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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Edwin Reeves, of Lee Mine is visiting friends in this city.

E. R. Griffiths, of Pine Street, returned yesterday from New York city.

John J. Kaufman and William Koch have returned from a visit to New York city.

Mrs. Frank Long, of Wilkes-Barre, is the guest of Mrs. R. H. Holbert, of Garfield avenue.

Attorney E. W. Fisher, George R. Marshall and James Doherty, were in Wilkes-Barre yesterday.

George H. Gibbs has returned home from the Zanesville college at Columbus, Ohio, where he completed the course.

Hert Keisel, who is a student in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, has returned home for the holidays.

Miss Leona Gregory, of Mulberry street, is home from a young ladies' seminary at Baltimore to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. V. Bannister and Mrs. Edwin Sage and Mrs. Frank Rompough, of West Pittston, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Mrs. C. A. Ross, of Morris, N. Y., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. A. C. Bailey, of New York street, who will remain until after the holidays.

The Knights of Malta grand recorder, George H. Pearce, of Philadelphia, will arrive in this city today. He comes here in the interests of the order.

Dr. H. P. Rank left the Lackawanna hospital yesterday after having convalesced for the past few months as junior house physician. Dr. Rank will engage in a private practice at Blue Grove, Pa., his native town.

Seles, Councilman W. J. Thomas, of the Fourth ward, and Mrs. Thomas, attended the funeral yesterday of their daughter, Mrs. James Macveo, who died at Jersey City last Friday. The remains were interred at Jersey City.

Belvidere Stokes, proprietor of the Eatons House of Baltimore, is at the Hotel Jermyn. Mr. Stokes is examining the furnishings and equipment of Scranton's model hotel with a view to making use of the knowledge gained in the Monticello hotel at Norfolk. The latter is to be one of the best hotels in the south and Mr. Stokes is to be its proprietor.

One of the recent additions to the Lackawanna bank is William J. Douglas, who has opened offices at 211 Wyoming avenue. Mr. Douglas was born in Northern New York, and is a descendant of the renowned Stephen A. Douglas. He is a young man of brilliant attainments, who has won his way by his ambition, and untiring energy. He will prove a notable addition to Lackawanna's growing list of young energetic bankers and promises to forge rapidly to the front rank of his chosen profession.

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CELEBRATED ITS TWELFTH BIRTHDAY

Banquet and Social Conducted by St. John's Society Last Night.

IT WAS AN ENJOYABLE EVENT

D. J. Campbell was Toastmaster and Addresses were Made by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, J. C. Gallagher, John H. Devine, City Solicitor McGuire, Miss Kathryne Maher and Others. Names of Those Who were Present. It Was an Enjoyable Event.

St. John's Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society of Pine Brook celebrated the twelfth anniversary of its organization with a banquet and social in their hall on Canouse avenue last night. The interior of the hall was luxuriously decorated for the occasion. The large hall on the first floor was bedecked with the national colors and bunting of more subdued hue, the colors blending with artistic effect. In the banquet room on the second floor the best effects were obtained by the decorations. It was a poem of color.

At 10 o'clock the members of the society and a few invited guests sat down to the banquet and discussed to the satisfaction of all the varied menu prepared for the occasion. After the first of social dancing began the feast of reason and flow of soul. The post prandial part of the exercises was opened by Timothy Burke, president of the society, who heartily welcomed those present to the hospitality of St. John's society. After paying a graceful compliment to D. J. Campbell, whom he termed the father of the society, he introduced that gentleman as the toastmaster of the evening.

Mr. Campbell in accepting the duties of his office made a very felicitous speech. In complimenting the program prepared from Hon. William Connell, Hon. John E. Roche, E. B. Sturges and M. J. Kelly.

SONG AND SPEECH.

Toastmaster Campbell announced that the next number on the program would be a vocal solo by John Gallagher. It was given with splendid effect. The first toast of the evening was "The Diocesan Union," which J. C. Gallagher, of West Scranton, was asked to respond to. In introducing him the toastmaster said he was a man who had for thirty years been engaged in the battle for total abstinence. Mr. Gallagher said the Scranton Diocesan Union is one of the greatest subordinate unions in the United States and after the national convention held in Pottsville August 1, he hopes to see it rank as No. 1 among the subordinate unions. The speaker advised the members of St. John's society to work energetically to extend the benefits of total abstinence to their neighbors and he particularly urged them to try to reach former members who have fallen away from the society.

The address of the evening was made by Rev. P. J. Gough, of the cathedral. It was an earnest, forceful effort. The speaker commended the St. John's society for their efforts in behalf of humanity. They were engaged in a great work, he said, a work that everywhere among thinking people found hearty endorsement.

John H. Devine, ex-president of the Scranton Diocesan Union responded to the toast "Our Sister Societies" in an eloquent and spirited strain. Remarks were also made by Rev. J. A. O'Reilly, of the cathedral, Captain P. De Lacy, Miss Kathryne Maher, M. J. O'Toole, Attorney M. A. McGuire and J. F. Mitchell. A bass solo, "The Red Scarf," was rendered by Peter Snyder in a manner that called forth hearty applause.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED.

Present at last night's banquet were: Rev. P. J. Gough, Rev. J. F. Gough, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. O'Malley, Captain and Mrs. P. DeLacy, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Burke, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Devine, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Malley, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Burns, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gillespie, Mrs. M. D. Roche, Mrs. Edward Barrett, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Belinda Gerrity, Mrs. Michael Stratton.

Misses Kathryne Maher, Mary Mitchell, Grace O'Malley, Mary Malloy, Annie Melloy, Mary Ronou, Lizzie Kearney, Rose McAndrew, Mary Regan, Lucy Langan, Della Hoban, Winifred Barrett, Mollie Holland, Annie Connell, Anna Cahill, Michael Kelly, Anna Pitelford, Barbara Hanley, Nellie E. Gerrity, B. Dougherty, Anna Pow-ell, Mary O'Horo, Eliza Dolan, Jennie Weir, Kate Flaherty, Mary Neary, Anna Gibbons, Bridget Shields.

Attorney M. A. McGuire, E. P. Mitchell, James P. Lavoie, M. F. Keagney, M. J. Barrett, Thomas H. Malloy, Anthony Melloy, Michael Ronou, Peter Flaherty, James Kearney, Mark Barrett, J. W. O'Malley, James H. Jennings, E. J. O'Malley, Anthony Roche, E. J. Kearney, Martin West, John Dempsey, Anthony Cawley, Alexander Goudwin, John A. Kearney, Thomas Gannon, Thomas Connell, James McKenna, Thomas Mulligan, John Gallagher, Thaddeus T. Caherty, John Joyce, James Shields, Joseph Miller, Richard Joyce, M. J. Hafferty, Stephen O'Horo, T. J. Langan, John J. Flaherty, Philip Bradley, Bernard J. Kelly and P. J. Gerrity.

There were a social after the banquet.

NEW WOMAN AND OLD MAN.

Colonel Bain Discusses the Two Before a Large V. M. C. A. Audience.

Colonel Bain, the brilliant Kentucky orator, spoke to a large audience last night at V. M. C. A. hall on "The New Woman and the Old Man." The subject was one that naturally attracted the most attention and no one could have been disappointed in the original and clever manner in which the eloquent speaker dealt on the many phases of the questions instanced.

Throughout the course of the lecture the sphere that women should move in the sphere for which they are individually best fitted was earnestly advocated. Colonel Bain started out with the statement that many people are disposed to apply the Monroe doctrine upon the new woman in the belief that she is already gaining a foothold on too much of man's territory, besides daily encroaching upon more. Man is himself responsible for this in that he has substituted for woman's handiwork in washing, spinning, weaving, etc., the labor-saving devices of the age.

In closing, Colonel Bain said that most of the hard times and general unrest could be attributed to the two

HIS DAUGHTER WAS A LIVING MERMAID

Father's Startling Discovery in a Lackawanna Avenue "Store Show."

COMMOTION IN THE AUDIENCE

When Curtains were Drawn Aside Disclosing His Long-Sought-for Daughter in the Outlandish Make-up of a Dime Museum Mermaid, the Father Could Not Contain Himself and His Exclamations Threw the House Into the Wildest Excitement.

For several weeks past the windows of the store room at 427 Lackawanna avenue have borne such legends as "Wanted—Free Show, for Gentlemen Only," "See Harry Everett, the Radio Comedian," "Don't Miss Sailing Lulu May, the Mind Reader," "Original Dancing Girls," "Living Pictures," "Don't Fail to See the Wonderful Living Mermaid."

This last named legend no longer graces the window. Its disappearance dates from last night. The cause of its disappearance is the disappearance of the wonderful living mermaid.

John Jones—which will answer as well as any other name—is a poor West Side tailor. Since last Thursday he had been looking high and low for his 17-year-old daughter, who, after a flare-up with her step-mother on Wednesday, left the home vowing she would never return. She didn't return that night nor the next day, and when the father returned from work in the evening and found his daughter still absent he set out to look for her.

Every spare moment during the day and long into the night he tramped the city looking and inquiring everywhere for his runaway girl. He did not notice the police, he read letters, he found her without creating any scandal.

Last night, as usual, he was plodding through the crowded central city streets, peering into the face of every girl that looked anything like his "Cassie." Ten o'clock came and he was prepared to return home to report another fruitless day's search.

HE WENT INSIDE.

On his way homeward, passing down Lackawanna avenue, he veered over towards the building line to skirt the busy hustling crowd. "This way, mister. Won't cost you anything. Stop right inside," he heard some one say and at the same time felt himself being pushed rather forcibly into a brilliantly lighted place, where there was music and a crowd of people and laughter and clapping.

Just as he was entering a waxen-matched, bald-headed, stout-framed man on a stage in the rear of the store was just finishing—"living mermaid." The curtains of a tableaux vivants frame were drawn aside to "soft" music on a piano. The man applauded that the revolution usually provoked broke the stillness, the audience was distracted from the sight on the stage by a cry from the rear of the hall, "Cassie, my girl! Cassie!"

The mermaid was gazed at behind the mask of paint and dropping her hand into and comb she beamed over from the pedestal and frantically grasping the curtains pulled them together. The manager and the lecturer thought that it was a case of "erzy drazy" and proceeded to throw the alter into the street. The audience stood on chairs or surrounded the struggling mass from the center of which, above the din of shuffling feet and shouts could be heard "My daughter! I tell you she is my daughter!"

Just then Patrolman John Jones who heard the racket from down the street, rushed in and quelled the disturbance.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Explanations were made behind the scenes. The girl unwillingly donned her tall and close fitting corsege and getting into her street clothes went out with her half-erzy, half-laughing father.

And the man with the waxen-matched and bald head went out front and took down the card "Don't Fail to See the Wonderful Living Mermaid," accompanying the action with a stentorian voice "T'ho!"

SUIT AGAINST A CONSTABLE.

He is Charged With Badly Beating Mrs. Elizabeth McMahon.

Another chapter was yesterday added to the tale of bother between Mrs. Elizabeth McMahon, of Providence, and Constable Seth Smith. Mrs. McMahon, through her attorney, T. P. Duffy, made an allegation to the effect that the constable beat her so badly on December 18, last, that for a time her life was despaired of, and she demands \$1,000 damages as a bail for her injuries.

The trouble grows out of a fight over the possession of property in the Third ward. The attempt to dispossess Mrs. McMahon entailed a long string of civil and criminal suits, scarcely a session of court, of any kind, during the past year being free from at least one case in which the fight figured.

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TONIGHT'S DINNER.

All Arrangements Finished for the Annual New England Spread.

The annual dinner of the New England society will be held this evening at the Hotel Jermyn. The dinner will begin promptly at 8 o'clock but there will be a reception period for an hour preceding the feast. It will be the eleventh annual dinner and, like its predecessors, is considered the ultra event of the kind in this part of the state.

A galaxy of speakers will respond to the toasts, and among them will be: Rev. De Andrew V. V. Raymond, president of Union college, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Charles Curtis Harrison, provost (president) of the university of Pennsylvania; Sherman Everts, of New York city, son of Senator Everts; Henry S. Durand, M. D., of Rochester, N. Y.; Hon. Herace K. Sanderson, of Lynn, Mass., and Rev. Rogers Israel, of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

It has been arranged to have covers for 125 persons, but if history repeats itself there will be more than that number present. From 96 in 1885 the present number for 112 last year, or fifteen more than had been anticipated, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Carlisle, Honesdale and other towns and cities will be generally represented.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH FAIR.

Has Been Decided to Open it on Christmas Afternoon.

At a meeting Sunday of the executive committee that has charge of the proposed fair of the congregation of Holy Cross church, Bellevue, it was decided to open the fair at 3 o'clock Christmas day.

The preliminary arrangements for the fair are almost completed. There will be an entertainment each evening.

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 Fancy Lemon Peel, per lb., 10c
 Fancy Orange Peel, per lb., 10c
 Choicest Figs, per lb., 10c
 1 lb. package Extra Quality Dates, 30c
 2 lbs. of choicest Cape Cod Cranberries, 25c
 Fancy Jamaica Sweet Oranges, per dozen, 19c

NUTS AND CANDIES.

3 lbs. of Choice Mixed Nuts, 25c
 Walnuts, per lb., 10c
 Paper Shell Almonds, per lb., 15c
 Pecans and Filberts, per lb., 10c
 5 lbs. French Mixed Candy, 25c
 5 lbs. Bon Bon Mixed Candy, 25c
 3 lbs. Choice Toys Christmas Candy, 25c
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