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PERSONAL.

J. W. Gaerney has returned from New York. R. M. Green, of Wilkes-Barre, was here yesterday. Mrs. James A. Liden and daughter are in New York. Judge R. W. Archbald is at Yale college this week. Mrs. T. H. Watkins is spending a few days in New York city. Miss Vera Andrews, of Allentown, is visiting friends in the city. Mrs. M. H. C. Sanderson, of Clayville, is in New York city. W. D. Coston, one of the court stenographers, is serving as a United States juror at Pittsburg. Mrs. L. T. Beane, of Sanderson avenue, is home from New York city, where she visited friends. Miss Mary Bristol, of Hasler's millinery store, who has been attending the horse show in New York, has returned. Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Penn avenue, entertained a number of their friends Monday evening at their home. Mrs. Katharine Thiele, soprano; Miss Jennie Buckwald, pianist; J. Alfred Pennington, pianist; and Ernest Thiele, violinist, of this city, took part in a concert in Young Men's Christian Association hall, Wilkes-Barre, last evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOYS.

Give an Entertainment in the Penn Avenue Baptist Church. Boys' class, No. 7, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, gave an entertainment last night in the lecture room of the church for the benefit of the church choir fund. Welland Gates, one of the class, whose teacher is Mrs. H. Smith, presided over the entertainment, which was followed by a social and a lunch. The members of the class are Harry Evans, Wynn Hornbaker, Welland Gates, Walter Birchler, Joseph Howe, Emerson Highfield and Arthur Frothingham. The entertainment was as follows: Misses Annie and Grace Howe, vocal duet; Mrs. L. M. Gates, reading; Mrs. Alfred Lester, vocal solo; Miss Anna Bennett, piano solo; Misses Lizzie Brandt and Hazle Hopewell, pantomime, "Splendor Falls on Castle Walls;" Miss Hopewell, recitation, "Caleb's Courtesan;" Charles Whittemore, mandolin solo, accompanied by Mr. Wilson, pianist; Misses Judd and Brown, piano duet; Miss Hayes, recitation.

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WILL BANQUET DECEMBER 22

New England Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania Met Last Night—E. H. Sturges Elected President and Everett Warren Vice-President. Secretary J. H. Fisher and Treasurer A. C. Fuller Re-elected. President and Entertainment Committee Will Attend to Details.

At a meeting of the New England Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, last night in the board of trade rooms, officers were elected to serve one year and the first steps taken in connection with the annual banquet on December 22 in memory of Forefathers' Day. Several meetings will be held before the date of the banquet.

There were present last night Secretary J. Harry Fisher, Treasurer A. C. Fuller, H. E. Paine, Alderman O. B. Wright, J. L. Post, J. S. Lansing, Leroy Wheeler, W. J. Wilcox, Charles E. Sanderson, Levi J. Northrop, Robert Law, of Pittston, H. E. Paine was chosen chairman. E. H. Sturges was elected president, and Major Everett Warren, vice president, and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fuller were respectively re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. Sturges was last year's vice-president and according to past custom advances to the society a new office, in which position he will, with the aid of an entertainment committee, report at the banquet arrangements, reporting at a future meeting.

The report of Treasurer Fuller contained the following items: Balance from 1894, \$156.84; from new members, 1895, \$105.45; from the sale of tickets for guests of members, \$49.50; total, \$311.79; balance, 1895, \$436.50; present balance, \$229.34. The balance was stated to be the largest in the society's history.

PRICE OF TICKETS. It was decided that \$5 be charged this year for each guest's banquet ticket. Heretofore the charge has been only \$3.50, an amount insufficient to cover the cost per plate. This fact and that of the increased balance in the treasury do not appear to be compatible, but the treasury sum is explained by the fact that a member's dues must be paid whether he attends the banquet or not.

The application of Russell Dimmick, of this city, for membership was approved by the committee. Dr. A. D. Preston and W. J. Northrop were referred to the membership committee, the applicants not having been received in the regular form.

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THE GREAT DIAMOND ROBBERY. The new exciting melodrama, by Edward M. Altried and A. C. Wheeler, which scored such a sensational hit during its recent engagement in New York city, will be presented at the Academy of Music to-night and to-morrow night.

The story starts with the theft of costly diamonds and a murder. The developments, which place the crime upon an innocent young man, are interwoven with the political intrigues and the final downfall of a corrupt political boss. The scenes include a mansion on Lexington avenue, a Houston street clothing store, the private parties of the Hoffman House famous cafe, an underground den in the criminal quarter of Gotham, and a Fifth avenue drawing room. The same famous artists as Rose Eyring, Mrs. Annie Yeaman, Selene Johnson, Fanny Cohen, Irene Hayward, Louise Clancy, Ellen Cummings, W. A. Wilson, Harry Ames, Thomas M. Hunter, Joseph E. Whiting, George C. Boniface, J. H. Cossar, Joseph Bell, Gustave Frankel, Joseph A. Wilkes, James Berney, James Floyd, John Jones, and E. M. Bartlett. The same elaborate scenery, properties and effects which marked its marvelous run in New York, will be used upon its production here.

John W. Isham's "Octoroons" which opened at the Academy Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee, is such a novelty as pleases everyone who wishes to be entertained and pleasantly amused. Some of the good things to be introduced through the comedies and operas: "I Love You Better Than AH," a duet by the King sisters; "On Broadway," by Frank Malloy and Mamie Emerson; "Isham's Octoroon Quartette," directed by Mazy Brooks; "Cripple Creek Gang," by George A. Hammond; "Four Little Vendors from China," a highly amusing quartette; and "The Hottest Nigger in Town," by Bob Kelly, which is hilariously funny. Besides there are various other diversions, all of which concludes with "Thirty Minutes Around the Opera," wherein all lovers of music will be afforded a treat by the selections rendered from the best operas.

Saturday evening Maggie Cline, one of the greatest female Irish character delineators of the present day, will be seen at the Frothingham in "On Broadway," one of the dramatic successes of the season. No star has ever appeared in New York that has met with such favorable criticism from the press and public as Maggie Cline did at the Grand Opera House, where she made her metropolitan debut as a star in "On Broadway." The receipts for the week from the opening night steadily increased and standing room only was displayed at every performance. Maggie Cline's success as a star is firmly established, and she will be one of the big drawing cards on the road this season, as her reputation is not confined to New York, but is national.

Manager Kerr, of the Frothingham, has decided to abolish the ticket office

in the lobby of the theater. The two rooms nearest to the theater on the Westchester side of the arcade are being fitted up for a ticket office, and a private office for Manager Kerr, and within a few days they will be in use. This arrangement will be more convenient.

Christmas, New Year, Fourth of July and other holidays are looked forward to with delight as they bring enjoyment. There is something which causes one to feel that the day was created for revelry. So it is with Pote Baker's diabolic comedy, "Chris and Lena," which is to be presented at Davis's theater Thursday, November 12, and balance of the week. The players are all talented, while the specialties are novel and with such an interesting theme as "Chris and Lena," it cannot be otherwise. If you wish to pass an evening or afternoon of joviality don't fail to be at the theater during this notable engagement.

At last evening's meeting of the Board of Associated Charities it was decided to make a new departure in the matter of raising money to carry on the work of the board. A project has been under consideration for some time of conducting an entertainment, "Marriage Dives of All Nations," which has met with great favor in all parts of the country. It was finally decided last night to abandon the entertainment and instead direct the money to the charitable. The suggestion came from Rev. Rogers Israel, secretary of the board.

The president, Colonel E. H. Ripley, and the treasurer, W. T. Smith, were designated as a committee to select small committees to visit residents of the city who will be willing to carry a fixed sum annually to the board and solicit their subscription. It would require from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to properly carry on the work of the board, and it is thought that this sum can be raised by subscriptions. At all events the effort will be made.

MANAGER DAVIS THANKED. Treasurer Smith's report acknowledged the receipt of some money, but showed that the finances of the board need strengthening. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to Manager Davis, of Davis's theater, conveying the thanks of the board for his recent benefit. "He does more for us than any one man in the city," and "His aid in the past year were some of the comments made on Mr. Davis."

Thomas Moore, chairman of the relief committee, reported that during the last month applications for relief had not been so numerous. Those found worthy he recommended to Superintendent of the City of Scranton, who gave them work in the park. The ticket selling nuisance came up for consideration, and several cases were brought on by the board. Where persons were found selling tickets for raffles, dinners and dances for the benefit of persons who have no existence in fact, so many of these humbugs are imposed upon by these humbugs that the board requests merchants and others to refer the ticket sellers to the agent of the board, Mr. W. H. Duggan, that their cases may be investigated.

THE MONTGOMERY CHILDREN. There was some discussion as to the best thing to do with the four children of Thomas and Mary Montgomery, whose father had died, and they were left in the care of their mother, who was unable to care for them. The children are now in St. Patrick's orphan asylum, and it is decided to have them educated in some family, if possible. The parents are of intemperate habits and do not care for them.

Mrs. Duggan, the board's agent, in her report for October set forth that she investigated fifty-one cases and found forty-two of them worthy. Three persons were found with three with lodging and meals, two with transportation, two were sent to hospitals, fifteen to institutions, five returned to their parents. Six persons were referred to district attorney, two to chief of police, six beggars and frauds exposed and four cases referred to the board's agent. The board reported that she had cared for nine cases during the month.

The board will hold its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January.

J. R. BEETEM RESIGNS. Severed His Connection with Philadelphia Union Traction Company.

General Manager J. R. Beetem, of the Union Traction Company, yesterday presented his resignation to the executive committee of the board of directors of the company. This action on the part of Mr. Beetem was not unexpected, as for some time past he has been considering the acceptance of a very responsible and more important position with a street railway system in another city. With this fact in mind, the board of directors consented to accept the resignation. No appointment was made to succeed Mr. Beetem.

One of the directors of the company, speaking of Mr. Beetem's retirement from the direction of the affairs of the company, stated: "We have lost a most efficient general manager, and his place will be hard to fill. Under his plans the organization of the system has been made almost perfect in its operation. The three big traction systems forming the Union company being welded together like a perfect piece of machinery. Under Mr. Beetem's control the street car service of Philadelphia, as we believe, has been brought to a higher state of efficiency than any other electrical system in the country. The street railway system public have alike been the gainers. He is one of the few men we know of in the country who has a practical knowledge of all branches of the street railway business, or who could have brought the Union Traction system up to its high state of efficiency during his connection with it."—Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Beetem, until about a year and a half ago was manager of the Scranton Traction Company, and went from here to Philadelphia to become general manager of the People's Traction Company. When the consolidation of the Philadelphia and Scranton Traction Company was effected, Mr. Beetem became the head of the system as the general manager of the Union Traction Company.

At a special meeting of the Throop Sloop company, held yesterday, Mr. E. N. Shiner was elected a director, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. J. M. Ash, deceased.

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RULING DEFEATED THE PLAINTIFF

Jury in the Case of Edith Walker Against the City of Scranton Refuses to Give Her Any Damages. Two Plaintiffs Get Verdicts by Reason of the Non-Appearance of Defendants—Kilcur Case Settled.

On account of the identity of interests a husband is incompetent as a witness in any instance in which a wife is incompetent and vice versa. This a Supreme court ruling, yesterday defeated a cause which Attorney D. B. Replage was pleading in civic court. It was in the case of Mary Kiefer against John Kiefer, executor of the estate of Julia Globet, late of Peterburgh. Mrs. Kiefer was an invalid and for forty weeks before her death required constant and watchful care. Mrs. Kiefer, who is the wife of Mrs. Kiefer's nephew, nursed Mrs. Kiefer during all this time, partly, she alleged, because she considered it her duty as a relative, and partly because she would be "paid and paid well" for it.

Mrs. Kiefer and her husband, Philip Kiefer, were the only witnesses who could give direct testimony of this verbal contract. Mrs. Kiefer was prohibited from testifying by reason of the fact that she had a joint interest in one party to a contract when the other is dead. Mr. Kiefer, however, was thought to be competent and was put on the stand to testify to the contract.

COMEYS QUOTED LAW. Mr. Comeys, attorney for the defense, brought up the seldom quoted ruling, making the husband incompetent when the wife is incompetent, and after a short argument between the attorneys, Judge Edwards directed the witness to leave the stand. None of the other witnesses could supply the necessary link and on the instruction of the court the jury found for the defendant.

The jury in the case of Edith Walker against the city of Scranton could not see that she was entitled to any of the \$26,000 she claimed she sustained by falling over a sidewalk which the city negligently allowed to project above the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Lackawanna avenue and Ninth street. The case was given to the jury at 2:30 o'clock p. m., and an hour and a quarter later they returned with a verdict for the defendant.

In the case of Edith Walker against Arthur Frothingham, Attorney directed a verdict against the defendant. D. B. Replage represented Tyler. A verdict for the plaintiff was also falling over a sidewalk which the city negligently allowed to project above the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Lackawanna avenue and Ninth street. The case was given to the jury at 2:30 o'clock p. m., and an hour and a quarter later they returned with a verdict for the defendant.

KILCUR CASE SETTLED. The case of Patrick Kilcur against the Edgerton Coal company, limited, which was on the list for trial yesterday, was amicably settled at a conference between O'Brien & Kelly, attorneys for the plaintiff, and Warren & Knapp, who represented the defendant company.

Kilcur was employed in 1891 in the capacity of an oiler at the Edgerton Coal company's breaker, and one day had an arm taken off in the money rollers used in that colliery for crushing coal. He is now employed as station agent by the Delaware and Hudson Canal company at Mayfield.

The drawing for the handsome Peerless tandem bicycle, which is being changed off by Bittenbender & Co., the bicycle dealers, will take place Saturday evening, Nov. 14. Persons wishing to get a chance on this handsome tandem can get the same by applying at their salesroom, 323 1/2 Spruce street.

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BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET. Invitations Sent to Several Men of National Prominence.

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