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"TONY, THE CONVICT."

The drama with the above title was presented at the Opera House by home talent, last Thursday and Friday evenings, for the benefit of Winona Fire Company, No. 3. It has an exciting plot, written by Charles Townsend, in five acts. Each member of the company is entitled to much praise for the very creditable manner in which the respective parts were played. Paul Harman as "Tony" gave an excellent interpretation of the part, and W. H. Coffman as "Weary Way-side," was immense, though it was his first appearance on any stage. R. B. Grotz as "James Barclay," the villain of the play, was cool, quiet, cold blooded and nonchalant enough for any professional stage villain, and acquitted himself well. The part of "Philip Warburton," lover of "Lena," was well taken by William Eastman, and Miss Margaret Hendershott as "Lena" was charming. She acted well, and looked as pretty as could be. Her petite figure and pleasant voice were well adapted to the part.

Miss Ellen Lemon as "Sally," was also a very attractive little maid, both in acting and personal appearance. Miss Maggie Christman as an old maid "Miss Sedly" was not intended to be a beautiful and lovable female, and her make up and vivacity were both very suitable to her lines.

Miss Mame Vial as Mrs. Van Cruger, was sedate and dignified, as her character called for, and showed a depth of feeling without any unnecessary gush when called on to part with her supposed daughter. Her costumes were also appropriate and very becoming to her.

Horace Blue as "Warden Burrows," and Moyer Lewis as "Jackson," though having little to do, did that little well.

D. J. Tasker took the part of Judge Van Cruger on short notice, not having been originally cast for it. He had a clear conception of the part, and presented it intelligently. The play was presented under his direction, and he is entitled to much credit for its success.

Between the acts Mr. Tasker sang some illustrated songs, accompanied by Miss Delia Geisinger on the piano. The pictures were thrown on the screen by Lyman Howe's stereopticon. This was a pleasant feature, and every number was encored. Mr. Tasker has a good tenor voice, and sings with much expression and feeling.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable event, and favorable comment has been heard on all sides for the creditable performance of the young people who took part.

Court Proceedings Continued.

William Jackson appointed guardian of Anna and Pearl Jackson, minor children of Florence Jackson. Bond and security approved.

The following deeds were acknowledged in open Court by W. W. Black, sheriff.

To Robert A. Rarig, land in Locust township.

To Geo. B. Appleman, land in Rohrsburg.

To Wm. Knorr and John Werkheiser, land in Mifflin twp.

To O. F. Ferris, land in Briar creek twp.

In the matter of the application of Wm. Graham for hotel license in Sugarloaf township. Hearing continued to February 19 at 2 p. m.

Frank Shuler vs. Amanda Shuler. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

E. W. Shoemaker vs. Mary Welterworth. Notice to Henry Reigel, garnishee. Judgment against garnishee in the sum of \$40.00.

Jno. F. Derr, Samuel Harrison and Warren Eyer appointed viewers to view site for public road in Benton twp. near Jonas Rantz.

L. M. Creveling, Dr. I. E. Patterson and Boyd Trescott are appointed reviewers to view site for public road in Jackson twp. near Green creek bridge.

In re-sewer in borough of Millville Thomas Gorrey, A. Z. Schoch and John Kelley are appointed viewers and February 27th, is fixed as the day of meeting of said viewers.

Nellie M. Lockard vs. Alex T. Lockard. Divorce. Master's report filed. Decree to issue on payment of costs.

The "Gem," smallest newspaper in Danville, recently appeared in a spick span, bran new dress of new type. It is nearly 15 years old, and during all that time it has never inserted an advertisement containing a black-faced type or any other letter than bevier capitals.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Last Sunday afternoon there were over 100 men present at the men's meeting and listened to the earnest address by Rev. J. W. Messenger on "Perseverance in prayer."

Next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. the meeting will be addressed by Dr. A. K. Aldinger, Physical Director of the Normal School. His subject will be "The Test of True Greatness." All men are cordially invited.

An invitation is extended to all men to attend the evening prayer services conducted in the Y. M. C. A. building regularly. Last week there was an average attendance of 20 each evening. This week the average is 35.

An opportunity will be given on March 5 to the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity to take an imaginary journey across the continent to the Pacific coast, through the Ogden Gate way and over the Central Pacific Railroad; through the Portland Gateway and over the world renowned Shasta Route; through the New Orleans Gateway and over the famous "Sunset" route of the Southern Pacific Company; with a stop off at every point of interest to view the magnificent scenery which will be looked upon with all the realism of nature, including a visit to the world famous Yosemite Valley and its sublime scenic attractions.

The journey will be conducted personally by Miss Helen Kelleher, the distinguished elocutionist and dramatic reader of San Francisco, with the aid of 200 magnificent views thrown upon canvass by the largest and most powerful dissolving-view electric stereopticon made. It will only require from one and one-half to two hours time at the small cost of 25c. to take this delightful and interesting trip. Everybody should arrange to go. Don't forget the date—March 5.

LLOYD PAXTON.

The death of Mr. Lloyd Paxton occurred at his home at Rupert on Wednesday morning at one o'clock, from Bright's disease. He had been in poor health for several years. He was a son of Joseph Paxton, and a brother of Charles R., Bright, Frank and Captain Paxton, and Mrs. George Scott, all now deceased, except Bright. For many years he was engaged in the wholesale commission business at Rupert with J. H. Harman, under the firm name of Paxton & Harman, but retired from business some years ago. His farm at Rupert, was purchased by his great-grandfather in 1774, and he resided there all his life. Mr. Paxton was a man of genial and hospitable disposition, and entertained his guests royally at his beautiful home. He was fond of books and music, and enjoyed the society of literary and musical people. He was liberal and generous, and always did his share as a good citizen.

The funeral will be held at the house on Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

Methodist Church Notes.

The special revival services continue with wonderful interest. The altar is filled nightly with earnest seekers. The attendance is so large that the services are held in the main audience room. The Sunday School last Sunday was the largest ever yet known. At night scores had to go to the gallery. The meeting continues this week.

Next Sunday, Feb. 18, the pastor will preach in the morning a special sermon to the young converts, in which will be something for those who have been a longer time on the way. At night he will by request preach to the various fire companies of town. The firemen will attend in a body.

The Life of D. L. Moody.

The only authorized and official life of Dwight L. Moody is written by his son, William R. Moody. Numerous substitutes are being offered to the public, inaccurate, unauthorized and misleading.

Mr. W. R. Moody says: "We have given our consent to none of these books, and they are not approved by the family and friends of my father."

The agency for the life of the great evangelist has been secured by Keller B. Albert, 426 East Second street. He respectfully solicits the kind patronage of the citizens of Bloomsburg.

The total eclipse of the sun which will occur May 28 next, is the only phenomenon of the kind seen east of the Rocky Mountains in over twenty years, and it will not occur again until 1911.

THE TROLLEY LINE IS COMING.

Last Friday morning, the work of making a survey for the Danville-Berwick-Bloomsburg trolley line was commenced in Danville and the work of constructing the proposed line will without doubt be started early in the spring.

The survey work is in charge of J. C. Brown, the well-known civil engineer of Bloomsburg, with his corps, consisting of six men. The survey will start in Riverside, cross the river bridge and run out Mill street; up Bloom street and will then follow the public road as closely as possible all the way to Bloomsburg and from there to Berwick.

The line it is expected, will be about 25 miles long and the survey will probably be made in eight or ten days.

In conversation with Mr. Brown a representative of this paper learned that the company who are putting the road through are very anxious that the lines be run as soon as possible and it is presumed that they are desirous of having the work of construction commenced early next spring.

Hon. R. K. Polk of this city, is vice president of the company and Hon. B. F. Meyers of Harrisburg, is president. Mr. Meyers is closely identified with Harrisburg and Wilkes-barre trolley companies and with such gentlemen at the head of the Danville-Bloomsburg-Berwick line means that it will be a sure go.—*Montour American.*

WONDERFUL SOUVENIRS FREE.

Remarkable Gifts to Everybody by the Great Philadelphia "Sunday Press."

Announcement is made by the publishers that every reader of the great "Philadelphia Sunday Press" will receive next Sunday, February 18, absolutely free two souvenirs of a character and value far beyond anything heretofore offered by a news paper. One will be a beautiful picture in ten colors, by Paul de Longpre, the famous flower painter, entitled "A Yard of Roses." It is twice as large as any picture ever given away by a newspaper, and that it is worth framing is evident from the fact that copies cannot be bought at retail for less than a dollar. But, in addition to this, every reader of next "Sunday's Press" will receive an attractively illustrated booklet of convenient size, containing the greatest detective story ever written by Emile Gaboriau. If you want these splendid gifts you had better order next "Sunday's Press" at once, as warning is given that the supply will be limited. If there is no news agent in your vicinity get some bright boy to write for the agency.

Should be re-Elected.

The Bloomsburg Democrats have very properly re-nominated Guy Jacoby, Esq., for Justice of the Peace. The people of Bloomsburg should add the finishing touches and re-elect him. He is particularly fitted for the position by legal training and experience, and his present administration has been a most creditable one. It is a difficult matter in many districts to get proper nominees for this important position, one of the most important of the local offices, and when a man like Mr. Jacoby comes before the voters there should be a general breaking down of party lines and a handsome majority given him. Bloomsburg is fortunate in this nomination and should have foresight enough to take advantage of a good thing when she has it.—*Catawissa News Item.*

The State Teachers' Association will hold its annual convention in Williamsport during the first week of July. A large attendance is expected and a special feature of the meeting will be an excursion to Eaglesmere on July 5th, the last day of the convention. Accommodations for the entire party have been secured at the Chautauqua Inn, and it is probable that a session will be held in the Auditorium on the Chautauqua grounds during the day.

Geo. W. Sterner has announced his name as a candidate for Representative from the north side, and is making a vigorous canvass. He is not unacquainted with public life, having held the office of Register and Recorder two terms some years ago. Thus far he is the only candidate who has announced in the newspapers, from the north side.

IS THE MILLENNIUM AT HAND?

The Philadelphia Press sent to clergyman through the state the following question:

"Do you believe that the Biblical millennium is at hand and that the time is ripe for the union of denominations into one?"

In answer to the questions of "The Press," Rev. G. H. Hemingway, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, says:—

"The term 'millennium' has had various interpretations and has been differently understood ever since the second century of the Christian era, and the Church, in each succeeding century, has been divided into pre-millennialists and post-millennialists.

"As to the second part of the question, we may readily answer that the immediate adoption of pre-millennialist opinions by the universal Church would not compass the union of all denominations, as is fully demonstrated by the fact that believers who have accepted those views, in other points of doctrine as well as Church government, hold very dissimilar opinions."

Rev. M. E. McLinn, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, says: "I am certain that a great change is imminent. Everything points clearly to a mighty social and religious upheaval and reconstruction. The very fact that this subject occupies men's thoughts so largely and that the 'secular press' asks the question is proof of it to me.

"I declare the time to be ripe for the disappearance of denominationalism, and I believe God calls for the merging of all into one mighty army of the Lord, to go forth conquering and to conquer in a more splendid missionary triumph, and in bringing not only our own people, but all nations, under the one glorious Banner of the Cross, that Christ may be all in all."

Shields' Sad Plight.

A Physical Wreck and Penniless on the Streets of San Francisco.

A feeling of pity and sympathy must go out to the poor victim of his own excesses, when one reads the following associate press dispatch from San Francisco: Rev. D. H. Shields, formerly of Hollidaysburg, Lewisburg and other Central Pennsylvania towns, and at one time a chaplain in the regular army, but who was dismissed from service on account of drunkenness, was picked up near the Clay street wharf in that city in a dying condition and hastily conveyed to the City Receiving hospital. Evidently want and starvation have reduced the former chaplain to the physical wreck he now is. Without friends or money enough with which to secure a meal, exposed to the cold rains and winds and but thinly clad, the wretched man had dragged himself about the streets for three or four days and finally collapsed through sheer exhaustion. His pulse was very weak when taken to the hospital, and the physicians gave it as their opinion that he might not survive. Shields was too weak to talk.

Anna Dickinson Goes to Law.

Anna Dickinson, once the queen of the lecture platform, will appear in the United States Court at Scranton, in March, as a prosecutrix. The defendant in the case will be Dr. James Oglesby, of Danville, Pa.

When Miss Dickinson was sent to the Danville Insane Asylum some years ago, Dr. Oglesby was called in the case. Miss Dickinson alleges that a number of physicians and other people conspired against her to have her committed to the asylum.

Bishop McCabe Coming.

We are pleased to announce that Bishop (Chaplain) McCabe has consented to give his celebrated lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," in the Methodist Church on Saturday evening, March 3. This is certainly one of the most popular lectures ever delivered in America. Those who have once heard it, always want to hear it again. It is never exactly the same. We feel sure that this most eloquent army chaplain and bishop will be greeted with an immense audience. That everybody may hear him, the price of admission has been put at 25 cents. All old soldiers are especially invited to hear him. Saturday, March 3, is the date.

To-day Thomas Brennan, found guilty of murder of Harry Elliot, at New Philadelphia, expiates his crime on the gallows in the prison yard at Pottsville.

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COLES FOR FEBRUARY.

The Forecast He Makes for This Month.

Prof. Coles in *Storms and Signs for February* says:

We have reasons to believe that the month of February will prove a very wicked month; and all manner of evil doings will be recorded, as the "evil planets" will be the ascendancy, and will occupy well fortified positions. The magnetic and electric currents will form their "junctions" on land this month for the first time in four months; and will cause great atmospheric disturbances, resulting in unprecedented gales, cyclones, floods, tornadoes, blizzards, earthquakes and electrical storms. The sea coast will be in great danger of a tidal wave; and all precaution should be used by "sailors," as the month has no new moon, which is an evil omen for ships on the sea. Wicked tornadoes and destructive sleet storms will be almost sure to visit many sections of this country. The southern and western states must watch out for tornadoes, floods, blizzards and earthquakes.

For the past four months we have been sounding the warning that great meteorological disturbances would be liable to occur during the months of February and March. The planets are in good position this month to give us a great surprise! The greatest disturbance may be looked for between the 1st and 4th, the 6th and 9th, the 11th and 16th, the 18th and 22nd, and the 24th and 28th. Watch out for high "gales" and "blizzards;" snow blockades and thunder storms, accompanied by "lightning." Strange appearing "signs" will appear in the Heavens; and there will be great excitement in religious circles, as there will be no new moon in the month of February, and all of the Sabbath days will be "high flood" days! The sunrise and the sunset scenes will be beautiful to behold. The southern states will be in danger of a blighting blizzard. For "planting signs," when to trim trees and vines and all such information, send 10 cents to Prof. C. Coles, Kingston, Pa., and get a copy of his *Storms and Signs*.

Don't be alarmed at these terrible weather predictions. Half the month is gone, and none of them have happened in this section.

Judge Scored a Juror.

Judge Savage, who presided in criminal court last week, severely scored August Shultz, a juror, on Friday. He sat on the case of Fred H. Price, a hotel man charged with keeping a disorderly house. At midnight the jury agreed on a sealed verdict. The jurors were then allowed to leave the room and did not appear in court until Friday morning. The Clerk of the Courts was just about to read the verdict, which was that of guilty, when Juror Shultz jumped up and said: "I don't agree with that verdict. I was talked into it." Judge Savage asked: "Have you spoken to any one about the case since you signed the verdict?" and the juror answered in broken English:

"Yes, I talked with Mr. Juror here and that one there," pointing to two fellow-jurymen.

"Did you talk to any one else?" asked the Court.

No, sir. I don't believe it. I don't think of the verdict as he did, but he talked me out of it."

Judge Savage was amazed. He said: "I am very sorry there is a man on this jury, and that the Jury Commissioners of Luzerne county would put a man on the jury who had so little principle as to agree to something he did not believe and put his name down on an agreement and after he had agreed change his mind."

Shultz started to say that he did not believe in the verdict, when the Court said:

"I don't think you are worth anything, any way. I don't want to hear any more from you. Go out and see if you cannot agree."

The jury retired again and returned in an hour with a verdict of guilty.—*Shickshinny Echo*

The ballots for next Tuesday's election are being printed at this office. In the signatures of the Commissioners on the endorsement, the name of W. H. Fisher is printed in script, while Mr. Krickbaum's and Mr. Kitchen's are facsimiles. This is because the new facsimile did not come in time, and we used the old signatures of the two latter, but had none for Mr. Fisher.

F. F. Merceron, an old resident of Catawissa, died at his home last Friday, aged 85 years.