

EVENTS OF DAY IN WEST SCRANTON

ORGANIZED GANG OF RUFFIANS IN KEYSER VALLEY.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Waylay a Pedestrian on Jackson Street Late at Night—Plans for the First Baptist Church Edifice—Effort to Secure Round Woods for Public Park—Traction Company Reduces Fare on Taylor Line—Other Notes and Personals.

An organized gang of young men are terrorizing the residents in the vicinity of Keyser avenue and Jackson street and several hold-ups have been reported from that section. From what can be learned of their doings, the band, seven in number, gather on the streets corners, armed with revolvers and terrify pedestrians as they pass late at night.

On Tuesday night about 12 o'clock a man who resides near the West Mountain was on his way home and was attacked by several of the gang. Several shots were fired and a general hand-to-hand fight followed. It is believed one of the number was shot, as he was seen limping away from the scene.

The pedestrian was also armed and it is fortunate for him that he was, as he would undoubtedly have been roughly handled.

The names of two of the gang are known and arrests may follow.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Owing to the failure of a quorum to attend last evening the meeting of the executive committee of the First Baptist church was postponed to a later date. The plans for the new edifice have arrived and are now on exhibition.

The plans and specifications prepared by Brown, Burton & Davis, architects of Cincinnati, O., are on exhibition at the residence of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Matthews, 236 North Hyde Park avenue, and the secretary of the building committee, A. B. Holmes, Connell building, where contractors can examine them.

The building will be constructed of stone and brick and will be built on the Mott lot, on South Main avenue. Bids will be received in separate departments or as a whole and the right to reserve or reject any or all bids is reserved.

EXCURSION AND PICNIC.

Arrangements have been made by the executive committee of the Patrons of the Episcopate for an excursion on Saturday to reach the picnic grounds either on the 10 a. m. or 2 p. m. train. The excursion train will

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HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.

Beware of "Something Just As Good."

leave the Delaware and Hudson depot at 8 a. m. The fare will be 75 cents. The Baptist Young People's union of the Welsh Baptist association of Northeastern Pennsylvania will run their annual excursion to Harvey's lake on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Delegations from the various societies in this section will attend. The train will leave here at 8 a. m., and adults will be charged 90 cents and children 70 cents for the round trip.

AFTER THE ROUND WOODS.

A committee from the West Side board of trade held a conference at the Round woods yesterday with Attorney W. W. Watson relative to securing an option on the land for a public park. No definite answer was received, but a reply will probably be made today and the proposition will be submitted to council this evening.

FARE REDUCED.

The Scranton Traction company has granted the request of the residents of Lincoln Heights for a five-cent fare from the central city to Stratford avenue. This enables a passenger to travel from the northern section of the city to a point below the Dodge ravine for a single fare.

The change will be a great convenience for the residents in that section and will be the means of inducing many who have heretofore hesitated about building there to erect new homes. It will also be advantageous to prospective builders on the Round woods plot.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The funeral of the late Conrad Traub was conducted at the house on West Linden street yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery.

At the prayer meeting in the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church last evening, Dominick V. Vishonoff, of Macedonia, appeared in the costume of a Greek nobleman and made a short address. The attendance was quite large.

W. H. Morgan, of Jackson street, had a narrow escape from injury last evening at the corner of Rebecca avenue, when a collision with a wagon and buggy was averted.

The local lodge Knights of Honor, have made arrangements for a special meeting at Co-operative hall tomorrow evening, when State Recorder William J. Richmond, of Erie, will be present and make an address.

The flag pole at the Hyde Park shaft was struck by lightning during the storm yesterday and knocked down.

Michael Cane, of 210 Jackson street,

DAY'S DOINGS OF DUNMORE BOROUGH

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The storm yesterday caused much damage in different parts of the borough. Trees, fences, electric wires, etc., were razed to the ground and small plank bridges and sidewalks swept away. Several places were struck by lightning and the loss will reach several hundred dollars.

The queerest freak of the work of the lightning was at the home of Ralph Bewick, on Big street. The bolt struck the roof, tearing off the shingles on one side and splitting the chimney in two, and then entered the sleeping apartments, where the plastering was torn from the walls. It then glanced downward, bulging out the siding and entering the kitchen, where the family was seated. Here, every nail in the room was driven into the boards to the depth of about one-half an inch. Strangest of all was the escape from death of one of the children. When the bolt entered the kitchen, one of the small children, a boy, had hold of the door knob. The bolt struck the door at his feet and burned quite a space. Part of the same flash struck the little one's hand that was on the knob and burned it quite badly. That he was not killed seems like a miracle, as he was surrounded by fire. The woodwork was badly burned.

The Neptune Chemical company was called out during the heavy rain storm yesterday by a supposed fire in Stiff's bakery on East Drinker street. The excitement was caused by a back draft coming from the bakery toward the street. This caused the belief that fire was in progress and an alarm from box 21 was sent in. This was found to be out of working order, having been burned out. However, a still alarm was sounded and the fire department responded immediately, but whose services were not required.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

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On Saturday of this week the Sick and Convalescent Society of Scranton will run their fourth annual excursion to Lake Poconette. The following contests and prizes will be awarded: Tug of war, box cigars; sack race, pipe and umbrella; egg and spoon race, pair of slippers, sub race, hand made bicycle, race, pair bicycle shoes; hop step and jump, sweater. There will also be a fantastic cake walk open to all. The prize will be a lady's gold ring.

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Dollar a yard quality—in lengths of two and a half yards, bleached table damask, per length..... \$1.23
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County Solicitor George S. Ferris gave his opinion on the matter, and said: "Judge Woodward wrote a very strong opinion, and I don't know what will be the next step in the matter. The commissioners cannot do anything until these further recommendations by the grand jury. It may be six months or a year before anything further is done in the matter."

County Commissioner John M. Jones, in speaking of Judge Woodward's opinion, said he did not know what step the commissioners would take next until a meeting is held with their attorneys and the legal aspect of the case defined. "I, personally, have nothing to say about the opinion," he said. "The new court house project is sadly mixed up, and I don't know where we are at. I suppose the first thing to do is to hold a meeting."

SCARCITY OF LOBSTERS.

Attributed to the Increase in the Canning Industry.
From the New York Herald.

There is a dearth of lobsters in the market this winter, and they are higher than ever before, both canned and in the green state. An old-time New England industry has reached a stage where it is unable to meet the demand, supplying one-tenth of the demand. Nearly 95 per cent. of the supply comes from the British provinces today, and the New England states, which less than twenty years ago shipped 100,000,000 lobsters to market annually, produce only a little more than enough to meet the local demand.

"I can remember the day when a storm would drive the crustaceans ashore in such numbers along the New England coast that you could collect them by the hundreds," said a Fulton market fish dealer, commenting on the present small supply. "We used to drive down to the coast then with a cart and load up with lobsters. Why, here in Fulton market when I first opened my stand we sold them wholesale at 4 cents a pound. The trawl fishermen then were so bothered with the lobsters that they were glad to see them scooped up and shipped away. Then the prices went up, the canning factories were established and everybody went lobstering in the season."

"Well, the canning factories proved the death of the industry. They used up so many lobsters that in a few years the supply began to dwindle. In Maine alone nearly half a hundred lobster factories started up, and in 1889 the output of the factories amounted to 400,000 cans. Now that was too much of a strain to put upon any sea industry. It should never have been allowed. If they had sold them wholesale at 4 cents a pound, the trawl fishermen then were so bothered with the lobsters that they were glad to see them scooped up and shipped away. Then the prices went up, the canning factories were established and everybody went lobstering in the season."

"We cannot build on the river common. We have not the power to do so. We are not allowed to spend public money for a site until authorized to do so by the grand jury. It would cost \$99 to lease the river common plot for the term specified. I think it is an outrage that we should have

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