

THE COLUMBIAN.

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ROYAL ARCANUM.

The Reason Why.

The Royal Arcanum Leaflet for October asks this question. "How is it that the Royal Arcanum has to stand the brunt of all the attacks of the old line companies, while fraternal orders older in years and larger in membership, are never mentioned by our detractors?" The answer to this is found in the high personnel of our membership, the activity in social and fraternal work among such a large percentage of our Subordinate Councils, and in the low cost of protection which the Royal Arcanum affords. The high grade of our membership makes the old line solicitor envious. Such a fine class of men ought to be liberal contributors in premiums to old line companies and in commissions to solicitors, they think. Hence the persistent effort to create distrust and weaken confidence in the Royal Arcanum. The activity of such a large percentage of our Subordinate Councils attracts public attention, brings young men into our ranks and enables the Order to reach thousands of men every year who never could be reached by the average insurance solicitor. The old liner wants to attract these members away from the Royal Arcanum, and divert his annual contribution for protection into the treasury of the company and the pocket of the solicitor. The low cost of protection which the Order furnishes is another great stumbling block. The old liners see that if this thing is allowed to go on for a generation, the public will be convinced that protection can be procured for much less than the old line companies charge and will seek the fraternal society for such a purpose. From everywhere come reports of arrangements for social functions by Councils during the ensuing winter. Ladies' nights, concerts, banquets, etc., are on the list. Let the good work go on. They will interest outsiders, attract the ladies, and revivify the enthusiasm of the older members, as well as strengthen the hands of those who are in the harness.

Quite out of the ordinary run of extravaganzas is the entertainment which will be offered at the Opera House to-night. The attraction is called "Miss New York Jr." and contains some of the best vaudeville talent before the public. There are over thirty people in the organization and they begin to make merry in a skit called "Thirty Minutes at Sea," the principal characters in which are Sir Shomas Slip-ton and Richard Shoaker. The skit is reported to be a laugh from start to finish. Among the specialists are such well known artists as Minnie Granville, acknowledged one of the finest mezzo-contraltos appearing in public; the Fontleroy's in their amazing electrical act, the only one of its kind in the county; Udell and Pearce as Alphonse and Gaston, Colten and Darrow, a cure for the blues, Sundermand and Fooda, dainty little singers and dancers; Marion and Pearl, the well known comedians and acrobats, and many other stage favorites. "Miss New York Jr." will terminate her performance by introducing her company in a satire taken from the opera "Erminie" and entitled "Ye District Skule." In this latter skit the beautiful chorus will be seen to exceptional advantage.

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ORDER OF COURT

Excusing Centralians From Attendance at December Term.

An action which will serve to curtail the business of the December term of court, which convenes next week, was taken on Monday, when Judge Little and Associates Fox and Krickbaum at a special session made an order excusing all the Centralia and Conyngham township people from attendance at court. This move was made imperative owing to the small pox situation in the restricted districts, and will no doubt meet with the approval of every one. The order is as follows: "Now November 30, 1903. It is ordered that all jurors drawn and summoned to be in attendance at this December term of court, from Centralia Borough and Conyngham township, and the constables and witnesses from those districts be excused from attendance at the December term of court. The Clerk will notify the jurors and constables of this order by letter. BY THE COURT."

THRILLING RUNAWAY.

There was a thrilling runaway on North Iron street Tuesday in which the driver Fred Bower was considerably bruised, the horse pretty badly cut, and the wagon completely demolished. The runaway started on Reservoir hill, when in turning, the horse took fright and started off at a mad gallop. The wagon was upset, and pinned beneath the box, Bower was dragged for nearly a hundred yards, when the animal tore loose from the wagon and continued on down Iron Street. The excitement reached a climax at the corner of Main and Iron street, when in turning the horse slipped, fell, and rolled into W. H. Moore's store entrance, striking the plate glass window with such force that it was shattered, the falling pieces inflicting some ugly cuts on the horses leg. The run and fall was apparently sufficient to subdue the animal, and bleeding from its wounds it got up and started on a walk, but it was stopped by Edward Leighow. The horse and wagon belonged to Alexander Bros. & Co.

To Close Centralia Colliery.

The L. V. Coal Co's Centralia colliery will be shut down indefinitely after Dec. 1, notice having been posted to that effect. No reason is given, but it is thought that the suspension is part of the restriction policy of the big companies. Fifteen hundred employes will be rendered idle.

Fatal Accident at Sunbury.

By the running of a caboose into a Pennsylvania engine cab at Sunbury Friday morning, brakeman William Motter, of Sunbury, who was in the engine cab, was killed and brakeman Joseph Bower had a leg crushed so badly that amputation was necessary. Engineer Cooper and Fireman Bender escaped by jumping.

CARRIE AT BERWICK.

Carrie Nation, the Kansas "saloon smasher" was in Berwick Tuesday evening, having appeared there with a production of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." Berwick turned out en masse to see her, the audience filling the theatre from pit to dome. She set the crowd wild, when in the fourth act she flew in upon the scene, and smashed to smithereens the bar-room and fixtures of the Sickle and Sheaf. To a newspaper reporter, after the performance, she was quite talkative, and among other things recounted the reverses with which she has met, since starting out to crush out the liquor traffic. Chief among them was a month's sojourn in jail and a fine of \$500. These experiences have not in the least, however, chilled her ardor, and she predicts the final triumph of the cause, which she represents. She also stated to the scribe that she is just now interested in the founding of a school for young women, where they will be taught how to live. It will be known as an anti-corset and anti-train school, and its graduates will have no trains to their dress, and the use of the corset, which she characterized as "paralyzing" will be dispensed with.

PRICES REDUCED.

For the holiday trade the prices of "Picturesque Bloomsburg" and "Souvenir Book of Bloomsburg" have been reduced, being cut in half.

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Price of Meat to Take a Drop.

It is said on good authority that the prices of meat are to take a big drop. The wholesalers of western meats advance as the cause of the reduction the decided falling off in demand within the past month, due largely to the suspension of men and cutting of wages. The working men have had their earnings reduced and one of the first things they stopped buying was meat in so large quantities that had been purchased, previous to the cut. Therefore there is nothing left for the dealers to do but to cut the prices down to a point where the consumers generally can join in the buying. The opinion prevails that when the prices are cut down within the next few days the end of high priced meats will have been reached.

The Mantelli Opera Co.

This celebrated Opera Company will appear at the Opera House Saturday evening Dec. 19. It is an organization headed by the peerless Diva, who with her superb voice, and intense dramatic power has endeared herself to all music loving people, in every part of the civilized world. Supported as she is by a coterie of excellent and high class artists, is it a surprise that the Mme. Mantelli Italian Grand Opera Co., is creating a furore wherever it appears. It forms a combination whose leader is a celebrity of the highest rank, presenting opera in truly Cosmopolitan style with every possible attention paid to stage effects, costumes and general detail. The Company will present the second act of Carmen, with a quartette ballet, the second act of Mignon and the fourth act of Trovatore. Mme. Mantelli's supporting company includes Signora Vicini, prima donna soprano; Signor Baggetto, tenor, Signor Alessandrini, baritone, Signor Fontana, basso, Signor Guarro, musical director, and a quartette ballet. It is the one chance of a life time to hear these celebrities, and to get them here the local management is giving a guarantee of \$500. The prices for this engagement will be 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.50.

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BASKET BALL NEXT.

Basket ball is the next in order in the way of sport, and Dr. Aldinger is busily engaged trying out and selecting the team that is to represent the Normal the coming season. Basket ball has become a craze, and is now nearly as popular as base ball or foot ball. The method of play is fully as exciting and requires just as much expertness as any other branch of sport.

Several changes have been made in the rules of the game this season, which makes the sport even more popular than before. Principal among the changes is the requirement that after all attempts at shooting goals from fouls the ball must be taken to the middle of the floor and placed in play as at the start of a game. Formerly after a shot at goal from a foul had missed, the ball remained in play. The old rule has been found weak.

Another rule gives the referee the power to disqualify or call a foul at any time in addition to his former duties. This work was formerly looked after by the umpire.

Employees Happy.

The Silk Mill started with a full force on Monday. Every department of the large plant is in full operation, and there is work sufficient on hand to keep the machinery humming for some time to come. "This is the last Saturday afternoon you'll see us for the balance of the winter" said an employee of the mill to the COLUMBIAN man Saturday afternoon. Then continuing he said "we've been having a half holiday every week since early in the summer, but its over now, and we are all glad of it, because it means more money every pay day." The Silk Mill employs more hands than any other industry in town, and pays good wages.

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There will be exposed to public sale on SATURDAY, DEC. 12th, 1903, two lots of ground of the estate of the late Mrs. Robert Manning, one situated on Main street Eversgrove and the other on Pine street, Orangeville, on both of which are erected

DWELLING HOUSES

and out-buildings. The sale of Evers Grove property will commence at 9.30 o'clock a. m. and the Orangeville property at 2 o'clock p. m.

Only three weeks till Christmas. How the time does fly.