-Barre, tried to end his life Saturday by attempting to jump into the Susquehanna river from the Market street bridge. Bridgetender Hempstead, with the assistance of two other men, prevented Welles from carrying out his intention.

Welles stated to the police, when he was turned over to them, that he had been drinking heavily and had wandered into a disreputable house in South Fell street, where he had discovered that his mother was proprietress and his aunt an inmate.

Despondent and overcome with shame, he attempted to end his life. He is thirty years of age.

THIRTEENTH NEEDS ICE.

Suggestion That a Fund Be Raised to Supply the Regiment with This Necessity.

Colonel E. H. Ripple yesterday received word from Major Richardson, of Harrisburg, keeper of the state arsenal and quartermaster of the provisional Third brigade, that ice is a very much needed article at Camp Meade and that the Thirteenth is the only one of the Pennsylvania regiments there that is not receiving a supply, the regiment being the Sixth, Eleventh and Twelfth having thoughtfully established funds with which to furnish whatever ice may be needed.

Colonel Ripple immediately telegraphed Major Richardson to arrange to have the Thirteenth supplied with what ice it should need and that he would be responsible for the payment of the bill.

It is suggested that a fund be created to supply our soldier boys with this necessity. Any one desiring to contribute can send the contribution to The Tribune, which will see that it is duly acknowledged and forwarded to the proper persons. Just what amount of money is needed for this purpose is not known, but it should happen that the fund would more than meet the needs of the regiment in this particular, the balance can be applied to purchasing delicacies for the sick or some like purpose.

CITY NOTES

BOARD OF HEALTH.—A regular meeting of the board of health will be held Wednesday evening.

EMPLOYEES PAID.—The Delaware and Hudson company paid Saturday at the Von Storch and Dickson mines and repair shops at Providence.

OCCUPY THE PARSONAGE.—The Penn Avenue Baptist parsonage at 242 Millin avenue, is now occupied by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Y. Pierce, and family.

MR. ATHERTON RECOVERS.—Pavmenter Atherton, of the Delaware and Hudson company, has recovered from a recent severe illness and will resume his old duties this morning.

SENT TO JAIL.—When refused food at the Scranton House kitchen Friday night, John Carroll created a disturbance. He was arrested and in police court was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

POSTOFFICE HOURS.—The general delivery and stamp windows at the postoffice will be closed this afternoon on account of the Labor Day holiday. The money order and registered letter departments will be closed all day.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS.—Portions of Phelps street and Green's lane are to be reconstructed in one roadway. The necessary arrangements were made on Saturday by select Councilman Roche with the city engineer and the street commissioner.

WILL SELL STAMPS.—As this is a local holiday to general business will be transacted at the internal revenue office today. For the accommodation of those who are short on revenue stamps the office will be open from 9 to 10.30 a. m.

WEEK'S EXCHANGES.—Last week's Scranton bank exchanges have been reported as follows by the Clearing House association: August 29, \$125,266.61; August 30, \$132,913.55; August 31, \$126,482.72; September 1, \$170,411.57; September 2, \$157,357.79; September 3, \$169,227.75. Total, \$862,196.97.

MONKEY AT THE ZOO.—A monkey is the latest addition to the Nay Aug park zoo. He was presented to the park commissioners by the Jumpers company, of Spruce street. His monkeyish habits forth in a cage next to the bear cubs. His antics frightened the little boys and Phillips thinks, if he had a partner.

MORE CLAIMS.—Hon. John P. Quinn sitting in his seat at another hearing in the matter of the indebtedness of Lackawanna township, Saturday morning. Claims were presented by E. R. Williams, T. J. Loefer and others, all of which were objected to by Attorney M. J. Danahoe, on the part of the township.

AUTHOR IS HEARD.—Miss Clara Thropp and her operatic comedy company arrived in town yesterday and will appear this evening at the Lyceum theater in Leopold Jordan's operatic comedy, "Where's Matilda?" The author, Mr. Jordan also arrived with Miss Thropp to direct the performance of his work.

STONE CRUSHER DID IT.—Edward Michael, through his attorney, Vonburg & Dunne, yesterday filed a suit Saturday to recover \$3,000 damages from the city. It alleges that his arm was broken Aug. 19 in a runaway resulting from his horse being frightened by the city's stone crusher which had been left standing on North Main avenue.

NEW POLICEMAN'S CLUB.—A new type of policeman's club, described as a "humane baton," has been adopted by the Scranton police department. It is of wood and has a rubber covering. It is claimed that an unusually heavy blow with the club will not fracture a skull. The use of the club will not permit spillover signaling, hence whistles will have to be used for that purpose.

NOT THE SAME.—It was not John P. Cunningham, the carriage builder of 227 Adams avenue, who was arrested Thursday night at Ed Horv's hotel. It was a plain "John Cunningham" as stated in The Tribune of Saturday, but John P. fears that he may be wrongfully suspected and we therefore stop the press to make known the fact that the man who became mixed up in "bobby" in Ed Horv's "dent's cafe" had no "P" in his name and does not reside at 227 Adams avenue.

TWO HORSES STOLEN.—A horse has been stolen from the barn of John R. Nealey, of Taylor street. Evidently the thief did not fear detection as he took also a buggy and a harness. The horse is tall, slim and weighs about 300 pounds. The buggy had a "pinno" box and elliptical springs. The horse had the letter "N" on each blinder and was nickel trimmed. A horse also been stolen from John Sweeney, of 112 Stone avenue, a milk dealer. The horse was a dark bay with a white star on its forehead.

BUSH MEETING AT NAY AUG PARK

WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF REV. H. A. GRANT.

It Was the First of a Series That Will be Conducted by Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Mr. Grant Took for the Subject of His Discourse "The King of Zion." "Father" Nelson Was One of the Prominent Figures at the Gathering.

The first of a series of "bush meetings" under the auspices of the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church was held yesterday in Nay Aug park. It was attended by colored people from miles around, and also attracted many of the several thousand visitors who sought shelter from the day's sultriness in the city's popular breathing place.

These meetings are in nearly every feature similar to our northern camp meetings. They originated in the old slavery days in Dixie and are particularly a colored religionists' festival. In some respects, the bush meeting was a very elaborate affair, lasting sometimes as long as two days. Generally, though, they continued only two or three days.

The fall, when the work in the fields is over, was invariably the season of these festivals; in fact they took on much of the nature of a praise and thanksgiving service for the returns of harvest time.

Every community had its fixed "bush meeting" place. It was generally a grove adjacent to the largest village, such being selected because of the necessity of having convenient lodging for those from a distance who could not return to their homes at night.

At early morn on the appointed day the worshippers would begin coming in with their families. Every family carried provisions enough for the day, and one of the most enjoyable periods would be when all would sit down together beneath the trees and enjoy their ham, corn and hoe-cake and the inevitable water-melon desert. The usual services made up the exercises of the day, but they were entered into with unusual fervor.

The local "bush meetings" of course are not to be compared with the original southern affairs. As far, however, as circumstances and appropriate features of old time meetings are observed. Yesterday's meeting lasted only throughout the afternoon, although in former years, when Laurel Hill park was used, evening sessions were also held.

An organ resting on the greenward, a pulpit fashioned out of a dry-goods box and a few benches for the choir and the older brothers and sisters of the church, comprised the furniture of the temple. The choir, composed of turn in the main road through the park. The worshippers and spectators stood about in a circle forming two rings, the inner one stationary, the outer constantly changing by the coming and going of the curiously assembled.

The services yesterday. Rev. H. A. Grant, the pastor of the church, conducted the services. These consisted of singing of appropriate hymns by the choir, a sermon by the pastor, prayer by "Father" Nelson, whose grey hairs and Grand Army badge made him one of the prominent figures of the gathering, and, as a finale, a spirited testimony meeting.

Rev. Mr. Grant's eloquence and scholarly attainments were a revelation to the many who had never before heard him preach. His subject was "The King of Zion," the text being from Zechariah 14: 4: "Behold, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass."

His argument was in proof of the fulfillment of the prophecy. Christ's mission was held forth for emulation and an exhortation was made to accept of the salvation of the prophecy, which was in his hand, so free to those who would accept it.

Miss Stella Howard presided at the organ during the services. The choir which led in the singing was composed of Mrs. Edward Nelson, Miss Follie Scott, Miss May Scott, Miss Almira Sleight, Daniel Dawson, Simon Piater and Edward Nelson.

Another meeting will be held at the same place next Sunday.

JUDGE TO GO TO NEW YORK.

Wants to Get a Line on Billy Smith's Style.

Jim Judge, the Scranton welterweight, leaves this morning for New York city, where he will witness tonight's glove contest between "Mysterious Billy" Smith and Andy Walsh. Judge has posted a forfeit to make a match with Smith and to make a wager of \$1,000 on the side. His object in going to see tonight's battle is to get a line on the champion welterweight's style.

It does not seem likely that the American Sporting club will give the Smith-Judge contest. The principals would require a guarantee of such proportions that probably there would be nothing left for the club after paying expenses.

Another match, however, in which Scrantonians would be interested, may be decided here. Reference is made to Bobby Dobbs and Charley Johnson, of Philadelphia. The matter will be settled one way or another after it has been determined whether the match between Dobbs and Joe Gans can be clinched. A hundred dollars to bind Dobbs to the match is already posted.

The decision of Gans' manager, Al Herford, is expected to be made known during today. If Herford declines the first forfeit, \$150 more will be sent to Gans.

BLAKELY VOTERS EXAMINED.

Half Holiday Session Held in the Court House.

The following witnesses from Blakely were examined before the contest commissioners sitting in the arbitration room of the court house Saturday morning: C. J. Gaubemuller, M. J. Coleman, John M. Gallagher, Thomas Sitgreaves, James Curtis, Gilbert Warrmouth, Henry Oberts, William Vanderford, Benjamin Vanderburg, John C. Boland, William Boland, P. J. McCormac, Rossar McCormac, Patrick McLaughlin, Thomas McCabe, James Clarke, Peter Mackerell, William

New York from this city tonight or tomorrow, making a total forfeit of \$250 under articles of agreement, for which appearance, the whole to finally stand as a side bet. The whole of the \$250 has been made up by admirers of Dobbs, without doubt the colored light-weight champion of the world and who would prove his championship over all colors if the white boxers would consent to meet him.

CHARGES ALL AROUND.

Lively Time at a Hearing Before Alderman Millar.

The old feud between Mrs. McAndrew, of Tenth street, and Mrs. Reap was renewed in Alderman Millar's office Saturday evening when the former was arraigned for breaking windows at Mrs. Reap's home.

The women began their controversy eight years ago and did fair to continue it indefinitely. It began with the advent of a piece of iron which had been hurled with considerable force through Mrs. Reap's window. Mrs. McAndrew was accused of it, but was not arrested until she and Mrs. Reap arrested recently for making threats. Then Mrs. McAndrew was charged with throwing the iron and with threatening to tear Mrs. Reap's heart out.

The charges were heard Saturday evening. The defendant was discharged on the first count, but was put under \$500 bail on the second. Additional trouble was threatened during the examination of an aged witness, William Gilroy, the principals accusing each other of improper relations with him.

REPAIRING ASPHALT.

Plan to Have the City Put Its Streets in Shape—Cost of the Work.

An effort is under way, and with fair prospects of success, to have the surface of 2 1/2 miles of the city's asphalt pavements relaid or repaired. The cost will be about \$60,000.

The first steps were taken Thursday night, when the council adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three to confer, in conjunction with the city engineer, city solicitor and street commissioner, with representatives of asphalt companies relative to a plan for repairing the asphalt pavements. "Proposals to be made later," President Chittenden appointed Messrs. Roche, Lansing and Ross on the committee.

A recent communication from the street commissioner calling council's attention to the deplorable condition of the pavement and to the consumed appropriation for repairs; the board of the city's lively threat of prosecution, and the danger of damage claims from bicyclists and other injured persons, all have combined to make council alert in the matter.

The special committee, Mr. Lansing named and the three city officials met Saturday in City Engineer Phillips' office. A representative of the Asphalt Pavement Company was present. He indicated the willingness of his company to undertake the contract and to wait until during the next fiscal year, which begins on the first Monday in April, for payment. It was his opinion that the contract would be about \$60,000. A decision was reached, however, not to prepare a report until after a conference with an official from the home office of the Barber company. It is expected he will be here today or tomorrow.

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Marshal's Proclamation With Reference to the Parade.

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The line of march was extended so that those in the parade will see more of it in countermarching. The parade will march from the corner of Wyoming avenue to Fifth street, countermarch on Lackawanna avenue to Washington avenue to Pine street, to Clay avenue, to Laurel Hill park. The grand marshal has issued the following proclamation:

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