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CARBONDALE.

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HOW TO READ.

Mrs. Burke's Practical Talk to the Local Institute.

One of the most valuable talks given at the local teachers' institute was the brief one by Mrs. Burke on reading. Among other things, she said teachers should be sure that their pupils know what they are to read about before attempting to read anything.

Children pitch their voice too high when learning this branch. They should read in a perfectly natural tone. After getting the proper pitch of voice, teachers should introduce the various authors to their pupils, but in doing so they must be very careful what authors they make familiar. Avoid dialect. Avoid what is false or what has even a shadow of falsity about it, bad language, bad figures of speech. Pick out what is bright, not dark, for the children, and in doing so you will cultivate truth in them.

Read as if speaking to some one.

Form a habit of using choice words, for it is said "Beautiful forms strike in." Develop proverbs and quotations.

FOR THEATRE GOERS.

Manager Byrne, of the Grand Opera house, has been successful in booking a fine attraction for two performances Christmas. At no time since John Mason and Marion Manola have been joint stars have they ever been in finer form or better voice than the present season, and their present tour in "Friend Fritz" has been the most prosperous that they have ever enjoyed. Manager Askin in selecting the company was fortunate in being able to secure all of the members of the original organization with but one exception. The scenery and costumes for every act are all new this season, and never before was this picturesque and delightful play so well equipped as at the present season. Several new songs have been interpolated with all of the popular gems having been retained. This will be the Mason's farewell tour in "Friend Fritz" as they are shortly to produce a new play at the Tremont theater, Boston.

Richards and Canfield, so long with Hoyt's comedies, and who created the characters of "Deacon Tidd" and "Martin Tripp" in "A Midnight Bell," and "Mink Jones" and "Bingo" in "A Temperance Town," which was the most successful comedy Playwright Hoyt ever turned out, have scored an enormous success in the comedy of "My Boys." The piece is booked for a presentation here previous to its going into New York for a long run, at the Opera house Monday evening, Dec. 27.

PROTHONOTARY COPELAND'S SUCCESSOR.

Prothonotary-elect John Copeland will be succeeded as Delaware and Hudson yard master in this city by David Nicol, who has been conductor of the Saratoga express. Mr. Nicol has had wide railroad experience and will no doubt give a good account of himself in his new position.

Extra passenger conductor Wallace W. Copeland succeeds Mr. Nicol. Mr. Copeland has made an enviable reputation for himself in the successful conducting of the company's big excursion trains and he will be thoroughly at home on the "Saratoga."

THE MAN FOR THE PLACE.

P. F. Moffitt, the popular chief of the Carbondale fire department has accepted the night clerkship of Hotel Anthracite. The hostelry was opened for business yesterday and the chief commenced his duties last night. While this is new work for Mr. Moffitt he possesses every requisite of the situation and the hotel's patrons will be accorded the courtesy which the chief has always so freely extended to those having business transactions with him. The proprietor is to be congratulated upon his success in obtaining the right man for the place.

WEDDED WEDNESDAY.

Miss Mary M. Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Haley, of No. 14 Jeffrey street, was united in marriage Wednesday evening to William Wright. The ceremony which made the twain one was an uncommonly pretty one. It was performed by Rev. G. A. Place, Ph. D., at the bride's home and was witnessed by about fifty relatives. Among the guests present were the following from out of town: Mrs. Isaac Ball, Honesdale; Annie and Edith Arnold, Prompton; Miss Annie Arnold, Deposit, N. Y.; Edward Ross, Bethany; Louis Hines, Prompton.

DR. HAMPTON WILL BUILD.

Dr. R. Hampton, formerly of this city, who now makes his home with his son-in-law, C. C. Jadwin, of Scranton, was in this city yesterday. He expressed his intention of building another house on his Church street lot. The proposed new structure will be erected between the old Hampton residence and the residence to be erected at once by Dr. Wheeler. Dr. Hampton expects to have work commenced in the early spring if not before.

WASHINGTON OR GRANT?

Owing to the approach of the holiday season the meetings of both the Young Men's league and the Boys' league of the First Presbyterian church have been discontinued for several weeks. The Boys' league will meet again on January 10, and a very interesting debate is being prepared for the occasion. Its subject is "Who is the Greater General, Washington or Grant?" It will be participated in by members of Dr. Fletcher's and W. T. Price's classes of the Sunday school.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reynolds, of Washington place, will entertain twenty members of the Reynolds and Roadknight families at Christmas dinner.

Intelligence has been received from Phillipsburg, Pa., to the effect that a daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Avery. Mr. Avery was formerly teller of the Miner's and Mechanics' bank, of this city.

James J. Gorman, of South Main street, this morning, received a cablegram from South Hampton, England, notifying him of the safe arrival of the St. Louis at that port. Justice Williams and Mrs. Morrish and children of this city were passengerz on the big steamship.

The funeral of Mrs. Simmons was postponed. It will occur at 3 this afternoon.

George Maidfelt, of the firm of Maidfelt & Purdy, Wednesday evening received the sad intelligence of the death of his mother in Honesdale. He at once left for that place.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Anna Delaney, of South Main street, is entertaining Miss Jennie Palmer, of Scranton.

Frank Stafford, of Jamaica, L. I., is the guest of friends in this city.

John E. Coleman, of the Philadelphia college of Pharmacy, arrived home last evening and will spend Christmas with his parents.

Miss Josephine Myers, of Dunmore, is a guest at the Cemetery street home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Myers.

At last accounts the condition of Mrs. E. K. Morse who is ill with typhoid fever, was somewhat improved.

Charles Hubbard is ill at his home on Williams avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lawn went to Williamsport yesterday. They will remain away until after Christmas.

The following students have arrived home from college to spend Christmas: B. L. Singer, John O'Connell, W. A. Nealon, T. V. Loftus, Joseph Birs, Fred Utley and M. A. Delaney from the University of Pennsylvania; E. Earke and Frank Quinn from Niagara university, and Emmons L. Peck and Wilson B. Geary from Bucknell university.

JERMYN NEWS.

Christmas Services to Be Held in Town--Personal News.

Christmas services of the Sunday school will be held in Congregational church this evening at 8 o'clock sharp. The following is the programme: Singing, "Joy to the World;" recitation, Maude Griffiths; Alice Jones, Otwin Merritt; May Surdival, Ruth Yendall, Libbie Surdival, Tommy Bufton, Maggie Jones; duet, "Softly O'er Bethlehem Slain," David Jenkins and Mary C. Jones; recitation, Sarah A. James, Bessie Davidson, Mary Evans; "The Christmas Festival," Primary class; song, "Ho for Kriss Kringle;" dialogue, "Happy Family," Mary Jones, Lattice Jenkins, Mary E. Jenkins, Thomas Owens, Harry Griffiths; Chinese motion song, Gertie Wivell, Cora Griffiths, Ethel Davis, Sallie Jones, Bessie Jones; song, "In Bethlehem a Babe is Born," Primary class; duet, "Salvation Morning," Mary C. Jones, Lattice Jenkins; song, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Mr. Arthur Fowler, a student at West Chester State Normal school, is spending the holidays with his parents in town.

The following programme will be rendered at Sacred Heart church on Christmas Day: Adeste Fidelis, Kyrie, Gloria, Benedictus and Agmis Dei at the 6 and 10.30 mass. The 8 o'clock mass will be a low mass.

John Kennedy, of the Third ward, is a candidate for assessor at the coming election.

Court Lily of the Valley, No. 75, Foresters of America, has changed its meeting night from Friday to Tuesday.

On Saturday evening the cantata, "The Coming of the King," will be given in the Methodist church: Song, "Christmas Is Here;" prayer, by the pastor; song, "Every Heart is Full of Gladness;" Scripture story; quartette, "On the Holy City;" recitation, "They Watched Their Flocks of Christmas;" recitation, "Fear Not;" recitation, "To All People;" solo and quartette, "Ring Out, Ye Bells of Christmas; recitation, "The Wise Men of the East;" recitation, "Why Did They Come?" chorus, "Where Is the King?" recitation, "Where Is the Little Child, Jesus?" chorus, "We Come to Worship Him;" dialogue, "Fair Bethlehem;" recitation, "When He Appears; recitation, Herod; soprano and alto duet, "The Worship of the Heart;" star exercise by six little girls; chorus, "O Fairest Star of All; recitation, "We Have Found the Little Child, Jesus;" recitation, "The Gifts We Bring;" chorus, "Give, Give, Give;" chorus, "A Savior;" recitation, "Glory of the World;" closing chorus, "Glory in the Highest."

County Superintendent J. C. Taylor paid a visit to the graded schools yesterday.

OLYPHANT.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated last evening at 8.30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Powell, of Blakely, when their daughter, Miss Libbie Powell, was united in marriage to Robert Edwards. Rev. Peter Roberts, pastor of the Congregational church, was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attended by Miss Lillian Taylor, and David Edwards, a brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride and her maid were becomingly gowned in navy blue serge, trimmed with ribbon, and each carried a bouquet of carnations. At the close of the ceremony, after congratulations had been offered, the guests sat down to a bounteous wedding supper. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, Misses Susie and Hannah Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. John Gwyne, Moosic; Mr. and Mrs. William Saxe, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patten, Mr. and Mrs. William Evans, David Patten, Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, Mr. and Mrs. David Powell, Mrs. Joseph Powell, Mrs. Jennie Davis, Miss Tillie Davis, Johnnie Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will reside with the bride's parents in Blakely.

Mrs. R. J. Griffiths is lying critically ill at her home on First street, Blakely.

About thirty men were compelled to quit work at Eddy Creek mines yesterday on account of the fire-damp, which has been accumulating since the explosion on Tuesday, making it unsafe to work there. Foreman Grey has a number of men at work trying to extinguish it.

An oyster supper will be held in McGinty's hall, Christmas night, in aid of the Henry Clay Castle, K. of G. E. society. Tickets, 25 cents. A five dollar gold piece will be chanced off.

Will Dodson, of Plymouth, is visiting his sister, Miss Kate Dodson, for a few days.

W. L. Kennedy, of Wyoming seminary, is home to spend the holidays.

A little daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haines, of the West Side.

The funeral of Mrs. Patrick McQuade, who died on Monday last, occurred yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The remains were taken to St. Patrick's cemetery for interment.

TAYLOR NEWS.

Christmas Eisteddfod--Coming Cantata--Personal and Other Mentions.

The eisteddfod of the Welsh Congregational church, which will be held on Christmas day in Weber's rink, is the absorbing topic of the streets. The committees have been busy for some time and those who attend will be pleased at what has been accomplished. As the proceeds are for a worthy object, it will not be necessary to add that success will crown their efforts.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Peter Baker, of Priceburg, occurred. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this place, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery of this place.

The Christmas cantata, "Joy to the World," to be performed at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow evening, promises to be a success. The choir, under the direction of Prof. D. E. Jones, has labored hard to bring the performance to a standard of efficiency, and no doubt those who will be present will be given entire satisfaction.

Christmas eve exercises will be held in different churches this evening.

Mrs. J. B. Daniels, of Main street, was the guest of relatives in Hyde Park yesterday.

The Taylor Choral union held an enthusiastic rehearsal last evening in the Welsh Congregational church. It is the last rehearsal before their competition on Christmas day, and Director William Thomas is confident of success.

Taylorville lodge, No. 668, I. O. O. F., will meet this evening in their hall on North Main street.

This afternoon the marriage of Miss Ann, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of West Minooka, and William Sheldon, a popular young man of this place, will occur at the home of the bride. Rev. Dr. H. H. Harris will perform the ceremony.

Richard Morris, of the First ward, is a candidate for high constable of the borough.

Stanley Miller, of Taylor street, left for New York on Wednesday, where he will spend his Christmas.

We, with much desire, credit our borough police officers for their services in arresting those knights of the road, note of which was given in yesterday's issue, as they way they took things could not have been done any better if the Scranton force was called out.

PECKVILLE.

Richard J. Reese, of the Third ward, announces himself as a candidate for re-election as councilmen for another term.

Maple W. Bell, of Forest City, was a caller in town yesterday.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold their Christmas exercises at the church this evening.

The Wilson Fire laddies were presented with a first-class bicycle yesterday by Bittenbender & Co., of Scranton, and it will be chanced off at 25 cents a chance.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oberts will spend Christmas with friends at Clark's Green.

This evening's entertainment at the fire laddies' fair will be the world renowned acrobats and tumblers, who will give one of their excellent exhibitions. Don't fail to see them.

The employes of the Sterrick Creek Coal company were paid yesterday.

OLD FORGE.

Master Willie Hope had his arm broken on Monday by falling off a mule.

Great interest is being displayed at the Lawrence Hose company's fair. Large crowds attend every evening. Many beautiful things are for sale.

William Middleton has moved his family into H. L. Edsall's house.

The Sunday school of the Brick church will hold its Christmas exercises in the church on Friday evening.

The concert given by Miss Sadie E. Kaiser in the Brick church on Tuesday evening, was a grand success. Those who failed to attend missed a rare treat. Miss Kaiser cannot be praised too highly as a vocalist.

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