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PERSONALS.

Colonel E. H. Ripple has returned from a visit to Harrisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, of Hawley, were in the city yesterday.

BESIDE BONNIE BRIER BUSH.

Miss Jean Howison to Give a Lecture Recital from Ian Maclaren. Miss Jean Howison, of Perth, Scotland, will give a lecture-recital from Ian Maclaren's works in Guernsey's hall on Friday, Dec. 23, at 8 p. m.

DR. M'LEOD ON EXPANSION.

He Views the Great Question from a Moral Standpoint. Dr. M'Leod will discuss the Philippine question Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian church.

COLDEST OF THE YEAR.

Mercury Got Down as Low as Two Degrees Above. Yesterday morning was the coldest of the present year.

To the Republican Voters of the City

As stated in a previous communication in the morning papers, I announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of mayor at the coming primaries.

Palmitry.

Positively Martin's last week. Reading Sec. and H. P., 209 Washington avenue.

Richard Harding Davis' History of the late war.

Gold and silver-mounted brier pipes, the best make at low figures. Garney, Brown & Co., court house square.

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Catholic Prayer Books.

The Wilkes-Barre Record can be had in Scranton at the news stands of Reindman Bros., 464 Spruce and 345 Linden streets; Mac, Lackawanna avenue.

PARKE IS HOME FROM PORTO RICO

SAW FOUR MONTHS' SERVICE AS MOUNTED ORDERLY.

With Colonel Castleman, an Acting Brigade Commander, Mr. Parke Had Exceptional Opportunities for Observation—Accompanied His Superiors to the San Juan Flag Raising and Saw More Good Than Bad in Spanish Soldierry—They Wanted to Do More Fighting.

After four months' army service in Porto Rico, Norman Parke, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parke, returned to this city Tuesday night. As a mounted orderly to a brigade commander he was privileged to gain an experience in the service and an opportunity for observation not usually accorded to the ordinary soldier.

RETAINED AN ORDERLY.

Mr. Parke was permanently retained as "colored" orderly on his arrival at Point, Aug. 5, of the transport Manitoba. The earlier arrival of United States troops had pushed the fighting northward into the interior and Colonel Castleman's command saw only buskicking service, being a day or a few hours behind several engagements.

HANDSOME LOT OF MEN.

The officers of the Spanish forces in and around San Juan were a handsome lot of men. They were magnificently uniformed but not sufficiently so to conceal their shame in having to acknowledge their country's defeat.

NEW PLOTS MUST BE MAPPED.

Recorder of Deeds is Enforcing the Act of May 28, 1895. Recorder of Deeds Fred Warnke is taking steps to enforce an act of May 28, 1895, providing for the recording of all plots of land.

Christmas Holiday.

The best Christmas present is a box of "La Palma de Scranton," or "The Court House." These are the best cigars made in this city.

HOLIDAY CIGARS

Fresh Key West Cigars, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Brands that have been reduced for this sale.

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Contains a Suggestion for Practical Christmas Giving. A very practical Christmas gift idea for public school pupils has been offered by Superintendent Howell to the teachers of the lower grades.

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against the attacks of fevers, pneumonia and other serious and prostrating diseases by taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla now.

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MYSTIC SHRINERS TONIGHT.

Many Strangers to Attend a Meeting in Board of Trade. At least a hundred strangers, and probably more than that number, will be in Scranton tonight to attend a meeting of the Order of the Mystic Shrine.

To the Republicans of the City of Scranton.

The following city offices are to be filled at the February election: Mayor, Treasurer, City Controller, Three City Assessors.

POLISH CHURCH FAIR.

Was Auspiciously Opened Last Night at Music Hall.

The fair under the auspices of the new Polish church of the South side was opened last night at music hall, to continue six nights. There was a large attendance and the various booths, wheels, auctions and the like did a thriving business.

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This will entitle them to a chance on a fire and water amounting to \$136,728, covered by \$465,810 of insurance.

The most disastrous month was April, when the damage was \$20,484 and the insurance only \$24,050, and, strangely enough, that was the only month of the year in which the insurance was less than the damage.

The months of insurance from fire were August, \$50; October, \$230; January, \$660, and May, \$747. As against the net increase of \$275,052 insurance over damage during eleven months in 1898 there was \$155,536 in 1897.

During the eleven months there has been 119 true alarms, 11 general alarms, 8 false alarms and 1 general alarm. A record of the causes of fires shows: Overheated lamps, 6; lamps unattended, 2; careless lighting of stove, 1; cinematograph explosion, 1; children playing with matches, 13; explosion of lamps, 2; defective flue, 1; oil stove unattended, 2; exposed electric wires, 4; careless tinner, 1; lighted cigar, 1; lightning, 5; overheated ammonia, 1; gas-line explosion, 1; defective gas meter, 3. There were 61 fires from unknown causes.

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