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City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month.

Climbing The Pole.

In the city of Lebanon there is a firm—F. L. C. & Co. In front of said firm's store there stands a pole which was erected for the conveyance of the electric light wires. The pole rises thirty feet in the air and occupies a very prominent position on Main St., and to make it look nice they peled it. The young bloods of Lebanon thought they had stood around long enough, so some fun they were going to have in climbing the pole. First to try it was Ed's little boy; there were no flies on him; he got up mid-way. Then Clark (a nice little fellow he is) said "to the top I am going." He started from the side-walk, which is one foot from the ground, and when he quit climbing he was not as high as when he started in. Fat Ben, the pole he tried to climb, but with the same result as Clark. Bert, the ring-master, took his turn; there were no flies on Bert, either. He said climbing the pole was just as easy as training the mules. Then came long John, with a grin all over his face. The top he was going to reach, but his feet were too heavy and he struck the ground. Bob (better known as George), a sporting young man, stepped up and said "I bet five dollars I can climb to the top." Mr. C. is a kind of a sport himself, so he called George and put up the money, but George took water instead of the pole. Fat John, the blacksmith, thought he must try his luck, so he doffed his shoes and started in. The slipping of his feet on the pole warmed the toe jam, and such an odor! Then along came grinning Jay Hugh, but those knots on his feet did not fit the pole. Hardy, the prize-fighter, tried his luck; you have to get up in the morning to head him off; he went almost to the top. Mike thought he could make more money cutting meat than climbing the pole. "Doc" Cotton held a reserved seat and got his money's worth. Mayor Miller thought he held a high enough position without climbing the pole. Zeh, the feed man, tried to climb the pole and also bet one of the others could not climb it, but took the ground on first and water on second. Carman, the sport, thought he could make more money betting on the others than he could selling stoves or climbing the pole himself. The Pole-Climbing Club then adjourned for refreshments.

SEC. OF SPORTING CLUB.

B. C. Miller will move into the former residence of J. J. Swan, in the near future.

After shooting and seriously wounding Theodore H. Liebe, in Portland, Monday morning, Christian Hess sent a bullet crashing through his own brain.

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A Will Four Feet Long.

The will of Charles T. Inslee, who died at 111 Cambridge place, Brooklyn, is written on a four foot roll of foolscap pasted together and folded in a complicated manner. This explanation is given at the foot of the document:

"This is badly folded, but I did not do it. C. T. I."

The estate is valued at \$10,000, and with the exception of a few minor bequests goes to Caroline Inslee, the widow, and Charles Frederick Inslee, the dead man's son.

Veragua a Prevaricator.

A prominent citizen of Cincinnati, who has just returned from Spain, says that the Duke of Veragua has spread about that country that Roman Catholics are not allowed freedom of worship in the United States, and that until he set the example they did not dare to go publicly to mass. He also announced that the United States is about to pension him.

Warning to Bicyclists.

H. B. Walker of Brooklyn started to ride on his bicycle to Red Bank, N. J., where he intended spending Sunday with his wife, who had gone by train. He was riding along Bay street at a rapid pace when he ran into a rope stretched across the street to prevent travel when repairs were in progress. The rope caught him under the chin and hurled him backward from the wheel. He turned a somersault and struck on the back of his head. An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Smith infirmary, where he died a few minutes after his arrival. His skull had been fractured.

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