

CARBONDALE.

23 YEARS OF SERVICE.

J. C. Bencoscer Resigns the Sunday School Superintendency.

The Methodist Sunday school has elected new officers as follows: Superintendent, L. D. Wolfe; assistant superintendent, L. L. Loveland; financial secretary, Frank Gates; recording secretary, Bert Dix; librarian, Frank Klipatrick; assistant librarian, Dr. W. J. Baker; organist, John Evans; chorister, L. L. Loveland. Primary department, superintendent, Miss May Penney; assistants, Lena Bronson and Mary Stephens. To the regret of all concerned, J. C. Bencoscer resigned his position as superintendent of the infant department, a position which he has filled very creditably for the past twenty-three years. It was upon Mr. Bencoscer's very urgent request that his resignation was accepted. Miss Anna Berry was elected to succeed him.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Select council met last evening and defeated the telephone ordinance on third reading by a vote. A resolution was adopted instructing the chairman of council to appoint committees of two members each to act in conjunction with the executive committee to further the municipal water scheme.

FRED SHIELDS TO WED.

Dr. Frederick B. Shields, of Victoria, Texas, son of Dr. S. S. Shields of this city, is to wed Miss Mary Clarke, the daughter of a rich ranch owner of that place. The nuptial ceremony will occur the middle of January. The prospective groom is well known here, having spent his youth in Carbondale and many friends will wish him God-speed.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Friends in this city will be pained to learn of the illness of Rev. J. V. Hussie, formerly of this place.

Mrs. Thomas Rankin has returned to her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. W. W. Copeland was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

H. C. Butler, esp., and Hon. J. F. Reynolds were in Scranton on business yesterday.

Pupils of the eighth grade in the Central building are preparing for an entertainment to be given Dec. 22.

T. A. Rutherford is home from Princeton for his Christmas vacation.

John Toolan is seriously ill at his home on Church street.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Successful Entertainment—Overcrowded Street Car—School Board Meeting Tonight.

The entertainment given by Miss Jessie L. Stearns, of Peckville, and her local pupils in aid of the Congregational church, on Saturday evening, was largely attended and the excellent programme presented was thoroughly listened to. The little children collected much credit on their teacher and it must be a matter of congratulation to Miss Stearns that they all did so well.

We have heard several complaints from people of the borough who go to patronize the street car going north in the morning, on account of the overcrowding of the car by the workmen engaged in making the alterations along the track. While at ordinary times the car is pretty well filled by passengers, the addition of the range of workmen picked up along the road make it most uncomfortable. For several mornings past as many as sixty people have been crowded into the car, and the people complaining appear to be talking with reason when they say the company ought to run an extra car for their workmen.

The hazard which has been running in Enterprise hall for several nights was brought to a successful close last evening. The operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood," was again successfully given and the motion songs of Little Albee, of Archbald, much enjoyed.

Harry Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, was yesterday the guest of Thomas M. Davis, of Second street.

Dave, Eddie and Willie Williams, of Second street, were in Scranton Sunday visiting their father, John T. Williams, who is at Dr. Thompson's hospital, where he lately underwent an operation. As yet unknown, Mr. Williams is progressing satisfactorily.

Mrs. Dr. Lloyd, of Chicago, and Mrs. Bencoscer, of Carbondale, were guests of Mrs. John R. Jones, of North Main street, Saturday.

The adjourned meeting of the school board will be held this evening for the purpose of electing a director to succeed Mr. Gammon and to elect a teacher. The result of the meeting will be awaited with a good deal of interest.

OLYMPIANT.

Word was received yesterday announcing the death of Mrs. Mary Warren, formerly of this place, which occurred at her home in New York Saturday. Death was due to heart disease. Mrs. Warren before her marriage was Miss Mary Griffiths and a sister of D. L. and Richard Griffiths, at this place who were deeply grieved by her demise. Undertaker D. G. Jones went to New York yesterday morning and took charge of the remains. They were removed here on the late train last night. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The funeral of Mrs. and Mrs. Michael Fitzpatrick, who was injured on

Thursday last took place from the family home in Blakely Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors. The remains were interred in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Roy Kelly is home from Stroudsburg State Normal school to spend Christmas.

The Sunday school scholars of the Congregational church are preparing for the Christmas exercises, which will be held in the church next Saturday evening.

V. C. Hanners, of Carbondale, was a caller in town yesterday.

Contractor Flannagan with a force of men yesterday commenced work on the extension of the First sewer district to be laid along Lloyd's court and also on Jones street.

Miss Sarah Ruddy, of Hawley, who has been the guest of Miss Mary Rogan, has returned home.

William Walker, of Mayfield, visited relatives at this place Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Clark, of Green Ridge, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mason, of Scotch street.

George Wallace, of Wilkes-Barre, spent a few days in town.

TAYLOR NEWS.

Arranging for the Fair—Local Branch of United Mine Workers to Meet—Other Interesting Notes.

The coming fair of the Church of the Immaculate Conception opens in Weber's rink on Christmas day, to continue during the remainder of the holidays, and is becoming the absorbing topic of the present among our people here. The members of the congregation are leaving no stone unturned whatever in arranging for the event. Every thing is being elaborately arranged for the occasion, and it promises to excel anything yet held in this town. The articles are of a beautiful variety and both costly and ornamental. A musical programme will be given each evening and the very best of talent will participate. The price of admission will be ten cents.

Funeral Director T. J. Davis has just purchased from a firm in New York city a handsome cushion tire coach and is leaving no stone unturned whatever in arranging for the event.

John W. Rovensky, the popular and widely known druggist, has announced his candidacy for school controller in the Second ward.

Seymour Tidd, the well known dealer in green groceries, has moved his place of business from Main street to Old Forge street on the corner.

Misses Eva Davis and Annie Devan, of West Scranton, visited friends here on the Sabbath.

Local Branch No. 1213, United Mine Workers of America, will hold an important business session this evening at Esselton's hall, on Union street.

Fred Carey, the popular young electrician of this borough, has accepted a position with the Scranton Electric Light company.

Misses Gladys Samuels and Lizzie Jenkins were the guests of Pittston friends yesterday.

Mr. Samuel Stemen has returned to Banzor, Pa., after visiting relatives here. Emblem Division No. 57, Sons of Temperance, nominated officers last evening.

The congregation of the Welsh Baptist church is arranging to hold an Elks' banquet on Washington's birthday, February 22.

Mrs. Joseph Davis, of Main street, who has been seriously ill for the past month, will be removed to the West Side hospital today, where Dr. J. W. Houser, of this town, and who is physician at that institution, will be her attendant.

A game of football will be played on the river side grounds on Christmas day morning between the same teams that put up such an interesting game on Thanksgiving day. Much interest is being manifested in the coming contest.

Worthy of Record.

Moscow, Pa., Dec. 18, 1899.—An uncle of Mrs. George Miller, of this place had a large ulcer on one of his limbs. After being lanced it became a running sore. He began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, however, and after taking five bottles the sore was healed.

PECKVILLE.

The condition of Mr. George Kingsley is critical.

Mr. R. H. Moon, who is a student at Dickinson school, Carlisle, is home to spend the holiday vacation.

Iola Scott has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. G. B. Reed spent yesterday at Scranton.

Mr. R. R. Stewart, of Kimball, spent Sunday in town.

Our item yesterday morning relative to the change of name of the Peckville Store company to Keystone Store company was in error made to read Stove company in both instances.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others. Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder, but has pained her continually for nine years. We tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—Adolph L. Millet, Manchester, N. H. For sale by all druggists, Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

A Soft Seat.

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"Why is that?"

"He sits on her almost every day."—Philadelphia North American.

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Don't Accept Substitutes. THEATRICAL. The Boston Ideal Club. Another of the Brockway series of entertainments was given at the Lyceum last night, when the Boston Ideal club appeared and gave a concert that was received with much favor by the audience.

The Limit Has Been Reached. A burlesque and vaudeville entertainment under the guise of "Demons at Six" is the attraction at the Gaiety this week. There is nothing about the performance that would suggest anything like the "Demons at Six" or in fact any other burlesque, but some very lively business is furnished, calculated to make one forget minor details in the way of accuracy.

"Cyrano de Bergerac." According to the Brooklyn Eagle, Mr. Francis Wilson, in "Cyrano de Bergerac," is a humorist in the exact meaning of the term. He produces his effects by quiet and droll methods and with an assumed seriousness that is delightful. In Cyrano he has an excellent opportunity for the display of his humor.

A NOVEL BULL FIGHT. The Victim Takes the Offensive and Causes a Panic. The world of fashion betook itself today to Duell, near Enghien, to see a real bull fight, in which the bulls were to be killed. It was to be, moreover, a fantastic bull fight, as Robert Felix, the champion, had a terrifically hairy Laverito and Lazzarillo were to be sent forward. The performance was greatly advertised, and meant to draw "a haute canaille"—a name to which Cyrano, as represented by the White Carnation, is, I fear, entitled—and it was accordingly a grand success. The snappers. Special trains were run, as for Chantilly on racing Sundays. All the "mondains," all the sportsmen who wanted to flout the president by absenting themselves from Long-champs, all the elegant women, who were of course in the craving for a new sort of excitement, all the world's myths. An immense volume might be written upon the persistence of the sea-serpent legend, beginning away back in the twilight of history and carried right down into this present year of grace. And such a mountain of apparently unapproachable evidence might be collected in favor of the existence of such a monster or monsters that the most skeptical of mankind, being unpossessed of any personal experience of the matter, might well be excused for giving in their allegiance to the belief in sea serpents, even though they were represented as hugely incredible as the million-league-long specimen portrayed in the Brahminic account of the universal deluge.

MARINE MONSTERS. Sailors as a Class Do Not Believe in Sea Serpents. F. T. Bullen in London Star. To the curious in such matters it must be intensely interesting to note how vigorous, even in these latter days, and in the most prominent centers of civilization, is the craving for one of the most ancient and mysterious of the world's myths. An immense volume might be written upon the persistence of the sea-serpent legend, beginning away back in the twilight of history and carried right down into this present year of grace. And such a mountain of apparently unapproachable evidence might be collected in favor of the existence of such a monster or monsters that the most skeptical of mankind, being unpossessed of any personal experience of the matter, might well be excused for giving in their allegiance to the belief in sea serpents, even though they were represented as hugely incredible as the million-league-long specimen portrayed in the Brahminic account of the universal deluge.

time, have brought home hair-raising stories about the sea serpents—aye! and have taken affidavits as to the truth of their reports, too. But it must be said also that many of these yarns leave their concocters without excuse, for it should at once have been evident to a seaman that the monster viewed was nothing more serpent-like than a crocodile, one of the long, slender whales that are found on the coast of nearly every country in the world. The latest story from Campbelltown bears all the marks of being built up out of a rascal, its "lug-sail" fins having doubtless sprung up mushroomlike under the eye of the observer. Or, more likely still, it may have been a basking shark, of which there are many specimens in the British waters twenty feet long—a length that would easily and naturally lend itself to triple expansion.

Undoubtedly the basis of the majority of sea-serpent stories is the gigantic cuttle-fish, whose long, slender tentacles have been handed down to us from the remotest times, although strange to say, within the last century even scientific men found it easier to accept sea-serpent fables as true than accurate descriptions of the cuttle-fish. On June 4, 1896, I published in the Nature a report of a conflict between a sperm whale and an immense cuttle-fish, being moved thereby by reading a translation of a paper read by the prince of Monaco before the Academie des Sciences in Paris. It was the fragments of a huge cuttle-fish, the ejecta of a sperm whale which he was said to have killed. And I then stated that such a slight would abundantly justify any number of sea-serpent yarns, with waving manes, glaring eyes, and fins in fact, all the usual appendages. My report was not drawn forth from the veteran Dr. Andrew Wilson the remark in the Illustrated London News of July 11, 1896, that I had finally settled the sea-serpent question. The good professor was so easily as the fish, perhaps in this utilitarian and unbelieving age it is just as well they should not.

The Lester Walter Stock company began a week's engagement last night at the Lyceum by producing "A Prince of Russia." The company is headed by Lester Walter and is composed of a number of very competent actors. The play presented last night is in five acts and is one of strong and sustained interest. It was staged in a very acceptable manner.

A number of good specialties were introduced between the acts. This afternoon the company will present "Old New Hampshire," and tonight "The Fatal Wedding."

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. Schedule in Effect November 19, 1899.

Trains leave Scranton: 6.45 a. m., week days, for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and for Pittsburg and the West. 9.38 a. m., week days, for Hazleton, Pottsville, Reading, Norristown, and Philadelphia; and for Sunbury, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburg and the West.

Del., Lacka. and Western. In Effect Dec. 17, 1899. ROUTE—Leave Scranton for New York at 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a. m. For Philadelphia at 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 a. m. For Harrisburg at 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00 a. m. For Baltimore at 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00 a. m. For Washington at 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30 a. m.

Delaware and Hudson. On Nov. 15th, 1899, trains will leave Scranton as follows: For Carbondale—6:20, 7:35, 8:50, 10:15, 11:30 a. m. For Pottsville—6:35, 7:50, 9:05, 10:20, 11:35 a. m. For Reading—6:50, 8:05, 9:20, 10:35, 11:50 a. m. For Philadelphia—7:05, 8:20, 9:35, 10:50, 12:05 p. m. For Harrisburg—7:20, 8:35, 9:50, 11:05, 12:20 p. m. For Baltimore—7:35, 8:50, 10:05, 11:20, 12:35 p. m. For Washington—7:50, 9:05, 10:20, 11:35, 12:50 p. m.

Lehigh Valley Railroad. In Effect—Nov. 19th, 1899. TRAINS LEAVE SCRANTON: For Philadelphia and New York, via D. & H. R. R., at 6:45 a. m. and 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m. Sundays, D. & H. R. R., 1:58, 7:18 p. m. For White Haven, Hazleton and principal points in the coal regions, via D. & H. R. R., at 6:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m. For Pottsville, Reading, Reading, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, via D. & H. R. R., at 6:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m. For Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Harrisburg and principal intermediate stations, via D. & H. R. R., at 6:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m. For Genoa, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Chicago, and all points west, via D. & H. R. R., at 6:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m. For Erie, via Erie, at 6:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00 p. m.

Eric and Wyoming Valley. Time Table in Effect Sept. 11th, 1899. Trains leave Scranton for New York, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, via Erie and Lehigh Valley, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Erie, via Erie, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Pottsville, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Reading, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Harrisburg, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Baltimore, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m. For Washington, at 7:00 a. m. and 2:25 p. m.

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The Drummer Was Diplomatic. Assistant Secretary of State Thomas W. Cridler in the discharge of his diplomatic duties has crossed the ocean probably more times than any other official in that branch of the National Government. On one voyage he made the acquaintance of a traveling salesman whose companionability was marred by curiosity.

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