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CITY NOTES.

The Excelsior Athletic club held its annual ball in Music hall last night. It was very largely attended.

Mrs. Annie C. Cheatham died at the home of her sister, Mrs. David J. Reese, of 901 Price street, yesterday morning after a lingering illness. She was 70 years of age. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

Constable Black, of the thirteenth ward, made a demand for police officers yesterday to quell a fight in an Hungarian boarding house on Gardiner avenue. Patrolmen Neels, Salty and R. G. Jones accompanied him and arrested two of the participants. The others got away.

The wife of Aneuryn Jones, a former well known resident of this city, died at her home Thursday in Brooklyn, N. Y. The remains will be brought to this city Monday at 2 P. M. over the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. Further particulars will be given Monday morning.

An illustrated lecture will be delivered in College hall on Friday evening, Jan. 2, 1897, by Hon. J. F. Corbett, of Cincinnati, O. The lecture will be under the auspices of John Boyle O'Reilly council of the Young Men's Institute. Mr. Corbett is supreme first vice-president of the order and is said to be a very eloquent orator.

The Hotel Jermyn has issued an attractive handbook containing reading matter and a large number of splendidly executed photographs, all for the price of one cent. The handbook is a most valuable and useful one. It is a three act comedy—very light comedy it might be proper to remark—and the scene is laid in England. The three acts are replete with cockney accent and English humor brought up to date.

AN ENTERTAINING COMEDY.

Thoroughbred Produced Before a Large Audience at Frothingham.

Those who saw "Thoroughbred" at the Frothingham last night, and the capacity of the house was taxed, voted it a most entertaining trifle, as produced by one of the prominent and evenly-balanced companies which is headed by Henry E. Dixey of Adams fame. It is a three act comedy—very light comedy it might be proper to remark—and the scene is laid in England. The three acts are replete with cockney accent and English humor brought up to date.

The action of the comedy revolves about the complications that attend the love affairs of a wealthy American and the son of an impoverished English gentleman, and the efforts of a staid British matron and her husband to see a horse race without letting the sharer of their sorrows and joys know anything about it.

Dixey was excellent as John Rimple, the staid, well-to-do Briton, who took to the turf late in life, and was Edgar L. Davenport as A. V. Decker, the American. Charles W. Gutter, who has frequently been seen in this city with Frothingham companies, did an eccentric character in his unapproachable way, and Edwin Tanhouse and William Morris contrasted notably to the success of the performance. The female roles were cleverly interpreted by Magle Holloway Fischer, Maud White, Isabel Everson and Frances Stevens. "Thoroughbred" is mostly nonsense, but is nonsense made palatable, and that appears to be what the average theatre-goer of today most desires.

An Open Letter. Scranton, 24th Dec. 1896.

To the Traders and Bankers Mutual Life Association of Pennsylvania, Messrs. building, Scranton, Pa. Gentlemen—Your check in full payment of policy 1082 on the life of my mother, Bridget Lavis, was handed me today, by C. B. Macquivey, general agent of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

I desire to express my thanks for your promptness and kindness in the settlement of this matter, and assure you that I shall take pleasure in recommending your company in every way to my friends and acquaintances.

Very truly yours, SIMON LAVIS, 524 Broadway.

Calendars Given Away.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 19th, and continuing until Christmas, we will give to every purchaser a handsome calendar for 1897. So purchase your tea and coffee for your Christmas dinner at the old reliable tea and coffee house and get a calendar. Grand Union Tea Co., 311 Lacka. ave. Jones Bros., Prop'rs.

Meals and Cold Lunches. Meals and cold lunches served at all hours at Lohmann's, Spruce street, regular dinner 40 cents. Imported and domestic wines, cigars and liquors.

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Miss Carolyn V. Dorsey, teacher of elocution, oratory and diction, 434 Adams avenue.

Watch for the White Wagons. Our work is always thoroughly washed, nicely starched, beautifully ironed, Crystal Laundry. Experienced help employed.

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SPIRITED CONTESTS WERE NUMEROUS

Eisteddfod Conducted by the Anthracite Glee Club of Taylor.

WHO THE PRIZE WINNERS WERE West Side Paired Well in the Distribution--Robert Morris Glee Club Won the \$40 Prize in the Male Chorus Competition--Rev. H. H. Harris of Taylor and Judge H. M. Edwards Were Conductors.

The Anthracite Glee club held their first annual eisteddfod yesterday in Weber's rink at Taylor. Several of the competitors were sent to Hyde Park, the Robert Morris Glee club winning a \$40 prize in the male chorus competition in the afternoon. The Ant' raelites were the only other glee in the contest. Rev. H. H. Harris, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church at Taylor, was conductor of the eisteddfod and he made a very pleasing manager. In the morning the contest opened with a solo by Will Jones, of Taylor, followed by remarks by the conductor, J. M. Kemmerer, of Scranton, made an address and then came the first competition on "Day is Done," a recitation for little girls, prize \$2. The money was divided between Henrietta Harris and Margaret Evans, Edith Evans and Louis Nichols were given a purse, contributed by friends.

The soprano solo for children under 12 years, prize \$5, was won by Reese Reese of Miners, Mills, William Evans of Hyde Park, captured the baritone, "Hon. Llad y Deilyn," prize \$4. There were six entries. The chorus competition, "The Yuletide," was won by the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church at Taylor, W. H. Thomas was leader. The other choirs were: Welsh Baptist church, juveniles, leader, Will Jones, Calvary Baptist church, choir, Arthur Morgan, leader. The prize was \$20.

ONLY BARD TO RESPOND William Holmes was the only Welsh bard who responded to a call for a speech in the test of answering six questions there were two men who attempted but neither was deemed wort y of the \$2 prize. In the impromptu speech, subject, "General Weylan Y. Davis, of Hyde Park, won the \$1.

Miss Alda Davis, of Bellevue, won on the alto solo, "Loves Sorrow." The prize was \$4. It was Miss Davis' first effort as an eisteddfod soloist. On the Welsh recitation, "Cregeu Gwergion," two speakers entered and the prize of \$4 was divided between the two, Daniel Evans and J. D. Thomas, of Taylor.

In the afternoon a duet for tenor and bass was sung by Tom Beynon and James Watkins, of Taylor. For the best singing of "Pie as a Bird," by quartette, there was but one entry and that was from Taylor, Will Jones, leader. The prize was given as the quartette singing was worthy of it.

The piano solo, "Wayside Chapel," was sung by Fred L. Ward, of Taylor. The prize was \$4. Only persons under 18 years of age were admitted in the contest. The closing number of the afternoon session was the male chorus competition of Dudley Lewis, "On the Sea." Robert Morris glee, of Hyde Park, and the Anthracite club, led by Samuel Evans. Adjudicator, J. D. Thomas, after a careful judgment decided in favor of the Hyde Park organization and the prize of \$40 was handed over to the successful contestants. When it is considered that the Robert Morris club held but three rehearsals on the piece the achievement is all the more commendable. Among the members among its members some of the best singers in the city. To this is attributed the victory.

IN THE EVENING.

The evening session opened with a song by Edwin Bowen, the sweet tenor singer. Judge H. M. Edwards delivered one of his brilliant addresses which are so popular with the Welsh people. The first competition of the evening was the tenor solo. Thomas Beynon won the prize of five dollars.

In the recitation Evan Evans won the prize of \$4. The slight reading contest was won by a quartette with the following singers: Tom Beynon, James E. Watkins, John Jones and William Thomas. A prize of \$4 for the soprano solo was divided between Mrs. Robert Llewellyn and Miss Martha M. Thomas. The main competition of the eisteddfod was on "Praise Ye the Father," four choruses competing, viz.: Avoca, Bellevue, Taylor and Miners Mills. The \$50 prize was won by Taylor. This closed the eisteddfod.

RUMORS WERE UNFOUNDED

Death of Richard Wonnocott of Olyphant Caused by Heart Failure--Coroner Longstreet Held an Inquest.

Coroner Longstreet was notified yesterday that a man named Richard Wonnocott, living at Railroad street, a block from the Delaware and Hudson station, in Olyphant, had died under suspicious circumstances. The story that was in nearly everybody's mouth in Olyphant before the coroner conducted an investigation was that there had been a family fight in Wonnocott's house, and that he was found dead soon afterward.

The postmortem examination dispelled all rumors of foul play. Wonnocott's heart was twice the normal size and the mitral valve had turned into a chalky substance. The condition of the vital organ caused Coroner Longstreet to wonder that the man had lived as long as he had. He was employed at the Grassy Island mine of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company. He came home from work at 4.30 Christmas eve and did not shift his Christmas clothes but sat around the house. About 7 o'clock the family took supper, but he complained of not feeling well and went into the room off the kitchen.

He sat on a chair by the stove and was in that position only a few minutes when he fell dead on the floor. Mrs. Hathaway, his housekeeper, tried to arouse him, but she found him lifeless. He leaves a family of five, two of them adults. The jury empaneled by Coroner Longstreet consisted of Dr. H. M. Pennypacker, Dr. Leonard Kelley, Jr., Neal O'Boyle, George A. Cooper, John A. Cameron and John T. Brown. The verdict was as follows: "We find that Richard Wonnocott came to his death from heart failure, due to mitral stenosis."

BRIDGE ENDANGERED AGAIN.

Subterranean Fire Breaks Out in Ontario & Western Yard. Again the subterranean fires are raging in the Ontario and Western yard at the westerly end of the Linden street bridge. The material that is burning in the culch in the "Cork and Bottle" dump, upon which the yard was built, upon which dug an immense pit a year ago and shovelled out what they thought was all of the burning culch. It is evident, however, that they did not reach the full extent

of the fire or that a fresh fire has broken out.

It is feared that if the fire is not immediately and permanently extinguished it will cause a cave-in and possibly effect the western abutment of the bridge which is only a few yards away from the heart of the conflagration and imbedded in the culch.

The bridge is thought to be safer than the first, judging from the volume of smoke and gas which is emitted and the crackling of the conflagration. It is proposed to flood the pit dug last year in the hopes that the water will percolate to the region of the fire in sufficient volume to extinguish it. If this fails the company will be put to the expense of deepening and extending the excavation, which may be a very costly operation, as it is possible that the fire covers a great area. The city will also take steps to fight the fire and protect the bridge abutment but just what means will be adopted has not been decided upon.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

The Sad Fate of A. J. Mahon's Three-Year-Old Child.

At 5 o'clock Christmas eve while playing about the house, John, the three-year-old son of Anthony J. Mahon, of Third street, fell into a tub of scalding water and was so badly burned that he died at 5 o'clock last evening, despite the untiring efforts of Dr. John O'Malley to save the little unfortunate.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Dunmore Catholic cemetery.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS.

They Will Be Inducted into Office One Week from Monday--Auditors Office the Only One Affected.

One week from Monday the county officers elected last November will enter upon their duties. The only office that will be changed will be perceptible to the average person who has business



FRED L. WARD.

at the court house. The three county commissioners, Giles Roberts, S. W. Roberts and John Demuth, the first named two Republicans and the later a Democrat, were re-elected and will continue in office merely filing new oaths of office and renewing their bonds.

The only change will be in the auditor's office. The present board of auditors, E. Souler, Republican, John P. Rink, Republican, and S. S. Spruks, Democrat, will retire from office and be succeeded by A. E. Kieffer, Republican.

This is a petition signed by a family of West Market street children: Rachel, Annie, Lizzie, Maggie, Sadie, Ray, William, Frank, Wade, Alexander.



A. E. KIEFFER.

can; Fred L. Ward, Republican, and J. W. Costello, Democrat. Although an entire new board of auditors will be inducted into office Jan. 4 its political complexion will remain unchanged.

NOT EVEN STANDING ROOM.

Immense Crowds at Davis' Theatre at Both Performances Yesterday.

At 8.15 o'clock last night, when the curtain went up at Davis' theatre the box office window went down. Not even standing room could be purchased. Hundreds were turned away at both afternoon and evening performances. It was the biggest day's business the house ever witnessed and it will stand as the biggest as long as the dimensions of the house remain the same, as it will be simply impossible to crowd any more in than were there last night.

It was a good stroke on the part of the management to put on such an excellent show as "Boys Bill" during the holidays, as there are always some in the house on a holiday who were never there before. They will carry away a good impression and can be counted upon to be regular patrons.

ACCIDENT COST ONE LIFE.

Man Rescued from Baltimore Mine Died in Wilkes-Barre Hospital.

Nicholas Chunk, one of the men rescued from the Baltimore No. 2 mine at Wilkes-Barre, Monday, died at the hospital Thursday morning. It was thought he would recover, as he was getting along nicely, but early in the morning he underwent a relapse and sank rapidly, dying in a few hours. He was a Hungarian and lived at Brookside.

All the other men are getting along nicely and will recover. The death of Chunk is the only fatality connected with the accident.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

HOW THEY SIDE UP TO SANTA CLAUS

Jewellies Are Pretty Good at a "Jolly" It Would Seem.

A GLANCE THROUGH HIS MAIL.

Ninety-seven Letters Addressed to the Good Old Man from the North Pole Are in the Dead Letter Box at the Postoffice--They Are of All Kinds and Descriptions and Would Furnish an Hour's Amusement for Almost Anyone.

Ninety-seven Scranton hopefuls will have their faith shattered in Santa Claus of the efficacy of the U. S. mails as a means of reaching him. Just that number of letters began sparkling addressed to the fictitious saint of childhood remain undelivered at the Scranton postoffice and unless recalled will be sent to the dead letter office to be ruthlessly destroyed.

And what a study for a kindergarten in those ninety-seven letters. Some are correctly enveloped and stamped and the addresses carefully and legibly written. Others are simply enclosed in a piece of wrapping paper, a pin preventing the letter and an improvised envelope from parting company. Some have cancelled stamps glued on the covers others have no stamp at all and others still bear evidence of much ingenuity in the way of home-made postage stamps.

Scarcely any two writers hold the same idea of Santa Claus' postoffice address. An even forty of them had him located at the north pole but they located the pole itself or his particular street and number at the pole in as many different localities as there were letters. "Santa Claus 141 Mud street, North Pole, Scranton, Pa.; North Pole, Greenland; North Pole, Africa; Rock Candyhouse, North Pole; Santa Clausville, North Pole; Ice street, North Pole," are examples of some of the addresses. "Scranton, Pa.," was second choice as Santa's abiding place in the minds of St. Nick's devotees, no less than twenty-five letters having been sent in the firm belief that he was permanent fixture in the Electric City. One of the addresses indicated that there was a juvenile new woman in the throng. She wrote "I am waiting for any man; not even Santa Claus. She made particular wants known to "Mrs. Santa Claus, North Pole, city."

THE VARIOUS STYLES.

Their various modes of approaching the giver of all good goods with their particulars are interesting to note. This little bit started out in a very formal and cold kind of a way to make known her wants, but on second thought she determined to use a little diplomacy and started with a regular book-agent introduction.

Scranton, Dec. 8, 1896.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send, I suppose you are getting weary and your reindeer and your sleighs for all the little boys and girls.

Now, I am going to tell you what I want. I want a skating number 28, toe straps, a writing desk, a pair of boots, a stove, a rocking chair with the quality, marked at five, a yard, 50c is what they are worth.

My stockings, behind the stove on a nail. Yours truly, Elizabeth. Locust street, Scranton, Pa.

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Santa Claus: Rhyfelygyrch Gwyr Harlech. Blawch i'w hon gwr a y gelym enyn Black board set of dishes doll and carriage Rocking chair Table Stockings orange.

A dainty little missive, tied with a purple bow of ribbon bore a two cent stamp that had already been cancelled, but it is likely that the government inspectors will overlook the attempt at fraud.

No. 321 Leeburg street was written on the lower part of one envelope in a hand which betokened that the child had been besought to help some little tot in her efforts to communicate with Santa.

ADRESSED TO MUD STREET. Here is another addressed to 141 Mud street, which should be small number, sometimes run in the same channel. No. 90 Plum street, Ice Co., Greenland, is another hopeful's idea of Santa's permanent abode. No. 9099 Sugar avenue, North Pole, is another tot's guess.

They must have an idea Kris is an omniscient linguist.

An Herr Santa Claus in Himel 4 Strasse thurn rechte No. 2.

"Santa Claus Island" was no doubt meant for Iceland.

Here is a little lass who evidently got Santa's address from the postoffice morgue, where a number of letters addressed to him were displayed during the ante-Christmas days, with the reason for their being held stamped across their face:

Dear Sand Claus, 2029 N. York street, No such number, Scranton, Pa.

"Dear Cant Claus," pleads a little boy from Green Ridge. "I would like to have a pair of horse lines 2 cents box of a horn top book from your own little boy."

Listen to this little jolliter:

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a pair of skates and a story book My dear Santa Claus I think you will bring them to me because I like to read. My dear Santa Claus I will give you the number of our house 1099 Misa Eater Scranton, Pa.

ONLY A FEW THINGS. And then this considerate urchin:

Dear Santa Claus bring Roy a Jackie jumper and a pair of skates and bring some candy and nuts and oranges for little Roy and fill his stocking up to the top and bring Willie a sled and a pair of skates and all my stocking up to the top be careful you dont burnt yoreself coming down the chimney and dont get black and dont burn you wiskers coming down the chimney.

BOTH GUESSED THE SAME NUMBERS.

Each Will Receive a Five Hundred Mile Book.

The general passenger department of the New York, Ontario and Western railway company advertised to give free of charge a thousand mile book to the first person guessing nearest the correct number of electoral votes given each of the presidential candidates—each person accompanying their annual fall excursion to New York on October 26th last, being entitled to one vote.

Now that the official vote by states renders it possible to make up a tabulated statement, it is found that the two persons guessing the nearest are C. W. Smith, of Earlville, N. Y., and Asa Aldrich, of Norwich, N. Y., their votes being McKinley 270, Bryan 177, while the correct vote was McKinley 273, Bryan 174.

As it was impossible to ascertain which of the two votes above referred to were received first, it has been decided to award a five hundred mile book to each, and the same has been forwarded to them. There were many hundreds of guesses received, a number of which were in close proximity to the result.

REV. DR. DIXON INJURED

Fell and Crippled His Hand--Derives Some Humor from the Accident. Will Occupy His Pulpit Tomorrow.

Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, D. D., pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church met with a severe injury early Wednesday morning. While returning home from the New England banquet at the Hotel Jermyn, he slipped on the ice on the Wyoming avenue crossing and broke the ligament which binds the finger chords of his left hand.

William McClure, Dr. L. M. Gates and C. P. Whittemore were with Dr. Dixon at the time of the accident. He suffered intense pain. The fortunate presence of Dr. Gates gave him quick medical attendance after he had been accompanied to his home on Jefferson avenue.

The injury is very painful and is as severe as a broken wrist would have been. It has kept him awake all night, but will not deter him from conducting three Christmas services arranged for tomorrow morning, afternoon and evening in the Penn Avenue Baptist church.

Dr. Dixon says he will preach with his "whole heart and one wing." Some one told him that the wicked always stood in slippery places, and that the accident and the fact of its having occurred at 1 o'clock in the morning following a banquet night injure his reputation. He replied that he didn't stand; the church chorister, trustful and devout, who were with him, stood and they would have to bear the odium of an unrighteous reputation.

Last Day

of auction sale of Oriental rugs, carpets, and Japanese ware at 2:29 o'clock this afternoon at 500 Lackawanna avenue. As our stock is too large to remove to our store we must sell at a great sacrifice. Attend this sale and see us selling. Michaelian Bros. & Co.

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