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Keith's Theatre.

Vesta Victoria, the popular English comedienne, is the leader at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week. She comes from a successful season in New York. After a solid year's success in New York, Rice & Prevost are now appearing at Keith's. "The Stunniug Grenadiers," with Meredith Meredo, prima donna soprano, is another head-line. This is the first appearance in the Quaker City of the London and Paris hit, Watson's Farmyard Circus is the merriest of all children's acts, being a miniature Barnum and Bailey show. Bert Leslie & Co., in "Hogan's Visit"; Murphy & Francis, "After the Ball"; Willa Holt Wakefield, famous English pianologue artist; Frank Fogarty, America's foremost genius of Irish wit, are others of interest, while a crowning act is the thrilling and daring European acrobatic wonder performed by the Great Metzetti troupe.

Progress Grange Program.

The following program has been arranged for the meeting of Progress Grange, Saturday afternoon:

Recitation, Annie Durst.

Song by the Grange.

At what distance apart should corn be planted to secure the largest yield per acre? David Bartiges.

At what time of year should celery plants be set out for early and late crops? Annie Bible.

The proper way to cook asparagus to make it palatable for the table. Mary Stump.

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Going to Lock Haven Friday?

Liveryman Boozer purchased a new horse in Jersey Shore. The animal was ridden to Centre Hall by James Fetterolf.

An overcoat containing private papers was taken from the residence of Dr. J. Allison Platts, Bellefonte, by a sneak thief.

Dr. Charles H. Albert, president of Bloomsburg Normal School, will be the orator on Memorial Day at Aaronsburg.

Mrs. W. O. Rearick and Mrs. Jacob Bible, both of Millroy, were in the valley beginning of this week, and while here were entertained by relatives.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Herlacher, of Mifflinburg, is the guest of Mrs. Mary Rearick, in Centre Hall. The ladies are cousins, and frequently visit each other.

The near approach of the sheep clipping season leads R. C. Palmer, of Linden Hall, to announce that he will be ready to buy wool as soon as it is on the market, and will pay the highest price for the product.

The engagement of Miss Beatrice Barclay, youngest daughter of Congressman and Mrs. George B. Barclay, of Sinnemahoning, to Hon. Harry W. Shoemaker, of New York City, has been announced, the wedding to occur in June.

The Republican State convention will likely be held in Philadelphia, June 6th. The office of treasurer is the only state office to be filled at the fall election, consequently the work of the various party conventions can be quickly performed.

Dr. George P. Bible, of Philadelphia, and his brother, Frank Bible, ex-Recorder of Centre county, were in Centre Hall Tuesday, guests of the Bible sisters, east of town. Dr. Bible is on a lecturing tour, and remained here but for part of a day.

S. E. Weber, of Boalsburg, the junior member of the firm of J. H. and S. E. Weber, doing business at Centre Hall and Oak Hall, is in Centre Hall at present looking after the interests of the firm during the senior partner's absence in Philadelphia.

The Tyrone Times has this to say: Howard H. Bricker, of Boalsburg, is again in Guido C. Boecking's drug store. Howard is one of the most affable and genial clerks in this section and we are pleased to inform Mr. Boecking's many patrons that he is back at his post again.

Staggering to our matter-of-course ideas on the punishment of crime is Brand Whitlock's article, "What Good Does it Do?" in the May Everybody's. The brilliant young Mayor of Toledo presents what is usually termed the idealistic view with a cogency and power of conviction that are bound to arouse discussion.

INCrimINATING EVIDENCE PLENTY.

EX-State Treasurer Harris Blames It All on Huston—Loaded Iron for Solid Bronze.

The capitol graft probers developed some interesting facts last week. The first session of the commission was held on Wednesday and the collusion between Architect Huston and Contractor Sanderson was again clearly shown. One of Huston's draughtsmen testified that some months before the contract was let he was employed designing furniture and fixtures for Sanderson, who appeared to have known in advance that he was to get the contract. Another witness testified that Payne & Company had "padded" bills for glass, and the session of that day was wound up by the reading of a letter from former Governor William A. Stone repeating his previous denial of complicity in the contract with Congressman Cassell's company for the steel filing cases and expressing the opinion that the contract was invalid, because the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds has no right to make contracts for future delivery. He intimates pretty strongly that the minutes of the Board meeting were doctored by Secretary Stott who was at the time a clerk in the State Treasurer's office as well as Secretary of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds.

This fact brings to mind an incident of the time of the transfer of the Treasury Department from Mathews to Berry. The greatest pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Berry to retain Mr. Stott in office and when that earnestly expressed desire was disappointed Governor Pennypacker insisted on his retention in the office of Secretary of the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds. He was probably familiar with the frauds which had been perpetrated with the consent of the then Governor, or not by him, and they couldn't afford to let any one else into the secrets. It would be hardly possible to get better evidence of the culpability of the late Mr. Quay's "cousin Sam." He tried to cover up the evidence by keeping in office those who had guilty knowledge of the crime just as he tried to deceive the public after the disclosure by his penny-a-mile excursions. He knew that the people would be dazzled by the magnificence of the bogus French plate glass and veneered pine imitation of mahogany. He imagined that the success of the Republican ticket last fall would prevent an investigation and thus guarantee him immunity from punishment.

HARRIS TESTIFIES.

The principal witness on Thursday was former State Treasurer Frank G. Harris, though the testimony of some other witnesses was interesting. Harry Calvert, of Pittsburg, one of the Secretaries of the commission testified that he had purchased from a firm in that city a set of andirons precisely like those put into the capitol as specially designed. They were not specially designed, the dealer said, but had been in the regular stock list for ten or a dozen years. The price he paid to the Pittsburg firm was \$23 a set though the State paid \$73.60 a set and allowed Huston four per cent. on the entire amount for specially designing them.

The testimony of Frank Harris was really pathetic. He simply pleaded the baby act. Huston completely deceived the Board, he declared, and did whatever he pleased with the State funds. They were all hypnotized by the brilliant and dashing young architect, he added substantially, and that gentleman was to blame for everything that went wrong. Huston's story would be interesting, in view of this "confession," but Huston will not be permitted to testify. As Justice Moody of the United States Supreme Court stated it during the trial of one of the Beef trust conspirators, putting criminals on the witness stand during preliminary proceedings is equivalent to giving them an "immunity bath." Probably Governor Pennypacker will not be summoned to testify for the same reason. He is anxious for a summons, according to gossip, and would probably tell a curious tale of woe. But he is so directly in line for criminal prosecution that it would be a pity to open up a way for his escape.

Harris made a poor witness. He contradicted himself and confused everybody. But he made it clear that the conspirators had set out to loot the treasury to the last dollar and would have achieved the purpose if the election of State Treasurer had not interfered with their plans. He admitted that the law had been violated and the people defrauded. He acknowledged having signed orders for "trimmings" which would have cost \$16,000,000. One contract, that for a granite wall around the capitol park at an expense of \$3,000,000, was revoked because the people of Harrisburg kicked, he said. But he was fooled, he added. "I am innocent," he despairingly declared, at the close of his testimony, "and I did not know until now that the State was so badly defrauded."

LOADED IRON FOR SOLID BRONZE.

Probably what Harris said is true but nobody ever imagined that he was such a stupid. Pennypacker encourages that sort of impression about himself, but Harris took pride in his reputation as a keen business man. He was hu-

HOUSE SITS ON THIRD TERM.

Heads of Grafters to Remain—Muzzle Repealer in Hands of Governor.

A resolution was offered in the house to remove the "types" of grafters adorning the doors of the capitol. The resolution was supported by all the Democrats and a few Republicans, but was lost.

The house also defeated a resolution "requesting Roosevelt to accept a third term." When the speaker submitted the resolution to the house the "noes" were notably strong on the Democratic side, where they were concentrated, but there was a large number of "noes" scattered over the three times as large Republican area of the floor.

Only a few "ayes" were heard, and Speaker McClain was clearly within his rights in promptly declaring the resolution lost.

The McClain-Homsher Trolley Freight bill was signed by Governor Stuart. It extends to trolley companies heretofore or hereafter to be incorporated, whether surface, underground or elevated, the right to do an express or light freight business.

President Pro Tem. Woods signed the Salus-Grady Libel law repealer, and its accompanying bill, compelling the publication every day in newspapers of the names of the proprietor, publisher or owner and the managing editor. They now go to the Governor.

The Reporter's Register.

Lena Emerick, Centre Hall
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Gertrude Dresher, State College
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Paul Bradford, Centre Hall
John Lingle, Centre Hall
C. E. Kline, Granville
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Charles Felker, Beavertown
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Charles Wetzel, Beavertown
Mrs. Clyde Dettow, Centre Hall
Roy and Clyde Dettow, Centre Hall
Margaret L. Strohm, Centre Hall
T. H. Dooty, Penns Cave
Rev. J. W. Beckley, Lebanon
Carrie B. Frazier, Centre Hall
Corn M. Frazier, Centre Hall
Bessie M. Ream, Spring Mills
Robert C. Meyer, Centre Hall
Charles M. Miller, Spring Mills
John E. Frazier, Centre Hall
Musae E. Caldwell, Centre Hall
J. Peck Smithgall, Millheim
J. E. Harshberger, Philadelphia
Bertha M. Sharer, Centre Hall
Viola A. Sharer, Centre Hall
Frank L. Walker, Centre Hall
Henry Rossmann, Tusseyville
Mrs. Lucy Henney, Centre Hall
D. J. Meyer, Centre Hall
Mrs. Jerry Miller, Dubois
Mrs. Maime Miller, Centre Hall
Pearl Hoy, State College
Erna Dettow, Centre Hall
F. M. Crawford, Bellefonte

Aaronsburg.

Homer Zerby and Miss Bessie Stover spent the Sabbath with the latter's parents, on North street.

C. A. Weaver, of Coburn, was the guest of Mrs. Edie Weaver, one day last week.

John Dettwiler and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Roush visited friends at Madisonburg, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Mingle made a trip to Centre Hall Tuesday of last week.

Miss Mabel Gilbert, of Rebersburg, has come to make her home with Clymer Stover's.

Warren Winkleblech and family spent the Sabbath with friends near Rebersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver spent a day last week at the home of Thomas Meyer, at Coburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stover visited their grandparents at Feldler, Sunday.

A decorating committee will decorate the graves of the soldiers at 6 o'clock in the evening of Memorial Day. Prof. Charles H. Albert, of Bloomsburg Normal School, has been secured to make the address. He comes highly recommended, and it is desired that every one arrange to be present.

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Smith, the Photographer.

W. W. Smith, the Photographer, will be in Centre Hall Friday, May 3.

millated, he said, not because the treasury was looted and the people plundered, but for the reason that the methods were "unbusinesslike." His testimony was no more incriminating than that of other witnesses, however. William F. Sauter, of Philadelphia, president of the Williamson Brothers Company, brass and iron founders, swore that his firm had furnished loaded iron frames for the bronze chandeliers and that instead of being solid bronze as required by the specification and represented to the State, they are "loaded" iron with a thin sheet of bronze as a coating. The value of these fraudulent chandeliers was four cents and the charge to the State about four dollars and a half a pound.

OLD TIME CALENDARS.

The Saxon Clogg, Whence Comes the Name "Almanac."

In these days, when printed calendars are in evidence everywhere, the question as to what device the elder folk employed to help them mark the progress of time is not uninteresting.

"They," says Verstegan, alluding to the Saxons, "used to engrave upon certain squared sticks about a foot in length, or shorter or longer, as they pleased, the courses of the moons of the whole year, whereby they could always certainly tell when the new moons, full moons and changes should happen, as also their festival days, and such a carved stick they called an al-mon-acht—that is to say, al-mon-need, to wit, the record or observation of all the moons, and hence is derived the name almanac."

An instrument of this kind was also called the clogg, from its form and matter, and had a ring on the upper end of it to hang on a nail somewhere about the house. On each of the four sides were three months, the days being represented by notches. Every seventh notch, being of a larger size, represented Sunday. Issuing from the right side of the notches were inscriptions and figures marking the festival days by some endowment of the saints or illustrating the season of the year by some work or sport characteristic of it.

Thus against June 29, St. Peter's day, were carved his keys. On Feb. 14 a true lover's knot appeared, and against the notch designating Christmas day was the old wassailing or carousal horn that the forefathers used to make merry with.

The Danes, Swedes and Norwegians used these almanacs under various names, such as Reinstocks, Runstocks, Runstoffs, Annales, Staves, Stakes, Cloggs, Runel, and so forth. Before printing was introduced and when manuscripts were rare and dear these Runic almanacs were made the instruments of instruction and regularly. That they might be more serviceable they were often carved on the tops of pilgrims' staves or stakes so as to regulate their time of assembling at particular places. They were also cut on sword scabbards and implements of husbandry. These cloggs are not entirely unlike the Egyptian obelisks, which have been called fingers of the sun and which may be regarded as a species of almanac.

One of the first printed almanacs or calendars was that of John Muller, who opened a printing house and published his almanac at Guremburg in the year 1472. It gave not only the characters of each year and of the months, but foretold the eclipses for thirty years in advance.

In England the year book of Henry VII. gives the first recorded account of almanacs.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Lightning Superstition.

The ancient Romans avoided places struck by lightning. The houses if damaged were pulled down or fenced in so that no one could use the building on which the gods had set the mark of their displeasure. This feeling was probably deepened by the fact that certain localities are visited by thunderstorms more than others, the wrath of Jove descending in white flame time and again in the same spot. And it was the same superstition, lingering among Christians in a slightly different form, which made it so difficult for Benjamin Franklin to introduce the lightning rod, for the pious Americans of that day declared that "it was as impious to erect rods to ward off heaven's lightning as for a child to ward off the chastening rod of his father."

The Wood in Old Violins.

The woods most favored by the old masters for violin construction were pine, pear, lemon, ash, maple and sycamore, and by some of the later men apple was used. Boxwood was universally employed for bridges. Haweis says, "A perfectly harmonious marriage is as rare between violins and their bridges as it is between men and women." He deprecates the heartless substitution of new bridges for old ones and insists that a new bridge will never mate perfectly with an old violin, and rather than resort to substitution he advises patching and repairing the old one as long as it can be made to last.—Circle Magazine.

A Homemade Weather Glass.

A very reliable weather glass can be made out of such simple materials as an empty salad oil bottle and a quart fruit jar. Having procured these articles, pour sufficient water into the jar so that it covers the mouth of the bottle when the latter is inserted into the former. In fine weather it will be found that the water will rise into the bottle, but will fall back into the jar when wet weather is due. Though the idea of this quaint homemade barometer is not new, it is quite reliable.

A Poor Artist.

Patience—Do you know Jules, the artist?
Patrice—Yes, but I don't like him.
"Why not?"
"Oh, I like a man who can look you in the eye."
"Can't he?"
"Why, he can't even paint a picture of a person who can look you in the eye!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Characteristics.

"Genuses are eccentric. Some of them touch every post or tree they run across."
"Most of 'em touch every friend they run across or almighty try to."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No man can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.—Hawthorne.

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