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PERSONALS.

Rev. J. V. Husick, of Ashley, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Seybolt went to New York city yesterday.

Hon. T. V. Powderly returned from Washington, D. C., yesterday.

P. J. Finnegan has returned to New York city from a visit with his cousin, T. J. Roche, of Providence road.

It is very probable that Dr. and Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols will leave the city on March on a six months' foreign trip, this being the time allowed the doctor each year, in which to take a vacation. Dr. Nichols has never been abroad, but has long been desirous of going. The doctor's purpose in sailing in March would

OVER FOUR HUNDRED PATIENTS TREATED

**GOOD WORK DONE BY THE
MOSES TAYLOR HOSPITAL.**

Shown in the Annual Report of That Institution, Which Has Just Been Issued in Pamphlet Form—The Report of the Superintendent, Agnes S. Gladding, Gives a Comprehensive Summary of the Hospital and What It Did for Suffering Humanity During Its Fiscal Year.

The sixth annual report of the Moses Taylor hospital has just been issued in neat pamphlet form. It is highly interesting as showing the excellent work this institution is doing. The staff of the hospital consists of the following: Surgeon-in-Chief—Dr. N. Y. Leet, M. D., Ophthalmologist—Dr. C. L. Frey, Staff—Mrs. W. E. Allen, D. A. Carr, M. D., J. C. Conroy, M. D., Fulton, C. G. Frey, M. D., Gibson, E. A., Heermans, N. Y. Leet, J. E., O'Brien, C. B., Parke, L. G., Ross, A. W. Smith.

House Staff—Surgeon, Dr. L. L. Whitcomb, Major surgeon, Dr. L. L. Carter, Kennedy.

The work of the hospital is carefully summarized in the following report of Mrs. Agnes S. Gladding, the superintendent:

The directors of the Moses Taylor hospital, in presenting this, the sixth annual report of the Moses Taylor hospital for the year ending October 31, 1898, there are changes to record both in hospital and training school. The hospital has been met with earnestness and faithfulness, and the service rendered has been larger and better than during any previous year.

The number of patients admitted has been 493, which is for more than last year, or the number of patients admitted in 1897, which was 429.

The work during the past year exceeds by 3,525 days of hospital care, that done in any previous year. The average daily number of patients in the hospital has been 134, which gives an average attendance of 23 days per patient.

The largest number of patients in the hospital on any one day was 37, on January 8, and the smallest number was 27, on August 1. The average daily number of patients has been 134.

The results of treatment will be found in the summary of work also in detail in the tables.

The expenditures for the year have been \$25,725.45, and the receipts from private patients \$6,818.

In the out patient department, 49 patients have been treated.

The patients are generally helpless, and have to be cared for by night as well as day. At least two, and sometimes three nurses at work have to be provided during the twenty-four hours. The hard, faithful work that is done by doctors and nurses in the hospital, in the operating room, in the laboratory, in the out-patient department, and in the dispensary, is not only a public duty, but it is also a noble and noble work.

The hospital ambulance has been re-fitted and repaired. The patient and horses are hired as they are needed, and the ambulance is kept at a neighboring garage, to be ready to take any patient, may secure it for a small sum. One hundred and nine calls have been answered.

In the training school, the nurses were placed on the administration building, and a cold storage was built for house supplies. The new departments were added to our institutions. A new ward, where better accommodation is offered the many helpless men, that we annually treat, the other ward, which was opened and furnished in June, where the nurses will have a thorough instruction in the care of lying-in women. This new ward, which is a most excellent and complete, affords them better advantages than ever before given.

The hospital ward has a capacity of eight beds, and is situated on the second floor, north of the main lower corridor. It is isolated as it is from the other patients, and in close proximity to the receiving ward, the patients in this ward can be hastily taken to their ward, and everything is in readiness for their care.

A tile flooring, a hot and cold heating and ventilating appliances have been carefully looked after.

In conjunction is a laboratory, constructed under the most scientific arrangements, and a complete arrangement, making a valuable annex for the care of major and minor cases.

Being in the center of the hospital, a greater and more varied experience is given to the nurses. Each ward during her stay in the hospital, there are practical work in the medicine, maternity and burned wards, the operating room, the out-patient department, on day and night duty, and on duty with private patients.

The number of applications for admission to the course of training is increasing every year. Sixty-seven applications have been received this year. Of these seventeen were admitted for probation and twenty were accepted for pupil nurses.

The school now numbers fifteen pupils and three probationers, while ten candidates have been accepted and put on the waiting list, ready to respond when called.

Two were dropped from the school during the year, while one gave up the course, finding the study and work too arduous.

Instruction in Swedish massage has been given by Mrs. Kellert, while classes have met weekly for recitation, and the lecture course continued.

The general health of the school has been excellent throughout the year. The total number of days' nursing done during the year has been 423, nearly equal to that of last year, while 184 days of special nursing have been given. The age limit found in regulations as to admission of pupils is strictly adhered to.

The duties of the trained nurse call into play all that is best and noble in womanhood. She needs the discipline of

NO CONCLUSION REACHED.

Reward and Special Detective Service Not Yet Determined.

The Luzerne county authorities yesterday did not reach any definite conclusion relative to a reward in the Corcoran murder case and the employment of a detective. A meeting of the county commissioners, the district attorney and other attorneys interested was held yesterday afternoon in the former's private office.

There was some discussion as to the location of a private detective service. A point bearing on the discussion was the intimation of certain persons that the guilty parties were known.

M. N. Donnelly, attorney for the Monaghan, argued that special detective service be employed. The same position was taken by W. H. Gillette, attorney for the Corcoran estate. It was finally decided to wait until before reaching a conclusion.

Among those present at the conference were Chief of Police Loftus, of Pittston; Squire Gibbey, of Durysa, District Attorney Martin and Attorneys John P. Shea, F. D. Shea and George S. Forris.

CONCERT THURSDAY EVENING

Will Be Given by the Liederkreis and Concordia.

In Music hall, Thursday evening, a concert will be given by the Scranton Liederkreis and Wilkes-Barre Concordia, at which the following programme will be rendered:

The Five Songs.....By Haeser
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Concert, Etude in A Minor,
do F. Schubert, Studies, Stephen Heller
do Mr. Bennett.
Feria from Tannhauser.....K. Wagner
Miss De Moles.
Doct. Light do Heine, Altenhofer
Liederkreis, Scranton.
do Capriccio Brillante.....Mendelssohn
do Valps, Op. 34.....do
do Brannhart.....Kriegel
do Wagnel.....Brahms
do Præussische Jubel.....Hombacher
do Heine, W. Wagner
do Phyllis in Spring.....Schubert
do De Laves, M. Laves, M. Not.
Masagone
Miss De Moles.
Patrowell.....Victor Herbert
Concordia, Wilkes-Barre.

The soloists are Miss Augusta De Moles, soprano; Ernest Bernell, piano. After the concert there will be dancing. Bauer's orchestra will furnish music.

FUNERAL OF MISS HERRITY

Held from the Parental Home on Broadway.

The funeral of Miss Winifred Herrity was held from the parental home on Broadway yesterday morning. At 9:20 o'clock the remains were borne to the Church of the Holy Cross, where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated. Rev. John Longhnan was celebrant. Father Manley, deacon, and Father Peely, sub-deacon.

The eulogy was given by Father Longhnan. He referred feelingly to the early demise of the young lady and good traits of her life. Interment was made in the cathedral cemetery. There was an array of beautiful flowers which were carried by Edward McGoff, John Nevin, Joseph Nolan and James Manley. The pallbearers were: Major McDonough, Patrick Keegan, A. J. Mahon, John Casey, T. P. Walsh and John Dwyer.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Meeting Will Be Held Tonight in
Nay Aug Engine House.

At tonight's meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's association in Nay Aug Engine house, the following officers will be installed: President, Isadore Goodman; vice president, E. J. Jifkins; recording secretary, Walter E. Mayoy; financial secretary, J. W. Hall; treasurer, Fred Durr.

The association has eighty-one members in good standing out of a total of 123. There was \$1,296.27 in the treasury Jan. 1.

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EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN WINTER SESSION

MEETING OF SCRANTON ARCH-DEACONRY.

Sessions Held in Calvary Church and the House of the Parish.

Bishop Talbot, of the Central Pennsylvania Diocese, and Archdeacon Cox, of Alden, Were Present—For est City and Wilkes-Barre, Respectively, for the Spring and Fall Meetings—Vestments to Be Worn.

At yesterday's meeting in Wilkes-Barre of the Scranton archdeaconry (Protestant Episcopal) of the Central Pennsylvania diocese, the first session was devoted to business and was held in the City House. Archdeacon Cox, of Alden, presided.

Rev. M. B. Nash, Scranton, and J. E. Broadhead, Forest City, were appointed to select the text for the exegesis at the spring session.

Rev. D. W. Cox, who was unanimously selected moderator, James B. Ward, of Honesdale, secretary, and A. D. Holland, of this city, treasurer. The first Monday and Tuesday in May were selected as the time and Forest City the place for the spring session. Rev. J. E. Broadhead, of Forest City, was announced to deliver the next exegesis sermon. Rev. Bergmans, of Athens, was named as alternate, and Rev. Stuart Crockett, of Stroudsburg, was exegesis.

Following the business meeting there was a prayer and Holy Communion service in Calvary church. The attendance was large. Rev. P. S. Ballentine, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, preached a strong sermon from Matt. vi:12.

Dinner was served the visiting clergy and others in the school room by the ladies of the church.

JOYCE DAMAGE CLAIM.

Under Consideration Before Judge Archbald—Plaintiff Says Her Property on Ninth Street Was Damaged by City.

Another of the Ninth street damage claims against the city was on in common pleas court yesterday. It was the suit of Honora Joyce, and was tried before Judge Archbald.

She claims that her property, three doors from Neale's court, towards Scranton street. The building of the retaining wall on Ninth street, she says narrowed that thoroughfare to such an extent as to greatly decrease the value of her property. Viewers awarded her \$200, but the jury gave the city was satisfied with the award.

The appeal was made by the city. The city's defense is that the wall has not narrowed the street a foot being built to take the place of the sloping bank that was formerly there and occupied by the street. The jury was formerly taken up by the bank. The jury went to the scene yesterday afternoon to personally view the situation of affairs.

Judge Yorkes was occupied yesterday in presiding over the trial of the case of Mrs. Bittenbender against Catharine Biesecker, Edwin Biesecker and William Koch. The jury disagreed at the previous trial last fall.

It is a case hinge solely on the jury's judgment as to which side is telling the truth, and, as one of the attorneys, Mr. E. C. Newcomb, is a witness for the defense, the outcome will attract attention.

In 1890, Mrs. Biesecker and her son, Edwin, gave a judgment note for \$225 to Mrs. Bittenbender. Koch went on the note as surety. The Bieseckers became insolvent and Mrs. Bittenbender is pursuing the surety.

He contests the claim on the ground that he only became surety after an understanding with Mrs. Bittenbender that she would immediately enter up the note against the Bieseckers and not against her son. The note was entered up, but when the limitation period expired it was not entered up and the consequence was other judgments against the Bieseckers crept in and ousted the Bittenbender claim.

Mrs. Bittenbender denies the agreement and says that she never saw the agreement. Mrs. Bittenbender says that she is pursuing the surety.

Alexander Turnbull, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

A verdict of \$35 for the plaintiff was returned in the suit of Anna Dennison against C. S. Woodruff, administrator.

The case of Ferdinand Mueckley against E. S. Edwards, which was called for trial Monday was given to the jury by Judge Edwards yesterday afternoon.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Companies Make Money.

Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: This "well known insurance man" who gave you the remarkable statistics in yesterday's paper must have run up against the Crawford county system. I had supposed the insurance companies were here for dollars, but apparently they are in business for their health, as they "come out about even, if anything a little behind" in their business. I had supposed that the insurance companies were here for dollars, but apparently they are in business for their health, as they "come out about even, if anything a little behind" in their business.

I haven't the figures for eleven years, but for nine years—189 to 1897, inclusive—Scranton agents insured over 10,000,000 worth of property, from which 2,000,000 worth of companies saved a fair profit. If "in round numbers the premiums collected in this city annually amount to about \$22,000," then my figure cannot be round. Here they are: 1897, \$20,140; 1898, \$20,928; 1899, \$22,977; 1894, \$24,222, and so on.

That the Underwriters' association has full statistics of losses is a mistake. Secretary Hughes has never been able to get them, but he has a list of the department files. Both gentlemen are entitled to great credit, however, for their efforts in this direction.

Up to Scranton was a hard field to make money in but since then there has been a gradual improvement. It is a poorly managed agency that has not made money for its companies for the last twelve years. And that is as it should be. The man who would insure his property in a company that is not making money should deposit his funds in a bank that is not making money.

The prosperous company is the one that is able and willing to pay its losses promptly and liberally when they come and, conversely, the one that is losing money must scale down its losses and delay payment for its companies for the little to do with the investment problem. are not as large as is commonly supposed and considering the great risk from configurations they are small, indeed; otherwise they would compare favorably with those of other lines of trade. Well organized, well managed companies, following regular practices and receiving regular rates should make money and do so. The failures are from bad management and rate-cutting. Cut rates will swamp an insurance company just as surely as they will a concern in any other line of trade. In the insurance business, however, the rate when it resorts to that practice and adopts it to keep up a little longer. A good article of insurance will always bring a good price like good goods on good securities. It frequently requires a fire, however, to demonstrate to some men that they haven't been cheated.

Charles R. Smith.
Scranton, Jan. 17, 1898.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

They Are Somewhat Coy About Announcing Themselves.

Although the Democratic primaries are only four days off there is very little discussion of the possibilities of a ticket outside of its name. Hon. John E. Roche and Thomas J. Jennings are making a vigorous fight for the mayoralty nomination and P. J. Nealis is being boomed by his many friends as a fitting man to be pitted against Capitan Mohr, but outside of these there does not seem to be any pronounced candidates.

For the office of treasurer E. J. Robinson, the present city controller is a possibility and Henry J. Ziegler, ex-member of the board of health, are mentioned.

C. R. Pitcher, W. A. Wilcox and E. J. Robinson are talked of for the controllership. Mr. Pitcher and Mr. Wilcox both admit that they have the matter of being a candidate under consideration, but neither will say outright that he is seeking the nomination. Mr. Howell avers that he is willing to take it, but has not made any great effort to secure it.

For the office of city assessor there will undoubtedly be a host of candidates on conventional day, but so far only one man, Will J. McAndrew, of the Fourth ward, has been heard from as a probability. The nomination for assessor will doubtless rest with the slate makers of the dominant power in the convention.

HOW TO MAKE PHOTOGRAPHS

First of the Weekly Demonstrations Given at Scranton Camera Club.

The first of six weekly demonstrations on "How to Make Photographs," was given in the rooms of the Scranton Camera club last evening by Louis A. Osborne, president of the club. The demonstrator exhibited the details of photographic work from the opening of the plate box to the development of the negative.

A flashlight was made of the audience and the plate developed before them, each detail being carefully explained as the work progressed. Much valuable information was then given on how to expose plates under different conditions and how to vary the development. Next Tuesday the subject will be "How to Improve Negatives by Intensification and Reduction." These demonstrations are given every Tuesday evening free to all amateur photographers in Scranton, by tickets passed through members of the club. Tickets may be obtained by writing to E. D. Fureman, treasurer of the club, room 17, 421 Lackawanna avenue, or Beecher O'Gden, secretary, 321 Adams avenue.

DEATH OF MRS. MILLAR.

She Was the Wife of Michael Miller, of South Scranton.

Maria Magdalena, wife of Michael Miller, the retired merchant and undertaker, died at the family homestead 434 Cedar avenue, shortly before midnight last night. Her death was not unexpected, for several days past she was sinking, and the departure of her soul was hourly anticipated. Mrs. Miller was a patient sufferer from diabetes for four years. Two weeks ago she sustained an attack of the grip which hastened her death. The last four hours of her life she was partially unconscious, and was unable to recognize any of those at her bedside. Dr. Walsh was in attendance most of yesterday, and at evening he notified Mr. Miller that the end was near.

In the Rhine province in Germany, Mrs. Miller was born seventy-three years ago. Her husband and she were reared children together, and when youths, they came on the same steamer to this country, coming direct to this city. Six months later, "Squire Potter, of Dunmore, now many years dead, united them in marriage. They took up their residence in the Twelfth ward, where Mr. Miller opened a general store, remaining in

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that business twenty years. Retiring from that branch of business Mr. Miller moved to his present residence, and opened an undertaking establishment, his wife taking as she always did, an active interest in the work. The deceased was a member of the Hickory Street Presbyterian church, and was a faithful member of that congregation.

Her daughters, Miss Mary Miller, Mrs. S. S. Spruce, and one son, G. A. Miller, and granddaughter, Miss Mary Louise Miller, besides her husband, survive her. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon, services at the house at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Nord and Rev. J. C. Schaeffer, of the Hickory Street Presbyterian and Baptist churches respectively, will officiate.

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