

SCANLON, THE HERMIT

Peculiar Looking Old Man Who Resides at Providence.

HIS PECULIAR APPEARANCE

A Blood-Red Breach-Cloth an Inseparable Part of His Attire—His Hair is Long and Falls in Wild Confusion Over His Shoulders—Unrequited Love the Cause of Scanlon's Withdrawal From Society.

Providence has a hermit; not one of the red-covered novel sort, but a real live recluse who has forsaken the ways of the world. Peter Scanlon, a hermit, is unique, in that he is a modern hermit; his name testifies to that. He never lives on goat's milk and 'yeasts' as other hermits do, nor does he attire himself in the skins of foxes and dogs, yet his personality and mode of living are weird and strange.

Peter lives in the little house at Bloom avenue and Oak street, Providence, the storm-beaten shanty of which are almost hidden by a dense tangle of untrimmed weeds and ivy. Its atmosphere the yard is fragrant with the odor of fruit blossoms and fringed with a mass of old-time poppies, hollyhocks and honeysuckle, just like Peter's hoarse face is fringed with a mass of untrimmed beard and hair.

The interior arrangements of the wee house are unknown, and many persons have ventured to gain a peep at the spectacle within, but have been deterred by the ferocious growls of two hounds. The dogs are Peter's only associates and have become imbued with their master's resignation to solitude, and their demand bespeaks was to any who dare venture upon their eminent domain.

Peter's mental machinery is peculiar as is evident from his attire and regal waving back of any who presume to question him during periodical excursions to Providence for supplies. When he is espied swinging down the hill the children flock after him—and no wonder! Fantastic is a mild word to describe his dress. Imagine a man of the Nineteenth century wearing breach-cloth! Let the Providence hermit wear one of blood-red color. His reason for so doing cannot be explained, for his other garments, though tattered and yellow from age, are of more modern fashion.

The crowning glory, however, of Peter's outfit is a staff about ten feet long, to the top of which is attached a crosspiece. The whole is staped to resemble a crutch, and when Peter strides along with the odd thing dangling over his shoulder, he resembles Father Time, the obsolete old fellow, whose caricature flaxen-haired and dark-haired children love to powder over as it appears in 'yoe olden almanak.'

VEGETATES HIS STAFF

The scythe staff is Peter's fetish and is the only article of his communications with man. He regards it with tender care and when asked its purpose says it is a boon to longevity and keeps away the bewitching glances of evil-eyed women.

This last sentiment attaches itself to the true reason for the hermit's seclusion and oddity of character. Years ago, when Peter was endowed with more of the graces of handsome manhood than it is now his lot to possess, he tied with several other men in passing courtship to a young woman. From the fall of Cupid's flag, signifying that the race of love had begun, his admiration for his Dulcinea was unswerving, persistent and honest. Peter had conditions to back his suit in the way of stocks and government bonds, but they did not win.

This love disappointment was the last bitter drug of the odd fellow's cup of sorrow, and, swearing eternal separation from the world generally and young women particularly, he resigned himself to everlasting solitude.

He still has his stocks and government bonds but without the surplus of his income with miserably affliction. He has aged rapidly these last few years and neither his stride nor the trot of the hounds is as spry as of yore. However, the power of his arm is just as capable of waving aloft the scythe-staff as it ever was and he shows nowadays a greater disposition to shade his eyes when in reason of the glances of fickle women.

MENTAL CONDITION EXAMINED.—About a year ago some medical men examined him with a view of placing him in an insane institution. They decided he was harmless and inoffensive and refused to take his liberty from him. His hair has not been cut for years and hangs in wild profusion about his shoulders.

BASE BALL

By reason of the rain, wet grounds, and threatening weather there were no State league base ball games played yesterday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Boston—Boston, 0; New York, 0. Boston, 2; New York, 6. Boston, 2; New York, 6. Boston, 2; New York, 6. Boston, 2; New York, 6.

EASTERN LEAGUE

At Buffalo—Buffalo, 9; Troy, 3. At Erie—Erie, 6; Syracuse, 3. Binghamton Providence game postponed; wet grounds.

GLINTS FROM THE DIAMOND.

Even the Allentown papers are beginning to speak slightly of King Kelly. John Clark has already signed a contract to coach the Harvard team next winter. Harriburg sustained its first defeat of the season on Saturday. To Easton belongs the credit of first lowering the Senators' colors. The Young Men's Christian association will give the day of their sports, 'June 23,' a gold medal to the man who runs the bases on the base ball diamond and will be open to all amateur base ball men in the city. The Young Men's Christian association base ball team and the Eukroks will cross bats Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Base Ball park. It promises to be a very exciting game as there is considerable rivalry between the two teams, as each team last year won a game.

TAYLOR.

William Toll Rifle club will hold a shooting match on May 30. M. C. Judge has been appointed a member of the board of health vice Harry Fillmore, resigned. Willie Jones, formerly of this town, but now of Scranton, and Maggie Reese will be married on Wednesday.

Brooklyn Schooler John M. Harris in Harriburg attending the Republican state convention. Mr. and Mrs. John Neesby passed Sunday in Blakely. This (Wednesday) evening the Christian Endeavor of the Methodist Episcopal church will serve strawberries and ice cream in the vestry rooms.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. Wheat—May, 104 1/2; July, 106 1/2; Sept., 108 1/2. Corn—May, 35 1/2; July, 37 1/2; Sept., 39 1/2. Lard—May, 60 1/2; July, 62 1/2; Sept., 64 1/2.

Scranton Wholesale Market. Fruit and Produce—Dried apples per pound, 40c; evaporated apples, 50c; raisins, 50c; currants, 50c.

The electric suffered defeat Saturday afternoon on the Riverside grounds at the hands of the Never Sweats, of South Scranton, to the tune of 8 to 1. About 600 spectators were present, who applauded both teams for their good work.

DUNMORE.

Miss Lizzie Northwick, of Avoca, visited friends here yesterday. Creamy butter in 5 pound drums at 10c. Considerable excitement was caused in the vicinity of the town hall on Sunday evening by a runaway. The driver was thrown from the carriage and slightly injured. The vehicle was overturned and somewhat damaged.

Commissioner Blanche and a force of men were busily engaged yesterday repairing the damages caused on the sidewalk and gutters by the heavy rains of the past few days. Lost—On Friday night, a muley cow, very nearly white. Finder will be rewarded by returning to A. L. Conrad.

Miss Nettie Pinnell is recovering from her late illness. It will be profitable for those who are building to see Wardell, plumber and tinner, corner Fifth avenue and Butler streets.

William Miller, who has been associated with G. W. Potter & Son in the butcher business, has accepted a position in Price's cash store, where he will take charge of the meat department.

The funeral of Mr. Stephen Allen occurred yesterday forenoon. Interment was made in Dunmore cemetery.

THE EARLIER SYMPTOMS OF DYSPNOEA

such as distress after eating, heartburn and occasional headaches, should not be neglected. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla if you wish to be cured.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills, biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, sick headache.

MINOOKA.

Frank Toole, of Greenwood, is reported to be the next Republican delegate to the South district of Lackawanna township for the county convention.

The Greenwood was idle yesterday. The Miner Hill Base Ball club will play a social at Fashole's hall on May 25. A number of young people of this place will attend the show at St. Johns hall tonight.

Patrick L. Coyne announces himself as a candidate for delegate to the next Democratic convention. Patrick Joyce, of Gilmore avenue, who was indicted on a charge of instituting United States treasury notes, and underwent a trial before the grand jury of the United States circuit court, which convened at Pittsburg last week, was acquitted by the jury. He returned home Saturday night.

HENRY SCHROEDER, former Henry Krug Packing Co., St. Joseph, Mo., uses Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil with his men for sprains, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, etc. It is the best.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

Stocks and Bonds. New York, May 21.—Speculation at the stock exchange was active today, and both the bulls and bears had their innings. It started the influence of heavy London buying gave advantage to these operations for higher prices. Sugar broke from 95 1/2 to 94 1/2, the lowest figure for a long time. When the demand from the foreigner abated a leading bear made a demonstration against the stocks of bankrupt roads and new records were made for these issues. Northern Pacific preferred dropped 4/16 to 12 1/4; Reading, 1/2 to 14 1/4; Union Pacific, 1/2 to 15 1/4; New England, 3/8 to 16 1/4; Atchafalaya, 5/8 to 17 1/4. The suddenness of the decline led the foreigners to part with some of the stocks they had bought early in the day and this started a downward movement in railroads. In the last hour Sugar and Chicago Gas developed strength, selling up 1/16 to 96 1/2 and 67 1/2, respectively. This checked the declining tendency in the general list. A general rally ensued and the market left off firmer. Total sales, 358,317 shares. The following composite table showing the day's fluctuations in active stocks and bonds, compiled by Larzer & Fuller, stock brokers, 113 Wyoming avenue:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Includes items like Nat. Lead, U.S. Cent. Ry., N.Y. & O., etc.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Lard, etc. Includes prices for May, July, and September.

Scranton Wholesale Market. Fruit and Produce. Dried apples per pound, 40c; evaporated apples, 50c; raisins, 50c; currants, 50c.

New York Produce Market. New York, May 21.—Flour—steady, dull. Wheat—Dull, higher with options; No. 2 red and elevator, 55 1/4; No. 2 hard, 54 1/2; No. 2 white, 53 1/2.

Philadelphia Tallow Market. Philadelphia, May 21.—Tallow ledull but steady. City prime in barrels, 18c; country prime, in barrels, 17c; dark in barrels, 15c; caulk, 6c; grease, 4c.

Special Notices. SPECIAL NOTICE WILLIAMS'S SCRANTON City Directory for 1894 will go to press Monday next. All communications, notices or changes should be sent to our office at 123 W. Taylor street, Scranton, Pa.

At a meeting of the directors of the New York Falls and Elmhurst Bonding company it was resolved that a meeting of the stockholders be called to convene at the general office of the company, room 10, Republican building, on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1894, from 10 A. M. until 1 P. M., to take action on the approval or disapproval of the proposed increase of the capital stock of said company from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and that the secretary be and he is hereby directed to give notice thereof as required by law. P. H. WATKINS, Secretary.

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ONE CENT Connolly & Wallace

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THE GENUINE New Haven "Mathushek" Pianos O.S. Cary & Co.'s All-Feature Show RETURN ENGAGEMENT COMMENCING Tuesday Night, May 21 For 4 Days OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE Admission, 20 Cents. DOORS OPEN AT 7 AND 2 P.M.

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