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Miss Nellie Mullin is in Moscow and the Mr. and Mrs. John H. Coxe, of Webster

avenue, are in New York city. Miss Linda Smith, of Montrose, is visit-ing her brother, M. L. Smith, of Clinton

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Peniman and Mrs. G. S. Purdy, of Honesdale, were here yes-

Mrs. D. G. Waller and the Misses Wal r, of Bloomsburg, were here yesterday. The engagement of Miss Anna L. Daley. of 401 Penn avenue, to Frank P. Daley of Washington, D. C., is announced.

The death is noted in the New York papers of Mrs. Maria T. Hichards, who in 1894 and in 1895 delivered interesting lectures in this city. Mrs. Richards' demise was very sudden. It occurred on Jan. 14, and she was buried the following Friday, in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Ione Walter entertained at dinner last night at her home, on Washington avenue, the officers of Woman's Relief Rachel Hall, Mrs. Acker, Mrs. Burgis, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Allal, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. Thomas, A very pleasant time wa

enjoyed by all present. ARREST DID NOT DETER.

Two More Baggagemen Arrested fo Blockeding the D., L. & W. Pinza.

After complaints, requests and threats failed to induce the baggage wagon drivers to keep an opening in their line for entrance and exit to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western plaza, Street Commissioner Kinsley on Wednesday arrested one of their number and had him fined in the hope that this would have the desired effect. But it failed to deter them from their old practive, and yesterday two more of their number, T. E. Myers and William Danner were hauled up before Alderman Millar and fined \$5 apiece.

Street Commissioner Kinsley says he will continue the arrests every day until the nuisance is abated.

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NEWS OF THE THEATERS

A Social Highwayman Presented at The Prothingham.

MINNIE PALMER AT ACADEMY

Was Seen in' an Operatic Comedy Entitled the School Girl-Cracker Jack the Attraction at Davis'-Some Coming Attractions.

A drama of intense interest is "A So-cial Highwayman," produced at the Frothingham last night by Joseph Holland and E. M. Holland and their excellent supporting company under the management of Richard Mansfield. The story of the play is as follows: Courtice Jaffrey is a young man of excellent standing in society. He is rich, a bachelor, a good fellow, and is made much of by the women of the highest social rank. He has the attributes of the perfect gentleman and a valet whom he has rescued from a Nife of degradation by employing him after he has served a term in prison for robbery. Mysterious robberies of jewels have been committed.

At first the women who miss these genis think them lost. At last they decide they must be stolen. Senora Caprices, who has been flirting violenty with Jaffrey, is the victim of one of the robberies, and becomes convinced that he is the thief. She calls at his apartments to get her jewels and is met by the valet. He knows her errand and her past and informs her that she is a bigamist, a secret of which she magined herself the sole possessor. She is forced to silence.

Then Jaffrey falls in love with a pureminded, high-souled, trusting girl, Dora La Farge. Merton Harley also loves this girl. He is suspected of Jaffrey's robberies and Hanby, the valet, strengthens the suspicion by accusing Harley to one of Jaffrey's chums, who in turn accuses Harley before the whole party at Mrs. Pyle's country house. Harley insists upon an explanation. Jaffrey makes Hanby confess his falsehood. Then, in answer to the demands for the thief's name, Hanby, the valet, to shield his master, takes the blame Jaffrey in a few impassioned words tells it all, and confesses his guilt.

At his first words, Dora, overcome has rushed to an unused portal, which has been abandoned on account of the cose and dangerous condition of the masonry. She leans against it, it gives, but before she is struck by the falling walls Jaffrey snatches her back and is buried beneath the masonry. He is taken out dead, and laid upon a sofa. All his erstwhile companions leave the dead man, even the girl he loved, and who loved him, whose life he saved with his own. His only mourner is his faithful valet who falls senseless upon the dead body of his loved master with a

despairing cry, "My friend!" Jaffrey is a character of strange con tradictions, in which nobility, depray ity and baseness are strangely commingled. Certain phases of his character would orgament man but they are all forgotten by his erstwhile friends after he proclaims himself a thief to save his generous valet and there is no one to mourn his tragic death save his

faithful servant. Joseph Holland gave an interpretation of the character of Courtlee Jaffrey that challenged criticism. In the hands of a less competent actor the cahracter would have been at once improbable and unreal but so delicate-ly and cleverly did Mr. Holland counterfelt the varying emotions which swayed the man that the different phases seemed to blend together naturally. Nobility and unselfishness made after all the dominant characteristles of the man and when the curtain fell the audience was inclined to be generous in considering the dark side of the picture and to remember first the unselfishness and manliness that Jaffrey displayed under certain circum-

For Joseph Holland's Jaffrey, a fine companion piece was the Hanby of his brother E. M. Holland. The quickwitted coming of this valet who possessed a keen appreciation of the humorous side of life and an unfaltering love for his master was most realistically portrayed. In the strong scenes where Jaffrey and Hanby figured it was almost impossible to say which was most effective. Bertha Creighton evinced a nice discrimination in her difficult scenes with Jaffrey and Olive Oliver was also excellent. Other clever nembers of the company are Edward See, R. F. Cotton, Mrs. McKee Rankin and Laura Macgilvroy. A large and fashionable audience saw the drama.

Return of Minnie Polmer.

After an absence of five years, the greater part of which time was spent in Europe, Minnie Palmer reappeared at the Academy of Music last evening in "The School Girl," in which she met with considerable success on the other side of the ocean. "The School Girl" is an operatic comedy, the libretto of which is by George Manchester and the music by Albert Maurice. Time has dealt gently with Miss Palmer since she was last seen in Scranton for she looked younger and fairer last night than in the old days when she starred with Gra-

ham in "My Sweetheart." "Miss Palmer has still the same chie manner, the same trick of facial expression and the pleasing voice that first recommended her to public favor. Last night she assumed the role of the hoydenish school girl in short dress and be it said in compliment to her cleverness that she both looked and acted the part. During the three acts over which the operatic comedy is spread out Miss Palmer rendered a number of very pretty selections in an exceptionally pleasing manner and was each time re-

w.arded by a hearty encore. As to the merits of "The School Girl," there is not much to be said. It is merely a very good medium for Miss Palmer to display her powers as an entertainer. The company that asisted her last night did not rise above the ordinary.

Pleasing Show at Davis'. 'A Cracker Jack." a good, healthy melodrama, with a plentiful infusion of laughing spots, began a three days engagement at Davis' theater yesterday. The play appeals especially .o the gallery, but there are several instances of good acting which pleases the most critical. The Cracker Jack is a "member of the Oklahoma territorial legislature." He is a humorous individual, with a weakness for bedlamic

two Thesplans is given with great fer-vor. Specialties are introduced throughout the play. George H. Ricketts does his share of the fun making. Taking it from start to end, "The Cracker shoes, 508 Lackawanna avenue. **

repeated this and tomorrow evenings with daily matinees at 2.30 o'clock.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

This evening William Barry, a great Scranton favorite will appear at the Academy of Music in "The Rising Generation," one of the best Irish Ameri-can comedies ever seen in this city. Mr. Barry's Irishman is the resultant product of its associations. It does not effect the unnatural sentiment which so often spoils and discolors renditions of such characters. There is no aiming beyond the character. It is the common man raised through circumstances above himself; warm hearted. hasty of temper and not lacking in the grossness which necessarily belongs to such a person. We see him on the steps leading to his shanty thoughtfully smoking his pipe and listening to the singing of a group of boys, and we recognize him in a dozen characters whom we have met in every day The musical members and specialties introduced by members of the company are up to date. The scenery, too, is most attractive and true to life.

The "Black Crook" will be given in all its glory at the Frothingham Saturday, matinee and evening. Every detail will be most elaborately presented, and the whole production will be given on a most lavish scale. There will be three grand ballets, the costumes of which are beautiful, and the scenery throughout is of a brilliant order, while the specialties are of a high class. The revels in the Fairy Queen's grottos will be one of the many features. Clever little Louise Montrose, who plays Carline, will head the specialties. It was she who made such a hit in this character in the New York production. The managers promise to eclipse all former efforts in presenting this grand spec-

There is no more pleasing entertain-ment than that which Professor Reynolds will give at the Frothingham all next week. It is laughable, mystical, wonderfully exciting, harmless and innocent, immensely mirth-provoking as well as scientific. Professor Reynolds completely controls his subjects, by his mesmeric mystery.

WAS ONCE VERY RICH.

ad Ending of the Days of a One Tim

Wealthy Lumberman, W. J. Buchan, of Gains Mills, Tioga county, the insane lumberman sent to the Hillside Home yesterday, was at one time, it has been learned, a very wealthy man, being reputed to have wned property to the value of a quarter of a million. Drink and other forms of dissipation have robbed him of both his reason and riches.

The unfortunate man is laboring under the hallucination that his prison cell is a palatial room in a hotel, and he spends his time arranging for dinners, at which he expects prominent person-

COSTELLO'S MASTERPIECE.

Is the Engrossed Copy of the Resolutions on the Death of C. F. Mattes. P. W. Costello, of the city engineer's lepartment, has delivered to City lerk Lavelle the engrossed copy of the esolutions on the death of the late C. F. Mattes, adopted by select council, of which body it will be remembered the lamented Father of the Council was a member for seventeen consecutive

cears, from 1875 to 1892. The resolutions were viewed with admiration by many who visited the clark's office yesterday and the concen-Mr. Costello's work is familiar, is that trembling in the balance. t artistic : tering and the ornamental pen work, the design is beautified by a very natural pen portrait of the subject and a picture of the municipal building.

JUST A TRIFLE STEEP.

Street Viaduct Plans Show : Grade of 17 Per Cent.

The city engineer's corps yesterday went to Emmet street to take measure ments for a new set of plans for Counilman Noone's proposed viaduet over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks, which purposes to connect Emmet and Meridian streets.

One set of plans has already been made but as they show a grade of a trifle over seventeen feet to the hunfred Mr. Noone concluded that they would not make a very desirable attachment to his ordinance and so requested Mr. Phillips to try his hand again.

COURT CASES ON TRIAL.

Flower-Webster Suit to the Jury at Adjournment.

In common pleas court yesterday the same cases as on the day before occupled the time. The suit of John W. Fowler against M. O. Webster went to the jury at 4.30 when court adjourned and the verdict will be returned into court this morning. They agreed upon their verdict last evening.

In the main court room the Winton Coal company's trespass suit against the Pancoast Coal company will unish today. The evidence was closed at adjournment and there remains now but the argument of counsel on both sides and the charge of the court.

In No. 3 court room the suit of W. P. Connell & Sons against Mary Zeidler will not be finished until Saturday. The plaintiff's case is closed and the defendant's will open this morning.

TRYING A.RESPIRATOR.

It Is Designed to Protect Fireman Agains Smoke and Fames.

Chief Engineer H. F. Ferber has re ceived on trial one of the Loeb respirators designed to permit a fireman to work in the thickest smoke. It consists of air tight glasses to fit over the eyes, a clothes pin clamp to block the nostrils and a breathing tube connect ed with an apparatus carried on the back, which purifies the air by causing it to be drawn through two cylinders filled with cotton and charcoal saturat ed with glycerine, and a third central cylinder filled with glycerine solely. A practical test was made yesterday at the Hook and Ladder house, and it was found to do all that is claimed for it. Next week its efficacy in protecting person against poisonous fumes will be made in the presence of the councilmen. Chief Ferber is considering the advisability of purchasing one for each district. They cost \$50 apiece.

Burt Shoes.

gyrations when in an oratorical mood.
The "Jack" is the means of bringing about the great retribution scene in the last act.
With a little more experience Miss Celia Alsberg may become a good tragic actress. John P. Barrett makes an earnest villian. The dialogue in the forepart of the last act between these two Thesplans is given with great fervor Shestallian and with great fervor Shestallian and seven the second second seven the second seven t

Opens Saturday.

Additional Pacts in Relation to Murderer Merolo's Identity.

WROTE A LETTER FROM JAIL.

Was Sent to His Father in Italy and Requested Assistance in His Efforts to Save Ilis Life-Not Successful in Getting Help.

Murderer Crezenzo Merolo's identity was so firmly established during his trial by the testimony of the common wealth that the jury found him guilty of murder of the first degree after being out deliberating less than an hour; but an incident which occurred recently almost seals the verdict and leaves no doubt concerning the case. Detective McSweeney found in Me-

rolo's trunk in Old Forge a few days subsequent to the murder of Emanuel Loro and the attendant flight of the murderer, a military certificate, showing the names of the prisoner's parents to be Domenico and Munzio Merolo. Merolo was arrested in Boston on Oct. 14, 1895, and was brought to this city a week later. He was tried at the December session of over and termine court before Judge Edwards, and was found guilty in manner and form as

charged in the indictment. District Attorney Jones made out very complete case for the commonwealth. Attorneys John T. Martin and Joseph W. Brown, representing the defendant, set up the theory of mistaken identity and on that line argued for his acquittal, alleging that the prisoner was not Crezenzo Merolo, but Francesco La Bracca. A letter received by Mr. Jones from the Italian consul is as follows:

Letter from Italian Counsel. Italian Consul's Office, Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1895

John R. Jones, District Attorney of Lack-awanna County.

My Dear Sir:—I beg to advise you that the royal minister of internal affairs com municated to the foreign office, in Rome that from the latest inquiries made by that office, it resulted in the information that Crezenzo Merolo has been arrested in Boston for the murder of Emanuel Loro, That Domenico Merolo, the father of Crezenzo Merolo, received, about the sev-

enth day of November last, a letter through Nicola Del Giacomo, a druggis of Ariano, Italy, dated Oct, 30, and writ-ten in the prison of Scranton, Pa., in which Crezenzo Merolo, under the assumed name of Francesco La Bracca, who is one of his acquaintances and resides at present in Ariano, informing him of his arrest in Boston, on Oct. 14 last, on the charge of the murder of Emanuel Loro and requesting him to go immediately to the mayor of Ariano and procure and send him through the consulate general of Italy, in New York, a certificate showing hat he resided in the year 1894 (at the time the murder occurred) initaly.

The notice of the above arrest has also ocen sent by Vinzenzo Furia, also of Ariano, and now residing in Boston, to als own family.

As it is probable that Merolo, under the

name of LaBracca and giving other gen-eralities, might try to be released from prison, I am charged by the royal name ter to communicate to you the above information. I have the honor to be Yours truly

G. Seaviz, Acting Italian Consul. Identified by a Countryman.

What is proved by the letter is no tably that the prisoner, if his proper personality were La Bracca, and not Merolo, was not able to receive from his friends in Italy any assistance to clear himself from the great crime with sus of opinion among those, to whom which he was charged, his life being

certificate found in his ment. In addition to the engrossed let- trunk at Old Forge after his flight showed the names of his parents and the place hey lived in Italy. The letter he sent our from the county jail on October 30, fifteen days after his arrest in Boston, and about a week after being brought here, shows that he communicated with the same man as his father, who is named as his father in the military certificate found in his trunk.

A month after Merolo was convicted MIRRORS an Italian who knew him at Carleton in the western part of the state before the murderer came to Old Forge, went up to the county jail out of curiosity to see if the right man was in custody. Just one look at the prisoner in the cell was enough; the caller was thoroughly satisfied that the prisoner was Merolo, and said so positively. Merolo did not deign to recognize him and maintained a sullen demeanor

Appeal for New Trial Pending. The appeal for a new trial is now pending in the courts and there is no telling when an opinion may be handed down either refusing or allowing the prisoner another chance for his life. Sentence of death has not been passed upon him and will not until this appeal

is disposed of. The crime was the most coldblooded committed in Lackawanna county, and has few equals in the state or any other state. The murdered man in a defenceless position was shot down wilfully and deliberately on Sunday afternoon

at 4.30 January 17, 1894, for no other reason than that he asked Merolo for 15 cents owing to him for having been

shaved three times. TUESDAY NIGHT'S CONCERT. roceeds Will Be Given to the Home for

the Friendless. The diagram for the concert for the benefit for the home for the Friendless will open tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Academy of Music, where the concert will be given next Tuesday evening. A thoroughly representative audience is assured, and this is more than gratifying to the management of the Home who are desirous of a financial success, as well as to the members of the orchestra who are anxious that all who appreciate good music may become familiar with the orchestra's work, their aim and the unusual pro ficiency they have attained.

The programme consists of music by Grieg, Cherubini, the incomparable Beethoven, whose "Second Symphony will be performed, and others of the great masters of musical composition. Miss Isabelle Schiller, of New York city, Mr. A. Ripard, of Wilkes-Barre, are engaged for solo work and a number of instrumentalists from New York city will supplement the orchestra All familiar with the preliminary work are convinced that their concert will be a complete artistic triumph.

MRS. F. M. SPENCER'S TEA.

liven at Her Home on Clay Avenue Yesterdny Afternoon,

Mrs. Frank M. Spencer gave a tea vesterday from 4 to 6 o'clock at her ome on Clay avenue for Mrs. Ambros Bradley and Miss Leonard, of Newburg N. Y., and Miss Loomis, of Oil City, Pa The three ladies assisted Mrs. Spence n receiving.

Mrs. George M. Hallstead presided at the tea service, and Mrs. J. L. Wentz and Mrs. George Jermyn at the table ir the dining room. Others who assisted in entertaining and serving were Mrs. W. J. Brown, Mrs. David Lawson, Mrs W. L. Connell, Miss Adams, of Fairhaven, Vt.; Miss Evelyn Gilmore, Miss Grace Spencer and the Misses Seybolt.

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