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### DEMAND CITY REFORM

The Vespers Make Municipal Reform a Plank in Their Platform.

### CORRUPTION IS DENOUNCED

Ex-Councilman Browning is eloquent—wants City to Purchase Water and Electric Plant—A Pleasant Reunion and Excellent Speeches. Scranton's Embryo Rulers in Discussion—Pleasant Recollections. Some of the Other Speakers.

The Vesper Literary association of Scranton held its fourteenth annual reunion in the Penn Avenue Baptist church parlors last evening.

The committee of arrangements consisting of F. M. Koehler, chairman; W. E. Schimpff, secretary; J. W. Browning, E. S. Williams, Professor L. A. Lange and C. F. Pross carried out the details of the evening to perfection.

Luther Keller having invoked the Divine blessing on the feast the large company sat down to an excellent banquet of choice and varied articles which tastefully decorated two large tables running the length of the large room.

A lengthy toast list was afterwards followed up commencing with the remarks of President H. A. Smith who spoke upon a quotation from Milton: "To know that which before us lies in daily life is the prime wisdom" and gave a learned dissertation upon the duty of every man imparting words of wisdom when he is able for the advancement of his fellow beings. Their Vesper society had produced men of whose record they were proud and who were carrying out this command.

REMARKS BY PROFESSOR LANGE. Professor Lange, the toastmaster, in a felicitous speech referred to the good which the Vespers had accomplished in their community and gave several humorous illustrations of a "reformer," which were appropriate, as he was followed by ex-Councilman J. W. Browning, who gave a comprehensive address upon "Municipal Reform," and in referring to the term "Vesper lights," so often quoted during the evening, suggested that the lights should shine in Scranton upon the street car system.

With regard to taxation he asked why should the owner of a house and not pay five or six times more taxes than the gigantic railway concerns paid on the same amount of property. Street sweepings in other cities brought sufficient revenue to pay the cost of cleaning the streets. The care of the poor required more consideration, and there was sufficient room for improvement in the poor law system of Scranton. The Hillside home was referred to as the splendid big white elephant on the Hillside. Our city water and electric light supplies should be secured by the city and not controlled by the private owners, and the result would be that the water would be supplied at one-third the cost.

They, however, had not "sand" enough to carry this out. They wanted young men of courage and energy to remove this combination of private interest and bring the city back to good government.

A. A. Veberg was absent and in his stead Walter Frank discussed "Vespers Externally," and was followed by W. E. Schimpff, who made a humorous speech on "College Life."

ONLY CHARTER MEMBERS PRESENT. John B. Stone spoke upon the "Vespers Internally," and incidentally referred to the fact that he was the only charter member of fourteen years ago present that evening. One of the extemporaneous speeches of the evening was delivered by E. S. Williams upon "Recollections." Mr. Williams was enthusiastically greeted when his candidacy as recorder of deeds on the prohibition ticket was mentioned. In a fluent speech sparkling with live anecdotes he kept his audience in a continual state of merriment. His reminiscences of the early days of the association were exceedingly well told and enthusiastically received.

Attorney H. C. Reynolds gave "The Vespers Fraternal," Nelson Bailly, "The Vespers Sincerely," and C. F. Pross, "The Vespers Eternally." E. V. Hall, of Green Ridge, was present as the old teacher of several of the Vespers present.

### MRS. GOLDEN DEFIAIT

Would Not Allow City Workmen to Enroach on Her Husband's Property.

A woman unaided held at bay and finally put to rout a force of masons and laborers who attempted yesterday to build a sewer basin near her husband's property on Railroad avenue, between Luzerne and Fourth streets.

When the workmen reached the basin pit and were preparing to begin their operations en masse upon her husband's property, the force informed the woman that their work must be performed nilly or willy. Mrs. Golden without further ado sprang into the excavation and said it would be over her dead body that any hiring of the city could ever be done. Arguments and persuasive tactics only increased Mrs. Golden's aggressive attitude and rather than resort to strong measures the workmen gathered their tools and came to the municipal building for instructions.

A policeman accompanied the men back to Railroad avenue, and after admonishing the irate woman against interference under penalty of arrest, the work went on uninterrupted. The circumstance created not a little excitement in the vicinity.

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only his health, but his life, particularly upon one occasion when an irate saloon keeper discharged a pistol at him, which attempt was luckily thwarted by a person standing by who grasped the would-be-killers' arms and directed the shot in another direction. Many other scenes have occurred which show the irresistible fascination the drama of humanity have for Schievera.

He is extremely anxious to carry this work on in our city and there is no doubt scope for his great talent and wonderful aptitude and it behooves the churches of the city generally to give him every opportunity possible of reaching the people in question with a view to use his great abilities in persuading them to join some of the numerous churches in the city.

### At the Theaters.

The coincidental appearance of Louis James and Marie Walwright in rival play houses last night lent an element of interest to the size of both audiences not often felt by the average theater goer. In point of numbers, the audience, as could be judged by a casual estimate, were pretty nearly equal. In intellectual quality, it is possible that the Ward-James performance drew most heavily; but both audiences were distinctively fashionable, and each seemed to be well pleased.

At the Academy Miss Walwright presented her play which she termed an original play in four acts, entitled "Daughters of Eve." It was original in treatment rather than in conception. The fundamental theme, that of twin sisters, one good, the other errant, is tried. The originality of the play presumably manifested itself in the climax of the fourth act, when in an impossible and preposterous scene only the superb emotional acting of Miss Walwright preserves the play from a quick transition into bathos and anti-climax.

In brief, Ross Wybery and Rhoda Dainty are twin sisters. Rhoda is the good sister, Rhoda the bad. Rose, who lives with a whimsical father, is betrothed to Robert Hawthorne, to whom she gives a portrait. Hawthorne is chaffed by reprobate companions until he shows this portrait which one fast companion, Lord Talbot, thinks is the picture of his sister and applies to it offensive suggestions.

From this point to a break between the lovers and a transition into the gay but artificial world of London Bohemia is a mere step, easily traversed by playwrights and audiences. Miss Walwright's manner is the climax of the fourth act, appearing one moment as the pure woman and the next as the baubling yet suffering woman of the world. The play gives only one other player a part, that as assumed by Nathaniel Hartwig as Robert Hawthorne, and he meets requirements with special strength in the culminating scene in Rhoda's chamber, where, in a transport of anguish, befriends love, passion and remorse, the sinful sister chloroforms, but does not kill, her sister's future husband.

In these critical scenes Miss Walwright's acting rose to grand and at times tragic heights. But the whole culmination of the play and much of its tenor are of a kind ridiculous when considered calmly and far from wholesale, despite frequent quotations of Scripture and free demand upon the lachrymans.

Frederick Ward and Louis James gave a presentation of "Julius Caesar" at the Frothingham last night that evoked the warmest applause. At the conclusion of the scene at the tent of Brutus between himself and Cassius, the curtain had to be raised several times, but the audience would not be satisfied with that, but compelled Mr. Ward and Mr. James to come before the curtain.

Mr. James' impersonation of the honest, open character of Brutus was a splendid bit of acting and Mr. Ward as the irritable and conspiring Cassius displayed the finish and naturalness that needs not to be torn to tatters to evoke a climax. The changing expression of his face and twining of his hands bespoke plainer than the loudest of words the contending passions that transformed the man.

Guy Lindsay is a promising young actor but his work as Marc Anthony last night was not entirely satisfactory. He smiled too much, and too often he introduced some of his most effective scenes by introducing melodramatic effects. The company throughout was evenly balanced and the performance will rank as one of the best presentations of Shakespearean tragedy seen in Scranton of recent years.

Barney Ferguson will be at the Academy of Music in the evening in his new play "Duffy's Blunders." It is just the kind of a medium Mr. Ferguson needs to bring out in strong relief his capabilities as a fun maker. In his company are the Stewart sisters, who made quite a decided hit in the "Passing Show."

One of the brightest theatrical happenings this city will know this season will be the appearance on Wednesday of Miss Pauline Hall, at the Academy of Music surrounded by singers of artistic merit, in an elaborate production of Paulton's operatic comedy, "Doreas." A prominent feature of Miss Hall's supporting company is the personal charm and fitness of the singers in whatever roles they assume. It is said that in no opera that they have appeared in is this more agreeably evident than in "Doreas." The opera will be staged in the lavish manner so characteristic of Miss Hall's management.

At the Academy of Music on Thursday evening a new racing drama called "The Great Brooklyn Handicap" will be produced with all of its grand scenes and mechanical effects, including the great race track scene. The Philadelphia Evening Star says the following about the company: "As the hero, Half Start, gave a conclusions performance. Miss Belle Barron interpreted the part of the adventures with success, and Miss Katherine Roland showed a proper conception of the role of Eleanor Willard."

and freshened up a bit, but has really been re-written, and now has a story, plot and situations that are brimful of comedy. The music is also new and of that bright, catchy order so much favored by the patrons of farce comedy, and the company, including, as it does, Florie West, Charlie Wayne, Luella Wagner, Mason and Briston, the Dawitt sisters, Billie West, Grace Rutter and a dozen other clever people and pretty girls, is certainly the best that has ever been seen in the piece.

Friday night "The Burglar" will be given at the Frothingham. It is a splendid dramatic work and is produced by a fine company. The sale of seats will open Wednesday at 9 a. m.

In "The Amazons," which is to be given at the Frothingham, Monday, Oct. 1, there is much playful satire upon the extravagant passion for athletic games and contests, both in England and America. The play will be given all the beautiful scenery that called forth so much praise during its long run in New York.

### DESPERATE FIGHT.

Bloodshed in a Quarrel Over Cards at Archbald—One Man Dead, the Other Dying.

To the already long list of serious crimes committed at the "Ridge," near Archbald, the red-handed crime of perhaps a double murder was added on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning a rough crowd of Poles and Slavs that had been drinking all night in a place kept by a man named Mark Rustowski, engaged in an altercation over a game of cards. A free fight followed.

Sylvester Rustowski, a brother of the proprietor, marched to the outside of the saloon, armed with a base ball bat. Joseph Klucz was nearest to him and received a terrible blow on the head from the bludgeon, fracturing the skull. After Klucz fell from the force of the blow Rustowski kept battering his head and face until he had reduced it to almost a jelly.

The proprietor, cousin of the assailant of Klucz, was in possession of a double barreled shotgun and fired one of the charges into the right side of John Biddo.

The latter, unmindful of the load of buckshot in his side, kept raining a fusillade of stones against Rustowski, who fired the contents of the other barrel at the right arm of Biddo, the striking effect in the wrist and disarming him.

Klucz and Biddo having been completely overpowered and left prostrate on the ground in an unconscious condition, the Rustoskis went inside. Their house was a wreck from the blows of stones and through the windows and doors.

Friends carried the men to the saloon of Andrew Dognatiz, where Klucz died a half hour later. Reports from this morning stated that Biddo's life was rapidly ebbing away and his death is hourly expected.

Coroner Kally went to the scene yesterday afternoon and empaneled the following jury: Thomas Roundington, Andrew Howells, James Davis, James Frame, John H. Sampson and John Laive. The testimony of several witnesses in charge of Mark Rustowski, who in all likelihood before the sun sets will also be a murderer.

Work of the Y. W. C. A. Circulars are issued by the Y. W. C. A., referring to the educational and gymnastic work of the winter season. The gymnasium ticket \$1 to non-members and \$2 to members, entitling holder to one lesson a week for seven months. Entirely new courses will be given by Miss Bowers, in club, dumb bells, etc. In the educational department instruction will be given in rhetoric, physiology, grammar, sewing, crocheting, and music.

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Dr. C. C. Laubach is going to Chicago where he will attend Dr. Haskell's Post Graduate Dental school during the month of October. The doctor is noted for his "up to date" methods and desires to keep stride with the times and give his patients the benefit of his experience.

The orphan's court sale of the real estate of Thomas G. Smith, deceased, consisting of a house and lot and vacant lot, Monroe avenue, and vacant lot, and house, barn and lot, Madison street, Ninth ward, stands adjourned until Wednesday, September 26, at 1 o'clock, a. m., at the arbitration room, court house, for want of bidders.

ALL MEMBERS of the Scranton Hook and Ladder company will meet at the truck house today at 1 p. m. in uniform. By order of the foreman, A. C. HENNE.

### FIREMEN'S GALA DAY

Entertainment Tendered the Monhegans, of Middletown, N. Y.

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Heartly Welcome Has Been Accorded the Visitors and the Festivities Incident to the Parade Make This Almost a General Holiday—Police Will Participate in the Pageant, Which Promises to Be Impressive and Large—Features of the Affair.

This will be fireman's day, and what with brass bands, parade, good fellowship, vari-colored badges, flags, the veterans' picnic, visiting guests, strangers and a thousand and one other things, the day should be a glorious one. In past years the occasion has developed into almost a local holiday, and today promises to be no exception to the rule.

It all began yesterday with the arrival of the Monhegan Hose company, of Middletown, N. Y., accompanied by a large number of guests, who represent the best business element of their city. This aggregation in its entirety is exceeding firemanish; they have with them a dog, a magnificent and stately greyhound, a parade carriage, several colored attendants, and as outer covering wear linen dusters and white duck yachting caps. In all, the number considerably over 100 and will be the only visiting company.

The Monhegans arrived at 4:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon over the Ontario and Western road and were joined in this city by the Lincoln Park drum corps, of Newark, N. J., an organization of over thirty pieces which is said to be one of the most perfect of its kind in the country. The visitors were met at the depot by officials of the fire department, the Crystal Hose company of this city, who will entertain the Monhegans, the fire committee of councils and the Germania band. On arriving at the Crystal hose house Mayor Connell welcomed the visitors and gave them the freedom of the city.

They later established headquarters at the Westminister and after supper made a trip to the mines and afterward inspected the steel mills. Chief E. Thorp, first Assistant C. Hignane and Second Assistant D. Schmitt, of the Middletown fire department, accompany the Monhegans, of which the following are the officers: A. J. Hostbeck, president; J. F. Badner, vice president; C. B. Buckley, treasurer; G. K. Wilkin, secretary; J. F. Koon, foreman; K. W. Stibb, first assistant foreman; W. D. Brown, second assistant foreman.

SOME OF THE VISITORS. Following is a partial list of visiting Middletown citizens: Mayor K. A. Stansbury, ex-Mayor J. E. Eisman, Mrs. Eisman and daughter, ex-Mayor Dan Kelly, Wm. J. Robinson, chaplain; U. T. Hayes, E. Nullen, William Milespeugh, T. N. Little, Gabriel Tattle, S. H. Bodine, W. J. MacIlvane, Timothy Monaghan, Philip Mitchell, William Seebohm, D. C. Dusebnary, William Bartie, W. T. Bailey, G. B. W. Mearns, E. L. Deener, of the Middletown Times; Ralph Vandusen.

Today's parade will begin at 2 o'clock and will pass over the line of march already published in THE TRIBUNE. At 4:30 o'clock an informal reception will be held by Mayor Connell, city officials and councilmen at the municipal building. The Monhegans will be banqueted at the Westminister by the Crystals this evening. The picnic at Central Park garden of the Volunteer Firemen's association will be held during the evening and will offer an entertaining point of interest for many.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock the entire police department, excepting only the members necessary for patrol duty, will be inspected by the mayor at the municipal building. The formal and annual inspection, however, will not be held until Oct. 10, when the department is equipped for winter. Following today's inspection the force will form in the firemen's parade, which will include sixteen companies, from 500 to 600 members and the apparatus, bunched and attractively decorated.

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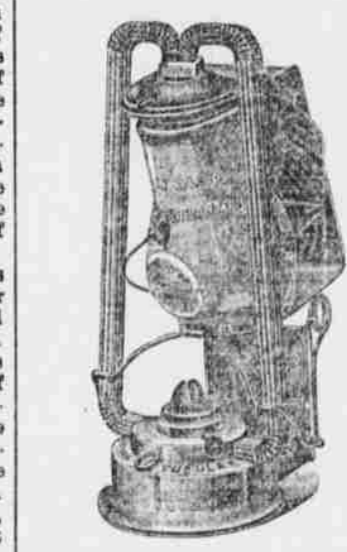
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