## East Falls Past—July News

## The Fallser, July 2007, by Wendy Moody

July 12, 1900 – The Trenton Y.M.C.A. baseball team had little trouble in defeating the East Falls team last Saturday. They succeeded in touching up Whiting (the pitcher) for 18 hits and scoring 11 runs to East Falls, 3. *Weekly Forecast* 

July 19, 1900 – Bath House – In response for the support given to the movement for a bath house for the people of the Falls by the Weekly Forecast, the publishers are receiving words of encouragement from



every quarter and, what is even more gratifying, we have been informed that our Councilmen are making inquiries for a suitable location.... The question of furnishing bathing places for the people of large cities is attracting the attention of the authorities...Today they deem it of vital importance to the general health of their population. Boston is far in advance of Philadelphia in this respect. Bathhouses ...act as a safeguard to the morale of a community – on a hot evening, after being confined in a hot atmosphere all day, men of all classes select the coolest spot available, which in the majority of cases is a saloon. Perhaps they intend only taking a cooling drink, but finding the atmosphere so pleasant, they are loath to leave and they remain amid temptations they are unable to combat. The consequences are that they return to their homes in a condition which is degrading to any community...We know the beneficial effects of tasking a bath - it cools our heated bodies and is highly conducive to sleep as well as replenishing the wasted nerve force.

## Weekly Forecast

**July 19, 1900** – In reference to the young man known as Tug Wilson, who, it was stated in last week's issue, refused to assist a drowning comrade, in justice to him we wish to state that he has informed us that he is afflicted with a dislocated knee joint, which comes out of the socket. On this occasion he was without his brace for it, and was unable to swim. The young man keenly feels his position. *Weekly Forecast* 

July 27, 1916 – The Old Academy Building *[photo]* on Queen Lane, which is being used as a mission for St. James the Less, will be thoroughly renovated and enclosed by a tall iron fence, the expenses being divided between the trustees of the building and the parish. It is needless to point out that some of the pastimes which have been indulged in around the building will not be tolerated any more. If young men and boys are wise they will recognize the fact that a fence means "Keep out" unless one has a right within the enclosure. *Weekly Forecast*