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CITY NOTES. John H. Fellows and J. W. Browning have removed their office to the Mearns building. New No. 16 school in the Fourteenth ward will be opened for the reception of pupils today.

James McGovern, executor of the estate of Catherine Hambley, deceased, was on Saturday discharged by order of court.

An installation and smoker of Division 29, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Board of America, will be held this evening in the Hibernian hall on Fourth avenue.

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SCHOOL BOY GOT GAY. And the Government Got After Him with a Sharp Stick. James Meehan, a 17-year-old school-boy of Erieburg, was held in \$1,000 bail by United States Commissioner A. J. Colburn, Saturday, for sending matter through the mail that Uncle Sam forbids.

The lad indicted a letter to his school-mate, Annie Heulett, and, as school-balls have been known to do before, he wrote her that he wouldn't let his mature years. The letter fell into the hands of the girl's father, John Heulett, and the arrest was the result. Deputy United States Marshal John J. Shea served the warrant.

MINE WAGES THE SAME. Hillside Company Has Not Reduced the Pay of Its Men--Report Is Pronounced False. An article in a Sunday paper to the effect that the Hillside Coal and Iron company had made "sweeping reductions" in the wages of its employees was declared untrue yesterday by Captain W. A. May, the company's general manager. The article contained the following:

Notices were sent out yesterday making sweeping reductions in the wages of workmen of almost every grade at all the collieries and all the shipping points of that company, and the following classes of workmen have been affected by the reductions: Pump runners, blacksmiths, firemen, ash wheelers, carpenters, barn bosses, engineers, coal inspectors, clerks, weighmen and all stray time men.

Captain May was interviewed at his home on Washington avenue by a Tribune reporter. He said: "It is harder to combat a grain of truth than a whole lie. The rate of wages of our men have not been reduced in any instance. Owing to the decreasing output and consequent reduction of working time inside the mines we have been obliged to reduce the time of mechanics and outside men."

He remarked that in no particular had the rate of wages been reduced. The Hillside company never was such action likely, nor did he believe any of the other large companies had reduced wages or intend doing so. Mechanics, engineers, carpenters and machinery and outside men generally, he said, always worked several more days per month than did the outside help, but when the latter's time was reduced there necessarily followed a reduction of the time of the others. He explained, however, that the time shortened by the attachments entered against Luce Bros. under the fraudulent debtors act should not be stricken off.

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The league is composed entirely of American citizens. It was organized at

BEN-HUR MANAGER CAUSES TROUBLE

Would Not Agree in the Settlement of Box-Office Receipts.

KEPT THE AUDIENCE WAITING

Proprietor Clark Threatened the Committee with Ending the Performance Unless His Terms Were Agreed To--Wanted an Equal Division of the Extra Money Received for Seat Sales--Curtain Down While the Trouble Was On.

The performance of "Ben Hur" at the Frothingham Saturday night was interrupted for over 20 minutes between the first and second acts because of a difference in the settlement of the proceeds between Walter C. Clark, the manager of the production, and the committee representing the Men's Guild of St. Luke's church. The facts in the case indicate an unusual degree of smallness on the part of Clark and a resort to a detestable means in gaining his point.

The first act, which coincided with the magnificent chariot race tableau, had ended and the curtain ran down amid the usual salvo of applause. Less than ten minutes had intervened at the previous performances and there was much cheering in the audience and conjectures when at fifteen minutes of waiting there was no sign of proceeding. The speculation was heightened when several of the prominent men of the committee left their seats at a summons from the box office. Ten minutes more elapsed before the curtain arose.

Proprietor Clark, who had received a settlement at his own terms following the two first nights and the matinee performance, conceived the idea that the committee would on Saturday night request a final settlement according to the contract. As a means of leverage to proceed until his terms were agreed to, he ordered the curtain to be lowered and the box office where he sat without attempting a statement of his case until the delay was mentioned to him. He then remarked that the curtain would remain down until his terms were agreed to. It was then that the committee was summoned.

TERMS OF CONTRACT. The contract provided that the gross receipts were to be divided equally between Clark and the Men's Guild. The former's advance agent had expressly agreed that money received for seats, boxes and loges in advance of the regular scale of prices was to go to the Guild. Clark, after the Saturday night day nights and the matinee performance, would permit the guild to withhold only such surplus as was derived from the boxes and loges but stipulating a division of the extra prices received from seat sales. He received a settlement at his own terms, and he refused to risk a discontinuance of the popular spectacle. However, they had intended reaching an amicable understanding Saturday night. Evidently Clark learned this.

Rufus J. Foster, chairman of the committee, granted a Tribune reporter an interview yesterday. He said: "On December 1, Benjamin Hamilton, Clark's representative, called on Rev. Rogers Israel and solicited him to use the Ben Hur performance. Mr. Israel referred the matter to the committee, Major Everett Warren, Theodore G. Wolf, Charles McMullen, G. H. Cobb, W. A. Coleman and myself. To Mr. Israel, Hamilton said, 'No matter what price the seats are sold at, at least the regular price, the premium is to be deducted before a division of the proceeds is made; even if \$5 is charged for a seat Mr. Clark will expect only his proportion of the regular house price of that seat.' To the committee, he said, 'The contract made practically the same statement in Major Warren's office. "Basing matters on what Mr. Hamilton said, a contract was made whereby Clark was to get the production of 50 per cent of the gross receipts and the contract explicitly stated that the usual house prices shall be maintained." Hamilton also stated that Clark would bring ten men to handle the mechanism, etc. He only brought five and we had to hire and pay eleven extra stage hands.

NOT ENOUGH OF COSTUMES. "Clark sent the committee a confidential circular of instructions. This circular called for ten young ladies to take the part of the Arabian girls. The contract also stipulated that Clark supplied all costumes except those for the sprites and butterflies. After the ten young ladies were secured, the part of the Arabian girls for over a week the chaparones were informed that there were only costumes for two, and it was necessary for two costumes to be made by the chaparones.

"When Clark arrived here on Tuesday he roughly denied that Hamilton had made the statement about the sale of seats, boxes and loges, but finally agreed to allow the premium on boxes and there with the change of the matter to the committee, when Clark profanely stated that he would be bound only by the contract, and that if the committee did not accept that he would decline the show-off. "Clark was settled with after every performance, but the last, as soon as it was over on his own construction of the contract. On Saturday afternoon the committee notified Mr. Kerr, local manager of the Frothingham, not to settle with him till after the performance on Saturday night, when the committee would be present and endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of differences, thinking that as Clark's work was over, he would be capable of treating with gentlemen as a gentleman. But he virtually confessed that he was wrong by leaving the stage going to the box office and sitting there without notifying any member of the committee of his proposed action.

VERY UNGENTLEMANLY. "When the committee noticed the extra long wait and went to the box office and asked Mr. Clark why it was, he bluntly replied that he would not go on until he was paid, and acted in anything but an honorable, gentlemanly manner. He was both profane and abusive in his language, and the committee, out of consideration for a large audience, was compelled to accede to his demands, and the performance was resumed after a wait of over half an hour.

Mr. Foster had nothing to criticize in the excellent performance, or the manner in which it had been staged; on the contrary, he was loud in its praise and remarked that the committee's personality was satisfied. He wished it understood that Manager Kerr, of the theatre, was in no way

identified with the trouble with Clark, but that his aid and courtesy to the Guild had been ever ready and of great value.

About \$1,000 will be netted by the Guild from "Ben Hur," which will be next introduced at Oswego.

AN ADMIRABLE CONCERT.

By the Cathedral Choir and Bauer's Orchestra in College Hall.

The St. Peter's Cathedral choir and Bauer's orchestra of fourteen pieces rendered in College hall last night a part of the excellent Christmas program that was heard in the Cathedral. The music was directed by Prof. W. P. Schilling, the Cathedral organist and chorister. Rev. D. J. McDoldrick in the course of the evening delivered a masterful address on classic music. The soloists were: Mrs. W. P. Schilling and Miss Margaret Murphy, soprano; Miss Lizzie Snow and Miss Laura Rafter, alto; James Folan and John Klansen, tenors; William Bradbury, Peter Snyder and Peter Howley, basses. The selections were by Cimarosa, with two exceptions, an overture, "Die Entführung (Mozart)" and a Christmas hymn, "Adeste Fideles" (Giblin).

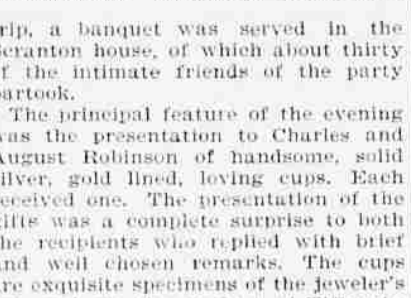
The Cimarosa numbers were the Gloria, Kyrie, Credo and Agnus Dei. Giblin's Christmas hymn was exceptionally fine and was interpreted by a division of the choir into three parts, which were located on the stage, in the wings and in the corridor.

It is no exaggeration to say that the concert was one of the finest of its kind presented in this city and deserved being enjoyed by an audience larger than that of last night.

LOVING CUPS GIVEN.

Interesting Presentation Services to Ex-Sheriff Robinson and August Robinson--Followed by a Banquet.

A few days ago it was announced that ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson, Vice John Lewis and Charles H. Miller, of this city, would visit Hot Springs, Arkansas, this week, and on Saturday night as a prelude to the



EX-SHERIFF CHARLES ROBINSON.

trip, a banquet was served in the Scranton house, of which about thirty of the intimate friends of the party partook.

The principal feature of the evening was the presentation to Charles and August Robinson of handsome, solid silver, gold lined, loving cups. Each received one. The presentation of the gifts was a complete surprise to both the recipients who replied with brief and well chosen remarks. The cups are exquisite specimens of the jeweler's art and are the product of Tiffany's of New York city. The handles are beautifully chased and bear representations of wild vines and berries. Each cup bears the following inscription: "Presented to... as a token of esteem and friendship by those who love him and know his sterling qualities best. So say we all of us."

Following the inscriptions are the names of thirty gentlemen who organized the presentations with C. D. Wegman, their secretary. Senator Stadler, of New York, made the presentation speeches. The banquet room was artistically decorated by Clark, and music was furnished by Bauer's orchestra. Those present at the banquet were: Charles and August Robinson, Senator Charles A. Stadler, Mayor James G. Kelly, ex-Mayor John H. Fellows, Prothonotary Clarence E. Pryor, Conrad Schroeder, George S. Horn, Charles H. Schadt, C. D. Wegman, John J. Fahay, Frank H. Vandling, Chief of Police Robbins, S. B. Stralwell, Victor King, M. H. Dale, Charles H. Miller, John Benore, Frank Thompson, M. J. Healey, W. H. Davis, Peter Ziegler, William Craig, W. J. Weichel, A. J. Healey, F. J. Dwyer, W. A. H. Pruemers, Dr. F. F. Gunster, F. H. Hermy, David H. Peitcher, Frank G. Smith, of New York, A. Bing, P. S. Page, Charles J. Weichel, J. J. Cummings, E. J. Fish, W. H. Pierce, Carl Lorenz, Dr. A. H. Bernstein, S. P. Fenner, Emil P. Weichel, Joseph Madensbacher.

Speeches were made during the evening by Frank Thompson, Conrad Schroeder, Mayor Bailey, C. D. Wegman and others.

Messrs. Koch, Robinson, Miller and Benore leave this morning for the Hot Springs.

MEDAL OF HONOR MEETING.

Convention Organization is Progressing in Its Plans.

The general committee that will arrange for the Medal of Honor convention in this city in June met in Mayor Bailey's office Saturday. The following were present: a committee on finance; Colonel E. H. Ripols, chairman and treasurer; Captain P. DeLacy, Charles Robinson, George Sanderson, C. G. Holland, Hon. W. L. Council and John T. Howe.

The general committee made the following recommendations: "That on Tuesday, June 8, a reception be held in the evening, and that Bauer's orchestra be engaged, and that efforts be made to secure a choir and glee clubs. That addresses be delivered by members of the order. On Wednesday, June 9, that a banquet be held in the Jermyn hotel, the early part of the day being devoted to the business of the organization. That drives through the city, to Elm-hurst and other points of interest be arranged for Thursday, June 10, the last day of the convention. The report was received and the committee continued."

PLAINTIFFS WIN OUT.

Long Winded Ejectment Suit Brought to a Close.

The Comegys-Russell ejectment suit which had been on before Judge Purdy in common pleas court since Monday was given to the jury Saturday morning and at 2 o'clock p. m. a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiffs.

The Jones-Schiff case did not reach a conclusion Saturday and went over to this week. It will take another day or two to finish it.

SALESWOMEN WERE ARRESTED AND FINED

Charged with Defrauding the Scranton Traction Company.

TWO TRAVELED FOR ONE FARE

One Rode from the Hill, Procured West Side Transfer for Her Companion, Who Used Them During Lunch Hours--They Were Arrested, Fined and Discharged--General Manager Silliman Says the Practice Is Extensive and Must Be Stopped.

Two saleswomen in one of the city's big stores were arrested Saturday afternoon on a specific charge of having defrauded the Scranton Traction company and were arraigned before Alderman Miller. One of the young ladies who rode on the hill had it was charged, been accustomed to receiving a West Side transfer on her return trip from lunch and with giving it to her companion who used it to ride to her home on the West Side.

The law was in a great state of flutter in the alderman's office where they protested their innocence of any intended wrong, insisting that they had not questioned their right to receive transfers and give them to one another. A minor case in a similar nature. It is good after being cautioned not to repeat the offense they were dismissed.

General Manager Silliman in an interview with a Tribune reporter yesterday said:

COMPANY'S POSITION. "The company has no special grievance against the two young ladies arrested. They happened to be the first detected in an unlawful practice that has increased of late, a practice of having the company carry two passengers for the price of one in other transportation. Street railways in other cities have been made victims of the same practice. Recent in intention perhaps, but positively illegal and have had to resort to the same method to have it discontinued.

"There is no fine legal point involved as would seem to appear in a story of the arrest in a Sunday paper. It is good law and good sense that a street railway company is not obliged to carry two passengers for one fare. The case is not parallel with a return coupon on a steam railway ticket. In that case the purchaser buys for himself or herself, if we sold return tickets to a given point on our line and return, I do not doubt that the return ticket would be transferable, though such an illustration is rather vague. It is plain that Mr. A. or B. receives a transfer in consideration of his 5-cent fare and that the use of the transfer by another deprives the company of five cents.

PRACTISED EXTENSIVELY. "You would be surprised to know the number of passengers our cars carry on transferred transfers. The practice is most common among fellow clerks who have regular lunch hours and time their arrivals and departures from stores and offices so as to make us carry two of them for five cents. In the case in question these young ladies probably never paused to figure that they deprived us of \$1.30 per month of twenty-six working days. You can readily compute that the leakage in a year in connection with many similar cases amounts to a great deal.

"We did not have to resort to much detective work in this instance. It was known that many persons had been riding on transfers procured by others and we set a watch for several who were accustomed to board certain lines of cars at a given lunch hour and who always possessed a transfer. In some of these cases investigated it was found that the holders procured their transfers properly, but in this case the opposite was ascertained."

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