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PERSONAL.

P. M. Campbell, of Carbonate, spent yesterday in this city. Rev. W. F. Davies, of Providence, was in Plymouth yesterday. Major W. S. Miller inspected Company E, at Honolule, last night. Miss M. E. Healey and Miss Catherine Sullivan, of Wyoming avenue, are in New York city. Miss Marie Dempsey and Miss Margaret Costello, of Pittston, called on Scranton friends yesterday. Mrs. R. M. Legge and daughter, Irene, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Legge's parents, at Waverly. Rev. W. P. O'Donnell, of Holy Rosary church, North End, delivered an address in St. Thomas' church, Archbald, last night on "Ireland and St. Patrick's."

Atorney M. F. Conry was yesterday admitted to practice in the Lackawanna courts on motion of Hon. M. E. McDonnell, with whom he has studied for the last six months. Mr. Conry holds a University of Michigan B. S. and LL. B., and also certificates of admission to the Superior and district courts of Michigan. Consequently he was only required to pass an examination in Pennsylvania procedure and the court rules before the local examining board. During the fall campaign Mr. Conry ably distinguished himself on the hustings, being one of the principal orators for the local Democrats.

K. OF G. E. SMOKER.

Attended by the Members of Several Visiting Castles. Reading Brook castle, No. 468, Knights of the Golden Eagle, gave a smoker and social last night in the lodge rooms on Lackawanna avenue. The event was enjoyed by members of Von Molke, Augusta, Electric City, and Hyde Park castles. Addresses were made by George Gray and George W. O'Neil and there were songs by Messrs. Powell, Reynolds, Davis and others. There were several other entertainers. The committee who planned the smoker were: John Gray, chairman; Philip Schuler, Jacob Dreher and Obediah Arnold.

A FEW LEFT

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EISTEDDFOD OF OLYPHANT IVORITES

Very Successful Save in the Matter of Choral Competitions.

FATHER MATHEW HALL CROWDED

Morris Thomas, of the West Side, Captured the Bass Solo Prize at the Morning Session, and Edwin Bowen Was Awarded the Prize for the Tenor Solo--Chief Prize of \$60 Was Not Awarded to Anyone.

The eisteddfod at Olyphant yesterday afforded enjoyment to several hundred people, but it is a lamentable fact that the contest, and especially the singing competitions were, in point of merit, far below the usual eisteddfod standard. It was not the fault of the members of Emily lodge, No. 49, order of True Ivorites, who conducted the affair. The competing parties themselves are to blame. Out of five choral numbers but one prize was awarded. That was in the juvenile choir contest, the best of the day. The double quartet had no entry at all and the chief chorus prize, \$60, was withheld by the adjudicator for lack of merit. Two others fared likewise as the report following will show. The eisteddfod was held in Father Mathew hall. There were three sessions, at 10 o'clock a. m., 2 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock p. m. Rev.



REV. H. H. HARRIS, TAYLOR, Prominent in Eisteddfod Circles and Conductor Yesterday.

H. H. Harris, of Taylor, was conductor of the day. He performed the office with the same genial spirit and happy speech that has won friends for him in other eisteddfods.

Rev. William Matthews, of Olyphant, was chairman of the morning session, W. H. Davis, of Olyphant, in the afternoon, and Edward E. Robathan, of this city, in the evening. Judge Archbald, who was to have been chairman of the afternoon, was not present.

NAMES OF ADJUDICATORS.

The adjudicators of the day were: On music, Professor W. D. Evans, of Carbonate; recitations and literature, Rev. Peter Roberts, of Olyphant. The gentlemen gave perfect satisfaction. Professor Evans was called upon to adjudicate several very delicate contests, but he was credited with unswerving impartiality. Miss Nellie Taylor, of Taylor, made a very competent accompanist. The committee in charge of the eisteddfod for the lodge is: D. E. Lewis, president; William V. Davies, vice president; John P. Howell, John H. Williams, Hugh Lewis, recording secretary; David Parry, treasurer; J. B. Williams, corresponding secretary.

There was a large delegation of West Side people at the eisteddfod and the most of the prize money went there. President Lewis A. Howell, John H. Williams, Hugh Lewis, recording secretary; David Parry, treasurer; J. B. Williams, corresponding secretary. The eisteddfod in detail is reported here.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session began at 10 o'clock. There was a good attendance and a holiday spirit was in the air. Rev. J. J. Williams, pastor of the Olyphant Methodist Episcopal church, opened the session with an address. He spoke of the eisteddfod and was glad that the prospect for a successful meeting was good. Mr. Williams was temporary chairman of the meeting. There were four entries, John Tubbs, of Taylor, called for addresses. J. D. Evans, of Olyphant, a tenor, sang "Children's Home," by Cowen. He was heartily applauded. The eisteddfod then settled down to business. The first competition was on the bass solo, "The Mighty Deep" (duet), for a prize of \$4. There were four entries, John Tubbs, of Taylor, John Reese James, Morris Thomas, of Bellevue; Thomas W. Watkins, of Olyphant. Morris Thomas, who is well known throughout the city, was adjudged the winner by Adjudicator Evans. Mr. Thomas was highly complimented.

The solo competition for children under 12 years of age drew fourteen little ones to the stage. The first prize, \$1.50, given by E. M. Williams, and the second prize, 75 cents, given by John Prosser. "I Love to Talk with Jesus" was the competitive piece. Henrietta Harris, the pretty daughter of Rev. H. H. Harris, of Taylor, was awarded first prize, and Anna Jones, of Beckville, the second prize. Anna Roberts and Elmer Parry, of Olyphant, were each given a sum of money by some friends



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In the audience as a reward for the fine effort they made.

INFLUENCE OF SINGING. "By Llanwad Dodgona." Influence of Singing, was the subject of a prepared speech contest for a prize of \$2. There were three contestants, David C. Thomas, of Hyde Park; Mr. Parry, of Olyphant, and Thomas W. Watkins, of



W. D. EVANS, CARBONATE, Adjudicator on the Several Musical Competitions.

Olyphant. Mr. Watkins won. On the alto solo, "Love's Sorrow," prize \$4, Jennie Goodman, of Olyphant, was given the prize.

The recitation by children of Long-fellow's "The Day is Done," had six entries. Henrietta Harris, of Taylor, won the prize, \$2. Little Ellie Brown, of Bellevue, was also given a prize. This contest was very interesting. M. J. O'Halloran offered the prize. There were no entries on the double quartet, "O Heavenly Lamb of God," and with this announcement the session closed.

W. H. Davis was chairman of the afternoon session in the place of Judge R. W. Archbald, who was not present, though he was expected. Mr. Davis is an ex-president of the Olyphant borough council, and Thomas W. Watkins, now here, were present to speak and the large audience listened to an instrumental duet, violin and piano, by James and Martha Brennan, of Olyphant. The recitation, "Immortality," for adults, had two entries, Miss Anna James and Miss Maggie M. Evans. The former won the prize of \$4. The tenor solo competition was won by Edwin Bowen, of Bellevue. In the contest were William Edwards, Joshua Johns, Providence; William Jones, Taylor; David Thomas, Shamokin; William John Davis, Dava Stephens, Morris Thomas and Edwin Bowen. Mr. Bowen's was a significant victory. He has won nearly every tenor solo contest he has ever entered.

SEVEN QUESTIONS.

Answers to seven questions arranged by Rev. Peter Roberts on "Moral Law," were made by D. C. Thomas, Mr. Thomas won. The prize was \$1, donated by D. C. Phillips. The duet, "How Sleep the Brave," for tenor and bass, had two couples entered. They were Philip Thomas and Joshua Johns, of Providence, and Thomas W. Watkins, W. J. Davis, of Hyde Park. The first named won the prize of \$8, given by C. E. Pryor. The best poem on "Pov-erity," for a prize of \$4, was submitted by some person whose name de plume is "Historical." He is James W. Reese, of the West Side. D. E. Lewis gave the prize.

The Juvenile Choral Competition.

"There's a Light in the Valley," prize \$25, was the best of the afternoon. Three



MORRIS THOMAS, SCRANTON, Winner of the Bass Solo Contest at the Morning Session.

choirs entered, the Forest City and Vandling United choir, the Welsh Methodist church (Olyphant) choir, and the Welsh Baptist church (Olyphant) choir. The Welsh Baptist organization won the first prize, and a handsome rooster, donated by William Sweeney, of Olyphant, was presented to Moses Jones, leader of the Vandling-Forest City choir. Humphrey Williams, a little lad, leader of the victorious choir, is a son of Rev. J. J. Williams. Miss Annie Jones led the Methodist children. This closed the afternoon session. In the evening the largest crowd of any assembled. Edward E. Robathan, of the West Side, was chairman of the evening session. In his introductory speech Mr. Robathan was on great favor with the audience. He referred to the eisteddfod as a grand school for the elevation of Welsh character, and encouraged the spirit that rested it. Mr. Robathan's speech was short, but he was general applause. At the eisteddfod held recently at Avoca, Mr. Robathan also distinguished himself. And yet again there were no addresses by the bards." J. D. Evans sang a sweet tenor solo.

IN THE EVENING.

The first competition of the evening was on "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," soprano solo, prize \$4, donated by W. H. Davis. There were two singers, Miss Martha Thomas, of Hyde Park, and Miss Maggie M. Davis, of Providence. Miss Davis was given the prize. The contest of sight reading of Welsh prose for a prize of \$1, donated by W. H. Davis, was tried by Philip H. Thomas, of Providence; Thomas W. Watkins, Olyphant; W. J. Davis, Joshua Johns, Hyde Park; Samuel W. Edwards, Olyphant; Daniel Thomas (Catharine) of Shamokin. At the eisteddfod held recently at Avoca, Mr. Robathan also distinguished himself. And yet again there were no addresses by the bards." J. D. Evans sang a sweet tenor solo.

A request was made that the audience sing "Hen Wlad fy Nhadaid." This they did with the usual grandly melodious result. Mrs. George W. Powell, of Bellevue, sang the solo part. Mrs. Powell also spoke several lines of her own composition at the afternoon session. Emerson D. Owen was called upon for a recitation. He responded with "Casey at the Bat," and afterward recited an Italian parody. The sight reading of original music by male quartets was tried by three sets. No. 1, Thomas W. Watkins, Daniel Thomas, John Aston and John J. Parry; No. 2, John Brown, Lewis Williams, Hector Jones, Daniel Lewis; No.

WAS NOT THE FIRST ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Alice Hilton Finally Met Death on the D. and H. Tracks.

FIRST THOUGHT OF DROWNING

But Some Men Prevailed Upon Her to Leave the River Bank on Sunday. She Destroyed Herself on Following Day--Left a Long and Pathetic Letter for Her Husband--Coroner's Jury Will Meet Again Saturday Afternoon for Further Investigation.

It was learned yesterday that the first attempt of Mrs. Alice Hilton to end her life was not on Monday, when she threw herself in front of a Delaware and Hudson passenger train. She would have drowned herself in the Lackawanna river on Sunday but for the intervention of several men who had thwarted her in the attempt.

The facts learned yesterday by a Tribune reporter were in part confirmed in the letter which the unfortunate woman left for her husband. This letter was before the coroner's jury who met last night in Coroner Long-street's office, but adjourned to meet Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Hilton was seen Sunday sitting on the river bank a short distance above the Marvite breaker. Her long stay and actions excited the suspicion of passersby, and as the river is quite deep near where she was sitting, it was thought that she contemplated suicide by drowning.

GOING TO DROWN HERSELF.

She was approached by several men and questioned as to what she was about to do. She replied that she intended to drown herself. They succeeded in inducing her to give up the idea and she accompanied them to the nine o'clock church on East Market street. She did not give the number of the Oakley home 521 East Market street, where she and her husband boarded.

As Mrs. Hilton seemed to be in a highly nervous state, Mrs. Moore did not question her further about her trouble. She declined the hospitality of Mrs. Moore for that night, and at 8:30 o'clock started in the direction of East Market street.

The sale of seats opened with a rush yesterday for the appearance of the Irish comedian, Billy Barry, at the Frothingham tomorrow and Saturday evenings and at a matinee Saturday. The great success of his life, "John Bradley's Money," William Barry has given the stage "Mullion's Picnic," "Irish Aristocracy," "The Gilted Fillet," "The Rising Generation," and he is soon to appear in our midst with what he assures us is the best thing he has ever produced, "John Bradley's Money."

Next Friday and Saturday the Gorman Brothers will appear at the Academy of Music in "The Gilted Fillet." The attractions of the play are costumes, dancing and singing combined with comedy, burlesque and hits at the popular fads of the day. In the company are Jerome Russell, Richard H. Geiger, Forest P. Powers, Misses Dollie Mastayer, Dorothy Decker, Agnes Baylis, Emma Siegel, Marie Winslow and Myrtle Dunne.

If droll Tim Murphy keeps his word, and the wondrous charms of his little child will appear at the Academy of Music in "The Gilted Fillet." The attractions of the play are costumes, dancing and singing combined with comedy, burlesque and hits at the popular fads of the day. In the company are Jerome Russell, Richard H. Geiger, Forest P. Powers, Misses Dollie Mastayer, Dorothy Decker, Agnes Baylis, Emma Siegel, Marie Winslow and Myrtle Dunne.

The adjournment was made by the jury in order to enable Coroner Long-street to further investigate the case. A permit to remove the body from the city was granted and it was taken yesterday to Nord Mont, or North Mountain, Sullivan county, where her parents are living.

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