

# WEST SCRANTON

## MEN'S LEAGUE ENJOY DEBATE

### OUR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT NOT A FAILURE.

#### Judges Gave Their Decision in Favor of the Negative Speakers.

Electric City Wheelmen's Coming Minstrel Performance—Funeral of Thomas Houser Yesterday Afternoon—Accidents in the Mines. Other News Notes and Features.

The Men's League of the Plymouth Congregational church, which was organized recently for the social and intellectual advancement of its members, and also to help defray the expenses of the church, held an enjoyable meeting last evening. The newly-elected officers, D. D. Evans, president; Tallie M. Evans, secretary, and W. G. Phillips, treasurer, were in their stations. Eight names were proposed for membership, which makes a total enrollment of forty now in the league. The committee in charge of the recent concert made its report, which showed a balance, after all expenses were paid. The feature of the meeting was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, That Our Representative Form of Government is a Failure."

Prof. John T. Jones, principal of No. 18 school, and Gomer D. Reese, organizer of the Prohibition Alliance, were the affirmative speakers, and J. Hayden Oliver, son of Select Councilman Joseph Oliver, and Attorney Charles E. Daniels, spoke on the negative side. The judges were John R. Thomas, A. B. Eynon and M. W. Anderson.

The affirmative debaters cited instances of debauchery and corruption in politics to uphold their arguments, while the negative speakers spoke of the social industrial and commercial advancement of the United States as an evidence of the stability of our present form of government. Both sides advanced good arguments, and the contest was very interesting and instructive throughout.

After due deliberation, the judges decided in favor of the negative side, Messrs. Oliver and Daniels. At the next meeting, which will be held on Monday evening, May 5, another debate will take place on the question, "Resolved, The Philippines Be Allowed Self-Government." The affirmative side

will be taken by Robert Evans and the negative by Gordon Evans.

### Wheelmen's Minstrel.

In another week the public will have an opportunity to witness the Electric City Wheelmen's minstrel performance, which has been in rehearsal for many weeks. Those who have been permitted to enjoy the treat already expressed themselves in the highest terms of the production.

Much inspiration has been given the boys by Mr. Dixie, who has been assisting them in the marches and comedy work, while the chorus and solo work, under the direction of Alfred Wooler, is undoubtedly the best ever undertaken by the company.

An excellent rehearsal was held last night, and the tambos and bones will meet again tomorrow night. On Friday night a full rehearsal will be held, with Bauer's orchestra. The opening performance will be given in Mearns' hall Tuesday evening, April 23.

### Funeral of Thomas Houser.

Services over the remains of the late Thomas Houser were held yesterday afternoon at the family residence, corner of Chestnut and West Linden streets, where many life-long friends of deceased gathered to attest their friendship. The services began at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D. of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., of St. Mark's Lutheran church, officiating.

Reference was made to the useful and well-spent life of deceased, and the comfort to be derived from an everlasting faith in Him who doeth all things well. Representatives were present from Washington camp, No. 178, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Hyde Park Mine Accidental fund, and the pallbearers and flower bearers were selected from among them.

Several beautiful floral offerings were in evidence. The pallbearers were: W. J. Jones, John Lunney, James Weeman and John Granacher, and the flower bearers were Alfred Twining and Evan R. Jones. Three from the camp and three from the fund. Interment was made in the Washburn street cemetery.

### Other Funerals Yesterday.

The funeral of Lizzie, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce, of 417 Decker's court, occurred from the house yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in the Washburn street cemetery.

Director Price shipped the remains of the late John M. Davis to Catsaugua yesterday morning, where interment was made later in the day.

### GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

William Bushen, a driver boy employed in the Hyde Park mine, had the fingers of his right hand badly squeezed yesterday, while engaged in spragging a car. He was attended by Dr. George B. Reynolds, at his home, corner of Jackson street and Sherman avenue.

The members of St. Paul's Pioneer corps are requested to assemble at the

Delaware and Hudson station, in full uniform, at 7:30 o'clock this evening, to meet the Young Men's Drill corps of Wilkes-Barre, and the Father Whitty's, of North Scranton. All will then march to Mearns' hall, where Company B, First regiment, will hold their military ball and drill contest.

A congregational meeting will be held at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church tomorrow evening for the purpose of electing a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late George J. Cooper.

Much needed improvements are being made on Seventh street, between Scranton street and West Lackawanna avenue. Broken stone is being used to fill in the roadway at that point.

James Murphy and Nicholas Burke have been elected as delegates from the St. Leo's Battalion to attend the diocesan convention at Olyphant on May 21. Henry Rainey and James McDonough were selected as alternates.

The Social Entertainers will conduct a dance in Washington hall this evening. Admission will be by card only. The drawing for an umbrella, for the benefit of the Colonial club will be held this evening.

The Austrian Oberammergau passion play will be reproduced next Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at St. Lucia's Italian Catholic church on Chestnut street.

Patrick F. Cawley, of Jackson street, has purchased the hotel business of John Donohue, at the corner of West Lackawanna avenue and Chestnut street.

The friends of Miss Annie Cramer, of South Ninth street, tendered her an agreeable surprise party recently at her home.

John Williams, of Lincoln Heights, employed in the Bellevue mine, was squeezed between cars while at work recently.

John J. Diskin, of Eynon street, and Miss Catherine McDerrott, of Railroad avenue, will be united in marriage at Holy Cross church at 9 o'clock this morning.

Morgan Thomas, the Jackson street merchant, found a bunch of keys last night, belonging to some Delaware, Lackawanna and Western employe, which the owner can have by calling at his store.

The Onetta Dancing class held a social in Washington hall last evening. A farewell meeting will be given Mrs. Reese Morgan and family, in the Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church tonight. Mrs. Morgan and family are about to leave for the West, and their many friends are prepared to bid them a hearty God-speed. A good program has been arranged, and an enjoyable time is assured to all who are pleased to attend.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. J. B. Sweet and daughter, Reba, of Oncoenta, N. Y., returned home yesterday afternoon from a visit with friends and relatives in the city.

Albert Egan, of South Main avenue, who has been indisposed for several days, is able to be out again.

William Benjamin and Miss Jeanette Aston, of Plymouth, returned home yesterday from a visit with West Scranton relatives.

George Peck, of North Lincoln avenue, attended the Wyoming conference meetings at Waverly on Sunday.

Mrs. Benjamin Knight, of Wallville, is the guest of relatives on South Summer avenue.

Miss Alta Kresge, of North Hyde Park avenue, is visiting friends in Dalton.

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An almost equally miraculous escape was that of a cyclist who was riding in the suburbs of London. A stone threw off his machine, and as it struck would have hit a sharp point under his mouth and came out under his eye. Thanks to the healthy condition of his blood, he was well again in three months.

### BEWARE OF CELLULOID.

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### ONE ON THE COMPANY.

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Womb troubles, causing pain, weight, and backache, instantly relieved and permanently cured by its use. Under all circumstances it acts in harmony with the laws that govern the female system, and is as harmless as water.

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example, while a gentleman was walking from St. James's park to Pall Mall on a bright afternoon in summer, he suddenly received a blow on the shoulder which caused him to stumble, and at the same time he heard a loud, crackling noise. On recovering he looked around for his assailant; but there was nobody visible except a policeman, who was many yards away.

When the gentleman reached home his shoulder was examined, but no injury could be found to account for the pain in it. Soon afterwards the servant, who had taken away his master's outdoor coat to brush it, brought back the garment and pointed out that the nap on the shoulder was pressed flat as if a hot wire had been drawn across it. Ever since, in fact, he has been in the probability that the wearer had been struck by a meteor. A girl in Canterbury found that the sting of a fly had caused a pimple to form on her face. Inflammation spread to the neck, and, in spite of every medical attention, the poor girl died. The insect, which on another occasion a leading insurance company had to pay for the sting of a fly. The insured, a staid, middle-aged man, had, it appears, become interested in the vagaries of a bluebottle on the window pane. Then the boyish instincts returned, and he tried to catch the fly. The insect, which had just received a sumptuous repast of tainted meat, retaliated with a vicious little sting, and a death claim was the result. It was the same company, I think, that was obliged to pay \$5,000 to the heirs of a farmer at Roigote, who was a thorn under his nose, who was killing a sample of oats; and that company's books also show a payment for damages resulting from the bite of a spider.

### NELSON KNEAS AND BEN BOLT.

#### What the Musician Did to Popularize the Poem.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The death of Thomas Dunn English, the author of "Ben Bolt," recalls the fact that the composer of the music, Nelson Kneass, who has many years been buried at Chillicothe, Mo. The poem, with its tender sentiment and outline of character, was the groundwork of the famous song, and the creative genius of English is undisputed. The fact remains, however, that the poem was but a beautiful wail, drifting here and there in print, when Kneass, a professional musician, found it, and, without knowing the author, set it to music. Kneass had more talent than thrift, and, after many vicissitudes and travels, died comparatively young in a little Missouri city. The divided authorship of the words and music resulted in controversies that were a frequent annoyance to English. With a vigorous pen, he gave the public the facts and they will stand as accepted history.

But it is unlikely that the poem would ever have become world-famous without the music, which is so sweetly infused with the feeling and imagery of the poet. In Du Maurier's treatment of the song, it is the music that hypnotizes, and yet it is true that the melody is but a reflex of the words. This form of authorship is nothing new. The basis of the "Marseillaise" is an old German religious composition, and the melody of the "Star-Spangled Banner" was openly borrowed. The air of "America" is of the English and German national anthems, and its origin is lost in history. Kneass was a contemporary of Stephen C. Foster and produced many negro melodies, but Foster was then, and is now, in a class of his own in writing what may be typically called American ballads. Kneass was of British birth, but took kindly to American ways. His memory deserves a word in connection with "Ben Bolt."

### THE POPPY.

#### Golden Blossoms That Greeted the California Pioneers.

From Home and Flowers.

Far out at sea, gleaming sheets of dazzling gold arrested the gaze of the early explorers of California. Blazing along the Pacific coast, embroidering the green foothills of the snow-capped Sierra Madres, transforming acres and acres of treeless plains into royal cloth of gold, millions of flowers of silky texture and color of gold fascinated the Spanish discoverers. An eminent botanist, Eschscholtz, at once classified the plant, and his followers conferred his name upon this, the only native American poppy.

"Dream-like in beauty, fascinating from sheer loveliness, spreading in soft undulations over the land, the California poppy bloomed above the richest views and arteries of gold the world has ever known, all unsuspected. A Circle with power to please, dazzle and charm by its enchantments, while it allures, lulls and mystifies, this flower of sleep seemed to draw by some occult process from the earth the elixir of gold, unfolding its blooms of gold as beacons proclaiming: "We are blossoming above rich mines of gold."

There is ever a mystery about the poppy. It is a weird flower. It is almost sentient, with a life unknown to human kind. "While glory guards with solemn tread, the bivouac of the dead," stealthily a sea of gossy creeps over the old battlefields. "Blood" red, the poppies in waves and billows hold high carnival above the soil that covers the slain. Lord Macaulay says of the battlefields of Noorwinden: "The summer after the battle the soil, fertilized by 20,000 dead, broke forth into millions of blood-red poppies. The traveler from St. Tropez to Trianon met a man that vast field of rich scarlet stretching from Landen to Noerwinden could hardly help fancying that the figurative description of the Hebrew prophet was literally accomplished, that 'The earth was her slain.' Bayard Taylor, in 'The Lands of the Saracens,' says he contemplated, with feeling, he could not describe, 'the old battlefields of Syria, densely covered with blood red poppies, blooming in barbaric splendor, glistening on the gore of soldiers slain.'"

However interesting the poppy may be to men of science and to lovers of the beautiful, it is yet more so to the people of California. This beautiful, weird, gold-colored flower of gossamer texture belongs to California alone. Nowhere else in the world has it ever made its habitat. There it is natural, so profuse that it is related as a fact that, coming on a turn fall face upon a blooming field of yellow poppies, dazzling in the sunshine, horses have been put to flight, as from flames of fire.

## A Chat On Comforts

The individual who extracts the greatest amount of comfort and satisfaction in life approaches nearest to an ideal existence. He or she (it must have been a woman,) must have the foregoing thought in mind when she applied the word "Comfort" as appropriate to the cozy quilt, which converts the after-lunch slumber hour into a positive luxury and renders the night's sleep more restful, because of assured warmth, without burdensome weight.

## The Comfort Maker's Art

Has advanced wonderfully during the past 20 years, and the specimens shown this spring are positive works of art, produced at a cost which brings them easily within the reach of the house-keeper with a moderate income. We can sell you comforts for much less money and for considerably more money than the figures quoted below. We have no hesitation in saying, however, that any woman of taste can find a comfort that will reach her highest ideal of beauty and service combined from the quartette specified below, and as the assortment is ample, and the values offered, far better than the average, we think the occasion well worth a special visit to the store, if you have comfort buying in mind.

### Bargain No. 1--Price \$3.75

Fancy Figured Silk Quilts or Comforts, size 71x78, with pure white, medicated, carded cotton filling. The harmony of color is superb.

### Bargain No. 2--Price \$2.25

Extra Quality Printed Silkoline Comforts, size 72x78 inches, with white Australian pure lamb's wool filling. Very light, matchless for warmth, and better than any down quilt ever made.

### Bargain No. 3--Price \$1.85

Fine Silkoline Comforts, with mercerized satin borders, size 72x78 inches, pure white cotton filling, carded with a single sheet, six border colors and any number of handsome designs.

### Bargain No. 4--Price \$2.50

Finest Quality Silkoline Comforts, with handsome silk panels, size 72x78 inches. Eight colorings to choose from and a fine assortment of designs.

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Miss Maria Oakley has returned from Philadelphia, after visiting friends for the past few days.

The Father Whitty society's drill club will give an exhibition drill in West Scranton this evening.

The ladies of the Knights of Macedonia will hold a meeting at Archibald's hall, on West Market street, this evening.

The members of Division No. 6, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will hold a meeting in O'Malley's hall this evening. All members are requested to be present.

The fourth game of the series between the North End Stars and the Crackerjacks will be played in the Auditorium this evening.

"Ticket No. 284 drew the carpet, which was chance off at O. V. Palmer's store, on North Main avenue, Saturday evening.

Dr. William Donohue, of Oak street, is in Philadelphia on a business trip.

Miss Annie Morris, of Olyphant, spent Sunday with friends on Oak street.

### SOUTH SCRANTON NOTES.

An interesting case was heard before Alderman Lentes last night, when Alderman John T. Howe, of the Seventeenth ward, was given a hearing for giving false information to a reporter of the Scranton Republican. The case arose out of the fact that Samuel Porter was alleged to have raised money to secure the liberty of Mabel Miller, who was tried before Alderman Howe last week. The evidence, as given by the prosecutor, was that he was misrepresented in the paper mentioned above, and so far as he could learn, the information was furnished by Alderman Howe. Porter was represented by Attorney Frank Boyle, and the defendant, by Attorney R. J. Burke. Mr. Lidstone, of the Republican, swore that to the best of his recollection the story

### FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

#### New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy