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PERSONAL

Mrs. C. D. Pettit is visiting friends in Reading. Miss Helene Barnes leaves for New York this morning. Mrs. C. M. Streeter, of Dalton, is the guest of Scranton friends. Professor T. E. Evans, of Carbonate, was in the city last evening. Miss Lillian Gearhart is home after an extended trip in the west. A. R. Whitmore, of the Scranton Business college, is seriously ill with the grip. Mrs. J. B. Strickland, of Jersey City, is visiting Mrs. Arja Williams, of Madison avenue. Editor Herbert Wagner and wife, of Hancock, N. Y., are spending a few days in the city. C. W. Swank, an enterprising business man of Summit Hill, is in the city on a business trip. Frank Hagen is in New York city on business with his firm, Berry, Winzer, Lohman & Co. Miss Rosa Traneau, of Williamsport, is the guest of Mrs. C. J. Carter, of Madison avenue. Miss Mayme Larkin has gone to Newark, where she will be employed as stenographer by J. W. Ritchie & Co. Winfield Bartram, who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. L. B. Wright, for two weeks, returned to his home in Chicago yesterday.

MR. NEALIS FOR PRESIDENT.

He Remains the Choice of Common Council's Democrats.

The Democrats of common council have not held their caucus, but it is slated for tonight or tomorrow in case Mr. Noon, of the Eighteenth ward, is able to leave the Moses Taylor hospital. There is no change in the plan of the majority to name ex-President Neal for the presidency. He is to be argued over. President Grier and Mr. Neal have buried the hatchet and agreed upon a preliminary settlement of their differences. At the Moses Taylor hospital last night it was stated that Mr. Noon had been able to be up and about the ward during the day and would be greatly improved today.

Miner Fatally Injured.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 1.—Frank Gahler, a miner, was fatally injured today by a fall of coal in Cox's Bros.' & Co's East Stockton mine.

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AUTHORESS RECEIVED A HEARTY OVATION

Mrs. Ryley's New Play Scores a Decided Success at Academy.

THE MYSTERIOUS MR. BUGLE

Given Its Second Public Production Last Night and Met with an Enthusiastic Reception—Mrs. Ryley Agrees with the Critics It Is Her Best Work. Something About the Brilliant Woman.

"The Mysterious Mr. Bugle," Madeline Lucette Ryley's new three-act farce, received its second production last night at the Academy of Music in this city, and its reception was a repetition of the ovation which its initial performance was tendered in Wilkes-Barre at the Grand Wednesday night. There was a curtain call after the first act and after the second act the man at the windlass must have thought that the prompter was playing an April joke on him, for the signal bell up in the flies was kept ringing for several minutes, and only ceased when the authoress herself, in response to calls of "Hyley," "Hyley," from all parts of the house, came out and bowed and blushed and smiled and threw kisses to the clapping, cheering house and warmly shook hands with Miss Russell, who went off the stage with her. It is not putting it too strong to say that a better pleased audience never left the Academy.

A pure farce, introducing the customary complications, with the suggestive ones left out, and treated with the richest kind of delicate humor in a most clever manner is a way of describing "The Mysterious Mr. Bugle." In brief, the story hinges on the jealousy of one Tom Pollinger, who will lose his eccentric grandmother's millions if he marries before he reaches what she believes to be years of discretion, and who in order to protect his betrothed, Betty Ponders, from the attentions of other men, induces her to assume the evil station of a widowhood and the name of Mrs. Solomon Hudson. At the same time the authoress manages to work out of this situation the possibly the best evidence of her versatility and the manner in which she dovetails the various complications is the greatest tribute to her cleverness. There is a constant succession of complex situations and yet at no time is the play out of joint or the story forced.

Miss Annie Russell and Joseph Holland play the leading roles and when it is said the characters fit them as if they were made for them there is no exaggeration. Miss Agnes Findlay, Miss Grace Fisher and last but by no means least Edgar Norton fill the other principal roles most carefully.

TALK WITH THE PLAYWRIGHT.

Mrs. Ryley is just as bright and cheery and clever as her production and that is saying a good deal for her personality, as those who saw the play will attest, without equivocation. When seen by a Tribune reporter after the performance she was bubbling over with joy at the success which her first effort in this new field has met. She quite agreed with the criticisms of her play, and those who saw the play will attest, without equivocation. When seen by a Tribune reporter after the performance she was bubbling over with joy at the success which her first effort in this new field has met. She quite agreed with the criticisms of her play, and those who saw the play will attest, without equivocation.

She thought she would try her hand as she expressed herself at writing a pure comedy of the drawing room type that would appeal particularly to lovers of the finer grain of comedy work. It was an experiment with her, but she feels, as she delicately put it, that she has not altogether failed.

Mrs. Ryley began her play writing in a rather accidental kind of way. She was starting in a stock piece some years ago, but was unsuccessful. Her manager, like herself, was not burdened with too much of the dross of this world. He told Mrs. Ryley, or Madeline Lucette, as she was known before the footlights, that if she would secure a play that would be suitable to her peculiar style, he would be pleased to again engage her.

WROTE FOR HERSELF.

The engaging of a playwright to build an especial character to fit her was too great an expense for her means as it was for the managers. To overcome the difficulty she decided to write a play herself. She did, and played it, and with excellent success. But she was not destined to play in it long for the worth of her writing was readily recognized and she soon had to give up playing altogether to attend to the demands of her writing.

Her first play, "Lady Jelima," was purchased by Almie Madden, "Christopher, Jr.," was her first substantial success. It captured New York and placed her in the front rank of playwrights. Then came the "American Citizen," which Nat Goodwin is now starring in; "Richard Savage," also owned by Nat Goodwin, and "Coat of Many Colors," which Herbert Kealey and Ellis Shannon will produce shortly. She is now engaged in writing new plays for John Drew and E. H. Sothern. "The Mysterious Mr. Bugle" is to be put on next season at the London Comedy theatre. Charles Hawthorne having purchased the English rights.

Mrs. Ryley stipulates in all her contracts that she shall supervise the selection of the cast. The cast in "Mr. Bugle" was selected by her manager, Mr. Bradley, and met with her endorsement in every particular. She is highly pleased with the interpretations of Miss Russell and Mr. Holland and attributed much of the success of the production to the fact that they are so naturally fitted to the parts and appreciate them so well.

OLD-TIME MINSTRELS.

They Are Giving a Fine Performance at Davis' Theatre.

The show at Davis' theatre for the last three days of this week is one of the best entertainments of its kind that has ever visited the city. It is Richard and Pingala's famous Georgia minstrels. The show given is a rattler of the old time kind, the style that keeps you happy all the time. As the curtain goes up a big pyramid of colored men in colored costumes is seen. The orchestra on the top of the heap and around the lower front is a circle of jet shining minstrels.

After the first part which includes a medley of good things there is a period for specialty work and the show closes with something called "Lucy's Lawn Party." Lucy isn't there; in fact there is not a female in the aggregation. Among the remarkable things given are first and foremost, the really wonderful contortionist Crisp. His performance is appalling. William Gray whistles and imitates with his throat

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many kinds of birds and animals and does it well. James W. Dorsey as an equillibrist shows wonderful skill and the singing of Master Patty Robinson is a feature. Edw. and Fern give a novel musical sketch. They are the evocation of "The Black Annie," a chorus song and dance worth seeing. Nell Moore is entertaining as a singer. The show is a winner and Davis' should be provided today and tomorrow as it was yesterday afternoon and evening. Matinees will be given each day.

WHITE HOUSE BACK ROOM.

It Again Figures in a Night Brawl and Two Arrests.

The famous back room of the "White House" saloon on Penn avenue has again borne a part in a police case and the arrest of two young women, Lizzie and Clara Howard, 22 and 20 years old respectively. They were intoxicated and quarreling in the place late Wednesday night and were sent out through the side door into Center street.

After being ejected the pair began fighting and rent the air with language that would put to shame the etiquette of a mod-rately profane man. Passerby on Penn avenue heard the commotion and gathered about the two women who were finally arrested by Patrolmen Day and Block.

In police court yesterday they were fined \$5 each by Mayor Bailey.

EASTERN LEAGUE CONTRACTS.

Following Have Been Approved by President Powers.

Eastern league contracts have been approved as follows by President Powers:

With Toronto—Albert Wagner, James P. White, Peter Hutchinson, James Casey, Harry Staley, John Freeman and D. L. McLean.

With Buffalo—James A. Brown, Edward Greninger, Sam Wise, William Liguari, Lawrence Gilroy, George E. Gray, R. C. Gray, Harvey F. Bailey, James Field, Sator Sullivan, R. C. Gregory and Van Patterson.

With Rochester—Joseph Mulvey, Edward Henry, Joseph Hermon, William Bonomo, Henry L. E. J. Murray, William Callahan, James E. Gannon and William Roberts.

With Syracuse—Joseph Harrington, Oscar Hill, William Egan, Wace Mason and E. L. Breckinridge.

With Wilkes-Barre—John Withoff, G. N. Weekes and Robert Hamilton. With Scranton—Frank J. Boyd. With Springfield—E. J. Inks.

PRICE OF GAS IS REDUCED.

New Schedule Goes Into Effect on April 1 Next.

The Scranton Gas and Water company and the Hyde Park Gas and Water company announce that on and after April 1 the price of gas will be \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet. This price will also be subject to the following discounts: Five per cent upon all bills where the consumption for the month amounts to less than \$25; ten per cent upon all bills where the consumption amounts to \$25 and upwards, provided the bill is paid on or before the 30th of the month on which the bill is presented.

SCHMALTZ CLUB BANQUET.

Enjoyable Time Wednesday Night in the Washington Avenue Quarters.

The Scranton Schmaltz club, organized for pleasure purposes, enjoyed its fourth monthly feast Wednesday evening at their rooms, 201 Washington avenue. The Haydn Band club, of the South Side, entertained with selections. Joseph Baummeister was toastmaster of the post prandial fun. There were a number of clever speeches by the members of the club and friends.

Excursion Rates for Students for the Easter Vacation.

To accommodate students attending regularly established boarding schools and colleges the Central Railroad of New Jersey have arranged to sell them round trip tickets to any point on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Philadelphia and Reading Railway or the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at one fare and a third for the round trip. These tickets will be sold not more than three days after the beginning of the vacation and will be good for returning for fifteen days but in no case will tickets be limited for longer than April 30.

To obtain tickets at the reduced rate it will be necessary for the student to present a certificate signed by the president or other authorized officer of the college or school to the ticket agent.

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NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF WHIST

Scranton Players to Attend the Congress at Put-In-Bay.

LADY PLAYERS ARE COMPLIMENTED

Mr. Otis Says No City Possesses Better Lady Talent Than Does Scranton—Easton and Possibly Newark to Send Teams Here to Play the Scranton Whist Club—New Lead of the Hamilton Four Which Has Not Lost a Trick.

A number of local whist players are beginning to "mark time" in anticipation of the battles to be fought at the annual congress. It is to be held at the Hotel Victoria, Put-In-Bay, a summer resort on Lake Erie and about twenty miles north of Sandusky, Ohio. The principal match of course is the Hamilton trophy, for team of four and championship of the American Whist league. It begins Tuesday, July 6, and continues until Saturday. Next in importance is the "Minneapolis trophy" for the championship for pairs, to be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The "challenge trophy" for teams of four begins on Tuesday and closes Friday. In addition to these important matches are the big general games each day for pairs and teams of four. The players are given the winners in these games. The leading teams of four and the best pairs, are engaged in the trophy matches, but dozens of well known players are to be found in the general games. At the last congress the following were all players in these matches: Cavendish and Whitfield, of England; Hamilton, Fisher, Ames, Trist, Snow, Wooten, Toomey, Mandell and Schwarz.

From present indications five or six members of the Scranton Whist club will be present. It is hoped that a team of four could be formed to enter in one of the leading contests, but there is hardly time sufficient for the thorough drilling in team work required in such matches. Those who attend can rely on having lots of sport and enjoyment in the open games, and need not be afraid of being outclassed.

The present whist season has been the most active ever known. New clubs have been formed all over the country. Matches between clubs have been numerous, there being in some cases sixty to eighty players on each side. Twenty matches for the challenge trophy have been played since October 15 and the leading newspapers in all the large cities have made a specialty of articles on whist.

The challenge trophy match on March 27, between Hamilton and Baltimore resulted in a tie, 22 each. It is to be played off on March 30. Hamilton has now won 15 trophies and only requires five more victories to acquire permanent possession of the cup. The new congress will doubtless make arrangements to have a new trophy ready, as this contest is the most popular among whist clubs.

The New Jersey Whist association held its annual meeting last week at the club rooms of the Jersey City club. The new congress will make an arrangement for the Park club trophy. The Jersey City team of four had top score of 15 plus. This team has been lately coached by T. E. Otis, in preparation for these matches. In the semifinals this team was beaten by the famous Park team by one trick. The Park's won the trophy by defeating Princeton by two tricks. The annual meeting was a great success in all respects. T. E. Otis was re-elected president.

The Otis Whist club (ladies) has proven a success. Two compass games are played weekly, and many of the members are devoting time and study to the game. Mr. Otis remarked during his last visit here that he believed the ladies of Scranton had greater talent than any he knew of. The opinion was given in good faith and there are good reasons to believe he was right.

It is a fact that our "so-called" crack players are not anxious for a trial of skill with the Otis Whist club. The new compass game is proving popular at the Scranton Whist club. It is generally regarded as a great improvement over the regular compass.

The "teams of four" matches on Friday evenings give the best and most valuable experience, and will doubtless produce the greatest improvement among the players. At the Tuesday evening compass match this week, Messrs. Wallace and Hintermister made

the top score with 8 plus. Patterson and Reese, of Carbonate; Davis and Blakeslee, of Jersey, and Mr. Bremer, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Cole, of Chicago, were present and made good scores. The doors of the Scranton Whist club are always open to visiting players. Mr. Burke, of Utica, is often seen at the rooms, and it was through his courtesy that the improved progressive pair game has been introduced to our local players, while it is still a stranger in many leading whist clubs. The New Jersey Whist club will play it April 9 for the first time, and Philadelphia is expected to introduce it some time during the autumn.

Local players are looking forward to the return game with Easton, as it is the only club match now pending. It is possible that Mr. Otis, of Newark, may make arrangements with Scranton for a match; if so Scranton will be obliged to make the trip first. It is to be hoped that our leading players will fall in line the "mosquitoes" should conclude to sing. If the match is arranged it will be played on a Saturday, the team leaving Scranton at 1 p. m. Birmingham played a match with Elkhart last week, twenty men on a side, and won by one trick. This may give Birmingham courage enough for another game with Scranton.

The Hamilton four have a new lead this season which they say has not lost a trick this winter. It is to lead the top of a long suit, which does not contain a face card, instead of the fourth best. It warns the partner that the leader has no strength in the suit and incidentally in trumps. This lead should not be confounded with the short suit lead of a strengthening card, and cannot be used by short suit leaders. Properly understood it is a valuable information play.

Mr. Otis uses this lead but conveys different information. It is unquestionably a source of disappointment to lead a fourth best from five, ten high, without sufficient trump strength, and your partner slaughtering his good cards endeavoring to establish your suit. An established suit is worthless without trump strength. Holding a five or six card plain suit, nine or ten high, with good trump, and other strength, the lead of the fourth best is unquestionably the best lead, as the partner will give assistance in establishing and bringing in; while with weak trumps the lead of the ten conveys all this information and he will act accordingly. J. W. Dusenbury.

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