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Burned Wood and Leather Novelties. and to cry unto her for help when they are "trembling under the shadow of the tempter." They are urged to "go to her nerits, and who cling to Him with lov ng hearts, may rejoice in His salvation It is the privilege of every saved soul to repeat the first words of Mary's hym and say: "My soul doth magnify th for the loyal heart of innocence." and they are assured that she will come

they are assured that she will come quickly to their relief. This is Mariolatry. It has no authority either in holy scripture or in right rea-son. But, nevertheless, multitudes be-lieve in it, and they pour out their prayers to the blessed virgin with great fervor during the "season of Advent." Now, no intelligent or devout Christian wiehes to detract from the beauty and

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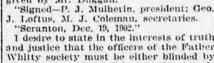
In and About ..... The City

Concert Tonight. The Green Ridge Presbyterian church hoir will give a concert this evening in the Adams avenue chapel, New York street, at 8 o'clock.

The Candidates Registered. Saturday was the last day for Repu licans to register as candidates for the nomination for recorder. The candidates are: Hon. James Moir, Otto Myers, T. B. Jackson and A. T. Connell.

Civil Service Examinations.

The United States civil service commis-Ohto Capons dressed to order will hold an examination on January ad 21 for an electrical engineer in the ad States signal corps and on January Christmas, at Marberger's, 515 Lacka wanna avenue,



against me. I never had any knowledge

of the fact until informed of it by the newspapers under the alleged testimony of P. J. Mulherin, president of the society,

before the coal strike commission, the 20th inst., nor was I ever summoned before the executive committee to answer

any such charge, nor was I ever informed of the findings of said committee.

It is an easy matter for a set of men under the conditions that existed during the recent strike to trump up a charge

against a man in his absence, and then flare it before a public body without his knowledge, and without a fair chance to

refute it. But I submit a fair chance to right, just or consistent with the prin-ciples of a society organized for the propagation of the holy principles of Catholic Total Abstinence to bear

false witness against its neighbor, and I will endeavor in the very near future to place all the facts in their true

light before the proper tribunal for searching investigation and just de-

Joseph H. Duggan. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 22, 1902.

The members of the Masonic fratern-

ty are requested to meet at Masonia

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desire to state that no member was ex-pelled from this society for the reason

wishes to detract from the beauty and purity and blessedness of the mother of

Jesus; but it does seem strange that any intelligent or devout Christian, should allow tradition and unreason to take the prejudice or sadly deficient in the records place of Bible truth. of the aforesaid society. The truth and the fact is, that I became a member of But the fact that false teachers have defined the Virgin Mary, and the fact that the Evangelical church has rejected the Father Whitty society some time in the month of April, 1887. My own due books and the records of the society will their false doctrine, does not warrant any Christian in thinking less highly of the Virgin mother than he ought to prove this assertion; therefore my evi-dence before the commission, given from memory, was well within the lines of

the Virgin motier than he ought to think. If the church of Rome thinks too much of the blessed virgin, that is no reason why any other church should think too little of her. Yet, in many Protestant churches, a sermon on the memory, was well within the intes of truth, and I have been a member, with some short periods of non-member-ship, since that date. I may remind them and jog their memory with the fact that I commanded the Father Whitty society Virgin Mary is quite a novelty. Sermons on Ruth, and Esther, and Hannah, and Mary of Bethany, and Mary Magdalene, and on other notable Bible women, are, by no means, rare; but sermons on the mother of Jesus are rather uncommon. a the parade of Oct. 19, 1888, the day of he fateful Mud Run disaster. In all, I the Intern and Kun dispect. In all, t have been a member of total abstinence societies for over twenty-eight years. Whatever the newspaper reports have been, the official record will show that I never said the Father Whitty society This ought not so to be. For, truely no woman in the bible, no woman in the history of the world, is so notable, and so worthy of our regard as is the moth-er of Jesus. Surely her life and character expelled me because of working during

he recent strike. I did testify that the Father Whitty ought to suggest themes for many tender and instructive sermon. Blessed ociety instructed its executive commlittee by unanimous vote to demand the resig-nation of myself and every other member indeed, she is above women, and blessed she shall be for evermore. Her place in the history of redemption, is most honof the society who were working during the late strike; for G. J. Loftus, record-ing secretary, and one of the signers of the above communication, officially in-formed me of the fact. This I considered orable. What she anticipated when she said: "From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." has been verified; and it will yet be more fully realized. to be such a monstrous act of ingratitude from a society for which I had worked so

She Did Not Forget.

But, notwithstanding all the honor and earnestly for many of the best years of all the blessedness that God bestowed upon her, she did not forget that she my life, and had written on their banners so many proud victories in the arena upon her, she did not forget that she was a sinner, and that, therefore she needed a Savior, and hence she embodied that fact in her hymn, saying "My spirit hath rejoleed in God my Savior." The occasion which called forth her hymn of praise is allogather unique. of drill competitions and military science, as a means to the end of the good cause of Total Abstinence, in which we were engaged, wounded my soul like the dag-ger of Brutus in the body of Caesar, and made me feel that I was no longer under Nothing like it had ever occurred, or can any obligation whatever to a society that ever again occur. That was the glad-dest, brightest, hollest day the world ould so cruelly treat me for no just

If the Father Whitty society had any had seen, since sin had entered into it. charge of violation of the pledge at the time they say the charge was preferred

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