

THE CROW BANQUET AT WILLIAMSPORT

Landlord Walter Shooter Pays His Election Bet.

CONSUMES HALF OF THE DIRTY BIRD

About Seventy-five People Witness the Banquet, which Took Place in the Billiard Room at the City Hotel. A Letter of Regret from Sheriff Crow of Philadelphia.

The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin give the following amusing account of the dinner of crow recently enjoyed by H. Jules Mailloux, of this city, and Walter Shooter, of the City Hotel, Williamsport.

Probably the most unique banquet that ever took place in this city occurred at the City hotel last night, when Walter Shooter, proprietor of that hostelry, devalued the largest portion of a big crow in payment of an election bet.

Previous to the late political campaign a number of gentlemen gathered at the City hotel one evening, and discussed the situation, considerable interest being taken in the fight between Crow and Ashbridge for sheriff in Philadelphia.

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THE JOHN HANDLEY MONUMENT AT WINCHESTER, VA.

The executors of the Handley estate have caused the erection of a beautiful granite monument over the grave of the late Judge in Mt. Hebron cemetery, Winchester, Va., where it was his wish that his remains might be interred. The site which was selected by the judge himself is a prominent elevation in the cemetery overlooking the Cumberland valley, and exposed to view for miles in all directions. The monument is built after designs made by the deceased during his lifetime, and has been pronounced by monument builders to be a model. It is built of Western granite, and cost about \$10,000. The New England Granite company, of Hartford, Conn., were the builders.

On the large granite slab covering the crypt is engraved the epitaph, which reads as follows: "In memory of John Handley, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, January 7, 1825, and died at Scranton, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1895. Judge of the several courts of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, from 1875 to 1879. President Judge of the several courts of Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, from 1879 to 1885. Founder of the Handley Library and the industrial schools of Winchester, Virginia. A man of noble and generous disposition and gentle spirit, beloved by the poor, to whom his charity was unfeigned, and commended for his broad-hearted philanthropy by all men. In the place of his choice, among the people he loved, after life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

FROM THE LAND OF POETRY AND SONG

News and Other Notes of Interest from Wales.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF MR. W. D. JONES

Prominent Among the Citizens of North Wales--A Swansea Doctor Analyzes His Own Town--Demond Is Arising--Legend of Maen Dewi--Humor of Judge Williams.

Mr. W. D. Jones (Sefrlid Wyn), is one of the best known men in North Wales, and his name has been familiar to the readers of the press for the last thirty-five years. He was born fifty-five years ago, in the same year as the Prince of Wales. He has been a prominent Odd Fellow for thirty-three years, and has filled every office in this noble order.

When Judge Gwilym Williams gets into his fatherly mood he is irresistible. He had a batch of young colliers before him recently arraigned for petty theft. This batch of the lawless boys had been taken from their homes by the judge, and took these things while in your riotous mood. For this reason I am inclined to give you another chance. One of you we have heard of before, but we need not refer to that now. Be good boys, and take care in the future. You are sentenced to one month with hard labor for the first offence. If you re-offend, your address three of the prisoners were preparing to leave the dock for home, but when the last sentence was reached they noticed one of the names in the list. This may be considered "smart" in some countries, but the judge who would indulge in such a ruse here would be ignominiously scorned.

A rather curious case has come into the possession of Mr. A. J. Jones, Carmarthen. The "head" bears a bust of a military-looking personage, and around it is the inscription, "Iestyn ap Gwrgan, Tywysog Morgannwg, 1097." The other side bears the figure of a female in a recumbent position, with a crescent shield on her left arm, and pointing with her right hand to a one-masted vessel on the ocean. Around the latter figure is the inscription, "Y Brenhin ar Gyfrith." Mr. Frost, Legue, of Brynmamur, writes that he has had for twenty-five years an exactly similar case. He found it in a capital state of preservation, eight feet in the earth. It bears the same date as the Carmarthen coin, and Mr. Legue says the only one like it he has seen is in the Swansea Museum.

The old organ at St. David's cathedral was built in 1701 by Edward Schum, and improved by Lincoln in 1841. In 1864 it was presented by the dean and chapter to the church of St. Martin, Haverfordwest, and in a recent number of the "London Kelt" a powerful instrument built by Willis & Sons, in 1882.

A correspondent, Mr. T. J. Hawker, of Aberllyfyr, writes: "In a recent issue of the Western Mail a paragraph appeared about the kings of ancient Britain. I noticed one of the names in the list, and any of your readers can inform me whether there were any British coins in circulation during his reign bearing his name. I have in my possession an old copper coin nearly as big as the present penny. On one side is a figure resembling Britannia, and on the other the legend 'Struthus' with a wreath of oak leaves, and no date."

"Davis Castell" Hywel, scholar, poet, translator, preacher, schoolmaster, and farmer, in Cardiganshire, forms the subject of a sympathetic and original sketch in a recent number of the "London Kelt." The writer is Mr. R. Morris Lewis, of Swansea, who, like "Old Lewis," has translated Gray's immortal ode, only Mr. Lewis has kept to Gray's metre and transferred many of his word-paintings into Welsh.

The schoolmasters of the last generation were not given to polished English. It is related that at Voechria a notice-board was placed in the school, and a week, and teaching numbers 24 more. At Rhynnydd, according to the report in the "Infantry Blue Book," a schoolmaster's only wish was to be asked many questions, he had said, "they varied," adding, "they comes and goes, sir." This is beaten by the anecdote given by a Llanshafran clergyman, who says a pedagogue of the old school roared out, "Go down to pen isha form; I'll be there indirectly to give you tam!" (slap).

Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and call for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

WELSH NOTES.

Haverfordwest has a lady cornet player in Miss Lewis, the daughter of Sergeant J. Lewis, the popular master of the headquarters band of the First V. B. Welsh regiment. Recently, the young lady made her first appearance in a public entertainment, where she played a duet with her father and met with a hearty reception.

On Dourog Common, near St. David's, there is a large upright stone called Maen Dewl. This stone is said to have been granted to the church by Rhye ab Idris, Prince of South Wales, for the use of pilgrims to the shrine of St. David; and it is conjectured that the great Maen Hir may have done duty as a landmark of some part of this ground devoted to holy uses.

A demon lord seems to be arising in Wales. Although he is barely twenty-one years of age, Mr. William Williams, of Clydach, has already won two chairs, the second at an Eisteddfod held in Liverpool recently. Starting so young, Mr. Williams will have enough chairs to let out on hire for concerts by the time he is sixty.

While a Welsh musician, celebrated for his skill as a harpist, was, with Celtic fervor, discoursing at the musical conference on the antiquity of "Welsh music," an uncle of Mr. W. H. Hughes, of the Tribune, who is also the widespread correspondent of the Free Press on the West Side.

Both the cases which have occupied the attention of court all week are drawing to a close. In the Comery-Russell suit the evidence has been closed and the arguments almost finished. Mr. Hannah made the closing address for the defense and Mr. Comery for the plaintiffs. Judge Purdy will charge the jury this morning.

The examination of witnesses still continues in the Jones-Schimpff case. It will continue next week and will probably take all of Monday and part of Tuesday.

ARRANGING FOR THE CONVENTION

Committee in Charge of Medal of Honor Legion Gathering Meets Today.

THE PURPOSE THAT IS IN VIEW

An Effort Will Be Made to Raise Sufficient Money to Give the Valorous Defenders of the Union Proper Entertainment When They Hold Their Convention in This City on June 8, 9 and 10.

This afternoon at four o'clock the committee appointed by Mayor Bailey, to make preliminary arrangements for the eighth annual convention of the Medal of Honor Legion of the United States, which will be held in Scranton on June 8, 9 and 10 next, will hold a meeting in the mayor's office in the City Hall.

This committee is composed of about fifty of the representative men of Scranton. Colonel H. M. Boies is chairman and Alderman Miller secretary of the committee.

The Medal of Honor Legion is one of the most important military orders in the United States and the fact that its next annual convention is to be held in this city will redound much credit to the Electric City. The convention was held last year in Boston, and that Scranton may show the visitors a creditable time it will be necessary that ways and means be liberally provided to take care of the soldiers.

Probably at no other gatherings held in America, are assembled a class of men who so typically represent the most valorous fighting soldiers of the Union army, as are present at the gathering of the Medal of Honor Legion. While there may not be over three hundred in attendance, yet they are all men who have won medals for displaying very conspicuous bravery during the engagements of the civil war.

Alderman DeLacey, of the Seventh ward, is the only man in this vicinity who bears the coveted distinction of the Medal of Honor, and it was he who, at the convention held in Boston last year secured the honor of the next convention to Scranton. There were many other important cities that competed for the prize, among them being Washington, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Portland, Me., and Worcester, Mass.

Among the important personages who will be present at the convention in this city are General Nelson A. Miles, president of the organization and chief of the military forces of the United States; General Daniel E. Butterfield, of New York; General Collis, of the Bureau of Public Works, New York and General Eastis, of Washington. There will be many officers of the Regular Army present at the convention.

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