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He Will Be Seen at the Y. M. C. A. Hall Tuesday Evening. The fourth number of the Young Men's Christian Association's standard course will be given on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, by Leland T. Powers, the impersonator. This will be the fifth appearance of Mr. Powers in Scranton. He was re-engaged by the committee who have arranged the course, in response to a very generally expressed wish on the part of the patrons of the course that this should be done.

WOMAN FELL DOWN STAIRS. Accident to Mrs. William Sickerly, of Lake Winola. Mrs. William Sickerly, of Lake Winola, who is visiting her son-in-law, Mr. Bender, of 123 South Seventh street, fell headlong down a flight of stairs yesterday morning and was rendered unconscious. It was still dark when she arose in the morning, the gas in the hall was not burning and she misjudged the location of the stair landing, with the result that she fell as above stated.

BABY'S SHOES. Kicked them through again, has he? Well, bless his little heart it only goes to show he's healthy and vigorous. We're closing out a few little lots of shoes for little tots at just-what-we-paid-for-em-which is certainly less than you usually pay. For instance, all the 75 and 85 cent shoes of yesterday go this week at 50c. SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 Spruce Street.

GOUSE FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER. Judge Edwards Criticises the Jury's Finding. SAYS IT WAS CERTAINLY MERCIFUL. Indicates That a Second Degree Finding Would Have Been More Fitting Under the Evidence--Verdicts in Other Cases--Fullerton Gets Off Easy--Colored Lad Sent to the House of Correction--Seven Cases Tried Simultaneously.

Manlaughter was the verdict rendered by the jury in the Gouse case. Judge Edwards didn't like the verdict and said so in a delicate way, of course, but still in a way that left no doubt of his meaning. But for the fact that he would not possibly care to set up his own judgment, Judge though he is, against that of twelve men, something more emphatic might have been heard from him. As it was, he said, that while he had ordered the verdict recorded, he still felt that the evidence would have warranted a verdict of second degree. "Your verdict, gentlemen, is certainly a merciful one," he remarked.

In the first degree, five for second degree and five for manslaughter. The last five remained solid and gradually won over the others. The general opinion about the court house was that the jury laid great stress upon the fact that young Gouse had been brought up amidst vicious surroundings and that the father was himself in a great measure responsible for these surroundings and consequently for his own deed. Cases will be sentenced today, most likely. The maximum penalty for manslaughter is twelve years and \$1,000 fine. The maximum penalty for second degree murder is twenty years without any mention of fine.

When the constable came to serve the warrant she endeavored to use a poker to repel the warrant but destroyed in her eagerness one of her screen doors. Mrs. Burns was not intoxicated at all, she says, but the good citizens of Rendham dumped her into a wheel barrow and in this manner she was taken to the "squire's" office, clad less than a whit more elaborately than Venus was when she arose from the sea. Mrs. Burns declared that she was not boss of the house and should not be made the defendant. Peter, her husband, also testified that he and she alone were the boss. Some of the neighbors, however, thought different. John H. Williams, the prosecutor, averred that he had no personal grievance against Mrs. Burns, but was acting for the community at large, which was desirous of getting rid of Mrs. Burns, her tribe and their Bacchanalian orgies. The jury in the case was out at adjournment.

HAZEN AGAIN CONVICTED. Edward Hazen, who was convicted Thursday of stealing \$25 and clothing from C. P. Fiske, of Wallsville, was tried again, yesterday, for embezzling \$18 from Liveryman W. R. Edwards, and again found guilty. As in the first case the jury made a recommendation for mercy. George C. Fullerton, who was on trial at adjournment Thursday, for feloniously attempting to kill Peter LaFrance and pointing firearms at Charles Whitefoot, was yesterday returned not guilty of the last charge and guilty of the fourth and fifth counts of the indictment in the first case, namely, wanton and playfully discharging firearms at Peter LaFrance. Lewis Lewis was called for trial before Judge Edwards for assault and battery upon Dorey E. Capp, but owing to the non-appearance of the accused, a verdict of not guilty was directed. Patrick Ratchford, Jr., was tried before Judge Edwards for committing an assault and battery upon Mary Wilhelm. It was alleged by the prosecutor that Ratchford entered her house in a drunken condition August 1 last and when she drove him out he turned on her, pushed her against a wall and fractured three of her ribs. The claim of the defense was that she received the injury in falling while attempting to assault the defendant. The jury is still discussing the question, "Did she fall, or was she pushed?" Seven cases were given to a jury at

one time in the main court room. Andrew Lukatch presented John Lepufski, Joseph Matuchak, John Kruppelyuk and Stephen Kazinski for robbery, and preferred the charge of assault and battery against the first three of the quartette accused of robbery. The prosecutor's story was to the effect that the last three defendants assaulted him and with the assistance of Kazinski, robbed him on the 29th of last November in Propokovitch alley, Oliphant, while all were returning from a ball. The defense was that Lukatch was simply being; that he picked up a stone to assault them and they simply disarmed him. Both sides had a strong retinue of very robust swearers. A jury is also out on this case. Capluses were issued for Michael Burnett charged by Patrick Flanagan with robbery, and Mary Moran charged by Thomas Hession with keeping a disorderly house. Charles Purka, the 14-year-old colored lad, who on Monday pleaded guilty of stealing \$5 from F. W. Mason's store, on the West Side, was yesterday committed to the house of correction by Judge Edwards. Owing to the fact that three juries went out and another engaged in hearing a case, it was impossible to fill the box in court room No. 2 after dinner.

Stiff Collars with soft button holes. The Lackawanna Laundry, 308 Penn ave. \*\*

EISTEDDFOD TA AVOCA. One Will Be Held in That Place on Washington's Birthday. On Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, an eisteddfod will be held by the Welsh residents of Avoca. The programme arranged is as follows: 1. Chorus (not less than 50 voices), "The Radiant Morning" (H. H. Woodward), 80. 2. Male chorus (not less than 25 voices), "Turkish Drinking Song" (Mendelssohn), 89. 3. Quartette, "I'm a Pilgrim, I'm a Stranger" (Marston), 85. 4. Duet, T. and B., "The Call to Arms" (R. S. Hughes), 84. 5. Solos, "Because I Love You Dear" (Hawley), 81. 6. Alto, "Daddy" (Gehrens), 81. 7. Tenor, "Out of the Deep" (Davies), 81. 8. Baritone, "I Fear No Power" (Graham), 81. 9. Piano, "Polish Dance," Opus 3, No. 1, in B flat minor (Scharwenka), 85. 10. Duet, piano and violin, "Sonata," Opus 24, No. 6, first movement (Beethoven), 86. 11. Sight reading (one voice), 81. 12. Female recitation, "The Last Hymn," from Standard Recitations No. 2, 81. 13. Male recitation, "Charge of the Light Brigade" (Tennyson), 81. 14. Recitation for children under 12 years, "Psalm of Life" (Longfellow), 81. 15. Impromptu speech, 81. 16. For the best reading of a few lines of English prose, given at the time, 81. Names of competitors to be sent to the secretary on or before Feb. 15. Competitors allowed their own accompanist or the one furnished by the committee.

WAITE COMEDY COMPANY. Is Doing a Wonderful Business at the Academy of Music. The Waite Comedy company has every reason to feel highly pleased with its business in this city. Yesterday was a repetition of the previous days of the week and people were turned away at both performances. On Thursday the afternoon and evening performances were attended by 3,500 persons. Last night the company was seen in "Peggy's Ferry" and gave a fine interpretation of it. This afternoon the "Houster Heroin" will be the attraction and tonight "The Yester" Monday the company begins a week's engagement in Binghamton.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE POOR BOARD. Passed with Reference to the Resignation of Mrs. Francis B. Swan. HER LETTER READ TO THE BOARD. She Says It Is Not Surprised by Any Body Administering Public Trusts in City or State--Reports of the Officers Read--State Aid for the Insane Asylum at Farm to Be Asked. Statement Issued by the Committee of the Board.

No better medium exists, through which the pecuniary conditions of the city's poor can be gauged, than the poor board, and judging from the number of applicants before the board at its monthly meeting, held yesterday afternoon in its rooms in City hall, there is a large number of people in the city, at present, who are suffering for want. There was the usual run of aged and decrepit, of widows, women whose husbands are in jail, girls for whom friends interceded that they might be rescued from degrading surrounding and the

miscellaneous other unfortunate who rely upon the board's beneficence. The greater portion of the meeting was consumed by routine business. Among the reports that were read was that of Superintendent Beemer of the Hillside farm. It stated that for the month ending January 31, 1897, the total number of persons in the home to be 175, of which 131 are males and 44 are females. Twelve persons were admitted, 11 were discharged and 5 deaths occurred in the institution. Dr. Strank, the resident physician at the home, presented his monthly report, which is summarized as follows: Number of prescriptions prepared, 709; deaths, 7; number of patients treated, 397. In the insane asylum, on December 31, 1896, there were 198 patients. Since then eleven more have been admitted, six have been discharged, and three have died, leaving a total of 200 in the insane asylum. OUT DOOR PHYSICIANS. Dr. Ives and Dr. Barnstein, out-door physicians for the board, reported, after which a communication from Mrs. Frances B. Swan regarding her resignation from the board was received. In the communication she speaks at considerable length of the harmony and honesty of purpose of the board and of her pleasant relation with the members thereof. Speaking further of the board she said: "Scranton poor directors can stand on their laurels. They are unsurpassed by any body administering public trusts in city or state. It gives me great pleasure to be in a position where I can thus assure you of my confidence in your official integrity and purpose. I am glad to have been associated with you on the board and doubly so as the only woman who has held a similar position. I realize a certain amount of success has been attained, through my official relationship with your body, and yet I believe that it is only as tried, disappointed hearts have been cheered by look, word or act; favored brows have been cooled by loving touch; wayward fallen ones been encouraged to higher living; or saddened homes been brightened by my presence--only as I

have been successful in leaving a favorable impress on human lives, especially among my own sex, that really lasting good has been accomplished. After the communication had been read the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED. Whereas, We have received with regret information of the resignation, as a member of this board of our earnest co-worker, Mrs. Frances B. Swan; and Whereas, During her membership of more than six years on this board she has been a wise and sagacious co-worker, industrious and zealous in the service of the district, most faithful to the important trust reposed in her, kind and considerate to the poor of her district, often supplementing the public bounty by contributions from her private purse, and has been in every way deeply interested in the welfare of the district and intensely active in the promotion of the same, therefore be it Resolved, That in the withdrawal of Mrs. Frances B. Swan from the board, the district has suffered a severe loss and every member and every officer of this board feel the loss of her services and the loss of her wise counsel, uniform courtesy and energetic action in all things pertaining to the business of the district, and that we part from her with sincere and heartfelt regret. Resolved, That the members of the board and the officers thereof sincerely tender to Mrs. Swan their warmest wishes that she may have an abundance of joy in her new relations and that she may enjoy a long, happy life. The committee appointed to make overtures for state legislation to aid the enlargement of the insane asylum at the Hillside farm offered a report. The following has been adopted at the instigation of the committee and will be widely distributed wherever it will be probable to have an effect. COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT. Scranton Poor District, Scranton, Pa., Feb. 4, 1897. Dear Sir--You are probably aware that the Hillside insane asylum has for some years performed the functions of a state hospital for the insane. The state some years since adopted the theory that the insane are the wards of the commonwealth, and it is the intention of the law that insane persons without means of support should be cared for in state hospitals for the insane. Owing, however, to the failure of the commonwealth to furnish a sufficient number of hospitals for the accommodation of the insane, the institutions are largely overcrowded, and applications for admission by poor directors of indigent persons who are charged upon their districts, have been refused and the insane confined in the almshouses where there are no proper means for their treatment, and often in the county jails. The Scranton poor district, having its own insane hospital, has endeavored so far as it could to take the place of the state hospitals for the counties of northern and eastern Pennsylvania, and has admitted to its hospitable doors patients from other poor districts in Lackawanna and from Luzerne, Wayne, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Pike and Monroe counties. At present about forty people outside of Scranton poor district are sheltered within its walls, and the limit of its capacity is now fully taxed, but the applications from outside districts for the admission of insane patients continue to come in, in great numbers than ever. The alternative presents itself to the board of poor directors of the Scranton poor district to build a new insane asylum, or refuse to admit any other patients being outside of the district and to require the gradual withdrawal of those who are already there, as the necessities of the district require. Under these circumstances the board has concluded to make application at the present term of the legislature for an appropriation to aid in the construction of an insane asylum. It is a just application and should meet with the approval of the legislature. We are anxious to have all the applicants who have come to us, and perhaps we have admitted people upon your application. We ask as a return for our liberality in this respect that you use your influence with the legislators from your county to favorably consider our application for the appropriation, believing that if this aid is granted we would be in better shape to help you out if the occasion should require it, and there would be no danger that any of the patients that you may already have with us would be withdrawn. We hope that you will see your way clear to grant our reasonable request, and that you will urge upon your representatives

in the legislature and your senator the merits of our claim. Very respectfully yours, Frederick Fuller, W. A. Paine, M. D., E. J. Murphy, E. J. Lynett, Committee.

SERVED EIGHT YEARS. Herman Kimble Released from the Eastern Penitentiary. Herman Kimble, of the West Side, was on Thursday released from the Eastern penitentiary after serving eight years for criminally assaulting two little girls near the Round woods. His victims were Orphy Jane Swingle, aged 10 years, and Fleva May Swingle, aged 6 years, both daughters of S. M. Swingle. Kimble pleaded guilty and was given four years and \$500 fine in each case.

JOHN LEKUTER KILLED. Terrific Work of a Charge of Giant Powder. John Lekuter was killed by the premature explosion of a charge of giant powder at Smithville yesterday morning. Lekuter was engaged with several other workmen in excavating for the foundation for a house for his brother and in tampering a charge of powder a spark caused it to explode. Rocks and dirt were hurled in all directions and Lekuter was terribly mutilated. When picked up he was dead.

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