

A PERSIAN YARN.

The Dragon That Was Tamed by the Memory of a Shrew.

There is another top-notch bill on at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, the head-liner being "For Love's Sweet Sake," a drama of American life, with the distinguished American character actor, Wm. H. Thompson. The man who tells funny stories in a funny way is Lew Sully, who is always a Quaker City favorite. Lillian Shaw, vocalist and monologue artist, is making quite a hit. Joseph Hart's spectacular and musical delight, "The Rain-Dears," is a feature, presenting twenty artists in a vaudeville sensation. There are such other numbers as the five Pericoffis, jugglers; Willie Weston, imitations of stage celebrities; Lyons & Parker, singing and dancing. An extra attraction is Thompson's trained elephants.

Tax Blow to Fraternities.

Considerable interest and apprehension is shown by officers of fraternal and beneficial societies because of the recent opinion given by Auditor General Young that the invested funds of organizations be taxed by the State, in the same manner as private personal property is. The tax rate is four mills on the dollar and as the invested wealth of all the beneficial societies is estimated at more than \$15,000,000 the tax would be a heavy drain on the funds.

The Odd Fellows would be the heaviest losers, as they would have to pay tax on \$5,000,000. The Masonic fraternity has almost \$3,000,000 liable to the tax, and the Patriotic Sons of America about \$1,000,000. The Elks also have a large amount invested for benevolent purposes.

Harris Township

Christ Alexander, of Millheim, was a recent visitor in Boalsburg. Capt. W. H. Fry, of Fairbrook, was a guest at the J. F. Kimport home on Monday.

James Sones, of the Mountain City, visited his brothers here and at Spring Mills.

Samuel Grove, of Pine Grove Mills, expects to move into the house with Mrs. George Boal, where he will attend to the stock and take care of things in general.

Mrs. Elizabeth Passmore, of Harrisburg, is spending part of the Advent season with her father, Adam Felty, and other Centre county friends.

David Rhinesmith, of Benner township, attended to business in Boalsburg last week.

D. W. Myers is calling on the tax payers this week, attending to his duties as assessor.

District Attorney W. G. Runkle, of Bellefonte, attended to some legal business in Boalsburg, Monday.

Mrs. George Boal is having some of her household goods shipped to Washington, D. C., where she expects to reside after the holidays, and remain until springtime.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Meyer visited the latter's parents, at Aaronsburg, Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunday schools of the Lutheran and Reformed churches are preparing for Christmas entertainments. The services will be held in the Lutheran church Christmas eve, and in the Reformed church Christmas evening.

Mrs. Samuel Grove, of Pine Grove Mills, visited her daughter, Mrs. Edward Lucas.

The merchants are ready for the holidays. All kinds of Christmas gifts, both useful and ornamental, are displayed in their windows.

The dwelling house of Peter Sones caught fire Sunday night, but was extinguished before much damage was done. However, the bedroom floor, part of their bedding and part of the roof were burned.

F. W. Weber is busily engaged at remodeling some antique furniture for the Misses Thompson, at Lemont. Some of the articles are to be given as wedding presents and Christmas gifts.

Linden Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Swabb, of Tyrone, spent part of last week at the pleasant home of George Swabb, at Willow Springs.

Mrs. Sarah Miller was at Aaronsburg and Spring Mills during part of last week.

Charles Ross, who has been employed by the Westinghouse company at Wilmerding, came home Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Ross was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Lee, at Pleasant Gap, a few days last week.

Mrs. John Breon fell down stairs backward Saturday, but fortunately escaped very serious injuries.

Miss Nannie Gingerich, who was seriously ill at State College, for the past three weeks, is so much better that she was able to come home on Saturday.

Earl Ross came home Monday from Pittsburg, he being among several hundred men who were laid off by the Westinghouse people.

Jerry Dinges is recovering from a light stroke of paralysis.

James Gilliland is improving so much that he is now able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diehl entertained a number of young people from Bellefonte over Sunday.

Stories about shrews are very popular in Persia. Here is one of them: A man had a wife who was the plague of his life. At last he could bear it no longer and threw her down a well. But three days later he relented and let a rope down the well for her to come up by if she was still alive. Instead of her a huge dragon came up. The man was terribly frightened. He felt sure that the dragon would devour him, but instead of devouring him it overwhelmed him with gratitude and promises of favors for having delivered him from the society of such a terrible companion. As a reward the dragon entered into a conspiracy with him. It arranged to go and coil itself round the body of the king's daughter. Then, after the astrologers and magicians had used all their skill in vain in the attempt to deliver her, the man was to come to the king and say: "Sire, I am the only person who can save your daughter. If I do not succeed you may kill me."

The dragon would recognize him and release her, and the king would of course recompense the savior of his daughter with splendid presents. The dragon made it a stipulation that if he seized any other princess the man was not to interfere on penalty of death. So the dragon went and coiled himself round the daughter of the shah, and after every remedy had been tried without success the man came and presented himself before the shah, saying: "Sire, I am the only person who can save your daughter. If I do not succeed, you will kill me." Then the dragon knew him and went away, leaving the princess free, and the king bestowed her upon the deliverer and gave him an enormous fortune.

After a time the dragon went and coiled itself round the body of a princess of Franghistan. The king of Franghistan, who had heard of the marvelous rescue of the shah's daughter, sent an embassy loaded with costly presents to the court of Persia, praying her rescuer to come and free his daughter also, but the man remembered what he had promised the dragon and was afraid to go. His royal father-in-law naturally did not understand the reason and was furious and insisted that he should go.

At last the man had to go, but he was in terror as to what would happen for breaking his contract with the dragon. When he arrived in the presence of the dragon and the princess he said to the dragon: "I have not broken my word. I did not come to deliver the princess, but only to tell you that my wife has succeeded in getting out of the well and is coming to avenge herself upon you as quickly as she can."

The dragon, remembering the terrible time he had with the man's wife, flew away, for he knew the proverb that "it is better to dwell in a wilderness than in a querulous and angry woman."—Chicago News.

Dickens in Evening Dress.

When Charles Dickens was to make his first appearance in Boston before an American audience as a reader an immense crowd awaited him. The enthusiasm of the people for the most popular novelist then living had risen to fever heat. One of the most ardent of his admirers afterward told this little incident of the evening:

"With a few gentlemen who wished to welcome and show him attention I was in the little room at the back of the platform when Dickens entered it. He was a rather stout man, with a somewhat red face, and I saw, to my surprise, that he was dressed in an exaggerated servility to the extreme fashion. More than this, he wore a boutonniere in each buttonhole and two watches, the chains of which were strung aggressively across his chest. There was a gaudy bad taste in his appearance which his friends regretted, knowing how distasteful it would be to most of his admirers who appreciated his genius and enjoyed his writings. No one, of course, could broach the subject to him, and he appeared that night and every other night of his engagement in the same attire. The universal comment was, 'Why, this is a petit maitre.' How can a man with such tastes be the creator of Tiny Tim and Sam Weller?"

The Peasant and His Son.

One day a peasant carried a basket of potatoes to the field and dug holes in the soil and planted them. His young son watched operations for a time and then inquired:

"Daddy, why do you put those taters in the ground?"

"By so doing each one will bring me back ten, my son," replied the father.

The boy went away, and when his father came up to dinner he found him digging in the yard and asked:

"Sonny, what are you seeking?"

"Why, daddy, I have planted the clock, two umbrellas, the teapot, your Sunday hat, ma's boots and a tablecloth, and each one will bring me back ten."

"You young idiot, come here and be skelped!" shouted the father, and he tanned the boy up and down, crossways and sideways, until he was tired.

"Daddy planted taters to get back ten," mused the boy as he sat down under the cow shed to think. "But I planted clocks and hats and boots to get a licking. It must be the difference in the soil."—Pearson's Weekly.

No Chance to Dance.

Clara—Coming home from the dance the other night, I met Charlie Spooner in a crowded car, and he didn't offer to give me a seat. Maud—Perhaps he knew you had been sitting down all the evening.—Life.

Notice the Pink Label.

Spring Mitts.

Miss Helen Weaver, of Rebersburg, is spending a few days among her girl friends here.

A small oil stove used to heat an upstairs room at the residence of Wm. Campbell, got beyond control Tuesday night. Mr. Campbell succeeded in throwing it out the window and extinguishing the flames it had started, but burned his hands severely in doing so.

The fine team of black horses owned by Robert Hettlinger frightened at the train Friday. They ran from the station to Fisher's store, at Penn Hall, where they were caught by Frank Fisher. Mr. Hettlinger remained in the buggy and held onto the ribbons.

The A. B. C. club spent Friday evening with Miss Katharine Stover, east of town.

Mrs. Sarah Beatty has gone to Avis for the winter.

Ezra Auman and two daughters, of Millheim, were guests at the home of J. H. Rishel, Sunday.

Joseph Reifsnider and family, John and Joseph Meyer, all of Millheim, spent Sunday at Wm. Meyer's.

Misses Anna Cummings and Theresa Rachau were to Millheim Saturday evening.

Miss Eleanor Long was the guest of Miss Bertha Meyer, at Linden Hall, over Sunday.

Aaronsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Orle Weaver, of Wolfs Store, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, of Boalsburg, visited the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. H. May, over Sunday.

Mrs. R. U. Wasson returned after having spent a few weeks with her parents, at Pleasant Gap.

The Reformed Sunday school has decided to hold a Christmas festival on Christmas eve.

Polly Stover has gone to spend the winter months at the home of C. A. Weaver, at Coburn.

Mr. Houtz and Miss Carrie Weaver were married Friday evening by Rev. Donat. The bride will be greatly missed among her many friends here, who all wish her well.

Turb Kresmer, of Renovo, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. K. E. Swabb spent a few days with her daughter at Coburn.

Miss Elsie Phillips, of Philadelphia, is paying her parents a visit in this place.

Clarence Isenhower has come home after having worked at Milton for a few months.

Clyde Stover, Miss Marion Stover, Lloyd Stover and Miss Ruth Swabb attended protracted meeting at Coburn Sunday evening.

A Novel Introduction

The Dr. Howard Company have entered into an arrangement with J. D. Murray's drug store, by which a special introductory offer will be made of 25 cents on the 50 cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

So remarkably successful has Dr. Howard's specific been in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all forms of liver trouble, that Mr. Murray will return the price paid in every case it does not give relief.

Mr. Murray has been able to secure only a limited supply, so everyone who wishes to be cured of dyspepsia or constipation should call upon him at once or send him 25 cents by mail, and get sixty doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half price introductory offer, with his personal guarantee to refund the money if the specific does not cure.

Read the Pennsylvania Railroad Bulletin, "The Christmas Spirit on the Rail."

Thousands Have Kidney

Trouble and Never Suspect it.

Prevalency of Kidney Disease.

Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the last recognized by patient and physicians, who content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease undermines the system.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

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Is The Way--  
The Only Way...

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Toyland is Open  
And Ready

Merry Christmas To All,  
The Xmas ...Store...

Read and Come Oh think how happy this wonderful news will make Read Every Word  
the juvenile world! Old Santa Claus has appointed us his Agent for Bellefonte and allows us to display every little cunning toy he has made in his Iceland home. But come closer, Little Boys and Girls and hear the good news. Old Saint Nicholas had an express purpose for doing this. He not only wanted you to choose for yourself what you desired most for Christmas, but he wanted you to be a good child so you will deserve your good fortune. Tell your parents we invite them to bring you in any day to enjoy in advance the beautiful things on display here.

- Bisque Dolls, Kid Body, 25c to \$3.00
- Dressed Dolls, Jointed, 25c to \$5.00
- Dishes - - - 50c to \$1.25
- Pianos - - - 50c to \$1.50
- China Head Dolls - - - 5c to 25c
- Mechanical Toys - - - 25c to \$1.00
- Magic Lanterns - - - 25c to \$1.50
- Horses and Wagons, Automobiles, Shoo Flies and Rocking Horses, Doll Go-Carts and Carriages, BEDS and FURNITURE...

AND JUST HUNDREDS OF OTHER FASCINATING THINGS

Christmas Cards and Books for Old and Young. Games for all. Toy Books at 1c up to \$1 each. Photo Albums. Nice Gift Books to send away.

Xmas Umbrellas Pictures, Ladies' Collars and Bows Furs for Ladies & Little Girls, Gloves, Handkerchiefs at 2c up to \$1 each.

Some Gifts That Men Like. Neckties, Fancy Vests, The World's Famous President Suspenders (only 45c here), Men's Half Hose in Cotton & Wool, etc.

China Ware, fancy pieces of pretty decorated China, some hand painted Salad Bowls, Chocolate Pots, cups and saucers. As we are closing out this line and will discontinue it we have made prices very low so that you can secure a China Present here less than elsewhere. "Economy Street" will help with your Xmas shopping. Women's Coats, Ladies' Sweaters; we have some Sweaters in small sizes just the thing for girls were \$2.00 and \$2.50, to close them out we have made the price 75c.

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AT THE OLD PRICES  
No Advance Prices Here

- Suit Cases and Bags--all sizes.
- Trunks--large sizes and steamers.
- Pajamas and Night Robes--cotton and domets.
- Shirts--with and without cuffs, white or fancies.
- Handkerchiefs--cotton, linen, silk, initial.
- Umbrellas--cotton, gloria and silk.
- Neckwear--in the greatest variety.
- Gloves--the best made, mocha, kid, fur, and wool, for Men, Women and Children.
- Hats--soft and stiff.
- Clothing--for Men, Boys and Children.
- Pennants--State, High School, Academy.
- Hosiery--Men, Women and Children, wool and silk.
- Cuff Buttons, Studs, Collar Buttons.
- Ingersoll \$1.00 Watches and \$1.00 Chains, Sweaters, Big Neck, V-Neck and Button.

It will soon be here and the thought that is uppermost in your mind is what to give for a present so that it will be acceptable, useful and valuable.

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