

News of the Suburbs.

WEST SIDE EVENTS.

Entertainment Given in Mears' Hall by the Heptasophs in Celebration of the Conclave's Anniversary.

West Side conclave, No. 211, Improved Order of Heptasophs, distinguished itself last evening by giving in Mears' hall the best entertainment that has taken place on the West Side for many years. The affair was in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the lodge and



ARCHON DANIEL L. PHILLIPS. Presided Over Last Night's Heptasoph Entertainment.

the house full of people who were fortunate enough to listen to the entertainment left the hall with a conviction that the Heptasophs in general and the West Side conclave in particular are a class of men who agree to do nothing when they aim to accomplish something. Another thing worthy of note is that a more select assemblage never gathered in a West Side auditorium. The Conclave had issued invitations sparingly and with an excellent programme—varied and good—no wonder the celebration will be remembered. The hall had been decorated with streamers and flags of the American colors and over the stage was a large portrait of George Washington. Archon Daniel L. Phillips presided during the evening.

Mr. Phillips, in his brief opening remarks stated that the West Side conclave now has 119 members; the financial and other conditions of the lodge are of the best and he begged the attention of the audience for the entertainment following. The Lyric quartette gave the first number. The quartette is Edwin Bowen, David Stephens, P. H. Warren and John W. Jones, four of the best singers in this city. They sang Gail's favorite arrangement of "Annie Laurie," with a trained smoothness and beautiful harmony. Much interest was attached to the appearance for the first time in the city of Professor S. M. Spedon, of New York city. Professor Spedon's first effort was a picture in black and white crayon of the "Man Who Went Laughing." While drawing the caricature the entertainer kept up a running fire of witty and humorous shots, during the evening he gave a wonderful exhibition of his versatility as an artist, sketching a pastoral scene which he designated as an "impression and in the "Fads and Fashions," showing the "Twentieth century girl" with her high collar and bicycle, and her fellow in fin-de-siècle Pad-jon the duke, with a cigarette, high collar and elevated hair. These were supplemented with some funny stories. Professor Spedon's illustrated talk on "Freaks of Nature" toward the close of the entertainment kept the audience in laughing spirits. He made a streamer hit last night. Another individual who was met with a share of curiosity upon her appearance in public entertainment was Miss Elizabeth Thomas (Miss Morgan), who recently arrived here from Wales. Miss Thomas is a soprano soloist. Last night she sang "How Wandering One" by Sullivan, and "H. H. H." by Arden. She possesses a voice of much compass and power, showing culture and of a strikingly sweet quality. As an artist Miss Thomas was welcomed in the good opinions of the audience. Duets were sung by Messrs. Bowen and Jones and Messrs. Stephens and Warren. Attorney J. Elliott Ross made a fifteen-minute address on the order of Heptasophs. It was a convincing effort. The entertainment closed with "Marsiner's Serenade" by the quartette.

For the success of the affair the committee in charge, W. H. Coons, E. D. Jones and W. M. Darling, are responsible. At Wednesday night's regular meeting of the West Side conclave the

following officers were elected and will be installed at the next meeting: Archon, Edgar Evans; archon, Willis Campion; provost, W. J. Morgan; prelate, W. H. Coon; secretary, Elias Evans; financier, E. D. Jones; treasurer, John Davis; inspector, John N. Evans; sentinel, Morgan Daniels; W. M. Darling and Charles Hill; E. E. Evans, representative to Grand Lodge.

CONNELL GLEE CLUB.

The Connell Glee club, which will probably attend and participate in the inaugural demonstration of President-elect McKinley, at Washington, in March, met last night in Jones' hall and were formally organized with the following officers: John R. Jones, president; Joseph P. Phillips, vice-president; J. T. Williams, treasurer; W. W. Jones, conductor; Llewellyn Jones, accompanist; George Rowlands, assistant accompanist. The members of the club are:

First tenors—Edwin Bowen, Thomas Beynon, Thomas Abrahams, Thomas B. Jones, William Edwards, William Rowland, Thomas, Alex. Prosser; William Reese, Eddie Powell, John Lewis, John R. Jones, Louis Jones, David Stephens, William J. Davis, David J. Davis, Thomas Thomas, Henry Edwards, J. Phillips, David J. Davis, Thomas Mathias, Alfred Powell, Charles P. Kreis, James Hartman, Lewis Davis, Al. D. Gardner.

NOVEL WOOD MEETINGS.

A very novel praise service, called the "indoor camp meeting," is going on in the Salvation army barracks on Price street. The first meeting was held last night. A poem into the hall disclosed a pretty sylvan scene. The farmers of Glenburn and vicinity are friends of the army, and during the week they have skinned carloads of small trees and evergreens for the use of the Salvationists. These trees have been placed in rows about the spacious hall and the evergreen is used to fill in this man-made wood. Last night Staff Captain Hunter, of Wilkes-Barre, was the leader. He gave a spirited address and added vim to the service. Last night's service was called "The Devil's Tools," and to illustrate the text a string of such things as an empty wine bottle, a pack of cards, tobacco, etc., was stretched from the tree tops. Tonight Rev. P. P. Doty, pastor of the Hampton street Methodist Episcopal church, will speak. The success of the meetings is due to Ensign William De Garris, who, to use an expressive term, is a hustler.

BEAT AN OLD MAN.

Something akin to a mobbing occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon near the French roof hotel on Washington street, when two young men, who themselves had trouble with a crowd of at least twenty men. The two young fellows, who are unknown to the people of that neighborhood, were slightly intoxicated and when an old man named Griffiths passed up the street the youths approached him with mischievous intent. Griffiths was smoking a pipe. The two fellows taunted him about this, one of them snatching the pipe from the aged man's mouth. Griffiths resisted as best he could with his pipe, but the younger men knocked him down and brutally beat him. The old fellow cried for help and a number of railroaders who were passing rushed to his assistance. The young fellows were given a severe nuzzelling, the end of it all being the escape of the miscreants, with the crowd of men after them.

FUNERAL OF W. Y. EDWARDS.

The remains of the late W. Y. Edwards were buried yesterday in the Washington street cemetery. The funeral services were held at the house on Washington street, Rev. D. Jones, of the First Welsh Congregational church, preached the funeral sermon. Among the out-of-town guests at the funeral were Mrs. Samuel Morgan, of Lyken, Pa.; Mrs. Morgan Evans, of Lansford; Mrs. Dr. Lake, of Edwardsville; Mrs. Thomas (Miss Morgan); Mrs. Margaret Bryson, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watkins, of Kingston; Alderman and Mrs. Roberts, of the North End. The pall-bearers were selected from Shilburn lodge, No. 562, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Hyde Park lodge, No. 206, Knights of Pythias. Burial was from the order of Heptasophs. It was a convincing effort. The entertainment closed with "Marsiner's Serenade" by the quartette.

SMOKING AND LISTENING.

It is not very often a mine fund has a "smoker," but the organization from the Douglas mine conducted one last evening in Evans' hall, on South Main avenue. T. J. Mathias was chairman of the evening. Morris Thomas sang. Professor Lent gave a comic song. M.

C. Birley gave an address. William Lewis sang "The Old Song." John Reagan made a speech. David Reese sang something and G. James played the organ. Chairman Mathias was happy in his place and the cigars were good. The smoker was for the purpose of creating interest in the fund meetings.

LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Epworth league of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church met last evening and elected the following officers: Rachel Jones, president; Fred Crawford, secretary; Miss Jones, in Anna Hughes, second vice-president; Mrs. James H. Hughes, third vice-president; Mrs. W. N. Chase, fourth vice-president; Miss Jones, secretary; J. J. F. York, treasurer; Dr. E. V. Harrison, usher; Alexander Nealey, librarian; Miss Ethel Rinker, pianist; Miss Magie, superintendent of Junior league. Rev. J. B. Sweet presided during the election of president.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Branch No. 4, Catholic Mutual Benevolent association, has elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing term: President, Thomas H. Jennings; first vice-president, Patrick McAndrew; second vice-president, J. D. Cronin; recording secretary, J. B. Cronin; assistant secretary, James J. Durkin; financial secretary, John E. Barrett; treasurer, Morris T. Walsh; marshal, Matthew Shields; guard, William Farrell; trustees for two years, Thomas McConville, Patrick Flie, Thomas McConville; representative to grand council, Thomas J. Jennings; alternate, Thos. F. Kane.

CARLSON-LARSON WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Clara Carlson to Andrew Larson, both of Keysler valley, took place at 6 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride, on Twenty-first street. Rev. A. L. Hamer, of St. Mark's Lutheran church, performed the ceremony. The bridesmaid was Miss Jennie Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Larson will reside at 192 Washington street.

AFTER A YEAR'S ILLNESS.

John H. Williams, aged 48 years, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home on Everett avenue after an illness of one year's duration. He was born in Wales, but has lived in Hyde Park for about twenty years. His wife and the following children survive: Thomas, Charles, Annie, Alice and Esther Williams. The funeral announcement will be made later.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

This evening Camp 170 Sons of America, will celebrate its twenty-fourth anniversary with an entertainment in Mears' hall.

Monday evening at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church Professor Van Lew, of New York city, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Slums of New York."

The Columbia's fair last evening was better attended than any of the two previous nights sessions. It has been decided to hold the fair Saturday night.

F. G. Nichols, of Atlantic City, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Kandolph Jones, of Jackson street.

Ethel Lawrence, daughter of Thomas Lawrence, of Dickson city, died yesterday and will be buried Sunday afternoon in the Washington street cemetery. Undertaker Price is in charge of the funeral.

Mrs. M. W. Anderson was surprised at her home on North Elmwood avenue Monday evening last by a party of friends, it being the anniversary of her birth. Games of various kinds were engaged in and refreshments were music were contributed by several members of the party. About midnight refreshments were served, after which all left for their homes. The genuineness of the surprise greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the occasion.

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SOUTH SIDE NEWS. Diphtheria is again raging in Minooka and is carrying off a number of victims. The scourge is now severe there which all left for their homes. The "wakes" are largely attended.

Mrs. Dennis Dougherty, of Stone avenue, went to Minooka Saturday to visit her mother and to assist her. The son with her. The child took sick and died. The funeral will be held this afternoon. Interment will be made in Minooka cemetery.

George Ruane, of Chicago, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Catherine Ruane, of Cedar avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmaier, of Wilkes-Barre, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Joseph Weber, of Prospect avenue.

Mrs. E. R. Conley, of Cedar avenue, is in Philadelphia on a visit.

The I. W. T. club of the Young Women's Christian association was entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. I. P. Everhart, of Franklin avenue.

The South Side church of St. Ignace Turn Verein gave an interesting entertainment to a crowded house at Workingmen's hall last night.

Choice cut flowers and flower designs at Palmer & McDonalds, 54 Spruce.

PROVIDENCE. Clint Benjamin, a clerk employed in the dry goods department of Penner & Chappell's store, was painfully injured yesterday morning. While engaged in cleaning the shelves he slipped and fell from a high chair striking his back against the counter and was severely injured. After recovering from the shock he was taken to his home and a physician summoned. At this writing he is resting easily.

The North End public club will meet in Rogers' hall on West Market street, Saturday evening at 7:30.

The smoker at Lincoln lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was a complete success. Representatives from Celestial lodge and other lodges were present. Attorney A. A. Vosburg presided. Speeches by several of those present were made and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The concert for which the Puritan Congregational church choir has been strenuously working for the last month took place last evening in the church auditorium. The seating and standing capacity of the large room was taxed to its utmost and many were unable to gain admission. The affair was a success in every sense of the word. The programme which appeared in this column a few days ago was carried out in its entirety. The choir, numbering thirty-five voices, and led by Professor Rees Watkins, sang several anthems in a grand manner as to reflect great credit upon Professor Watkins. The solo rendered by Philip Thomas was received with much favor by the audience. Jo-

DANGER IN SODA.

Common soda is all right in its place and indispensable in the kitchen and for cooking and washing purposes, but it was never intended for a medicine, and people who used it as such will some day regret it.

We refer to the common use of soda to relieve heartburn or sour stomach, a habit which thousands of people practice almost daily, and one which is fraught with danger; moreover the soda only gives temporary relief and in the end the stomach trouble gets worse and worse.

The soda acts as a mechanical irritant to the walls of the stomach and bowels and cases are on record where it accumulated in the intestines, causing death by inflammation or peritonitis.

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