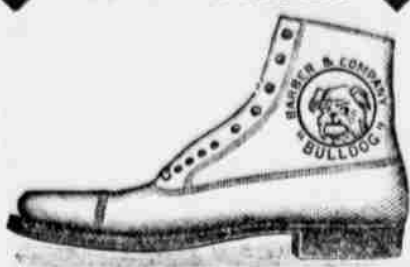


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AT THE THEATERS.

"My Friend from India" has become a very popular individual wherever he has appeared. He will be introduced to our theatergoers at the Academy of Music one night only, Monday, April 26.

Stuart Robson will be at the Academy of Music Tuesday evening in "The Jackkins." It may be deemed a matter of congratulation that Mr. Robson has succeeded in finding a character from Opie Reid's book which, while not only giving him the opportunity of his lifetime in character study, proves to be what seems to be one of the most substantial additions to the permanent repertory of the footlights.

Frederick Ward and his company have been engaged at a large sum to give one performance of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia next Tuesday night as a part of the big Shakespearean festival to be held there all the week.

THE WRONG MR. WRIGHT.

A Large Audience at the Frothingham Night. "The Wrong Mr. Wright," Roland Reed's new comedy, received its first presentation in this city at the Frothingham last night as a benefit for the local order of Elks.

The comedy was written for Mr. Reed by George H. Broadhurst and is one of the best in which he has appeared. The story is as follows: Seymour Sites (Mr. Reed) is a "Pisano" millionaire who has been robbed by forgery of \$50,000 by his cashier. He hears that the forger has gone to Old Point Comfort and goes there himself, to do some detective work on his own hook, assuming the name of "Mr. Wright." It happens that the forger has also assumed the name, "Mr. Wright," and as the detectives get after the millionaire for robbing himself, the opportunities for amusing situations are very good.

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CLEARING-UP DAY IN CRIMINAL COURT

Big Raft of Cases Disposed of by District Attorney Jones.

PLEADED GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

W. H. Coons, the Ex-D., L. and W. Ticket Agent, Admits His Crime and Will Be Sentenced Today. Several Defendants Escape Owing to Non-Appearance of Prosecutors, and Two Who Had Confessed Their Guilt Get Away on a Technicality.

Yesterday, the last day of the April term of criminal court, was marked by the disposition of eighteen cases. The three murder trials of the first two weeks, cleared the business in a great degree, but yesterday's efforts on the part of District Attorney Jones went a good way towards clearing up the list.

W. H. Coons, the defaulting Dela-



W. H. COONS Pleading Guilty to the Charge of Embezzlement.

ware, Lackawanna and Western ticket agent, pleaded guilty of embezzlement and will be sentenced today.

Thomas Grier, accused by Detective D. P. Roche with being one of the two that robbed the Ontario and Western depot at Mayfield, March 31, 1896, escaped prosecution through the absence of the principal witness against him, Patrick Cantwell, who has moved out of the state. Grier's alleged accomplices are both doing time now. Timothy Brady, the ringleader, got a year and six months in the penitentiary, and Peter Hart six months in the county jail. Grier's case has been hanging fire for two terms and rather than keep him in jail any longer, with the possibility of Cantwell never returning, District Attorney Jones agreed to a verdict of not guilty. Grier, it is said, was led into the affair by the others and up to the time of the deed bore a good reputation.

CHARLEY WHITE ESCAPED.

Charley White, charged with fraudulent acknowledgment of a recognizance, also escaped through the absence of the commonwealth's main witness. White went bail for a notorious woman before Alderman Wright, representing himself as C. D. Wegman and signing Mr. Wegman's name. The latter, who is now a resident of New York, failed to appear at either of the last two terms when the case was up for trial and the district attorney decided to accept a verdict of not guilty, rather than carry the case on the list any longer.

Charles Burkofski didn't appear to prosecute Martin Rollins for assault and battery, and he was allowed to go for the same reason as the two above. William Wall, the jail breaker, was found guilty, the jury not finding it necessary to leave the box. Judge Edwards added three months to his term. Theodore G. Myers, of Lyndhurst, N. J., who, with William Hazzard, stole a horse from Liverman Prall, of Providence, about a year ago, was allowed to go with a lecture. Myers is a youth, who comes from a good family and through the influence of friends and upon the strength of his previous good record, the district attorney agreed to a verdict of not guilty.

Charles Fields was found guilty of stealing the horse and carriage of James McDonald, of Pittston. The rig was taken from in front of Mangan's hotel on Lackawanna avenue and sold for the same reason as the two above. McDonald attempted to establish that he was commissioned by McDonald to take the horse to Peckville and that he did not sell it but simply borrowed \$5 on it, intending to take it out of bond the next day.

THE MOODY CASE.

A. H. Moody was tried for embezzlement and larceny by bailie, charges preferred by Alexander Sigofsky, dealer in barbers' supplies. John J. Murphy, attorney for the defense, succeeded in having the larceny by bailie case taken from the jury because the alleged offense was committed in New York state and is outside the jurisdiction of this court. He also tried to establish that Moody's offense does not approach a crime, being a mere matter of a difference in accounts and belonging by right to civil court. Judge Edwards decided to leave this question to the jury and at adjournment the jury was still wrestling with it. Moody was a traveling salesman for Sigofsky and it is alleged kept \$350 of his employer's money. Moody averred that he was allowed to take out expenses from his collections and did nothing more than this. He asked for a settlement on several occasions but could not get an accounting. On a trip through New York state he visited his home near Syracuse and found two of his children dangerously ill. He remained there for seven weeks caring for them and this absence led to his employer taking action against him.

A. Surowitz, of the South Side, accused of selling on Sunday, escaped through the non-appearance of the prosecutor, Joseph Freidlich. Patrick Mulroney pleaded guilty of larceny from the person of John Stanton. He will be sentenced today. Mulroney was an accomplice of John Elias Dick Hicks, in the highway robbery committed on Bert Sisco, near the Erie and Wyoming Valley depot last spring. He skipped at the time and did not bob up again until he was caught stealing brass from the Dickson works. Through certain representations made to the court he was allowed another chance to reform. One of his first steps in the direction of reform was the robbery of which he pleaded guilty yesterday.

Clara Weichel charged by Bob Davis with selling on Sunday and with keeping a disorderly house was called for trial but owing to the non-appearance of the prosecutor a verdict of not guilty was taken. In addressing the

Jury Judge Edwards said: "This bother between the Weichel woman and Davis is now quite notorious. The last time they were before me, I told Davis to keep away from this woman and also from this court. It appears he is obeying my order in the latter respect. At all events it is just as well that he does not appear as no jurymen would believe him under oath. If he ever does come here the sheriff will receive him with a capias for the costs in this case."

John Kofski, having waited two terms for the appearance of his prosecutor, Stanislaus Orzel, a verdict of not guilty was recorded, when Orzel failed again to answer to his name yesterday. Assault and battery was the charge.

John Tohill, having waited two terms for the appearance of his prosecutor, Stanislaus Orzel, a verdict of not guilty was recorded, when Orzel failed again to answer to his name yesterday. Assault and battery was the charge. John Tohill was called up to stand trial for stealing two sacks of flour from the store of his grandfather, the late Michael Tohill, of Jackson street. Owing to the death of the storekeeper there was no one to prosecute until the death of the grandfather, when a robbery had occurred. Police Lieutenant Williams was ready to go on the stand to give the prisoner's confession, but his testimony was ruled out on the ground that a person can not confess to a crime until the crime is proven. Mr. Thayer, attorney for Tohill, succeeded in securing this ruling from Judge Edwards, and had the satisfaction of seeing his man walk out of the court room free, although there was no doubt as to his guilt. Judge Edwards, in explaining the technicality to the jury, remarked that it was better to allow a guilty man to go free than to violate the laws of justice governing trials.

KEYS ALSO WENT FREE.

Oliver Keys, who stole an overcoat from William H. Jones, escaped on the same technicality. He had made a confession, but the man from whom the coat had been stolen was not at hand to prove the crime and the confession in consequence could not be used.

John Leeceok, an 18-year-old Oliphant lad, pleaded guilty of stealing a vest and watch from his boarding boss. His attorney, Joseph V. Brown, made a strong plea for clemency, and Judge Edwards, who was off with thirty days in the county jail.

A jury went out at adjournment to pass upon the truth or falsity of John Barrett's oath that he did not steal an overcoat from a dummy in front of John Wartofski's clothing store on Penn avenue. The dummy, a young lady who knew him well, was watching him from a window. The libel suit of Rev. Bruno Iwanowski and Frances Schuka against Daniel Langowski, of the local Polish paper, was on all day before Judge Archbald in court room No. 2.

MISS DORSEY'S PUPILS.

Give a Very Creditable Entertainment at Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Miss Carolyn V. Dorsey and her pupils in elocution, with the assistance of Miss Anna Sands, Miss Elsie Van DerVoort, Miss Phoebe Smith and Professor Arthur L. Dorsey, entertained a large audience at Young Men's Christian association hall last night. The work of Miss Dorsey's pupils reflected great credit upon their accomplished instructor. The tableaux montages representing the nine muses was a pretty conception prettily executed. The tableaux were Misses Willard Lathrop, of Peckville, was also an artistic feature, and a pantomime, "A Romance of the Ganges," proved both amusing and artistic.

Besides these numbers there were readings by Miss M. E. Barrett and Miss Katherine L. Maher, recitations by Miss Susie Gross, Miss Elizabeth A. Moyle and Miss Carrie Hess, a dialogue by Miss Cornelia B. Moredeck and Miss Jessie Stevens, and a selection, "Songs of Childhood," by Miss Maud Fuller and Miss Emma White. The pupils who participated in the tableaux and pantomime were Misses Florence May, Slicker, Phoebe Smith, Josephine Paff, Bertha Preston, Frank Washburn, Bessie Reel, Pansy Washburn, Jessie Fielden, Lillie Seward, Cornelia B. Moredeck, Myrtle Thayer, Mary E. Barrett and Katherine G. Maher.

Professor Dorsey and Miss Dorsey each gave recitations and concluded the programme with a splendid presentation of a scene from "Ingomar." Miss Van DerVoort, Miss Sands and Miss Smith each sang a solo and was compelled to respond to an encore.

IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION.

Chairman Paine Is After Facts to Lay Before His Committee.

Secretary D. B. Atherton, of the board of trade, yesterday sent communications to the secretaries of the boards of education of Wilkes-Barre, Easton, Lancaster, Williamsport, Pittsburg and Philadelphia for information with reference to the school buildings of those cities. At the March meeting of the board of trade a letter from W. H. Richmond was read in which he charged the poor board and board of school control with extravagance.

The letter was filed after being read, but at the meeting last Monday night was referred to the committee on legislation and taxes, of which H. E. Paine is chairman. Mr. Paine wants some data to lay before his committee and at his suggestion Mr. Atherton addressed the following questions to the secretaries of the boards above named: "Have you erected any buildings lately? If so, of what style of architecture, plain or fancy elevation? What are the interior conveniences? What system of heating and ventilating did you adopt? Entire cost per sitting of each scholar?"

From the facts that will be obtained from the replies to these questions Mr. Paine's committee will be able to form some idea as to whether or not the local school authorities are extravagant.

CATHEDRAL PARISH DIVIDED.

New One Has Been Formed in the Bellevue District.

Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hara yesterday caused that portion of the cathedral parish known as Bellevue to be erected into a separate parish and named Rev. W. P. O'Donnell, of Providence, as its pastor. The step has been contemplated for some time and land has already been secured for a church and a convent. It was considered desirable to divide the cathedral parish on account of the constant and rapid growth of the congregation.

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CLOSING SESSION OF THE INSTITUTE

The Teachers Presented Superintendent Howell with a Handsome Chair.

HE WAS GREATLY SURPRISED

The Presentation Speech Was Made by John P. Quinnan--Lengthy Resolutions Adopted--The Instructors Who Were Heard at the Last Session--Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction Houck Made the Closing Address to the Teachers.

The fourth annual institute of the Scranton public school teachers closed at noon yesterday with incidents which show that George Howell, superintendent of the Scranton schools, is held in the highest esteem by the teachers. While the last session was in progress Superintendent Howell was presented with a handsomely upholstered chair.



SUPERINTENDENT GEORGE HOWELL.

the gift of the teachers as an expression of the harmony that exists in the school department. In the following resolution unanimously adopted the kindly feeling is again shown:

We, the teachers of the city of Scranton, in fourth annual institute assembled, and being now in our final session of the week which has resulted in so great profit and pleasure to us as teachers; therefore be it resolved, that we extend our sincere thanks to our superintendent for procuring for us such an able and entertaining corps of instructors. We congratulate him upon the success of the institute and we will endeavor to assist him in his efforts, knowing that in a hearty co-operation will result success.

THEIR WORK APPRECIATED.

Second, we desire to express our warmest appreciation of the work of our earnest educators who have been with us during the week of the institute. We are indebted to their instruction, for the valuable thoughts they have given us, and for the interesting manner in which they presented their subjects. Third, we note with great pride that the sessions of this institute were held in the auditorium of the high school. We thank the board of education for the privilege which we have enjoyed over former institutes, and also for the interest they have shown in our work.

Fourth, that our heartfelt thanks are due the president of the board of control for his personal concern in the fraternity of teachers as expressed in his address at the opening session. We thank him for his hearty agreement with us in the sentiment he uttered, and we thank him for the encouragement he has given us. Fifth, we favor the passage of the bill now before the state legislature to minimize the school term from six to seven months. We cannot but commend the unpartisan action of Governor Hastings in reappointing Dr. Schaeffer, our able and energetic superintendent of public instruction, eliminating thereby the political feature from education.

Sixth, that the Teachers' Mutual Benefit association ought to be accorded the hearty support of every teacher, the board of control, and an appropriate public recognition. We favor the business-like philanthropy in which this association is engaged, but also in developing the intellectual and social sides of the teachers' life. We accord them our sincere thanks for the pleasant evening which they provided for us, and hope to see this reception an annual feature of the institute.

Seventh, our grateful acknowledgment is due the press of this city for their faithful reports of the proceedings of the institute as they have appeared in our dailies. Eighth, we thank the great Jehovah for His kind and loving care of us during the past year. But one of our number, Miss Florence Drinker, having been called from our midst by that unwelcome messenger, Death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and friends.

W. E. Schimpff, Nellie Pickett, Julia Pettigrew, Mrs. E. R. Stevenson, E. R. Stevenson, M. D. McCawley.

The last session of the institute was begun with prayer by Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church. Miss Margaret McCloskey, of Lock Haven, gave her last talk on the subject of art, with its especial reference to child education. Miss McCloskey during the institute has given invaluable services.

Professor S. Y. Gillan closed his series of practical talks. His theme yesterday was "The Teachers' Privilege and Opportunity to Grow." Professor Gillan's department of work was perhaps the most serious of all. He proved fully equal to the requirements.

After a brief recess Dr. Bernard Bigby concluded his talk on language. He spoke on the great expressive powers of "old" English. In ending his address, after thanking the teachers for their kind reception of him, Dr. Bigby recited these lines: "As a babe enters into the world weeping, whiles all smiles, may thy life be such that on thy death bed thou may'st smile and all around thee weep."

Superintendent Howell arose to introduce Deputy State Superintendent Houck, but, at this point, Professor H. L. Morgan, teacher, interrupted. He had an introduction to make, too. It was Professor John P. Quinnan, who had been selected by the teachers to present the superintendent with a chair. Professor Quinnan paid a nice compliment to Superintendent Howell and while he was speaking Professors Ketric and Cruttenberg carried in the chair. It is an especially handsome one.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS. In making his reply Superintendent Howell's remarks were of that same happy and characteristic style which has endeared him to Scranton school teachers and the old High school pupils. From a graceful expression of acknowledgement Superintendent Howell stepped into an address on unseen elements in education, which was one of the best given at the institute.

Mr. Houck then spoke. He was humorous, as customary, but he seriously complimented the teachers on their ability to sing. He had never heard better in his life. The resolutions were then read by W. E. Schimpff. On motion of Professor D. A. Stone they were unanimously adopted after which the institute closed.

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Handsome New Pharmacy in the Central Part of the City.

The Lackawanna Drug company, with Dr. S. E. Feinberg as the prime organizer, has opened a splendid pharmacy at Lackawanna and Franklin avenues. Dr. Feinberg is a druggist of twenty years' experience. He not only has a diploma from the Imperial college in Europe, but was also superintendent and chemist of some of the most prominent concerns in the United States.

For the past few years he has conducted the famous "Star" drug store on the West Side, but the growing business necessitated better accommodations, and the Lackawanna Drug company, composed of several prominent physicians, is the result. The new store is a model in arrangement. A handsome soda fountain has been put in place, and the prescription and drug departments are most complete.

The amateur base ball club receiving before June 18 the greatest number of votes, as explained on the sporting page, will receive 10 uniforms, free. No coupon good longer than 5 days after publication. This is a chance for the boys of Northeastern Pennsylvania to join the base ball procession in quite the proper style.

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