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PERSONAL.

Jury Commissioner J. J. Mannion is in Philadelphia. Miss Margaret Geary is in the metropolis on business. Miss M. Fagan, of Pittston, is visiting her friend, Miss Rush, of Railroad avenue. Miss Grace Lutz, of Marion street, has returned home after a short visit at Moscow. Miss Humphreys, of New York city, is visiting the Rev. David Jones and family, on South Lincoln avenue. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kingsbury, J. L. Steele, and Mr. and Mrs. William McClave are at St. Augustine, Fla. E. G. Courson will be absent from the city several weeks, which time will be spent on a pleasure trip in the southern states. Miss Anna Alkman, who has been the guest of Miss Anna Dunston, of Spring street, Carlisle, has returned to her home in this city. S. P. Fenner and N. E. Rice, accompanied by their families, leave March 10 on an extensive tour through the southern and western states. Morris J. Davilow, together with his family, will make their future home in New York city. They left Wednesday and will reside at 125 East Fifty-sixth street. Charles Robinson, Victor Koch, John Benore, Charles H. Miller and E. J. Fish left yesterday morning, homeward bound, from a four weeks' visit at Hot Springs. Mrs. B. E. Vandervoort entertained lady friends in her home, on Delaware street, on Wednesday. Luncheon was served in the dining room, which was decorated with palms, hyacinths and calla lilies. Thomas J. Williams and daughter, Miss Grace; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Jones, of Green Ridge, and Miss Jennie Eaton, of New York city, compose a party that sails tomorrow from New York for a two months' visit in Jamaica. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell, jr., entertained very informally at what last night. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shafer, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Parke, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Judge and Mrs. H. A. Knapp, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. B. W. Archibald, Mrs. G. B. Jernyn, Miss Dale, Miss Lindsay, T. E. Oles, J. B. Dimmick, A. H. Christy, H. B. Reynolds, Mrs. N. Y. Loet, of Jefferson avenue.

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OTHELLO PRODUCED AT THE ACADEMY

Mr. Spencer and His Company Gave a Satisfactory Performance.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE FROTHINGHAM

Spooner Company Gave Performances Afternoon and Evening—Fields' Minstrels at the Academy of Music Tonight and the Old Homestead Tomorrow Afternoon and Night. Monday Night the Cornell Musical Clubs Will Be at the Frothingham.

At the Academy of Music last evening the Spencer company gave a very creditable production of "Othello." Mr. Spencer was excellent as the crafty Iago and reinforced the fine impression he made on the preceding night as Skylock. He is a young man who makes a careful study of the characters he essays and interprets them with a consistency that causes many of the minor details in his acting to be overlooked. Mr. Hennig's Othello was a little too excitable and he all too frequently punctuated his sentences with the deep guttural sounds that of recent years have come into such strong disfavor on the stage. The strong, manly Moor, measurably self-contained even when his fiery nature is aroused by jealousy is not the Moor that Mr. Hennig depicts. His Othello is a man wildly swayed by every breath of passion, who trembles like a sapling in a gale and whose paroxysms of rage at times fairly destroy his power of speech. This may be the Othello Shakespeare had in mind but not a few will doubt it. Miss Pengra was a sweet, womanly Desdemona and found little difficulty in winning the favor of the audience. The minor roles of the tragedy were in competent hands.

"Reeds' Glee," a re-dramatization of the old English stock piece "Caste," was presented by the Spooners at the Frothingham last evening before a good house. Mr. Spooner was an excellent "Top Reeds" and special distinction was won by Chester beyond as "Da Aloy," and Charles Rummel as "Sam Gerridge." The Misses Edna and Ceil Spooner played respectively "Polly" and "Esther" and as usual captivated the audience with their cleverness. There will be two performances, matinee and evening, today and tomorrow, when the engagement of this popular company closes.

Field & Hanson's vaudeville combination appeared at Davis' theater yesterday afternoon and evening. The entertainment opened with an acrobatic musical comedy sketch by Price and Steele, and contained several amusing acts in which Senator Frank Bell, John and Marguerite Fields and Field and Hanson appeared. George E. Austin, the man on the wire, gave an interesting exhibition on the slack cord; and Fred Valmore, the instrumental man, brought down the house by original imitations of various instruments and animals.

The Al. G. Field's minstrels, one of the largest organizations of the kind traveling this season, will be the attraction at the Academy this evening. Mr. Field has been before the public for a good many years and has been the guiding star of a great many companies which received popular endorsement. The list of names which grace the roster include such talented comedians, singers and specialty folks, as Al. G. Field, Dan Quolan, Arthur Rigby, Neil O'Brien, Will Walling, W. J. Norton, Harry Sheldon, Matt Diamond, Doc Quigley, Clayton Jenkins and Jas. Frank Todd and the Messrs. Egan, Devlin, Cary, Carmody, Hyland, DeLaney and Thompson. Mr. Field's programme is made up of a little of everything that is palatable to the popular taste. The finale introduces the "Darktown Circus," in which diversions peculiar to the saw-dust ring are some of the reigning features.

Denman Thompson's pretty story of New England life, to be seen at the Academy at a matinee and an evening performance Saturday, will afford a renewal of the pleasant associations which has endeared the play to our large class of theater-goers. Uncle Josh and his coterie of old-fashioned New England associates always seem able to present a pleasant evening's entertainment. Albare cleverly delineated characters by people who have been associated with Mr. Thompson for many years. The cast includes Archie Boyd as "Joshua Whitecomb," Marie Kimball as "Aunt Matilda," Charles H. Clark as "Seth Perkins," W. H. Maxwell as "Pat Clancy" and Blanche Dayne as "Rickety Ann." R. J. Jose heads the famous double male quartette in their musical selections. The play will have the advantage of new scenery and the light effects will be shown by the aid of the latest electrical devices.

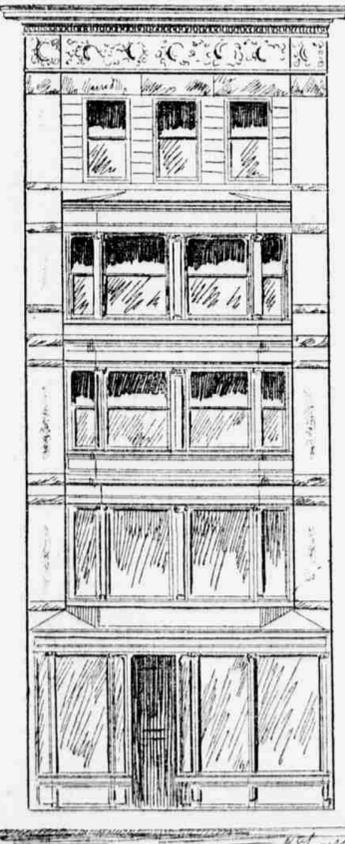
One can hardly say too much in praise of the company that opens Monday evening at the Frothingham. Headed by those two artists, Jerome McLaughlin and Joseph Greene, the public will certainly have no cause to complain at the lack of entertainment, for these two names alone bear a trade mark for everything that is pleasant in the theater. Monday evening they will present their new sensational comedy drama, "The Bowers of New York." Ladies' tickets for Monday evening can be had at the box office.

The Cornell University Musical organizations will appear next Monday evening at the Frothingham. Whenever they have been this season, wherever they have received great applause from the audience and the highest encomiums from the press. The banjo club cannot well be improved upon, and the exquisite shunting of the mandolin club, combined with their perfect time, always brings forth a double encore from the audience. In special work past seasons the club is unusually fortunate. They have three or four men who are encored again and again whenever they sing. Mr. Fuentes, the leader of the glee club, is particularly favored in having some excellent songs this season. Everybody who enjoys college life and songs will be delighted with the Cornell boys' concert.

Next Tuesday evening brings to the Frothingham for a single performance one of America's foremost comedians, Mr. Thomas Q. Seabrooke. The pronounced success achieved by Mr. Seabrooke in his new departure, and his admirable creation of the character of "The Speculator" in Mr. Bronhurst's brilliant comedy of the same title, has been the cause for rejoicing among Mr. Seabrooke's hosts of admirers and the theater going public generally with whom the clever young comedian has ever been a prime favorite. The plot of "The Speculator" is stated to be admirably and forcibly constructed, with a perpetual flow of comedy, a plentitude of heart interest and some exceedingly strong climaxes. The supporting cast has been especially selected for its individual and collective strength for the depiction of the various characters in the comedy.

RELEASED FROM JAIL. Miss Bettie Cattenken, the Russian Maiden, Secures Bail. Miss Bettie Cattenken, the Russian maiden who was arrested Wednesday on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences from George Malobtus, who she had promised to marry, was released yesterday. Bail in the sum of \$200 was furnished by Thomas Harrington, of the North End, for her appearance at court. Mrs. Bonbright will lecture to ladies only tonight at 8 o'clock at Hygiea hall. The lecture is free.

FRONT ELEVATION OF NEW RICE BUILDING.



When a crowd of workmen began, several days ago, to clean out the interior of the Rice building, located at 125 Wyoming avenue, formerly occupied by the Furrier, and which was recently gutted by a fire, they did so as a prelude, or preparation for the alteration of the building into one of the most perfectly equipped, single store buildings in the city. To attain this end plans for a five story, stone front building were designed by Brown & Morris, the architects, and the contract was let to B. S. Lewis for the remodeling and the construction of additional stories, which work will be completed by April 1. The front of the building, of which an elevation is herewith presented, will be of yellow stone, coursed ashlar, and provides for four projecting display windows, one to each of the first four floors. The interior of the building, provides for two large well holes, opening from sky lights in the roof to the first floor. One of these sky lights, or well holes, nine by eighteen feet, will be located at the center of the store room on the first floor, the dimensions of which will be twenty-five by sixty feet. The other well hole will be located at the rear of the store and will occupy a space of six by eighteen feet. An elevator in the rear of the store will communicate with the several floors. The floor space, which, as has been before stated, will be occupied by one store and will be nearly 6,000 square feet exclusive of space occupied by the well holes.

LATE GOSSIP IN THE BASE BALL WORLD

Signed Release of Three Rochester Players Is Delivered.

MEANEY HAS NOT BEEN TRADED

Goeckel, the University of Pennsylvania First Baseman Signs with Wilkes-Barre—Scranton Club Will Not Play Any Sunday Games. Paragraphs of Diamond Chat from Many Sources Concerning Players Who Are Known to Local Cranks.

Rochester's agreement to release Beal, Boyd and Dady to Scranton, which was related in The Tribune, was ratified on Wednesday by the signing of the necessary papers and the delivery of them to Manager Griffin at Fayetteville, N. Y. "Pat" Meaney has not been traded to Rochester, nor does he in any way figure in the Beal-Boyd-Dady deal. Neither has any other Scranton player been exchanged.

Wilkes-Barre has signed for first base, "Bill" Goeckel, the University of Pennsylvania player whose home is in Wilkes-Barre and who played with the Alligators at the finish of last season. President Bogert, of the Wilkes-Barre club, made the deal with Goeckel in Philadelphia on Tuesday. It is claimed that Pittsburgh wanted him, but Goeckel with commendable pride in his city and out of consideration for his friends spurned the flattering inducements and big salary offered by Pittsburgh and decided to play in the Eastern. His batting and fielding figures last season were .332 and .991 per cent, respectively. He is a fast man on the bases and a fairly proficient batter. In him Wilkes-Barre has secured a good player.

Syracuse will have Sunday ball in 1897. The schedule meeting of the Eastern league will be held in New York in two weeks, and at that meeting Sunday games will be scheduled for Syracuse upon all dates that the Stars are at home, says the Syracuse Courier. Under the agreement of the magnates at the close of last season the whole number of games this year will be 126, all of them scheduled. All Sunday games will be scheduled. The clubs who will play Sunday games at home are the Stars, Rochester, Buffalo and Providence. Springfield, Wilkes-Barre and Toronto will play Sunday ball away from home. Scranton will not play Sunday ball at home or away from home. Scranton will play just as many games as the Stars will play which will mean that the Stars will have many open dates on week days.

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COMMISSIONERS, THEY KICKED. Told a Constable He Would Have to Revise His Bill. One hundred and twenty miles travel at five cents per mile, was one of the items on a bill presented to the county commissioners by Constable John Yerski, of Dickson City, yesterday. When it was seen that all this mileage was charged up for serving a single subpoena on witnesses who all lived in either Dickson City or Troop, the commissioners objected to the bill and sent it back to him for revision. When the matter was brought before the commissioners by Clerk Kirchoff, Mr. Demuth said "is he willing to swear to it?" "He's a constable," mildly suggested Chief Clerk Wagner. "Oh!" said Mr. Demuth, and the bill went back. The people are certainly getting good shoes for little money at Crouch Bros. & Beatty's shoe sale.

Rexford's 3,670 POCKET BOOKS.

We have bought from H. M. Klinger, Philadelphia, all his made-up stock left over from last season. Also, all the sample pocket books his traveling men carried to sell from. Mr. Klinger has a reputation the country over for fine leather goods. He has one old-fashioned idea—he still believes in making pocket books of leather. Half or quarter will be the asking price. We shall look for lively selling today. 3,670 of them, arranged on tables, just inside the door. Extra salespeople to help you.

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Table 4 Several hundred card cases, purses and odd pieces, such as cigar cases, scissor cases and knife cases, value all the way up to 50c. here. Choice 5 and 10 cents.

Table 5 Several dozen music rolls and large orchestra music bags. Space here prevents a full description, but the prices are half the wholesale.

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