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CITY NOTES

ANNUAL PEW LETTING.—The annual pew letting of the Penn Avenue Baptist church will take place tomorrow night commencing at 8 o'clock.

MEETING TODAY.—There will be a meeting of the household section of the Green Ridge Woman's club in the Green Ridge library at 2:30 Monday afternoon.

CLASS SOCIAL.—The first social under the auspices of the Columbia dancing class will be held at the club rooms on Thursday evening next. Bauer's orchestra will furnish music.

"THE HIDDEN GEM."—In the Lyceum theater on Tuesday evening the students of St. Thomas' college will produce Cardinal Wiseman's drama, "The Hidden Gem." The cast of characters is entirely composed of the pupils of the college.

CRUSHED HIS FINGERS.—Frederick Barrett, 10 years of age, of Prossburg, had two fingers on his left hand badly crushed Saturday while coupling cars at Storrs' shaft. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital, where the fingers were amputated.

PARTICIPANTS IN FETE.—All who are to participate in the Marie Antoinette fete are requested to meet at the board of trade building in what was formerly the Dewey book store tonight at 8 o'clock. Chaperons of all the dances will meet there at 7:30.

PRESENT FROM COLONEL RIPPLE.—Major Millar Saturday received a large mounted portrait of Major General Miles and Adjutant General Stewart, a present from Colonel Ripple. The ensemble is a military camp and it is a work of art. It is highly prized by its owner.

SMALL MEETING.—The McAll auxiliary will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. James A. Lisen, 622 Jefferson avenue, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The auxiliary will observe the anniversary of Dr. McAll's first service in Paris, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

CHANGES AT LIBRARY.—Workmen are engaged in converting the lecture room on the second floor of the Albright Memorial library into a reading room for adults. It is the intention of devoting the present general reading room on the first floor exclusively to children.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The directors of the rescue mission will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Rescue mission home, 111 Franklin avenue. A cordial invitation to those who have been members of the board during the previous year is hereby extended. There will be the annual election of officers.

PAY-DAYS.—The Lackawanna completed its pay in this district by paying the trainmen Saturday. Those who were unable to go around

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on the regular days will be paid today. The Delaware and Hudson, paid at the Hackley Creek station, at Carbondale, the passengers crew and the Honesdale branch Saturday.

PAID THE BILL.—Gerie Kiek, of Bridge street, was arrested late Saturday night on the charge of attempting to leave the city with the intention of defrauding her wash woman, Mary Smith, of Raymond court, out of \$5.00. She was arraigned at Carbondale by Miller and released upon paying the bill and the \$5.00.

CAR MEN ORGANIZE.—About thirty-five of the cab and coach drivers and stationers of the city met last night in the Grand Central hotel and formed a branch of the International Team Drivers' union of America. Another meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 23, when a permanent organization will be effected.

WEEK'S CLEARINGS.—At the Traders' National bank the following clearings are reported for the week ending January 12: Monday, \$248,450.30; Tuesday, \$615,450.10; Wednesday, \$251,750.25; Thursday, \$181,750.10; Friday, \$185,175.50; Saturday, \$50,850.15. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$1,064,807.75.

QUARTERLY CONVENTION TOTAL ABSTINENCE MEN

Address by Rev. J. J. Curran, President of the Diocesan Union, Was a Feature of the Gathering.

At the quarterly convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence societies of the First district of the Scranton Diocese union held yesterday afternoon in St. John's hall, on Capouse avenue, a splendid address was delivered by Rev. J. J. Curran, of Wilkes-Barre, president of the union.

Rev. Father Curran advised the delegates present to do all in their power to get the societies they represented out of the rut in which they appeared to have got entangled and to arouse more enthusiasm in the temperance movement than is now displayed. He pointed to the labor organizations, especially the United Mine Workers, who recently won a big struggle for higher wages, and urged the temperance societies to pattern themselves after such organizations.

It was decided after a great deal of discussion to conduct an entertainment in St. Thomas' college hall some time within the next few weeks for the purpose of replenishing the district treasury. The arrangements for this affair were left in the hands of the board of officers and a committee of two members from each society.

It was decided to have pledge cards printed and distributed in all the Catholic churches in the city just before Lent, which soon begins. These cards contain a pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors during the season of Lent and it was stated yesterday that many of those who sign them are led to forsake drink for all time.

The board of directors was instructed to do all in their power before the next convention to bring the St. John's society, of South Scranton, back into the union. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, We, the delegates of the Second district of Scranton diocese in convention now assembled, feel that the cause of total abstinence could be further advanced by each society arousing enthusiasm and showing more activity in bringing our societies up to the standard.

Resolved, That it would be beneficial to the cause to secure the national lecturer to deliver a course of lectures throughout the district; the expense of such a tour to be defrayed as each society may determine, and be it further

Resolved, That the officers of the district board aid to the best of their ability the lady organizers in establishing ladies societies and

Resolved, That questions to be discussed at quarterly conventions be sent to each society a month previous to the time of convention in order that each society may fully discuss them, so that their representatives will be able to discuss them more thoroughly at conventions.

Resolved, That we second and approve any legitimate efforts that have been or may be made to restrict the sale of the liquor traffic.

J. T. Phillips, Margaret Durkin, Thomas Conroy, Joseph Murphy, Joseph Knapp, committee. The societies represented were as follows: St. Paul's, of Green Ridge, and cadets; St. Paul's, of West Scranton; St. Peter's, of Bellevue, and cadets; Father Mathew's, of West Scranton; and cadets; St. Cecilia's, of West Scranton; St. Irene's, of South Scranton; St. Aloysius, of South Scranton; and cadets; St. John's, of Pine Brook; St. Mary's, of Minoaka; St. Leo's battalion, of West Scranton; and cadets. The next convention will be held in St. Leo's rooms in West Scranton in April.

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Watchman Penman Can't Tell the Cause of the Explosion.

One of the large fifty-horse-power boilers at P. M. & A. D. Spencer's Green Ridge Iron works, located on Green Ridge street, at the Delaware and Hudson railroad crossing, exploded shortly before 10 o'clock last night, completely wrecking the boiler room and distributing debris in every direction for a distance of over 200 yards.

Fortunately, no one was injured. The boiler was one of four which stood in a row in the boiler room, a frame structure about 60x90 feet in size, situated in the rear end of the plant.

It was cylindrical in shape, being about 20 feet long and four and one-half feet high. The sheets of which it was constructed were three-eighths of an inch thick. It had been in use for eleven years and was inspected yesterday by Fred Meritz.

The only persons about the place when the explosion occurred were R. J. Penman the fireman and night watchman and George McNeal, who has charge of the furnace at night. Penman says that he was at the boiler just five minutes before the explosion occurred and at that time there was but twenty-five pounds of steam on.

The water gauges, he says, showed that there was sufficient water in the boiler. He left the boiler room and had just had time to go to the front end of the building when the explosion occurred.

Had he been near the boiler at the time he would, beyond doubt, have been seriously injured and more probably killed.

BOILER RIPPED IN TWO. The noise made by the explosion was not very loud, which is accounted for by the fact that the boiler was ripped completely in two and both ends blown out.

The force of the explosion completely wrecked the boiler room. The wooden walls and roof were broken up in small pieces and scattered in all directions. One half of the boiler, weighing about 1,500 pounds, was carried about seventy-five feet by the explosion.

The other half was ripped into smaller sections, when vent sailing north, south, east and west for distances varying from twenty-five to 200 feet. One section, weighing about one hundred pounds, fell on the railroad tracks near the crossing, a distance of over seventy-five yards. The bricks which formed the foundation on which the boiler rested were blown great distances.

Many of them were sprinkled along Dickson avenue, between Green Ridge and Delaware streets, but as far as could be learned none of them struck anybody. One large brick weighing over five pounds came in through the second story window of a house on Green Ridge street, next the Green Ridge Lumber company's yard, and occupied by Fred Seelig and family. Mr. Seelig's two small children were asleep in the room at the time and the brick landed alongside their bed.

A lot of smaller debris also came in through the window and struck their feet, not injuring them, however. Another brick flew through the plate glass window in Bower's candy store, on Dickson avenue.

OTHER BOILERS DISTURBED. The three other boilers in the boiler room were blown out of position and badly damaged by the force of the explosion.

The fireman, Penman, could offer no theory whatever as to the cause of the explosion. There were only twenty-five pounds of steam on, he said, whereas there were generally seventy pounds on throughout working hours.

"I cannot possibly understand," said he, "what caused the explosion. It is most mysterious."

Comfort for Mother and Child in the infants' outfits to be had at the Baby Bazaar, 512 Spruce street.

FELL THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Dead Body of Frank Condon Found at Avoca.

Saturday morning the dead body of Frank Condon, a bridge builder, employed on the new structure of the Erie and Wyoming Valley company is erecting at Avoca, was found by his fellow-workmen as they were about to begin the day's work. The circumstances surrounding the young man's death are unknown, but it is believed he took a roundabout way returning from town Friday night and while crossing the bridge, fell through.

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