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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of in-terest will be published when accompa-nied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be held re-sponsible for opinions here expressed.]

Mr. Warnke's Statement. Editor of The Tribune,

Sir:-Please allow me space in your valable paper to answer some of the trumpedup charges placed against me by Frank-lin company, No. 1. I desire in princi-ple to direct my remarks to my accuser,

Frank Jones, who is not a to the rooms and began to abuse me. I resented the insult, but there was no stream over his face, neck and breast, fight. Mr. Beavers is greatly afraid of Murphy rushed his man with right and trouble in "his" engine house. Now the left pushing him all over the stage. question is, Why did he not bring charges against the man who, a short time ago, came down stairs and threatened to lick all in the immediate neighborhood? This man went out on the street blowing his own horn, but was speedily checked by a man next door, who came out and gave him a good thrashing.

on New Year's eve in violence of the company's by-laws? The question is easfly answered. These men are on his side of the fence. "Jimmle" shows his goodness and mercy, and pardons all their wrong-doings. In regard to the charter which I criticized, I will stick to my statement. The company has no capital stock and consequently can declare no

statement. The company has no capital stock and consequently can declare no dividends. They have done this and broken the charter.

If our good Mr. Beavers wants all to live in strict compliance with the laws of the organization, why does he not seek out the person who took the door of the feed room away for his own use, and fire him? Why does he allow members around the engine house in an intoxicated contribution. the engine house in an intoxicated con-dition? The reader can easily see by what has already transpired at the enwhat has already transpired at the en-gine house that these men are leagued to-gether and being in the majority are de-termined to root out all who will not swear allegiance to their dirty rag. Thus far they have succeeded. What will rol-

low, no one knows, Some of the members who have not yet been molested, have already become ashamed of having their names connected with such contemptible doings, and are thinking of resigning. "Jimmie" Beavers and his pals do not own that house, and they will soon discover it. In closing I will again ask, "Who stole that door?" Fred Warnke.

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# LEFT

Have you taken advantage of our special offer in Misses' Shoes? Not as extravagant an offer as you often see in print, but what's the use of he had been doing since the first two saying more than the truth? If we didn't need the room we wouldn't cut them as much as we do. \$3.00 Shoes for

\$2.27,



#### TEN ROUNDS OF LIVELY FIGHTING

Pat Murphy Makes a Fine Showing Against Foxy Dan McDermott.

SCRANTON MAN GOT THE DECISION

Referce Judge Decided That Murphy Did the Most Fighting -- He Rushed Things from the Start, While the Brooklyn Boy Took Things Easy and Played a Waiting Game -- Preliminary Bouts and Wrestling

Ten rounds of the fiercest kind of slugging were witnessed at Music hall last night by a dollar-a-head crowd that jammed the lower floor and comtortably filled the gallery. P. J. Mur-phy of this city and Dan McDermott, of Brooklyn, were the principals. The local man got the decision because he did the most of the fighting. Murphy s considered the best man among the big ones hereabouts and McDermott nas a reputation around the Metropolis of being as good as they make them at his weight. The showing made by eithman proved that what was said of them was pretty near right. Murphy has grit and endurance in abundance, the strength of a bull and a right hand punch that carried the weight of his entire body behind, but as a cool scientime fighter has yet some things to learn. With a little experience in the ring he would be a very dangerous man for any one of his weight to run up

McDermott is a foxy, easy going ighter who could put up a good battle f he didn't have a hand at all. Every trick known to the ring seemed to be at his command and in addition to this he has a style peculiar to himself; in fact it is the most peculiar style exhib-Ited by any boxer who has appeared here. He never seemed to have his eyes on his opponent but instead appeared to be always intent on studying something on the floor several feet away from where his interest really centered. It is needless to say, though, that his eyes were where they ought to be all the time. His ducking and dodging were marvellous and his calmness was alnost aggravating. As a hard and quick hitter he was all right too.

THEY FOUGHT AT 152.

The men weighed in at 152 pounds ach, but Murphy to the untrained eye appeared to be the heavier man. He had a little the best of it in both height and reach and was broader across the shoulders. McDermott had a good part of his weight in his chest and back. Leaving Murphy's wonderful strength and McDermott's headness out of consideration and a better match could hardly be asked.

It was as the above indicates a test of Murphy's strength against McDermott's generalship. Murphy started in from the very first moment to do his man' with the greatest possible despatch. McDermott went in to fight ten rounds and get the decision. Murphy's wonderful strength was more efheacious than McDermott's foxiness

Murphy landed three blows before the first round was fifteen seconds old and before McDermott had time to look him over. McDermott kept himself together and ducked his opponent's vicious James Beavers, who claimed that I tried drives, contenting himself with being to raise a disturbance in the company a sort of interested spectator. Murphy room and also said that I remarked that forced him against the ropes and then the company's charter was not worth the paper it was pointed on.

In answer to the first, I will state that

In answer to the first, I will state that eye, from which the blood flowed in a stream over his face, neck and breast

McDermott would duck low, Murphy's blow would cut the air and a clinch follow. Each encounter of this kind played sad havoe on Murphy's wind, for in addition to receiving McDermott's head or shoulder in the region of the belt im a good thrashing.

Beavers overlooked this matter. Why in cutting the air, McDermott also did he not bring charges against the man played "possum" in the early rounds, who made a beast of himself in a saloon feigning to be dazed and weak in order to egg Murphy to exert himself in the hammer and tongs style he was pursuing. At the end of the very first round McDermott looked and acted as if he was done for but it was all sham.

LIVELY SECOND ROUND.

In the second round Murphy landed one of his sledge hammers which caused the Brooklyn man to change his tictics. He let himself out and for minute there was the liveliest kind of an exchange, Murphy emerging with a bloody nose. McDermott led and land ed at the opening of the third round, but when Murphy showed up strong on returns McDermott went back to his duckin tactics. Murphy was fairly covered with the blood that flowed from his forehead and nose while McDermott didn't show a scratch. Both men commenced to breathe hard and from this out neither of them had any wind to spare. Murphy's drives continued strong and although they were falling short he invertably got the best of the in-fighting that followed and as a rule the clinch wound up with McDermott

on the ropes and Murphy over him. From the sixth round on McDermott showed more aggressiveness and would probably have done his share of the leading if Murphy would let him but the Scranton man was very anxious and rushed things all the time. McDermott, however, continued his se rene and easy gait when things com menced to get warm. In the eighth ound McDermott was weak and dazed and there was no shamming about it either. Murphy was pretty badly winded and as a consequence neither was able to follow up an opening. Fre-quently one or the other of them had both hands down and sometimes both

of them acted as if they were perfectly Murphy started in the eighth to fight foxy and won warm applause by duck-ing that was quite as clever as Mc-Dermott's. The little respite from forcing things seemed to help him, too, for towards the wind up of this round he followed up his leads better than

M'DERMOTT RUSHED THINGS. McDermott took a hand at rushing things himself in the ninth and as a onsequence there was a fierce slugging bout. Murphy taking his medicine and coming back as if the punishment was just what he liked. Towards the nigh collapsed and as a result the concluding go was the tangest of the ten, a rush by Murphy which landed Me-Dermott hard against the ropes and a succession by the Brooklyn man being

The referee, Jim Judge, announced that Murphy was the winner because of his having done the most work and it is unnecessary to say the decision was approved of by the crowd. Murphy was handled by Richard WANTED-BRIGHT YOUNG MAN FOR Envers, Toby Gardner and Jack Skelly. At Rockafeller's Restaurant, 124 Fean ave.

the only features.

In McDermott's corner were Tom Robinson and B. G. Munley, of Brooklyn, and Joe Driesen, of this city. Jim Twiss and Ed Coleman were timekeep-

The preliminary play consisted of acrobatic work by Collins and Campbell, the newsboy tumblers; a wrestling bout between Jim Conors, of Olyphant, and Sam Hodgetts, of Jessup, in which Conors won two out of the three falls, and honors even three-round bout between John Dunleavy and Michael Campbell.

WEST SIDE LAUNDRY TROUBLE. Will Be Amicably Settled by Messrs.

Clarke and Kelly. The postponed hearing in the Clarke-Kelly scramble for possession of the West Side laundry came off yesterday afternoon and it is possible that the washery will wash on without further

of the laundry, had borrowed \$400 from Clarke to tide him over financial difficulties. This was three years ago and rom this loan arose all the trouble. The end is that they will settle their differences in an amicable way. The laundry establishment is valued at

#### THOSE FIRE ALARM BOXES

Fire Department Committee of Select Council Makes Inquires About the Prices Charged for Them.

The fire department committee of se lect council met last night to determine whether or not the city had been paying the Gamewell Fire Alarm company \$25 per box more than had been stipulated by contract. A charge to investigation. The committee adopinion on the matter from the city

Mr. Torrey, an agent of the Game- following table well company, was present. So was City Solicitor Torrey, ex-City Controller George Eisele and Chief Hickey, of Hour. the fire department.

Agent Torrey held that the charge had arisen in confusing a proposal of sale with a proposal of lease. The two had been submitted at the time the negotiations between the city and the company began. It was finally agreed to lease the fire alarm system. The sale papers, however, had been kept attached to the lease papers and the 4-1 published charge was caused by a confliction in the provisions of the two terms of contract.

The city made a contract with the Samewell company whereby the latter were to equip a system and use thirty- Hour. six Palmer-Gardiner boxes, A sum of \$1,125 per year rental was to be 7-8 charged or the city could purchase the system at the end of any year for 10-11 \$9.250. Any additional boxes of the 11-12 Palmer-Gardiner type were to be purchased at \$100 each. When the city decided to lease instead of buy, the company furnished "Gardiner" boxes nstead of those termed "Palmer-Gard-The latter are quoted at \$125 and the former at \$100, and on that point hinges the controversy.

Agent Torrey explained that the comefficient service possible, the company being liable under the lease contract. Ex-Controller Eisele stated that when he first extra boxes were purchased the or \$100 was the proper price. It was shown at that time, he said, that the boxes were of improved type and the same as composed the leased equipment. They were purchased thereafter at that

City Solicitor Torrey Intimated that he only question at issue was the kind of box that had been furnished. The "Palmer-Gardiner" boxes were to be furnished at \$100 each. There was no contract as to other types. If the city had established a precedent by paying \$125 for the "Gardiner" or other more expensive kind of box, there was nothing to show that too much money had been paid.

After the open session the committee retired and in a few minutes concluded o refer the matter to the city solicitor and report according to his decision.

#### INGOMAR LAST NIGHT.

Fine Interpretation of the Drama by the Kennedy Players.

One of the finest performances given was that of "Ingomar," which was produced last night at the Academy of tween 11.20 and 11.50 o'clock, when the street. Music. E. P. Sulivan made a noble Ingomar and proved that the reputation in that role which preceded him to this city was well earned. The Parthenia of Miss Emily Lascelles was also excellent. As usual the minor roles were deverly interpreted. In the afternoon the company was seen in "The Two Thieves.

This afternoon the bill will be "The Two Orphans" and tonight "The De tective's Oath."

#### Fishermen in Peril.

Bay City, Mich., March 12.-The ice on the Saginaw Bay broke loose this morning carrying eight or ten fishermen out into the lake with it. The wind is blow ing a gale and it will carry the ice toward Fish Point, where the men may escape to shore. The ice is a foot in thickness their being lost.

Grand Jury Will Meet Monday. The grand jury will meet Monday in the new quarters in the court house. The list of cases it will be called upon to consider is large, but none of them are very important, the Keeley-Burke mayhem case being possibly the one in which the most interest centers.

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#### COMPARISON OF THE TRAVEL ON BRIDGES

Number of Persons That Pass Over Those ing of distance, at Linden Street and Lackawanna.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

They Were Compiled by Direction of the Board of Trade and Show That Over Twenty-seven Per Cent. of the Pedestrians Between the Central City and the West Side Chose the Linden Street Structure.

The people who know all about the relative amount of traffic on the Lackawanna avenue and Linden street It was brought out at the hearing bridges don't really know half the that John J. Kelly, the original owner truth. Since the erection of the latter structure it has been said, chiefly by those who opposed its erection that it was little more than an expensive ornament. On Thursday is was proved by a practical test that for every 69 persons who cross the Lackawanna avenue bridge, 26 pass over the Linden street structure.

It will be understood that the board f trade carried on and bore the brunt of the fight that ended in the building of the bridge. Quite naturally the officers of the board felt the criticisms on the structure's usefulness and they set about in a proper way to test the truth or falsity of the statements.

THEY MADE A COUNT.

On Thursday two trustworthy men ere placed one on the western approach of each bridge and recorded the number of pedestrians, double rigs and single rigs that crossed the bridges in both directions. No record was kept of street cars or the number of pasthat effect in a recent issue of the sengers they carried or the persons who Truth led select council to order an drove or rode in conveyances. These two men were on duty from 6 a. m. to journed without reaching a conclusion | 6 15, in. They were absent from their and with the purpose of soliciting an posts from 11.20 to 11.50 o'clock in order to rest and eat lunch. The result of their work is shown in detail in the

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27 2-3 per cent, of the entire pedestrian travel between the central city and the pany used the higher priced box as it was good business to maintain the most 22 per cent, of the entire team traffic between the central city and the West Side cross the Linden Street bridge.

WHAT FIGURES SHOW. The figures are positive evidence that the Linden street bridge bears a large share of the traffic burden. The table shows that the Linden street traffic is 38.28 per cent, as much a that of the other bridge or 27 2-3 per

ent, of the whole, One important fact is brought out by the test: If, say, there are six vehicles and 50 pedestrians on each of the two structures the Lackawanna bridge on account of its meagre length appears densely crowded, while for just the opposite reason there is no indication of any extensive amount of travel on the Linden bridge.

Estimating that 240 cars, or one ev ery three minutes, cross or recross the Lackawanna bridge during the day, and also estimating the number of passengers contained in the cars, a total of 18,000 persons pass over the bridge from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. exclusive of the number who drive or ride in other vehicles.

A study of the table is also interesting in that it reveals the corresponding degree of traffic during the different hours of the day. In considering the in this city by the Kennedy players table, it should be remembered that no record was kept for thirty minutes be- me. Gomer E. Jones, 1159 Hamptor men engaged in making the record were at lunch.

It has been ascertained that Luther

Keller, McClave & Brooks, the wholesale meat firms and other West Side concerns have instructed their drivers o use the Linden street bridge when points of destination are north of Spruce street. They have given these instructions because of the sav-

#### AMUSEMENTS.

Caroline Miskel Hoyt, who will be the star of her husband's latest comedy, "A Contented Woman," which is going to be presented here at the Academy of Music, Monday, March 15, is a Kentucky girl born, and was raised on the edge of the Blue Grass region. A little over three years ago her husband, then her flance, made her a present of a couple of fine unbroken trotting horses which he purchased at a sale at Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Hoyt took charge of the youngsters, and at the proper time broke them according to a method of her own. They were taught to obey her voice and a slight touch of the whip, without the use of reins.

One of the most striking parts of 'Rob Roy," which is to be given at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening next, both musically and spectacularly, is just before the finale of the first act, when the gathering of the clans is celebrated. Each clan comes on singing some old characteristic Scotch song. The Campbells song, "The Campbell's Are Coming:" the McPhersons, "Charlie Is My Darling;" the Stuarts, "The White Cockade, etc. Following this Mr. DeKoven, the composer, has deftly blended all of the melodies in a most striking ensemble. It is this work more than any of their other efforts that has made DeKoven and Smith the foremost infield of light opera building.

The spectacular aerobatic farce comedy, "Eight Bells," with the seemingly boneless Brothers Byrne as the guiding spirits will be presented at the Acad-emy of Music Wednesday matinee and night, March 17. Those who have seen this pantemimic production in the past will searcely recognize it, so many and so novel are the new features, which have been injected in it. Notably among these are bright, catchy songs, wonderful calcium effects, and a gymnastic potpourri that has never been excelled. The music of the play is tuneful and of the light, popular variety, while the mechanical effects follow each other so fast that it is bewildering.

#### LAND FOR A DOUBLE TRACK.

Allowed to Northern Coal and Iron Company by Judge Gunster.

An order was handed down by Judge Gunster yesterday in the equity suit of the Scranton Gas and Water company from \$1 to \$2, against the Northern Coal and Iron company which allows the Coal and iron company, otherwise the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, sufficient land to lay a double track where the road of the company curves to the south after crossing Bridge street. The land that is required for the double track is owned by the Gas and

Water company and is part of the plot on which its large gas plant is erect ed. It was maintained by that company that all of this land is needed for its growing gas plant and that to give any of it to the coal and iron company company. Court, however, decided to give the

Northern company permission to take possession of sufficient land for another and Hudson company between this city and Wilkes-Barre. There has been liti-gation for a number of years between these two companies over this strip of land.

#### SUIT AGAINST THE CITY.

Joseph Ober Wants to Recover \$10,-000 Damages.

Joseph Ober, through his attorneys H. Burns and Horace E. Hand, brought suit yesterday afternoon against the city for \$10,000 damages Mr. Ober claims that through the negligence of the city in not placing a light near the southerly side of Swet land street, approaching the Linden street bridge, he fell over the wall, He was very seriously injured, h says, and he spent \$1,000 in doctor's bills and medicines. Mr. Ober is the father-in-law of Mayor James G. Bat-

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long time I was unable to work on account of a running sore. Nothing gave me relief until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla which has entirely cured

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#### WANT CIGARETTES SUPPRESSED.

Bill Agniust the Little White Pipe in

Michigan House. Lansing, Mich., March 12.-Representative Chamberlain's anti-cigarette bill was favorably reported by the committee on public health of the lower house of the legislature today, and it will be discussed on the general order in a day or two. It not only prohibits the manufacture of the article in this state but provides a punishment for their sale under any circumstances.

There was a warm fight in the senate today over the bill to repeal the mortgage tax law, but it was finally passed by a close vote.

The law has been on the statute ooks several years, and it has never fully protected the mortgagor, who has been compelled by contract or otherwise to pay the taxes.

#### TURKEY AFTER OUR WARSHIPS.

Report in Constantinople That a Purchase Is Being Negotiated.

Constantinople, March 12.-In semiofficial circles here it is positively asserted that the administration of the sultan's civil list is negotiating with the United States government for the purchase of two or three ironclads which have already been completed in the United States, and it is added that the sum of \$200,000 has already been paid on account.

Washington, March 12.-The report that Turkey is negotiating for American ironclads is not credited here since the government owns all such vessels in the United States and could not dispose of them without an act of con

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