

DAY'S DOINGS OF NORTH SCRANTON

LETTER RECEIVED FROM THOMAS ALEXANDER.

He Formerly Resided Here But Is Now in Porto Rico with the Eleventh United States Infantry—Was on the Firing Line for a Number of Hours But Does Not Know What Effect His Bullets Had. Birthday Party Monday Night.

The following letter was received from Thomas Alexander by his sisters, Mrs. Alfred Carwardine and Mrs. Thomas Williams, both of this place. Mr. Alexander is a former resident of North Scranton and at the commencement of hostilities between this country and Spain enlisted with the Eleventh United States Infantry, which is now doing service in Porto Rico. The letter is dated August 21 and is as follows:

Dear Sister: You are undoubtedly aware of the fact that our regiment is safely installed on Porto Rican soil. We embarked on steamers from the United States on July 21 and landed at Porto Rico on August 3, after an uneventful voyage but for the fact of our crowded condition on board the ships. The company of which I am a member and two other companies were compelled to sleep on the top deck without one bit of shelter. Our sea voyage was what may be called a smooth one, but nevertheless there were several severe cases of sea sickness and one poor fellow died shortly after reaching our destination.

After landing we were immediately set to work unloading the ship which consumed three days hard labor. After our work in respect to the ship had been completed, we then began our march, though triumphant, was harder still. We met no Spaniards until August 19, when we came suddenly upon a body of 500 of them. It was supposed that a troop of cavalry succeeded in ousting them from their position and drove them towards where we were located. After a brief scuffle in which the bullets flew uncomfortably close to us, we found ourselves to have suffered a loss on our side of one killed and sixteen wounded.

We camped on the battlefield that night and resumed our march on the following day which was continued after the morning dawn. We, however, caught up to them on August 13 and this time our company formed the advance guard. We were instantly ordered on the firing line and fought three-quarters of an hour during which time we killed seventy Spaniards.

Their aim was so bad that all engaged on the American side came out of the scuffle unharmed. After we had killed the Spaniards to flight our company was ordered down a valley where more Spaniards were engaged. They were desirous of surrendering and we received the surrender of forty of them, including all guns and ammunition of which they had an over abundant supply.

I will never forget the time that I was on the firing line. I did not like to shoot the Spaniards, but I had to do it. I fired twenty-three times, but I cannot say whether I killed any of them as they were hidden from view by dense underbrush in which they had taken shelter. If I would go into details about the skirmishes we have had and the country, it would fill a newspaper, but as time is very precious I find it difficult to write at length. The rain is continuously falling which makes the clay on this island miserable. I don't care much for the country, but I hope we will get back to the United States ere long. With love I remain your brother.

LIVE NEWS OF WEST SCRANTON

BENJAMIN REYNOLDS IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

It Is Not Certain Whether He Is Suffering from Concussion of the Brain or Sun Stroke—Culm Washery on the Site of the Oxford Breaker Is Rapidly Approaching Completion—Funeral of Thomas Buckley—Social Session of P. O. S. of A. Was Postponed.

Benjamin Reynolds, of 299 Edwards road, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon near Gravel Pond. The injured man was brought to his residence here and is now under the care of the family physician, Dr. H. J. Gibbs. He was delirious late last night and his exact condition could not be ascertained.

The actual circumstances surrounding the case are rather uncertain. Mr. Reynolds is either suffering from sun stroke or concussion of the brain. He, with some friends, was on a load of hay which was being hauled to the barn. His friends were surprised by seeing him suddenly slide from the top of the load. He fell to the ground, a distance of about fifteen feet. When picked up he was unconscious.

He remained unconscious for some time and since his removal home has been delirious. It is not supposed that his condition is serious.

WORK ON THE WASHERY.

Steadily the work of putting up the structure for the new Oxford culm washery is going on. About a month ago work was begun upon the cutting of the big timbers that go into the frame work. This was finished and about two weeks ago the framing was begun and has been pushed rapidly along. This week the boarding in is being done and, as this is comparatively simple work, will soon be finished.

A large force of carpenters under master builder Thomas Carey are engaged on the work. As soon as the boarding and flooring is completed the placing of the machinery will be begun. To all appearances the washery will probably be in operation before the new year.

One fact in reference to the new washery stands out more prominently than some others just now. It is that the proposed extension of Oxford street through to Meridian will not be accomplished for a few years yet. Just too, despite the fact that the greatest obstruction, the culm dump, is being removed. The washery structure is directly in the line of the proposed extension and will remain there until every reason for such a structure to remain has been fulfilled.

It will take nearly three years to remove the culm yet remaining though much of the old dump was removed before the first washery was destroyed by fire in April last. The new washery will of course remain where it is for that time, at least. Another drawback in connection with the street extension was the lack of necessary funds to purchase the Dale property to complete the extension.

FUNERALS OF THE DAY.

The funeral of the late Thomas Buckley was held from the residence, 244 North Sumner avenue, yesterday morning and many friends were in attendance. The remains were borne to St. Patrick's church, where, at 9 o'clock, a high mass of requiem was celebrated. Rev. A. T. Broderick officiated and preached the funeral sermon. At the conclusion of the services the remains were borne to the cathedral cemetery, where interment was made. The pall-bearers were John Flanagan, Thomas Rooney, William V. Griffiths, John Reid, Martin Moore and Thomas Mullen.

The funeral of William, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gallagher, was held from the parental residence, 1508 Jackson street, yesterday afternoon. Many friends of the bereft parents attended. Rev. Thomas De Gruchy, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, officiated. Interment was made at the Washburn street cemetery.

CAMP AFFAIR POSTPONED.

It was decided to postpone the social affair arranged for last evening by the members of Washington camp, No. 233, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, owing to the small attendance on account of the rain storm. The affair will be a public one and the ways and means committee were instructed to enlarge the programme accordingly.

Tuesday evening, September 13, is the next regular meeting in Masonic hall, on North Main avenue, and the affair will be carried out there following the regular business meeting. David J. Davis will deliver his prize oration delivered at the state camp convention at York Pa., a few weeks ago. There will be recitations, solos, etc., and cigars will be passed.

COMPLETING THE WORK.

Finishing touches are being put upon the work connected with the double-track road of South Main avenue, between Jackson and Washburn streets, by the Scranton Street Railway company. Yesterday the laying of the asphalt at the outside of the tracks was commenced by the Barber Asphalt company.

The work is being done in accordance with the agreement between the street commissioner, acting for interested property-owners, and General Manager Silliman, of the Street Railway company. An account of the matter appeared exclusively in these columns of recent date. No Belgian blocks are being placed alongside the rail, but the asphalt goes flush up instead.

The work will be completed in a few days and then the street will be cleared up.

POLICE COURT HEARINGS.

Frank Snow, who was arrested Monday night for being drunk and driving recklessly up and down South Main avenue, was fined \$3 in police court yesterday by Alderman Moses.

William McNulty, of Twenty-first street, was fined two dollars for being drunk and disorderly. He was arrested the night before upon complaint of his father. The young man was endeavoring to wreck the house and its contents when arrested.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Magovern and son, Frank Magovern, of South Lincoln avenue, have returned from a sojourn at Lake Winola.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Malley, of Jackson street, were made happy re-

STORIES OF RELIEF.

Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMS, Englishtown, N. J., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I cannot begin to tell you how I suffered before taking your remedies. I was so weak that I could hardly walk across the floor without falling. I had womb trouble and such a bearing-down feeling; I also suffered with my back and limbs, pain in womb, inflammation of the bladder, piles and indigestion. Before I had taken one bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great deal better, and after taking two and one-half bottles and half a box of your Liver Pills I was cured. If more would take your medicine they would not have to suffer so much."

Mrs. MARY PRINSON, 513 East St., Warren, Pa., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement and displacement of the womb. I had the backache constantly, also headache, and was so dizzy. I had heart trouble, it seemed as though my heart was in my throat at times choking me. I could not walk around and I could not lie down, for then my heart would beat so fast I would feel as though I was smothering. I had to sit up in bed nights in order to breathe. I was so weak I could not do anything."

"I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and can say I am perfectly cured. I do not think I could have lived long if Mrs. Pinkham's medicine had not helped me."

cently by the arrival of a daughter at her home.

Miss Nellie Quilken, of Price street, is visiting in Wilkes-Barre.

Richard E. Hooney, of this side, has returned from a visit to Lake Winola.

Miss Anna L. Humphrey, of South Lincoln avenue, is sojourning at Lake Winola.

Miss Margaret Penbridge, of South Lincoln avenue, has returned from a sojourn at Lake Winola.

Mrs. Robert R. James, of South Lincoln avenue, is at Lake Winola.

Jenkin T. Reese, of North Bromley avenue, has returned from a trip to Wisconsin.

A. B. Eynon and family, of North Hyde Park avenue, are home from Lake Winola.

Mrs. C. S. DePuy and daughter, of North Lincoln avenue, are visiting at Stroudsburg.

Miss Stella Kresge, of North Hyde Park avenue, is home from a visit in West Pittston.

D. D. Evans and family, of South Main avenue, are home from their summer's sojourn at Lake Winola.

Misses Mary and Anna Burnett, of Lincoln avenue, have returned from a visit at Great Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jones, of Washburn street, have returned from a sojourn at Lake Winola.

Joseph O'Brien, of Luzerne street, has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.

Miss Maude L. Parkinson, of Oswego, N. Y., has returned home after visiting friends here.

George Hooney, of Clarke Bros. left yesterday for a visit at Chicago.

MINOR NEWS NOTES.

All members of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary society, of the Washburn street Presbyterian church, are requested to be present at the regular meeting which will be held at the church Friday afternoon. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will address the meeting on an interesting topic.

Quite a number of the Ladies' Aid society of the Simpson Methodist church enjoyed the annual outing held yesterday at Nay Aug park.

George Dewey Taylor is the cognomen by which the recently arrived son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Taylor, of South Everett avenue, will be known throughout his life. It is a name worth having.

All members of the Electric City Wheelmen who wish to attend the club run to Elmhurst this evening will please be at the club house on Jackson street at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ferber, of 1137 Rock street, are being congratulated on the arrival of a son.

There seems to be a misunderstanding in reference to the piece marked No. 1 on the programme for the concert to be held at the Jackson street Baptist church October 12. The piece is for old men and is entitled "Ty ty Whad." The tune is "Averestwhyn." The first two lines of the first stanza which is to be sung are "Yma' usd-fau' lawr, wyl yn ugwad y cys-tadd mawr."

St. Patrick's Parochial school in charge of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, was re-opened yesterday for a fall term. The attendance was very large.

SON KEEPS THE DEED.

Judge Archbald Makes a Decision in an Intricate Case.

Judge Archbald yesterday rendered a decision for the defendant in the case of the late Lyman against her son, Louis Smith, a suit involving the possession of a lot on Eynon street, and hinging on the question of what constitutes the delivery of the deed.

Before her second marriage Mrs. Lyman decided that a suitable lot to her son afterwards made the mother withhold the deed. Their differences were patched up and the mother allowed the son the use of the deed to borrow money from a building and loan association. While he had it in his possession the son caused the deed to be recorded in his own name. The mother sued to recover it when her husband refused to sanction its delivery to her son.

Judge Archbald decided that while the execution of a deed does not constitute a delivery of it, but Mrs. Lyman by her action in allowing her son to use it to borrow money on, was equivalent to a conveyance that the deed should become operative and give him possession of it.

The suit was dismissed without costs. W. S. Diehl appeared for the plaintiff and E. C. Newcombe and Charles E. Oiver for the defendant.

HEAVY RAIN STORM.

Streets of the City Converted Into Rivers.

Last evening's rain storm was one of the most severe for months. The sewers were unable to carry off the unusual flow of water and the streets were converted into rivers for the time being. No serious damage was done.

HAPPENINGS OF SOUTH SCRANTON

PRETTY MARRIAGE CEREMONY AT HAMMEN RESIDENCE.

Contracting Parties Were Miss Lena Hammen and Joseph W. Jones. Birthday Gifts of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart Polish Catholic Church to Their Pastor, Rev. D. B. Dembanski—Letter Received from Michael Mulherin, Who is at Porto Rico.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hammen, sr., corner of Pittston avenue and Cherry street, a pretty wedding took place last night at 8 o'clock. The young bride, Miss Lena Hammen, was united in marriage to Joseph W. Jones, of Cedar avenue, Rev. W. A. Nord, pastor of the Hickory Street Presbyterian church, was the officiating clergyman. The ceremony was performed in the main parlor in the presence of a large number of friends. Miss Alice A. Jones was bridesmaid and August Hammen was groomsmen. The bride was attired in a handsome suit of cadet blue henrietta, with chiffon trimmings. Her attendant wore a becoming gown of white organdie, neatly adorned with lace.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests and the happy couple dined to a sumptuous dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are substantially remembered, they being the recipients of many valuable and beautiful gifts of china and silverware. The customary wedding tour will be dispensed with and today Mr. and Mrs. Jones will commence housekeeping in a newly-furnished home at 523 Willow street. The bride is an esteemed and accomplished young lady. Mr. Jones is engaged in the barber business at Cedar avenue and Elm street.

APPRECIATE THEIR PASTOR.

That the large congregation of the Sacred Heart Polish Catholic church, on Prospect avenue, appreciate the work of their pastor, Rev. D. B. Dembanski, was evidenced Monday night at a meeting of the several societies and sodalities of the church. Monday was the thirty-second anniversary of Father Dembanski's birth and the occasion was fittingly celebrated.

Immediately after the calling of the meeting to order a message was sent to Father Dembanski's residence requesting him to come to the meeting hall. He responded under the impression that his summons was to be asked in the arranging of some matter pertaining to the welfare of his flock. As the priest took his seat on the platform one of the congregation arose and made a speech of a congratulatory nature, eulogizing the splendid achievements of the pastor.

The speaker addressing himself to Father Dembanski told him that the sense of the gathering was to make known in a substantial manner their heartfelt gratitude over the many successes which had crowned the labors of their pastor. The gifts were then presented to Father Dembanski. They comprised a beautiful gold plated chalice, a suit of white vestments, a hand-painted surplice and alb, a holy water sprinkler, chalice, hand-painted cover for the chalice and bouquets of cut flowers.

Feelingly Father Dembanski responded to his parishioners and donors. While he assured them of his gratitude for their cherished gifts he stated that the reward of the holy duties and labors he fondly anticipated in the salvation of his congregation and all mankind to enjoy life eternal in the world beyond. The happy occasion came to a close by the rendition of selections by the church choir.

NUBS OF NEWS.

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DUNMORE.

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The Arlington quartette will hold an entertainment and social in Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday evening, Sept. 14. Among other attractions the Lally children will be present.

The Epworth League society of the Methodist Episcopal church held an entertainment and social in the church parlors last night which was well attended. The following programme was rendered: Instrumental solo, Miss Ethel Jackson; vocal duet, Misses Genevieve Beisecker and Margery Eden; vocal solo, Miss Bessie Powell; recitation, Margaret Swartz; dialogue, Bessie Powell and Hope Pinnell. Harry Young and Frank Garvey will leave today for Gettysburg where they will visit the historical places.

Miss Jennie Thompson, of Clay avenue, has returned home after spending the summer in Colorado.

Miss Diana Capwell, of Cherry street, who has been spending the past two months at Lake Winola, has returned home.

Miss Della Bulger, of Throop street, was tendered a surprise party by a number of her friends last night.

Frank Hinchman, of Elm street, spent yesterday at Hollisterville.

The school board met in regular session last evening in No. 1 building. The communication of Miss Margaret Cawley, asking for an increase in salary of \$5 per month, was received. Mr. Kellam brought the matter of Bible reading up again, but nothing definite was done.

FECKVILLE.

The following scholars were enrolled at the different schools in Blakely borough last Monday: No. 1, First ward, 13; Central school, Third ward, 16; high school, Third ward, 4; Columbia school, Second ward, 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shay have returned yesterday from an extensive visit with friends at New Milford.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chivers, who came to his death last Saturday evening, was held yesterday morning and was largely attended. The pall-bearers were Walter Rogers, Frank English, Clarence Craig and Archie Tinkelpaugh.

Willie Rogers returned home yesterday after a week's visit with friends in New York and New Jersey.

Miss Jane Roberts, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. John Warn, returned to her home in Nanticoke last Monday.

Mrs. William Vanderfort will leave next Thursday to visit with friends at Oil City.

The name of Hector Jones was omitted in yesterday's issue as one of the committee appointed by the Blakely school board to prepare a flag and poles for the two schools.

The employees of the Grassy Island, Del-



"No use for a duster - there's no dust on Battle-Ax Plug. It sells too fast!" Every dealer who has handled Battle-Ax knows this to be a fact. There is no old stock of Battle-Ax anywhere:—nothing but fresh goods, as Battle-Ax sells five times more than any other brand in the world. All who chew it never change. Remember the name when you buy again.

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