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TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT.

The Wheelmen Will Give You a Run for Your Money at the Opera House.

The Audience Will Be Large.

That the audience which will be present at the Wheelmen's Minstrel performance in the Opera House to-night will smash the record of the play house, is shown by the fact that the advance sale is the largest ever known. Out of a total of 636 seats, there remains to be sold less than one hundred and fifty, and these are all in the rear of the house. The gallery however, will seat comfortably 250 or 300 persons, and admission to this part of the house will be only 25c.

The stage for the first part will be handsomely dressed in a rustic effect, the preparation of which the boys have spared neither pains nor expense. Electricity will play a prominent part, and numberless colored lights will be used.

The songs have all been carefully selected, and the jokes are "button busters." In fact, part one abounds in screaming situations from the start, finishing with Williams and Walker's big hit, "On Broadway in Dahomey Bye and Bye."

Part second will speak for itself. Here is the program in full:

The personnel of the troupe is as follows: The Monarch of all He Surveys, John G. Harman; Manipulators of the Ebony, Gerald Gross, Ralph Phillips, Freas Hicks; Wielders of the Sheepskins, William Coffman, Rob Vanderslice, Harry Barton; The Chirping Contingency, Frank Colley, John Conway, D. J. Tasker, David Tasker, Edward Ent, Nevin Yost, George Low, Orval Yetter, Samuel Bidleman, Mort Butler, Thos. Moore, Eugene Carpenter. Grand Ensemble, The Witmark Minstrel Overture and Opening Chorus by the entire circle and the orchestra under the direction of Prof. La-Tourette. Synopsis, 1: Chorus Behind Curtains; 2: Wheelmen Are Out To-night; 3: Entrance of End Men; 4: Open Your Mouth and Shut your Eyes; 5: All Coons Look Alike to Me; 6: We All Have Troubles of Our Own; 7: I'm Prepared For It; 8: Bells of Fate; 9: My Black Baby Mine; 10: The Raccoon and the Bee; 11: When the Cat's Away the Mice Will Play; 12: Give Me Your Eye; 13: Special selection from Carmen; Finale. Negro Nonsense—"I'm a Jonah Man," Harry Barton; Ballad—"I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You," D. J. Tasker; Solo—"The Troubles of the Reuben and the Maid," Frank Colley; Coon Song Hit—"I've Got to Go Now, Cause I think It's Going to Rain," W. H. Coffman; Tenor Solo—"Sweet Clover," E. H. Ent; End Specialty—"The Cycamore Tree," Gerald Gross; Ballad—"Genevieve," J. P. Conway; Finale—"On Broadway in Dahomey Bye and Bye, Company; Overture—Orchestra.

PART SECOND.

Fancy Club Swinging, Alfred Armstrong; Violin Solo "Barcarolle Pizzicati," from Silvia, Delibes, Vargilio Dominguez; Monologue, Robert Vanderslice; Solo, "The Quaker's Daughter," Watson, Miss Hettie Cope; Mickey and His Tribe, Ent, Carpenter, Phillips, Gross, Coffman; Reading, Miss Swarts; Illustrated Songs, D. J. Tasker; Mixed Quartette, "A Spring Song," Pinsuti, Miss Cope, Mrs. Pursel, Mr. Colley, Mr. Ent.

Loss by Fire.

A destructive fire visited Derry township, Montour County at an early hour Tuesday morning, completely destroying, with two valuable horses, all the crops and farm implements, the large barn on the Martz estate. The loss of the building of course will be borne by the Martz estate, but it will be small, considering the insurance, compared to that of the tenant Lloyd Zarr, who by the way is a brother of our townsman B. Frank Zarr. The horses, crops and implements were all his, and he is, so we are informed, without any insurance. Mr. Zarr had, an hour or so before the fire broke out, left for the Danville market leaving a dimmed lantern in the barn, and it is to this that the origin is attributed.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Town Council was held last night, with all the members present. It was decided to purchase 300 feet of Paragon hose at 90 cents per foot. The fire alarm system was reported to be in good shape except at points where wire crosses other electric wires. The committee made some recommendations to remedy this.

L. M. Sleppy who was elected Tax Collector last February, notified the council that he declined to collect the duplicate of 1903, his reasons therefor being that the bond had been increased to \$5000, and because the duplicate had been held back so long. Mr. Sleppy has not resigned as Tax Collector but declines to collect the town duplicate. The other duplicates are in his hands.

President Townsend called attention to the statement printed by the town as to the balance due on the tax duplicates of 1901 and 1902. The balance according to this statement due on the 1901 duplicate is \$4,284.52 and on the 1902 duplicate \$7,306.74, making a total of \$11,591.26 still due the town according to this printed statement. The finance committee will meet Miles Betz, the collector, this evening at seven o'clock in order to ascertain the amount still uncollected on the duplicates of those years. There was some discussion as to the appointment of a collector, but no conclusion was reached. A number of minor matters also received attention, and after directing orders to be drawn for some bills the council adjourned.

Death of William S. Pursel.

Our people were sorry on Friday to hear of the death of William S. Pursel, which occurred the day before at the home of his son, Dr. J. P. Pursel, at Doylestown, this state, whither he had gone about a month ago to spend the winter. Mr. Pursel was well and favorably known, and his memory will be one that will leave an influence for good. He resided for many years on his farm on North Iron street, having moved here from Eversgrove. He was one of the oldest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always attended its services. Mr. Pursel was aged about seventy four years, and is survived by the son above referred to and two other children, Henry, of Ohio, and Kinney, of Elmira. The remains arrived here over the D. L. & W. R. R. Friday afternoon and were taken to the residence of L. N. Moyer, where funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon.

Attended Funeral.

Mrs. M. A. Girton and two daughters, and W. A. Girton and wife of Hemlock township, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kramer of Jerseytown, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Girton, of town, attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Moore, at Danville, on Sunday. She died at Elizabeth on the previous Thursday.

Fire Destroys Home.

The house of Mrs. Rhoda Hess, near Edson's was burned to the ground Saturday afternoon. Not until the flames had eaten their way through the floor and into the second story, were they discovered, and then all attempts to save the structure were futile. A greater part of the furniture was lost. There was a small insurance.

C. C. Gallighan, for many years a resident of Bloomsburg died of pneumonia at Pittsburg Monday evening. He had not been ill very long, and the announcement of his death came as a severe shock to his many friends here. He was aged about forty nine years and is survived by a wife. The remains will be brought to Bloomsburg for interment. Services will be conducted in St. Columba's church tomorrow at ten o'clock.

The Bloomsburg Daily very kindly mentions the fact that the COLUMBIAN Building front has been repainted, and adds that this "will give the place a business-like appearance." We appreciate the notice, but we have been under the impression that the "place" has had a "business-like appearance" for the past twenty years or more.

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A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

COURT IN SESSION.

The December Term Convened on Monday With a Slim Attendance.

Business Of Small Moment.

The regular December term of Court called to order at ten o'clock, on Monday, with Hon. Robt. R. Little and Associates J. T. Fox and William Krickbaum, on the bench. The attendance for the first day was slim, and the business transacted was of small moment.

The Court ordered that 500 names be put into the jury wheel for next year. For the February term the Court ordered that a venire be issued for twenty-four grand jurors, thirty-six traverse jurors.

Grace Neal Hutton vs. C. W. Neal. This was the case which attracted so much attention at a previous term of court, and was a rule to show cause why Grace Neal Hutton should not turn over to the plaintiff, C. W. Neal, who under the will claims a life interest, the proceeds, rents, issues, etc., in the estate of Emma H. Neal. The matter, involving as it does an estate amounting to \$35,000 was sharply contested by both sides. The Court in its opinion considers the children beneficiaries, under the will, and discharges the rule. The opinion in part is as follows:

"In order to sustain the petitioner's contention we must conclude that the testatrix, after having given to him a portion of her estate absolutely, also intended to and did give him a life estate in the remainder, which was by far the greater portion of her property. This would practically be the equivalent of disinheriting her own children. If the petitioner was given a life interest in the trust estate, the testatrix failed in what she set out to do, viz. make provision for the education and maintenance of her children. The final income of the trust estate as it might accrue was placed within the reach of the petitioner's creditors; while any beneficial use which the testatrix intended that her children should receive out of the income of her estate would certainly be imperilled.

"The words 'that he shall and may have for his sole and separate use' for and during the term of his natural life' appearing as they do in the context of this will serve to render the meaning of the instrument somewhat ambiguous.

"The words 'For and during the term of his natural life' refer to the period of the duration of the trust, rather than to extent of any interest claimed to have been given to the petitioner in the trust estate.

"We are of the opinion that the testatrix intended to, and did create a trust by her will for the benefit of her minor children; and that they, and not her husband, were made the beneficiaries of it.

"Now December 7, 1903, the present rule is discharged."

BY THE COURT.

Sale of Magee Carpet Mill in 1901. Report of auditor confirmed absolute.

George E. Lockwood vs. John G. Ruge. Rule to show cause why amendment should not be made in the form of action from trespass to assumpsit. Rule discharged.

Petition by S. W. Boone for rule to show cause why execution in the estate of Aaron Boone, deceased, should not give security. Rule made absolute and executors ordered to furnish bonds in the sum of \$12,000.

In the estate of Aaron Boone.

Useful Christmas Presents

(Here's a few of them.)

Mrs. Potts' Irons, Dover Irons, Bissell Sweepers, Wringers, Nickleware, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware, Pocket Knives and Shears.

Mechanical Toys, Skates, Sleds and Tool Chests.

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Rule to show cause why sale of property by executors should not be set aside. Rule discharged.

L. T. Sharpless and H. V. White, trustees of the Bloomsburg Artificial Ice Company in re rule to show cause why writ of scire facias should not be quashed and service of writ set aside. Rule made absolute and ordered that writ and the return thereto be vacated and set aside.

Bourne Fuller Co. vs. Catawissa Car and Foundry Company. Rule asked for judgment for want of affidavit of defense. Rule made absolute.

Constables were called and made their returns.

Grand Jury called and sworn.

C. L. Hartman, of Hemlock, was appointed tipstaff for the Grand Jury.

All Grand and Petit Jurors from Centralia were excused, and no cases from that place will be heard at this term, because of the epidemic of small-pox in that locality.

Report of Robert S. Howell, Esq., as master in the case of Harvey Kelchner vs. Elmore Kelchner, subpoena in divorce, was in favor of divorce.

Petition of citizens of Conyngham township for vacating a road in said township.

Writ of partition in estate of Lafayette Trivelpiece, deceased. Inquisition confirmed nisi.

Petition for appointment of guardian, ad litem, for Minnie Greenley, Emory Greenley, Eletha Greenley, Ray Bredbender and Sarah Bredbender, minors. J. T. Tarcy appointed guardian, ad litem.

Report of viewers for a road near Edward's Mills, in Benton township, confirmed nisi.

Petition of Charles Fetterman for rule to show cause why satisfaction of judgment on note to Caroline Fetterman should not be decreed. The case was ordered on trial list for next term of Court.

Petition of Alfred James Berry for naturalization. Committee reported favorably and petitioner sworn in as a citizen of the United States.

Report of master, R. John, Esq., in case of Locust Poor District vs. Catawissa Borough Poor District, confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of bridge in Orange township, over

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