

THE NEW WARD OPENS TODAY

ADDITION TO LACKAWANNA HOSPITAL NOW COMPLETE.

Fourteen Small Boy and Girl Patients Will Today Move Into Their New Quarters, the W. T. Smith Children's Ward of the Lackawanna Hospital—This Addition to the Institution is One of the Best Equipped and Handsomest Children's Wards in the State.

What is considered by a number of persons, excellently qualified as judges, to be one of the finest children's wards attached to any hospital in the state, will be opened today when the small patients at the Lackawanna hospital will be moved into the new wing, donated by Mrs. W. T. Smith, in memory of her late husband, and which is to be known as "The W. T. Smith Children's Ward."

The structure itself has been already described in detail in these columns, but now that it has been completely finished and furnished it presents a fine appearance, and has a fresh, delightful air about it which will make it a sort of little Eden for the tiny buds and blossoms who are to be its occupants.

The ward is fitted entirely in white and blue, and the big fire place near the entrance adds to the general appearance of cheerfulness and comfort. The room has near the door a large, generally associated with hospital wards, but has a sunny, wholesome appearance which in itself will not act as an excellent tonic for the young patients.

In the rear of the ward is a fastidiously operating room, to be used only for children's cases. It is elaborately provided with glass tables, and all the necessary operating paraphernalia. Near by are the baths, and lavatories.

The boys' eye clinic, contrasting strongly with the handsome polished floor of the ward.

On the second floor is the convalescents' room, bright and airy, and a smaller ward with six cots in it. This apartment is prettily fitted in pink and white, and in its rear is a small apartment with two small cots, where any children suffering from particularly serious illnesses are to be treated.

The third floor is devoted to isolation cases, three rooms being set aside for this purpose, and the apartments of the four or five nurses, who will attend to the ward, are also on this floor.

The ward is, in itself, a miniature hospital. Nothing has been left undone, and everything pertaining to an establishment of this kind is provided with the small refrigerators on each floor. A number of charitable persons have contributed a large stock of children's clothing to the hospital, and each of the four or five nurses who will enter the new quarters will be provided with a complete, warm and comfortable wardrobe.

WELL LIGHTED AND HEATED. The ward is lighted by gas and electric lights and steam heated, and will be a lasting and most substantial reminder of the good man in whose memory it was erected. The expense of furnishing it was defrayed by the "Children's Ward Fund" of the hospital.

Work was begun on the building in the early spring by Contractor Conrad Schroeder. It was built from plans drawn by Architect E. C. Holden, and is of an ornate and striking style of architecture. It is constructed principally of brick, with a granite base.

MAYOR FAVORS SETTLEMENT.

Thinks Turnpike Company's Offer Should Be Accepted.

There seems to be a general sentiment in favor of the proposed settlement of the Abington turnpike dispute by having the city pave West Market street, in return for which the company will deed over all its rights to that thoroughfare.

REUNION AND SOCIAL.

Enjoyable Affair Given by Knights of Ancient Essenic Order.

A very entertaining reunion and social was given last night in Malta Temple by Palestine senate, No. 963, Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order. It was the fourth of the series of social entertainments given by the order since its organization, one and a half years ago.

An orchestra, consisting of Fred Whitman, violin; W. Stanton, cornet; C. Knowles, clarinet; Llewellyn Jones, piano; rendered several numbers, and E. Vandercroft gave two finely executed violin solos.

E. L. Haas sang a splendid bass solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Clara Haas, and Miss Lena Reichart, pianist. Lillian Latta's "Lena di Lammernoor" with fine effect.

The Meses May and Bertha Guernsey sang a duet, White's "O Tell Us, Merry Birds." Following the entertainment, Caterer Mrs. Mary J. Guernsey, banquet. The committee in charge consisted of M. E. Sanders, chairman; J.

W. Guernsey, B. F. Tinkham, E. L. Haas, W. V. Handrick and Frank Hornbaker.

BATTLE WAS DISCHARGED.

Jennie Mitchell Did Not Appear to Press Charges Against Him.

There was to have been a hearing before Alderman Millar yesterday afternoon in the case of Morris Battle, colored, of Center street, whom Jennie Mitchell, of West Lackawanna, was charged with breaking into her bedroom and attempting to outrage her.

The hearing was to take place at 2 o'clock. Battle, who had been confined in the Center street station, was present, and in readiness to readjust the trying of the case. This was the second date set for it, but the plaintiff did not appear, and when half an hour elapsed, Alderman Millar discharged Battle.

A ROBIN HOOD JUNIOR.

Small Boy Runs Away from Home for Life in the Woods.

Earl Finch, a fourteen-year-old boy, living in Peckville, was last night taken to the county jail on the charge of incriminating himself by stealing a quantity of powder, which he had taken away from home at irregular intervals and living a wild life in the woods.

For several days he has been playing Robin Hood in a cave, which he dug in the woods, some distance from his home. He fitted this up with an empty powder keg and numerous other articles which might have been once dangerous. He brought his small brother to the den, and then it was that he was arrested by big Deputy Sheriff Jake Ferber.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Drunken Man Falls Through Western Union's Window.

A drunken man staggered along Lackawanna avenue yesterday afternoon and stumbling down the steps of the Western Union Telegraph office lurched heavily against the window. In so doing he broke the pane of glass, and at the same time fell with a shriek of pain to the ground.

He groaned deeply and Patrolmen Karpis and Day with the patrol wagon soon made their appearance. The injured man was taken to the Lackawanna hospital, where Dr. J. W. Busch examined him and found that one rib was broken. This was attended to, and the patient was then removed to the central station.

YOUTHFUL VAGRANTS.

John Conley and Charles Wise, the two tramps arrested Thursday at the home of Sergeant of Police Charles Ridgway, in Green Ridge, on suspicion of being the persons who for some time past have been guilty of extensive milk stealing in that section of the city, yesterday morning.

They are mere boys, the one sixteen and the other fifteen years of age, and gave Brooklyn as their home. They are supposed to be runaways, and will be held until a further investigation has been made.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

THE 100-M. foot ball season came to an end with the Thanksgiving game, and while one more game may yet be played, nevertheless foot ball's day is now over for 1900.

There is considerable talk of a match between an all-star team and the champion eleven of Lackawanna county, the St. Thomas natives. Captain Eugene Tropp, of the High school, is back of the movement to organize and lead a score eleven of city players to meet the members of the college and white team.

Charlie Gilbert, the famous Pennsylvania half-back and end, is among the players who it is reported will form the nucleus of the team. All local enthusiasts hope that such an eleven may be organized and while the weather still allows, that one more match will be played at Athletic park. There are numerous strong players to be had from Scranton, and with the numerous gridiron veterans living here, would present an exceedingly strong lineup.

The members of the St. Thomas foot ball eleven will be entertained tonight at the college hall by a smoker and entertainment. All the players and substitutes will be present and a thoroughly enjoyable time is promised.

Besides the social side of the night there will be a meeting of the team to elect a captain and manager. Emmett Kikwood, this year's fast end and half-back, is a strong candidate to succeed William Lyburn, the captain. Kikwood is a universal favorite, a good player and well posted in the game and would make an excellent leader.

The only local event arousing any great interest among the followers of sporting events are the wrestling matches at the Bicycle club and the football matches at the city hall. It will be interesting to note in this latter department by two very strong teams in North and South Scranton, and the matches they play have been eagerly followed by the thousands of spectators.

The football season has not started, but all the teams are getting their legs and arms into daily getting into practice. Every man who makes a local team must qualify for his place by making a name for himself in some of the most important matches which will be held in the near future.

Several high base ball teams are expected to be developed at next week's meeting of the National league in New York, and it is anticipated that there will be numerous trades of players. It is said that Selee, the wily manager of the Boston Beaneaters, is planning to "swap" practically his entire outfit and pitching staff. The prospect of this move will probably be retained, but it is rumored about that the men who are to be traded are Pitchers Lewis, Willis and Hinger and outfielders Hamilton, Stahl, Budy, Freeman and Barry.

CARBONDALE.

THE STRIKE TO GO ON.

At a Large Meeting of Employees Last Evening This Action Was Decided on—The Strikers Claim That the Central Labor Union Committee Which Waited on Mr. Frieder Was Ignorant of the Real Conditions—A Committee of Each Class of Workmen in the Mill Will Visit Him Now.

The silk mill strike will continue. A meeting of the strikers was held last evening in McTigue's hall, and the report of the committee which waited on Mr. Frieder was received. Owing to the ignorance of the Central Labor Union of the real conditions, the terms of the silk business, the committee did not thoroughly understand the matter. It had been the committee's idea that the raise offered by Mr. Frieder applied to all the employees of the mill, but the strikers claim it applies to only one of the several grades of hands at work. Mr. Frieder's offer, as the committee understood it, was to pay fifty cents per frame per night. Five frames constituted a night's work, so this would not be the employee seventy-five cents per night. In addition to this, he would get a bonus of twenty cents each night, making a total of ninety-five cents.

The employees claim that this raise applied only to the "first time" strikers, while the other hands would not be benefited. Mr. Frieder claims that he is now paying higher rates than any of the other mills in this vicinity, and offered to pay the expenses of a committee to go and investigate the matter.

The union committee reported the conditions as they saw them, but left the question of a settlement entirely to the hands. A vote was taken and they decided to stay out. The men present suggested that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Frieder, the committee to contain representatives of each class of workers in the mill. The suggestion was followed out and the committee will meet tonight to draw up a schedule of the rates wanted, which will be presented to the superintendent. If he refuses to sign it, he will be asked to give a written statement of what he will give for the strikers to act on.

MINES SHUT DOWN.

Coalbrook Breaker Fails to Keep Up with Output of South Side Mines.

The Powderly, Coalbrook and Nos. 1 and 2 mines, located on the South Side, and all other mines in the district, were shut down yesterday, and the streets of the central city presented the same sort of appearance that they did during the recent strike. Knots of men were standing on all the streets, corners and formed rings out in the center of the street in many places.

The cause of the shutdown is that Coalbrook breaker had proved inadequate to prepare all the coal mined for it. The Powderly mines had got so far ahead of it that it was not advisable to shut them down to catch up. When this breaker was constructed it was said that it was the largest in the world, that it could cut up coal faster than it could be mined, and lots of other extravagant statements were made.

It is said by those who profess to know that a new breaker, similar in most details to the present one, will be erected by the company on the South Side. At present they will draft different openings, which varies in quality, is mixed in the breaker, whereas, if a new one was constructed, this could be obviated to a great extent. It was said, however, that one of the main objects of the company in erecting the Coalbrook breaker, was to be able to mix the coal, thus getting a uniform grade.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Executive Committee Meets, Drafts a Number of Governing Rules and Will Call a Meeting of General Committee.

The plans for Carbondale's semi-centennial jubilee received another boost last evening. The executive committee of the celebration met at Attorney O'Neill's office in the Burke building last evening and conferred on the preparations to be present. There were present, Attorney O'Neill, City Treasurer Connor, Messrs. Gitman, Brown, Swigart, Sabm and Mulloy.

BARBERS ORGANIZE.

The Knights of the Razor Will Now Be in Line with the Unionists.

The "tonorial professors" of this city, at a meeting held on Thursday evening, resolved to form a union of their own, and forthwith proceeded in accordance with this resolution. The meeting was held in E. Nielsen's shop and was attended by nearly all the barbers in town. A. O. Fildam was chosen as chairman.

The meeting finally resolved to organize the trade in this city, have uniform rates for tonorial work, keep closed on Sundays and to regulate the hours on week days. The following were elected temporary officers: A. O. Fildam, president; Richard Mann, secretary; Thomas Mannion, financial secretary; E. Nielsen, treasurer. A meeting will be held in the near future to effect permanent organization.

THE PASSING THROUG.

William Lewis spent last evening in Scranton. James Adley, Jr., of Forty-second street, is here.

GRAND SOCIAL.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 1900. Music by Miss Kate Reardon, of Scranton.

this city yesterday on official business.

Miss Rose Williams, of Port Jervis, is visiting relatives in town. Miss Lizzie Jones, of Dunmore, is the guest of friends in town. Miss Alice Gallagher, of Scranton, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Mrs. H. Stearns has returned from an extended visit in Toronto, Canada. Miss Laura Dix, of Garfield avenue, who has been sick for some time, is out again.

SHIPBUILDERS AT WASHINGTON.

Eight Bidders for the Construction of Five Battleships and Six Armored Cruisers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 7.—There was quite a gathering of shipbuilders assembled in the office of the secretary of the navy at noon today to witness the opening of bids for an amount of naval construction which Secretary Long dominated as the greatest industrial event this or any other country had ever seen, involving the placing of contracts for about \$50,000,000.

There were eight bidders for the construction of the five battleships and six armored cruisers. All of the bids were within the limit of cost fixed by the appropriation. There were a number of modifications from specifications in many cases, however, so that a careful inspection will be necessary to determine which of the bids are actually the lowest. The indications on the face of the bids are that the successful bidders for one or more vessels will be the Newport company, the Trampus, the Fore River works, of Massachusetts, the Union Iron works, of San Francisco, and perhaps Moran Bros. & Co., of Seattle, Wash.

A naval board will consider the bids and report upon them. The acts of congress limit the cost of the cruisers to \$3,000,000 each, and of the battleships to \$4,250,000 for the sheathed and \$4,000,000 for the un-sheathed.

RACE TRACK DECISIONS.

Made by the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 7.—The board of review of the National Trotting association continued its session today. J. Johns, of Pungstunway, Pa., made application for release from fines imposed for pulling by order of Judge J. D. Porter. The application was denied.

OLYPHANT.

The members of Keystone camp of Modern Woodmen of America entertained a large number of their friends at a smoker on Thursday night. Edwards' hall was the scene of the occasion, and it may be said that it was one of the most enjoyable affairs held here during the year.

FOUR BOYS PUBLICLY LASHED.

Arrested for Theft, and Soundly Drubbed with Bicycle Tire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—Four boys were publicly lashed on Thursday night by Judge Wintry. The boys had stolen a barrel of apples from a freight car, and the judge released the lot on condition that they should be given a good whipping in the back-up corridors.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—The supreme court today, through Judge McHugh, approved the judgment of the superior court that no estate, real or personal, can be bequeathed to any person in trust for religious or charitable uses, except the same be stated in a will, at least one calendar month before the death of the testator.

RECEPTION TO LORD ROBERTS.

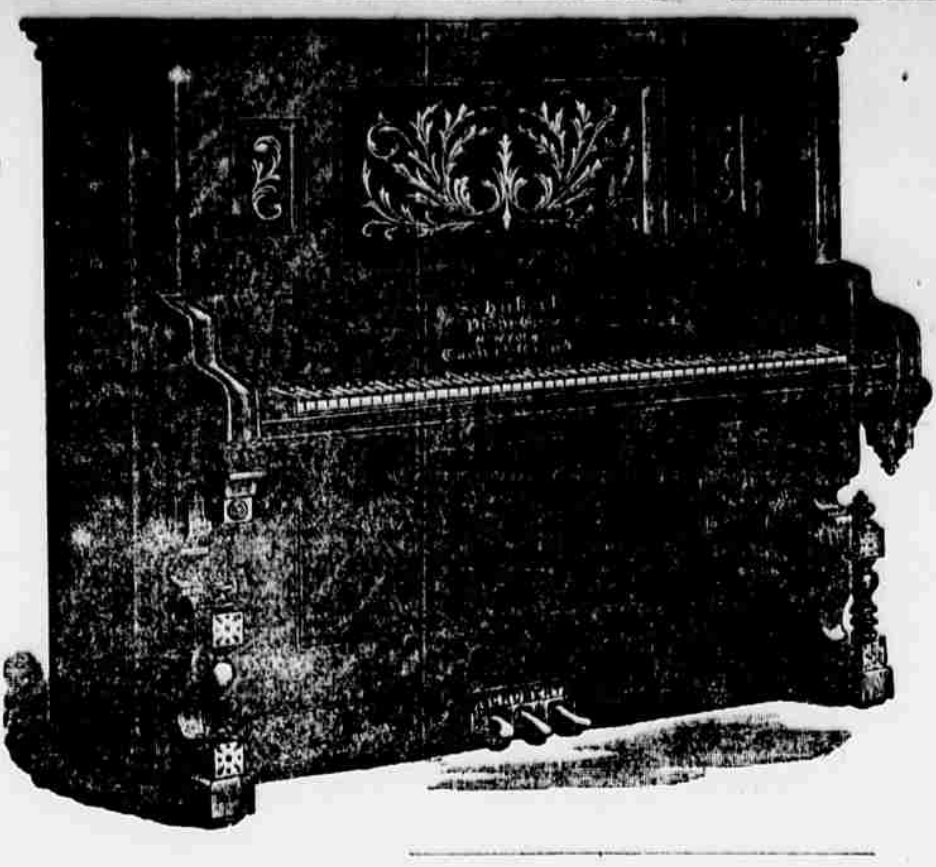
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Dec. 7.—Lord Roberts arrived here this morning on board the "Australia," and was met by a splendid reception.

TAKE TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Loxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure you. Wm. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c.

PRICEBURG.

On Thursday evening last at the home of Mrs. Flora Barab, on Lincoln street, a party was given in honor of Miss Norma Morgan. Refreshments were served and games of amusement were in order.



The finest and most complete wholesale and retail musical establishment in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Great inducements and great attractions will be offered during the Holidays.

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Remember the Place—Guernsey Hall 314 Washington Avenue, Scranton, Pa. J. W. GUERNSEY, Proprietor.

MOOSIC. The regular business meeting of the Moosic school board will be held Monday evening at the usual place of meeting. The Ladies Aid society of the Church of the Immaculate Conception will hold a supper and entertainment on Monday evening in the basement of the church. Remember that each purchaser or holder of an omnibus ticket will be entitled to a chance on a beautiful parlor lamp.

PECKVILLE. Services in the Presbyterian church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. S. H. Moon, D. D., pastor. Sunday school in morning. "The Abundant Entrance," evening. "The Blind Man and His Seeing," all welcome. The borough electric light plant has never paid running expenses and the taxpayers of Peckville are burdened with high taxation. It is proposed that the plant be sold to the Peckville Electric Light Company, which will be organized to keep up steam, that they do not think it feasible to employ a man at this time, as the plant is running behind each month. In fact, so interested have the taxpayers become in the matter of the plant, that they have organized a committee to purchase the plant, and shortly if a man is employed, an injunction will be served to protect the plant's interest.

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