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PERSONAL. Deputy City Controller Charles A. Hartley is in Harrisburg. B. Santer and family have left on an extended pleasure trip through Florida and Cuba. They will be gone till March 1.

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. Taxpayers Have to Get Explanations of the Increased Valuation. As was anticipated, the city assessors are having troubles of their own this week in explaining to property owners just what the new assessment means and why the valuation has been raised from a one-third value to a full.

NEW TROLLEY COMPANIES. Annual Meeting of the Four Underlying Companies. Prominent investors from many places abroad were here yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the four underlying companies of the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Rapid Transit company. These companies are the Scranton and Northeastern Railroad company, Central Valley Railroad company, Connell Park and Speedway Street Railway company and the Northern Lackawanna Railroad company.

STRUCK WITH A HAMMER. John Geigle Fared Badly at Hands of Abe Posner. John Geigle, the West Lackawanna avenue market man, became engaged in an altercation on lower Lackawanna avenue yesterday afternoon with the celebrated Abe Posner. The latter became enraged and struck Geigle on the head with a hammer inflicting a serious wound.

Preparing for Increased Business. The Central Railroad of New Jersey has placed orders with the American Car and Foundry company for 1,000 box cars, 20 passenger coaches, 150 hopper cars and 500 gondolas. The latter are being built by the American Locomotive company. From Railroad Digest, January, 1902.

A Stands for Appetite. B stands for Boston Brown Bread, that satisfies it—if it's Hanley's. 420 Spruce street.

AN EFFECTIVE METHOD. Practical Knowledge of French in Five Weeks. Professor J. E. Salter gave his first lecture on French yesterday in St. Luke's parish hall.

Professor Salter is proficient in English as he is a native of America and therefore comprehends more completely the difficulties which confront the English-speaking student in the French language. Consequently in these classes at the first lesson Professor Salter's pupils begin to speak French with comprehension. He makes the lessons extremely interesting. All sorts of topics come up in the class and all the subjects which are likely to be discussed in every day life. In five weeks he guarantees a practical knowledge of French which will enable his pupils to travel abroad without an interpreter.

THIRTEENTH'S INSPECTIONS. Dates on Which the Various Companies Will Be Inspected. The following order was yesterday published from the Thirteenth regiment headquarters: Headquarters Thirteenth Regiment, Third Brigade, N. G. P. Scranton, Pa., Jan. 28, 1902.

NO NEW CASES REPORTED. Smallpox Scare Confined to West Scranton Victims. The health authorities have decided to close No. 18 school on Svetland street today for the purpose of fumigating it, but the building will not be permanently closed.

DEATH OF W. J. BATTIN. Occurred Unexpectedly Early Yesterday Morning. William J. Battin, aged 45 years, died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, 1314 Vine street. Deceased had been a patient at the Lackawanna hospital, and he had sufficiently recovered from his illness to be removed to his home on Tuesday. He became suddenly ill, however, during the night, and Dr. Ely, who resides near by, was summoned. When the doctor arrived, Mr. Battin was dead. He was a son of the late Henry Battin, and is survived by his wife and seven children. Mrs. Battin's father, Cornelius Smith, died recently.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE LODGE. Art and Nature ceaselessly at Work in its Development and Beautification. Beautiful Lake Lodge promises, from the booking already made, to be the most popular of all excursion resorts. Unlike most resorts that, China-like, remain fixed, stationary and unchanged, Lake Lodge is constantly improving. Last year the improvements were so great that few who had been there the previous year would scarcely recognize the place. This year the improvements in the majestic grove will be scarcely less revolutionary. Unspoiled anywhere for natural beauty, Lake Lodge in its evolution promises eventually to become a veritable Glen Island. Bookings are now being rapidly made by Mr. W. L. Fryer, District Passenger Agent of the Delaware and Hudson company. Offices at the new freight depot, Lackawanna avenue.

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KIRMESS IS A GREAT SUCCESS

PERFORMANCE AT THE LYCEUM WAS WELL RECEIVED. The Dances Were Delightfully Executed and the Costuming Was a Revelation of Artistic Beauty and Color—Miss Stewart Demonstrates Her Ability in Producing Wonderful Effects—All of the Dances Were Given with Much Freedom of Action and Gracefulness.

There have been Kirmesses and Kirmesses, but just as predicted, nothing has ever approached the spectacular event which opened last night on the Lyceum stage and will continue during the remainder of the week. The confidence felt in these happy prospects was evident in the largest first night audience which have ever greeted a similar affair. Everything went off smoothly. Miss Stewart has great executive ability and she was just as good, comfortably, in order to see the Kirmess, it must step lively, please, after the advertisement which last night's performance will give. There is a great advance sale for all the other presentations and the question is likely to resolve itself into a scramble for the remaining loges and boxes.

- 1. Overture. 2. Grand Tableau and Procession. 3. Hungarian Gypsy Dance. 4. Dutch Wooden Shoe Dance. 5. The Hornpipe. 6. Dance of the Nations. 7. Dance of Pages. 8. Clog Dance. 9. Spanish La Manola. 10. A Rose Dance. 11. Oriental Dance. 12. Dance of Pierrots and Pierrottes. 13. French Military Drill. 14. The Polkas. 15. The Seasons.

Much interest centres in the Folly dance. Lavish expenditure has been made in the costumes and the result is magnificent. The combination is pink satin and black, the design being unique and striking. It is in this dance that Mr. O'Connell does his famous solo which brings down the house. The chorography are Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. F. H. Jernyn, Mrs. G. B. Jernyn, Mrs. L. S. Oakford and Mrs. A. C. Twitchell.

ATTRACTIVE MUSIC. The music selected was of the most attractive order and set everybody's toes a-tingle. The first dance was the Gypsy, with its gray coloring and its lovely poses. The program is very attractive, and the costumes were handsome. This is the dance in which Miss Helen M. Corbett does a wonderful solo, full of little, beautiful attitudes and poetic movement. Mrs. R. M. Seranton, Mrs. F. E. Adams, Mrs. J. P. Adams and Mrs. H. Torrey are the choropones.

EXQUISITE COSTUMES. The Rose dance will closely contest first place. The costumes are exquisite. The girls wear rose leaf dresses, with a tunic of green fitting the slight, rounded figures like the shining calyx of the flower. Roses in the hair and roses in hands complete the general effect, which is bewilderingly pretty.

DIRECT SHIPMENTS. Boston Head Lettuce. Mushrooms, Water Cress. Parsley and Cucumbers. Rochester Celery. Florida Tomatoes. E. G. Coursen Wholesale and Retail.

IS NOW FOURTH IN THE STATE

RELATIVE POSITION OF THE THIRTEENTH. Ratings the Regiments Gained at the Camp Inspections Made Known by the Report of Adjutant General T. J. Stewart—Says That the Military Bearing of the Men Evidenced Some Improvement—Courtesy of Some Officers Far from Soldierly. Too Great Freedom with the Men.

The result of the inspection of the National Guard of the state in the camps last summer has just been issued in pamphlet form by Adjutant General T. J. Stewart. The Thirteenth has the distinction of being fourth among the fourteen regiments of infantry in the state. In his report to the adjutant general the inspector general, Frank G. Sweeney, says: The military bearing of the men, in the ranks, evidenced some improvement, particularly in the less raising of hands and turning of heads. During the drills, however, there was talk and confusion in the ranks, to a degree, that constituted in a measure the improvement noted, and would injure to the soldierly conduct of the command.

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OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED. Gathering of Locomotive Engineers Held Last Night. Past Chief Engineer John Troch last night installed the following newly-elected officers of San Sloan Division, No. 276, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in the Knights of Malta hall.

REGIMENTAL RATINGS FOLLOW: General appearance, 85; evolutions of the regiment, 95; extended order, 90; advance and rear guard and outpost duty, 80; ceremonies, 97; guard duty, 80; discipline, 95; books and papers, 98.50; general average, 90.57.

SPRING HATS. The man who wears a last year's hat almost advertises the fact—so many radical changes in style. The man who appreciates style is the man that enthuses about our Koelofs Spring Berbies. Higher crowns, more style, unexcelled quality. \$3.00 All our 50c Neckwear reduced to 35c.

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DEATH OF MRS. MITCHELL.

A Brief Illness Ends a Worthy Life, Well Lived. Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, widow of the late James J. Mitchell, died yesterday morning at 8.30 o'clock at the family home, 225 Penn avenue.

Mrs. Mitchell had lived in Scranton since girlhood. She came to this country from her native place, Roscommon, Ireland, when a child and lived for a number of years in Carbondale. She moved to this city when a young girl, and it was here she was married. The ceremony was performed in the old Catholic church, at the corner of Franklin avenue and Spruce street. Her husband, who died eight years ago, will long be remembered as one of the pioneers in the Father Mathew movement in this valley and a prominent member of various Irish-American organizations.

THE FUNERAL WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK. A solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's cathedral. Interment will be made in Cathedral cemetery.

Table with columns: Regiment, Cavalry, Infantry, Artillery, and ratings for various units.

Below are given the ratings of the various companies of the Thirteenth:

Table with columns: Company, Full and Satisfied, Officers, and ratings for various companies.

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Hanley's Entire Wheat Bread. Almost a meal in itself. Order at 429 Spruce street. Drink COFO. It tastes like coffee.

We can supply your wants in

Sail Duck, Enameled Drill, Enameled Duck, Rubber Cloth, Carriage Storm Aprons, Wagon Umbrellas. Bittenbender & Co. 126-128 Franklin Ave.

Last Chance. To secure bargains in Bat-tenberg Patterns, Pillow Tops and Stamped Linen Goods. Our special sale of the above lines has been a great success and will last only six days more.

Dainty Muslin Underwear. The Muslin Undergarment selling keeps the entire store so busy that one is reminded of the "busy hen with one chicken." Gowns. In Cambic and Muslin, trimmed with tucks, lace and insertion, extra long lengths.

Edison Records. FOR YOUR OLD RECORD AND 25c each. CHARLES B. SCOTT, 119 Franklin Avenue.

A Second-Class City with a First-Class Stock of Cut Glass, Sterling Silverware, Clocks, Etc. Suitable for Wedding Gifts. Mercereau & Connell, 132 Wyoming Avenue.

Muslin Underwear Sale Now On. A complete line of Medium and fine Underwear, consisting of Corset Covers, Gowns, Drawers, Long Skirts, Short Skirts, Children's and Misses' Gowns at prices that will astonish you. Would advise early buying as they are selling rapidly.

Price & Jenkins, 130 Wyoming Ave. The Scranton Umbrella Manufacturing Co., 313 Spruce Street. FRED R. SMITH, ELECTRIC AND GAS FIXTURES, GAS STOVES, 507 Linden Street, Board of Trade Building.

Oils, Paints and Varnish. Maloney Oil & Manufacturing Company, 141-149 Meridian Street. TELEPHONE 26-2.