

CIVIC CLUB MINSTRELS.

A Good Show And a Large Audience Give The Library Fund a Big Benefit.

Unsuspecting people would have been surprised if they had been told a week ago that we had concealed, right here in our midst, a first-class up-to-date minstrel troupe. And yet Tuesday night's performance at the Opera House by the Civic Club Minstrels proved such to be the case.

The combination was discovered and organized and moulded into shape by Mrs. W. S. Rishton and Miss Clare Whitmoyer, on behalf of the Woman's Civic Club, and the purpose was to raise money for the Public Library Fund. Few people outside of those actively engaged in the work can appreciate the amount of time, energy, perseverance and patience that is required to carry out a scheme of this kind. For having done it so successfully both as to the financial result and the merits of the entertainment, Mrs. Rishton and Miss Whitmoyer are entitled to the thanks of the public.

Mr. Jay Brown filled the important position of stage manager and director with the skill of a professional. He has had considerable experience in amateur theatricals, and knows his business all right. In the first part of the program he acted as interlocutor. Lined up on either side of him were Robert Hawley Jr., Robert Young, Frank Miller, Frank Eyer, Frank Wilson, Clyde Yetter, Samuel R. Bidleman, Sam H. Harman, Edward Ent, D. J. Tasker, Thomas Hayes and William Coffman. Mr. Brown wore a colonial suit, with white face, and the others all wore dress suits and black faces. At the left of the stage sat Dr. A. K. Aldinger and Eugene McCabe, the "bones" men, and at the right were Frank Colley and W. S. Rishton, the "tambos." To describe the attire of these four would require the pen of an artist. All were different. Different from each other, and different from anything that anybody ever saw before. Their suits were composite, conglomerate combinations, and their acts were better than are seen at most professional minstrel shows.

The first part of the program consisted of an overture by Normal School Orchestra, songs by Dr. Aldinger, D. J. Tasker, Frank Colley, Edward Ent, Frank Eyer and C. C. Yetter, and choruses by the company. All were well sung, and received the hearty applause of the audience. They were interspersed with funny things by the end men.

Frank Wilson, wearing a silk hat, and a chrysanthemum, and his clothes, delivered a lecture on several dozen subjects, and kept the audience laughing throughout. His hit on "Jack Rabbits," seemed to be especially appreciated.

The Bellamy Carnival was a dance by eight figures, dressed wrong side to. That is, their faces were on the backs of their heads, and consequently, the backs of their heads were on their faces, and the south side of their clothes pointed north. When they went forward they walked backward, and vice versa, and the audience got so mixed up that they thought that when the figures came on the stage they were going off, and when they were through and went off the stage it looked as though they were just coming on. It was very funny.

A comic song, and a beautiful illustrated song, by Mr. Tasker; "McFadden's Flats," by Dr. Aldinger and Mr. Hayes; "Rag Time Quartette," by Messrs. Hawley, Rishton, McCabe and Harman; "Johnny Dugan and His Tribe," by Messrs. Ent, Eyer, Young and Coffman; and a boxing bout in barrels, by Coffman and Hayes, brought the program down to the Cake Walk.

In this the participants were Robert Young and Miss Laura Moyer, S. H. Harman and Miss Lois Sloan, Dr. Aldinger and Miss Edith Miller, Frank Colley and Miss Carrie Brown, Robert Hawley and Miss Lilla Sloan. The costumes were brilliant in colors and fantastic in design, and the movements were all very graceful and pretty. J. R. Townsend, W. S. Moyer and Dr. Willits were appointed judges to award the cake, being governed by the amount of applause each couple received. Dr. Aldinger and Miss Miller "took the cake." The whole program was highly creditable to all concerned, and the library fund is over \$200 better off.

Mrs. Colley, Mrs. Sutfill and Miss Bogenriet, rendered valuable aid as accompanists for the different songs and acts.

The large decorated cake prize was

donated by E. Woolsey's Bakery.

Through the kindness of Eugene McCabe the stage was brilliantly lighted with electric lamps.

Chas. P. Elwell played the piano for the cake walk. He was given a warm welcome when he sat down at the instrument.

Prof. J. H. Dennis operated the lantern and slides for the illustrated song.

FREE RURAL DELIVERY.

Contracts to be Let to Take Effect Next July.

William H. Penn, assistant superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, from the Second Assistant Postmaster General's office, was in Bloomsburg last Thursday in the interest of the quadrennial letting of star mail routes, which is now being advertised in all the Eastern and New England States. Two important changes have been made in this system, which will greatly improve the service and give the country people that which closely approaches free rural delivery.

Contractors are required to live on or convenient to the route, and will be held immediately responsible for the service. This feature cuts out the non-resident and professional bidder, and gives all the money to the local people. Any person living convenient to the route, except within the corporate limits of a city, or within eighty rods of a post office, can place a box on the immediate route of the carrier and have his mail delivered free of expense. This will enable the farmer, who is inconvenient to a Postoffice, to get his daily paper and other mail quickly and regularly.

Contracts will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and any person who wishes to bid can receive all necessary information from any Postmaster. Bids must be filed in the Second Assistant Postmaster General's office by December 4. Service takes effect July 1, 1901.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock with Hon. E. M. Dunham of Sullivan county and Associates Judges Fox and Kurtz presiding.

Robison vs. Karns et al. Motion for a new trial. Motion refused. Wm. Hoffman vs. Wm. Hopper. Motion for new trial. Motion refused. O. B. Mellick vs. Penna. R. R. Co. Motion for new trial. Motion refused. General Fire Extinguisher Co. vs. Magee Carpet Works. Motion for new trial. Motion refused.

C. D. Hamlin vs. Norman Hamlin. Judgment for plaintiff.

William C. Sponsler vs. William Walp, administrator of Mary A. Walp deceased. William Walp, George Walp, James Walp, Samuel Walp, Lydia Claywell and Jennie Dieterich heirs at law of Mary A. Walp, deceased. Ejectment.

Estate of Daniel Fry. Petition for partition. Inquest awarded.

Estate of Solomon Helwig. Petition for citation. Citation awarded. Hotel license of Harvey Dieterich situate in Center Township transferred to Charles Whitenight.

The counsel in Walp ejectment case and the Court Stenographer went to Warrior's Run Wednesday to take testimony.

All jurors except those serving on the above case were discharged.

Ernest Seton-Thompson.

The engagement of Ernest Seton-Thompson was made in the best of faith by those who were instrumental in bringing him here. His entertaining books were known to many persons, and his lectures have been well received in the cities, and the papers have given him very complimentary notices. It was believed that his lecture would be a rare treat to this community. But it wasn't. The large majority of the audience was disappointed. His lecture consisted mostly of a discourse on jack-rabbits' tails, same bears feasting on a garbage pile in Yellowstone Park, a description of the death of old "Lobo," the wolf, which was the best thing he had, and a moose hunt. The lecture he gave here was not the one that was expected, and was certainly not one of his best. It is not often that an audience is disappointed in the Normal Auditorium, as great care is exercised in the selection of entertainers, and it was not the fault of the managers in this instance, but of the lecturer, who did not deliver the lecture that was requested.

A broker's office has been established in the Moyer building on Main street below Market.

LOOKING AHEAD.

A Prominent Citizen Tells How the Interests of Bloomsburg Could be Advanced.

How apt we are to run in old ways, adhere to old forms. I hesitate to launch out into new methods and practices, or be indifferent to the demand for progressiveness.

A church needs to change their methods with the passing years, especially as to the management of the temporalities, because old ways and methods will not fit into the necessities and that church loses ground.

Our town needs to be progressive. Because a pain would do ten years ago may be the very reason why it ought to be changed. The people are willing to pay taxes and still larger taxes, even special ones if they see that the authorities are seeking to expend the money honestly and for the public good, in better streets, better schools, better government, with wiser ordinances well executed. Let us have a beginning of paved streets. Such a start if it were but one block would take like cold water on a hot day, and would be an incentive and inspiration to continue, and the necessary funds could be easily forthcoming. The authorities who would put such an enterprise on foot would be memorialized if not immortalized. Who is holding such a blessing benefit back? Let them yield to this loud public demand in the interest of right conditions.

What an advantage to Bloomsburg if Athletic Park could be arranged and beautified as a park; how it would educate and uplift, if kept from the evil? And much it would add to our town. What rest and pleasure it would afford our people. If the town has not money to undertake this why not agitate the subject for our Labor days and awaken our public schools to the privilege of doing such a grand work on those days through a succession of years, and no one in town would be any poorer. Then the authorities would be encouraged to do some landscape gardening, and a beautiful park arise before us. But, to make our town what it ought to be we must have more, or more active industries. Why could we not have a paper mill at Iron Dale, with the splendid water power, and as paper was brought in, and as paper would be ordered out and it would get its walking papers very quickly, too. Why could we not have a shirt factory here employing a hundred or more hands? These articles are always in demand. There is no trouble to sell garments, all that is needed is to make them right and at fair prices. There might be great gatherings, and dryings, and packing of medicinal herbs, the manufacture of special medicines and the issue of pamphlets on health, etc. The trusts surely have not sole charge over every manufactured article and it will do our town an amazing benefit to bestir themselves and make a large stride forward in a most substantial way. X.

Coming Again.

Lyman H. Howe has given exhibitions of his moving pictures several times in Bloomsburg, but that to be given by him in the Opera House on Friday evening Nov. 2, will surpass all previous efforts. The exhibition will be under the auspices and for the benefit of the Lutheran Y. P. S. C. E. Admission 25 and 35 cents. A packed house is expected. Secure your seats in advance. The board for reserved seats will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Bidleman's Book Store.

The Dead Burglar.

The man who was shot at Cambra while attempting to rob a store has not been identified. The remains were kept there several days and were viewed by over a thousand people. No one appearing to claim the body, it was sent to a medical college in Philadelphia, where it will be dissected by students.

Photographs Cheap.

The undersigned is prepared to fill orders for photographic views of houses, street views, etc., in Bloomsburg at low rates. Pictures 4x5 at \$1.50 a dozen.

G. EDWARD ELWELL,

Market Street, Bloomsburg.

Married.

HOLDREN-HILEMAN.—At the M. E. Parsonage in Evers Grove, Oct. 18. Murray Holdren of Pinesummit and Gertrude Hileman of Millville, Pa., by the Rev. David Y. Brouse.

Bear Gap Bridge.

The commissioners of Columbia and Northumberland counties met at Bear Gap Tuesday of last week to receive bids for a county bridge at that place on the line between the two counties. There were eleven bids, two being from Mt. Carmel, but the lowest was that of B. F. Ryan, \$189. Owing to a change in the work, the bids were rejected by mutual consent and it was agreed to meet again at Sunbury.

Benton lost a highly esteemed citizen in the death of A. W. Wilkinson, which occurred at his home in that town early Monday morning. Mr. Wilkinson had been a sufferer from heart failure for some time past, though dropsy is given as the immediate cause of his death. Notwithstanding his advanced age, sixty nine years, up to a few months ago he was quite active. Mrs. L. B. Stiles a daughter is the only surviving member of the family. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Benton yesterday afternoon.

After a period of suffering extending through several years, Mrs. Joseph Cramer died on Tuesday. She had been afflicted with a complication of diseases which admitted of no hope of recovery. The deceased was about forty years old, and is survived by a husband and two children. Her death occurred at the home of her brother-in-law, Rush Cook. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

In spite of the fact that one of their number was killed, the gang of robbers which has been operating in the upper part of this county for the past several months, the surviving members remain undaunted and robberies are still going on. On Friday night Pennington's store at Fairmount Springs was broken into and goods to a considerable amount carried away.

The Young Men's Democratic Club will hold a big meeting in the Opera House Saturday evening. Fred Ikeler and John G. Harman Esqs., will speak. The ability of these two young men is too well known to need any comment here. The Bloomsburg Band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

The Danville 77's lined up against the grid iron Saturday afternoon. They were not common amusement for our boys as can be seen from the score, 48-0. While this game was in progress, the sturdy Normalites were walloping an eleven from Orangeville on Normal Field. Score 30 to 0.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars was the price paid to J. W. Bowman of Rohrsburg, for a Guernsey bull last week. This fully demonstrates the value of raising good stock. Had this animal been a scrub, Mr. Bowman could not have sold it for more than fifteen or twenty dollars.

The Annual Reunion of the graduates of the Bloomsburg State Normal School will be held at Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, this evening. The attendance is expected to be large.

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