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PERSONAL.

E. F. Blewitt is spending a few days in Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Park have returned from their southern trip. Mrs. William Halstead, of Wyoming avenue, is in New York city. Miss Martha Moses has returned home from an extended visit in New York city. Mrs. H. C. Jessup returned to her home in Montrose, yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city. Miss Barbara Hanley, of South Scranton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Carden, of Carbondale. Charles E. Daniels, after a few days' vacation from studies at Dickinson Law school, returned yesterday. Miss Bertha Powell, of Linden street, is home from a visit with friends in Bethlehem and New York city. President Dwight, of Yale, will be one of the speakers at the Yale alumni banquet in this city on April 20. Mrs. Thomas Stearns, of Pottsville, is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Betty, of Bromley avenue. Misses Mame and Maggie Rowan, of Luzerne street, have returned from a visit with friends in Pittston. Resolved at the Hotel Jersey yesterday were J. E. Richmond, of Honesdale; J. L. Richmond, of Meriden, Conn.; A. J. Richerson, of Honesdale; and L. Walters, of Wilkes-Barre. R. W. Archibald, Jr., son of Judge Archibald, will be one of the eight juvenile competitors for the Ten Eycke prize at Yale college this year. The competitors are selected from the juniors on the basis of a preliminary examination. Louis S. Levy, of St. Louis, formerly of this city, was also successful with Mr. Archibald. The Ten Eycke prize is \$100 and is given for the best essay. Mr. Archibald's subject will be "English Admirals of the Eighteenth Century." Mr. Levy will write on "Sectionalism in American Politics."

A Suitable Wedding.

Invitations should be printed or engraved in the most careful and artistic manner. Nothing is criticized so sharply by one's friends as an invitation which is not neat and elegant. Depend on us to do the best kind of work at the most reasonable prices. The Scranton Tribune job printing department.

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Have trouble finding shoes for your girls? Let us offer you a suggestion. We put on sale today 100 pairs of Misses' Shoes worth \$1.75, at a price to quickly move them.

\$1.00 A Pair. SCHANK & SPENCER. 410 Spruce St.

THE PURPOSE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD

So the Promoters of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum Believe.

INVITATION TO THE BOARD OF TRADE

Asked to Send a Committee of Its Members to Visit the Institution and Make a Thorough Investigation of the Work That It Is Doing—Confident the Museum Can Be of Great Service to the Business Interests of Scranton.

Below is reproduced the letter recently received by Secretary Atherton, of the board of trade, concerning the Philadelphia Museum, and in comment upon the board's action in declining to recommend a state appropriation of \$500,000.

Mr. E. B. Atherton, Secretary Board of Trade, Scranton, Pa. Dear Sir:—We are in receipt of your communication of the 16th inst., in which you advise us that at the meeting of the board of trade on the 12th inst. a resolution of a state appropriation for the Philadelphia Commercial Museum came up for consideration, and that the board did not deem it best to urge the passage of a bill to this effect this year.

From the newspapers we have learned somewhat of the discussion which took place at this meeting, and from these reports we are confident that the plan and purpose of the Philadelphia Museum is not well understood by the members of the board of trade, therefore we wish to extend to your board a formal invitation to have a committee of its members visit this institution in the near future in order that a thorough investigation of our work may be made. We believe that this is sufficiently important to the commercial interests of Scranton to warrant this action.

The services we are rendering the manufacturing interests of the state are extremely important, and have been asserted by the most important concerns in all sections who have from personal inspection a knowledge of what we are doing. We are confident that the institution can be of great service to the business interests of Scranton and we earnestly hope in the near future we may have an opportunity to fully explain our work to a committee especially appointed to investigate same.

Very respectfully yours, W. P. Wilson, Director. William Pepper, M. D., LL. D., of the University of Pennsylvania, is president of the museum. The vice president is Charles H. Crump, of the shipbuilding firm of that name. Among the well known men on the board of trustees are Governor Hastings, Mayor Warwick, of Philadelphia; the presidents of the Philadelphia councils and board of education; Arthur Fiddle, John Wamamaker, Editor Slingerly, of Philadelphia; a number of prominent philanthropists.

MASQUERADE FOR CHILDREN.

Conducted Last Night in Excelsior Hall, Wyoming Avenue.

A novel masquerade dance social was conducted last evening in Excelsior hall, Wyoming avenue, by the Sunday school children of the Linden Street synagogue. Miss Freda Harris directed the dances and Charles Doersman played piano music. The dance began early and masks were thrown off long before the regular hour of a big folks' masquerade.

Probably forty children, representatives of many of the best families in the city, were present. The scene presented was quite fascinating. Much care had been taken with the costumes. Some of them were very original, others grotesque and a few pretty.

Notable were, "Uncle Sam," Irving Kline; a hospital nurse, Monroe Swartzkopf; "Butterfly," Gintell Harris; "America," Miss Stella Rose; a marquis, Edgar Troutfield; "Little Boy Blue," Gertrude Moses; a sunflower, Eddie Holcomb; "General A. V. Jones," Louis Brown; "Red Riding Hood," Sadie Corin; peasant girl, Minnie Samter; "Maud Miller," Leo Swartzkopf; "The Yellow Kid," Emanuel Goodwin, of Pittston; "Amphitropeles," Edward Moses; a tramp, Moses Harris.

There were other costumes just as pretty as those mentioned and it was a very pleasant affair throughout. Many of the parents and friends witnessed the evening's festivity.

GREENFIELD TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Will Be Held at Amasa Next Saturday—The Programme.

The teachers of Greenfield township will hold an institute at the North church, Amasa, Saturday next. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, at which the following programme will be observed:

MORNING SESSION, 10 a. m. to 12 m. Music. Annette ..... Mrs. Miller Song ..... Miss Mary Worth Recitation ..... Miss Nettie Miller Intermission ..... Miss Mena Barber Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. Grammar ..... Fred H. Green Geography ..... P. C. Hansen Song ..... Miss Grace Decker Article ..... Superintendent J. C. Taylor Song ..... Miss Mary Worth Penmanship ..... Z. T. Cure

EVENING SESSION, 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. Address ..... Professor Bromley Smith Songs and recitations.

All teachers and others interested in school work are invited to attend.

THE CITY SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Will Be Visited Today by a Committee of Board of Control.

The building committee of the board of control will today begin a tour of inspection of the city schools. A short business session will be held at 8 o'clock this morning in the board of control rooms, after which the members will visit some of the buildings.

The committee are: Benson M. Davis, chairman; A. J. Conrad, John M. Casey, W. J. Welsh, John Gibbons, Herman Noitz and George B. Carson.

HOSE AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.

Will Be Organized at Central Republican Club Rooms.

On Thursday evening a hose and chemical company will be organized in the assembly room of the Central Republican club for the hill district east of Adams avenue.

The following have signed a petition signifying their intention of joining the proposed company: William H. Kaufman, Edward Williams, A. J. Thomas, Martin Conkling, William Schlegel, John Emerick, Samuel Colett, Edward Colett, A. Colett, Henry Riefenburg.

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DECORATED SOFTLY'S EYES.

For That Offense Charles Shiffer Was Held in \$300 Bail.

Edward Softly, a man, who is somewhat of a bruiser himself, was decorated with a pair of black eyes and sundry other marks of battle in a Peon avenue saloon late Monday night. He charged Charles Shiffer, of Ninth street, with having done the decorating and had him arraigned before Alderman Howe yesterday. Shiffer was held in \$300 bail to answer at court.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The current number of the Black Diamond Express, a railway paper issued by the passenger department of the Lehigh Valley railroad, gives the following figures concerning fast runs made by that road:

Table with columns: Time Less, Miles, Min. Stop, and various routes like Wilkes-Barre to Sayre, Sayre to Wilkes-Barre, etc.

The adoption of the tonnage system for freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern has resulted in quite a saving in the cost of transportation. General Superintendent Lusk states that locomotives under this system are pulling from two to seven more loaded cars per train than ever before. A very simple but comprehensive set of blanks has been furnished the Yard Masters, and in making up the trains each locomotive gives the number of tons which it has been demonstrated by experience to be able to haul. This system has also resulted in fewer complaints of locomotives being stalled with their trains on grades.

The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern has adopted new specifications for station houses. These structures are now being built with slate roofs and cost about 95¢ a piece. The slate roof is found to be a preventive of fire from sparks.

BEKFORDS.

AMUSEMENTS.

For one night only—Thursday evening, March 25—at the Academy of Music, comes the American play, "In Mizouza," directed by Thomas' best efforts. This season it will be an entirely new production, now stage setting taken from life, as it were, as it is from sketches made on the spot where the story is located, and a company specially selected by the author, each one for their peculiar fitness for the characters they are to portray, and "In Mizouza" is particularly strong in quaint characterizations. Mr. Thomas, who re-rehearsed a company, says that he never before rehearsed a company that was so perfectly fitted in every way to the requirements, and a most delightful performance is to be anticipated.

"A Black Show" the latest production of Charles Boy's clever pen and excellent ideas of stage management, was designed for an impromptu but to entertain and bring dollars to the box office, and in these objects it has met with complete success. It introduces in what may be said to be a novel and striking way, not finding, jolly comical in the person of Otis Hurlan—a fellow with a quickness, deftness and a rather-brained facility for getting up doing a "brooding hen" to making love, and at home with a gun and "red ink." It is a novel and quaint character that nobody but Hoy could possibly combine, Jeanette St. Henry, who plays the "Queen of Burlesque," will be seen here for the first time in a Hoy comedy.

Burlesque and vaudeville will have full sway at the Davis theater, when the Harry W. Semple's Extravaganza company begins a three days' engagement on Thursday. The company is composed of forty European and American vaudeville stars. The performance begins with "Lawn Party," and concludes with "White New York Slaves." During the action of the operetta a number of musical novelties and specialties are introduced. The feminine portion entertain with marches, dances, medleys, stunts, tricks and quiperies. Between the two burlesques is an olio, in which others are the Princeton Sisters, Master Marty Simon, White and Decker, Pauline Black, Sam Butt, McDowell and Beach, Louise Carter, Armstrong, Broome, and Florence Zeller.

BEECHAM'S PILLS for wind and distress after eating. Watch Guards mounted with sterling silver at about the price of plated. Only a few dozen. Now's the time, 25¢. Jewelry department. Writing Paper In arranging some stock we found a lot of really fine linen and bond paper; 25 sheets paper, 25 envelopes, today 15¢. Boxes soiled, that's why.

Alarm Clocks Get up clocks that forget their business we don't sell. We keep and sell the two best kinds made. A good one, 75¢. The best made, one dollar. Clock Sale Our clock man knows how to buy and marks to sell. We are selling a lot of 8-day clocks for \$2.48. Clock department. Picture Event Getting ready for our third annual picture sale. Moulding remnants have been cut into frames for weeks back. Now the pictures are being put in. The prices will be phenomenal, and as this is fixing up time we shall expect you all to take advantage. Announcement later.

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