

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Is Interested in the Performance to Be Given at the Broad Street Theatre by the Southwark Players for Charity

SOCIETY is interested in the presentation of "The Puppet Princess" and "In the Garden Behind the Moon" which will be given by the Southwark Players this afternoon and tomorrow at the Broad Street Theatre for the benefit of the Welfare Club and the Southwark Neighborhood Settlement Work.

This play was given before the Drama League on December 19. It was most enthusiastically received at the time, and has been much talked of since, so that the two performances promise to be more than well attended.

The Christmas meeting of the Committee Dancing Class will be held this evening, and great are the preparations among the members.

How careful we ought to be when we undertake to talk about our neighbors is to the time and place and reasons thereof. One day last week I was sitting on the Main Line and I noted a woman and her husband and little son, who boarded the train at Broad street, and at West Philadelphia another woman, of the same set, entered and sat down in front of Mrs. E. ... who immediately bowed, and as the newcomer did not seem quite sure of the name, announced herself in loud terms as Mrs. B.

Then commenced the most outrageous gossip I have ever heard. There was not one single person on the Line who was not discussed, and all of his or her family affairs as well. And at the top of their lungs, too! Well, every one began to fidget, and men scowled over their papers, and then I began to notice two men who were seated in front of me.

One turned to the other and said in a low tone, "Did you ever?" Whereupon the other whispered, "I know the dark man that's her husband, poor man; don't expect it to stop soon, for they will rip you one we know up the back." "Perhaps you will suffer, too, if they know you," said the first man. "Haven't a doubt of it," said the second. Suddenly, on the other side of the car, a new name was mentioned, and the gossippers turned south and north. As the name was mentioned the man in front of me turned quickly to the window and began gazing out, trying to seem absorbed in the scenery, but his shoulders also were shaking. "I heard the first one say, 'I told you I'd get it; look out, they will see you.' Just then my station was called and I had to leave. Think of it! Can you imagine two women being so indiscreet and vulgar as to discuss every man and every one's affairs in a crowded car and at the top of their voices?"

NANCY WYNNE.

Persons The marriage of Miss Molly Wood Raily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winter ...

Weddings COATES-WADLEIGH The marriage of Miss Emily Rawle Wadleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Wadleigh, of 2112 Walnut street, and Mr. Sydney Horace Coates took place today at 1 o'clock in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, at Broad and South streets.

DIXON-CRISFIELD A fashionable wedding will take place today at 4:30 o'clock, when Miss Lillian Haberman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haberman, of 2112 Walnut street, and Mr. Arthur Dixon, of 2112 Walnut street, will be united in matrimony.

What's Doing Tonight Business Women's Christmas League Christmas celebration, 1115 Walnut street.

BEYOND THE GREAT OBLIVION (Sequel to "The Vacant World")

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forth a last, convulsive bark and grew silent. The whirling screws hummed a lower note than ceased their song and came to rest. The machine lurched forward, swooped, spiraled, and with a sickening rush, a falling tumult of the stays and planes, plunged into nothingness.

CHAPTER XXI—(Continued) STERN blessed her mentally with special pride and confidence in her mercury calculating machine. Proud of his machine and of his skill, superb like Phaeton whirling the sun chariot across the heavens, he gave her more and still more speed.

PEOPLE'S CHORAL UNION STARTS COMMUNITY "SING" Audience Joins in Christmas Caroling. Good Program Well Given Under Anne McDonough

Something by way of a start of the "community sing" which is rather more than a mere favored art form in some far Western cities, was initiated last evening in Philadelphia by the People's Choral Union, which opened its season by an excellent concert at the Academy of Music.

The idea is for an extension of the interests and benefits of executive music not that merely those who are trained as artists may enjoy the form of expression, but that audiences may be diversified through their passive role of hearing and appreciation to an active participation. The popularity of the scheme in the West and the enthusiasm with which it was received here

When Love was Young Copyright, Life Publishing Company. A young well for the development of great community choruses for all areas meeting in parks as in New York or on city piers as in Chicago, Philadelphia should look into it on a larger scale.

CHAPTER XXII Light! At realization of the ghastly situation that confronted Stern, Stern's heart stopped beating for a moment. Despite his courage, a sick terror gripped his soul; he felt a sudden weakness, and in his ears the rushing wind seemed shouting mockeries of death.

CHAPTER XXIII Light! Stern's eyes were fixed on the indicator. "Yes, only too truly it showed the terrible fact! No hallucination, this. Not much more to do, with a violent effort he flung in the fuel tank. And, though the engine still roared, he knew that in a minute or two it must slacken, stop and die.

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"The Lesson in Anatomy" (after Rembrandt).

BERNHARDT RETURNS TO PHILADELPHIA

With Almost Undimmed Voice, the Great French Actress Appears at Metropolitan

Perhaps it is not graceful on the return of Sarah Bernhardt under onerous and striking conditions, to talk of what she owes an artist to the language she speaks. And yet it was one of the many sharp impressions carried away from the Metropolitan Opera House last night.

Of the present Bernhardt and the present tour there is singularly little new to say. This year, of course, she must confine herself to one-act plays or single scenes from longer dramas, and all of them must give her the opportunity of remaining seated through the whole action.

Outside of such matters of cataloguing, it is only to be regretted that Bernhardt and her voice show very little the wear of time and of physical circumstance. Though the actress remains seated throughout the plays, she conveys, as always, much emotion through her gestures and expressions.

Her supporting company and the stage management are excellent. Short accounts of the plays are very effectively read before the curtain by a young American, Margaret Mower.

KRUSEN MUST DISMISS HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANTS

Council's Failure to Provide Funds Will Force Discharge of Force Fighting Paralysis

Council's failure to provide money for the payment of nurses, inspectors and special workers connected with the Division of Child Hygiene will necessitate the dismissal of the service on Saturday of the entire special force employed by Director Krusen of the Department of Health and Charities, in his fight against infantile paralysis.

The special appropriation of \$25,000 for the work by Council last summer has been exhausted, and the 1917 budget to employ thirty-three additional nurses to fight the after-effects of the disease was killed under the Mayor's ruling against new financial obligations.

The nurses this week are making their final visits to the homes of the little patients, giving them massage and treatment to prevent their growing up hopeless cripples. Just what clarity will take up the work has not been determined, but the city health officials are working with a view to having the necessary treatment continued by outside workers.

FUNERAL OF MRS. TOWNSEND

Husband, Ill in Hospital, Unable to Attend

The funeral of Mrs. Ralph M. Townsend, 2825 E. Laney place, who died Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Services were conducted by the Rev. John McKnight, rector of St. James's Episcopal Church, Twenty-second and Walnut streets, but were held in the Church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill.

Mrs. Townsend was not able to attend. Her ill husband was lying in the University Hospital.

Mrs. Townsend's mother, Mrs. Lincoln Godfrey, and her brother, Lincoln Godfrey, Jr., arrived this morning from El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Godfrey was visiting her son, who is a member of the First City Troop, and had been in camp only an hour when word of Mrs. Townsend's death reached her.

The services were private. Interment was made in Laurel Hill.

Very Important Dress Sale OPPENHEIM COLLINS & Co. Chestnut and 12th Sts. Continued for Tomorrow \$25 to \$30 Women's Dresses, 12.75 Taken From Our Regular Stock An exceptional offering of 275 attractive dresses for afternoon and evening wear, consisting of satin, jersey cloth and sponge, embroidered in various colors; dance dresses trimmed with lace and ribbon. Regular Prices \$25.00 and \$30.00 12.75 No Exchanges No Approvals