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CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Little Ones Made Happy at Churches Christmas Evening.

The Methodist, Presbyterian and Berean Baptist Sunday schools held Christmas exercises Saturday evening. The edifices were handsomely decorated and the enthusiastic little ones entered heartily into the spirit of the glad occasion.

METHODIST.

The Methodist auditorium was adorned by a large evergreen star, with colored electric lights suspended above the altar, two large, handsomely trimmed and brilliantly lighted Christmas trees and other artistic creations. An interesting programme of music and recitations was carried out. Superintendent I. M. Alexander presided and Miss Ida Snyder acted as accompanist at the piano. Among the very enjoyable numbers were a recitation by Rex Myers, a vocal solo by Miss Frank, address by Homer Smith, recitation by Jennie Pengelly, recitation by Lucy Robinson and recitation by Robert Meaker. Then the children were delighted by the presentation of gifts.

BEREAN BAPTIST.

The Baptist exercises were held in the Sunday school room. Superintendent Nye presided and Miss Minnie Tallman was organist. The following programme was most excellently carried out: Prayer; coronation; recitation, Anna Milligan; solo, Eva Hubbard; recitation, Stanley Purdy; recitation, Eula Lily; recitation, Lizzie Morgans; chorus, "Happy Christmas," primary class; recitation, Lizzie Bedell; recitation, Leah Phillips; recitation, Ethel Hicks; recitation, Gladys Estabrook; recitation, Mary Evans; recitation, Edna Loomis; chorus, "Santa Claus is Coming;" recitation, "Anna Milligan; recitation, Pearl Lamereaux; recitation, Flossie Capwell; recitation, Lizzie Jones; recitation, "Santa Claus Has Come to Town;" distribution of gifts.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

At 6 o'clock Christmas evening the First Presbyterian church was filled to overflowing with gayly attired Sunday school scholars. The edifice was decorated with festooned evergreen and two immense Christmas trees, upon which innumerable ornaments glittered. Beneath them were hundreds of packages of nice things for the children who were made happy after the musical and literary exercises closed.

Superintendent Price had everything carried out smoothly. Miss Francis Deley officiated at the piano. Among the pretty drills and recitations were a dozen little girls representing the cycle of months.

BEAUTIFUL PLAY.

Charming Presentation of "Friend Fritz" Christmas Day.

Carbondalians could find no fault with "Friend Fritz" which was most charmingly presented at the Grand Opera house Christmas afternoon and evening by Marion Manola and John Mason and company. The matinee was not largely attended, but the evening performance was witnessed and listened to by a good sized audience which responded freely to the climaxes.

Manola is one of the sweetest singers ever heard in the city. She has a voice of remarkable power, purity and scope and she sings with grace and ease. Her dramatic work in delineating the innocent country maiden was consumately artful in that her naturalness eclipsed her art.

Mason sang in fine voice and with delighting finish. His dramatic efforts were effective. The bright particular stars were surrounded by luminous satellites, among whom was Adelaide Uldom, a perfect Venus in figure. Sol Aiken did some very clever acting as a rabbi suffering an attack of "matrimonimania." According to the lines he will be very unhappy in heaven because in the Heavenly Kingdom there is no marriage nor giving in marriage.

Alsace-Lorraine is the scene of the piece and the costumes and stage settings were in perfect harmony with the custom of the coveted provinces.

The Manola - Mason aggregation should be warmly greeted wherever it appears.

TONIGHTS PLAY.

One of the greatest theatrical successes of this season is William Gill's comedy, "My Boys," in which those popular comedians, Richards and Canfield, are starring. The piece is said to be exceriuciatingly funny without resorting to horse play, but replete with the wittiest of dialogue, and the funniest and most complicating situations. Music of the catchiest order has been supplied, so much so in fact, that at times the piece is said to take on an air of comic opera. The costumes and stage accessories are reported as being most elaborate. The piece will be presented in this city at the Grand Opera house tonight.

IMPROVING THEIR PROPERTY.

The Palace Creamery proprietors are gradually effecting a big improvement and materially increasing the valuation of their property, corner Church street and Salem avenue. In a few days they will have completed a twelve foot cellar under their entire building. They have put in a forty horse-power boiler and will shortly have a thirty-five horse-power engine in operation. Then they will make their own electric light again and their business place will assume its old time brilliancy.

ONE EXCEPTION.

With one exception everybody was pleased with Christmas weather. It was cold enough and clear enough, but there wasn't quite snow enough to satisfy the liverymen. Some attempts at sleigh riding were made, but the mantle of white was a little too thin. A fall of four inches of snow Friday night would have netted the local liverymen a thousand dollars.

READ ALL OF IT.

Subscribers of The Tribune should read the entire paper. There is something worth it on every page. However, particular attention should be called to the fact that late Carbondale news does not always appear in the Carbondale columns. Frequently it is classed with the special telegraphic matter. You may catch it quickly by glancing at the date lines.

TAYLOR.

A pretty wedding occurred on Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of West Minooka, when their accomplished daughter, Miss Ann, and William Sheldon, a popular young man of this place, were united in marriage. Rev. Dr. H. H. Harris, of the Calvary Baptist church, performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a concourse of friends and relatives. The interior of the parlor in which the nuptial services were conducted, was prettily decorated. The bride was attired in blue silk, trimmed with lace, and her attendant, Miss Carrie Leuthold, wore a costume similar to that of the bride. Both carried roses and presented a charming appearance. Frank Powell acted as groomsman. Miss Annie Rose, organist of the Calvary Baptist church, played Mendelssohn's wedding march. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party drove to Scranton on their return in the evening a reception was held at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon will reside at the bride's home. They were the recipients of useful and costly presents. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. William Prince, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen, Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jacobs, Mrs. Leuthold, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jenkins, Mrs. Samuel Scheldon, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. John Guard, Mr. and Mrs. David D. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. William Gammon, Misses Mary Scherer, Annie Rose, Bertha Roe, Jessie May Jones, Annie Jones, Lizzie Johns, Mrs. Harry Keaster, Mary A. Davis, Jane Jones, Cassie Jacobs, Marcia Knapp, Delia Williams, Miss Yates and Messrs. William Davis, Herbert Hall, Evan G. Evans, David Bowen, Joseph Evans, Edward Jones, William Price, Philip Watkins, Albert Rose, Evan Jones, Harry Thomas, Daniel Thomas, James Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert, Mrs. John A. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. William Jones.

The Emblem Division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet this evening in Van Horn's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, of Wyoming, spent Christmas with relatives in this place.

Messrs. Richard Bray, of Priceburg, and David Nicholas, of Providence, were callers in this town on Saturday.

Frank Evans, of Pittston, spent Saturday with friends in town.

Miss Susie Harris, of Dalton, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, of Union street.

Professor and Mrs. M. J. Lloyd, of Priceburg, were the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Robert Llewellyn, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, of Nanticoke, were the guests of friends in this place on Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Lloyd, of Hyde Park, was the guest of friends here yesterday.

Mr. William Jones, an uprising young musician of this place, who possesses a rich tenor voice, took part in the cantata performed by the Presbyterian church in Avoca on Christmas night.

The Christmas festoddod at Weber's rink on Saturday was a grand success. Rev. J. M. Lloyd presided. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Competition, "Little Lights," prizes $2 and $1, six competitors, all children under 15 years of age. First prize, Gertie Davies; second, Henrietta Harris.

Competition recitation, "The Village Blacksmith," for children under 15 years of age, prizes $2 and $1, nine competitors. First prize, Louisa Nicholas and Effie Browning; second prize, Lizzie Lewis.

Competition alto solo, "Oh, Rest in the Lord," prize $2, two competitors. Prize given to Liddie Haskins.

Competitions, "Impromptu speech," prize $1, four competitors. The subject was "Taylor." Prize awarded to Thomas Evans, of Taylor.

Competition of children's choir, "Blessed Jesus, Hear Us," prize $10. One choir, the Band of Hope, of the Welsh Congregational church. Competition under the leadership of Professor William H. Thomas, to whom the prize was awarded.

The afternoon session opened by the introduction of the conductor, Rev. H. H. Harris. This was followed by a song by Professor William D. Evans, of Carbondale, "All Hail the Land of Cambria," Dr. Harris then made a brief address full of eisteddfodic hwyl.

Competition bass solo, "The Skipper," prize $2, eight competitors. Prize was awarded to Morris Thomas, Bellevue.

Competition, Welsh recitation, "Elusen," prize $2, two competitors. First prize to Esther Williams, of Taylor. Competition due, "Excelsior," prize $1, two parties competing. Prize awarded to Thomas Reynon and friends of Hyde Park. Adjudications on essay "Friendship," prize $3. Divided between James Watkins, of Taylor, and James Reese, of Hyde Park. Competition on recitation, "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," five competing. Prize awarded to Mr. William Probins, of Pittston. Competition choirs on "Aberystwyth," prize $15, three choirs competing—the Welsh Congregational church, leader, Sam Evans; the Providence Congregational church, leader, D. Lewis, and the Calvary Baptist church, leader, James Watkins. The prize was awarded to the latter by a small margin.

The evening session was opened by a song by Mr. Edwin Bowen, of Hyde Park, "O na bai ya haf o hyd," followed by a short address full of fire and patriotism by Hon. H. M. Edwards. Competition word from given letter. The letter C was given. Six competitors. Prize $1, awarded to Richard Watkins.

Competition, soprano solo, "The Beggar Girl." Prize $3, two competitors. Prize awarded to Mrs. D. D. Lewis, of Providence.

Competitor sight reading. One party competed, not worthy of prize of $2.

Competition, recitation, "Yr ystorm." Prize $2. Three competitors, prize awarded to John T. Davies, Hyde Park.

Competition, tenor solo, "The Shoe upon the Share" prize $3. Four competitors, prize awarded to Mr. Harry Evans, Taylor.

Choral competition, "Their Sound is Gone Out," prize $50. Two choirs competed, the Providence Choral union, conductor, Mr. D. D. Lewis, and the Taylor Choral union, conductor, Mr. William H. Thomas. Prize divided between the two choirs.

PECKVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dougherty and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dougherty, of Carbondale, spent Christmas here with their parents.

Robert Barnes, of Stillwater, N. J., is visiting his parents, Professor and Mrs. H. E. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Tuthill enjoyed Christmas day with Carbondale relatives.

Thomas Gaughan, a "wandering Willie," who states that his home is in West Virginia, was arrested at the South Side, at Scranton, on Christmas morning by Constable L. Craig, and was given a hearing here before Justice of the Peace S. W. Arnold on a warrant sworn out by Michael Collins, of Jessup, charging him with stealing his watch and a pair of fine shoes. The articles were taken from Collins' mother's home in Jessup, where he had staid for a couple of days. The tramp admitted having taken the articles, but said he intended returning them in a few days. He was committed to the county jail. Collins recovered his stolen property.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rooke spent the holidays at Plainsville.

The Epworth league of the Methodist Episcopal church elected the following officers at their last meeting: President, Wm. Warne; first vice president, Walter Williams; second vice president, Mrs. William Johns; third vice president, Miss Anna Gummoe; fourth vice president, Miss Effie Curtis; secretary, Miss Blanche Taylor; assitant secretary, Arthur Warne; treasurer, Roy Wademan; organist, Miss Maud Treverton; assistant organist, Miss Sophie Simpkins; chorister, John Warne; assistant chorister, James Cowans.

A large delegation of the Wilson Fire company attended the St. James fair at Jessup on Christmas afternoon, attired in their uniforms.

On Wednesday evening booth No. 2 at the Wilson fair will be changed from its present appearance and will be finely decorated with fancy embroidery work, and will be presided over by Mrs. William Bell and Mrs. C. H. Beatty.

Ticket 1,289 took the door prize, fifty feet of garden hose, at the fair last Saturday evening.

The contest for the handsome large doll between two little girls, Virgie Stevens and Katie Maines, for the benefit of Wilson Fire company, was closed last Saturday evening. Miss Katie Maines was the winner. She turned over $24.09, and Miss Virgien Stevens $20.05. Miss Stevens was also given a very nice doll.

The fair for the benefit of St. James Catholic church of Jessup was opened at St. James hall on Christmas afternoon with a very large attendance and will be continued until after the holidays. There are two large decorated booths and the hall itself is admirable for its beauty and profusion of bunting and evergreens tastefully arranged. The booths are located on each side of the hall. The one on the upper side represent the upper part of Jessup and is adorned by a large life size photograph in a large gilt frame of the Rev. Father Murphy. The one on the lower side represents the lower part of Jessup and also has a large life size picture of the assistant priest, Rev. Father Smoulter. The display of fancy articles is elaborate. The bicycle contest is being worked for all its worth between four young men, namely, Joseph Hiszler, James Gallagher, Leo McDermott and Joseph Barrett, and it is thought that handsome sum will be realized for the deserving purpose for which the fair is held. A small admission will be charged each evening for admittance.

Louis Sparrow and John Laske, two section men in the employ of the Scranton Traction company, were arrested here last Saturday evening at the instance of Councilman W. S. Bloss and given a hearing before S. W. Arnold, justice of the peace, for tearing up part of a cross walk on Main street after they had been forbidden to do so. The defendants were held in bail for their appearance at court.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs and two children, of Dallas are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chapman.

The fair and trades display of our fire laddies will be continued every evening this week and a good programme has been prepared for each evening. The two-headed calf, which is on exhibition every evening, is all that it is claimed to be and no one should miss the opportunity to see this freak of nature.

OLYPHANT.

Car No. 149 on the Throop line left the tracks near Jordan's store on Dunmore street on Saturday afternoon and was thrown diagonally across the street. A Hungarian, who was standing on the rear platform, was jostled off to the ground, but was uninjured.

The boxing bouts advertised to take place at Gallagher's hall on Saturday night failed to materialize. The boxers were on hand, but the crowd kept away and the affair has been postponed.

A large crowd was in attendance at the Catholic Young Men's Total Abstinence and Benevolent society's fair Christmas night. Will F. McNulty and company presented "Lady Audley's Secret" for the benefit of the fair. This evening a good entertainment will be given. The Diamond quartette, of this town, will take part.

The funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Loftus took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The remains were conveyed to St. Patrick's cemetery, where interment was made.

Christmas exercises were held in Convent hall on Saturday night. A large tree had been arranged which was laden with tokens for the scholars and teachers of St. Patrick's Sunday school. Rev. P. J. Murphy delivered a short address, after which several selections were given on the phonograph.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, of Connellton, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McDonnell, of Susquehanna street, are visiting the latter's parents at Moscow.

Miss Cora Voyle, of Carbondale, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Voyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Coles, of Scranton, are spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Berry, of Carbondale, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Berry, of the West Side.

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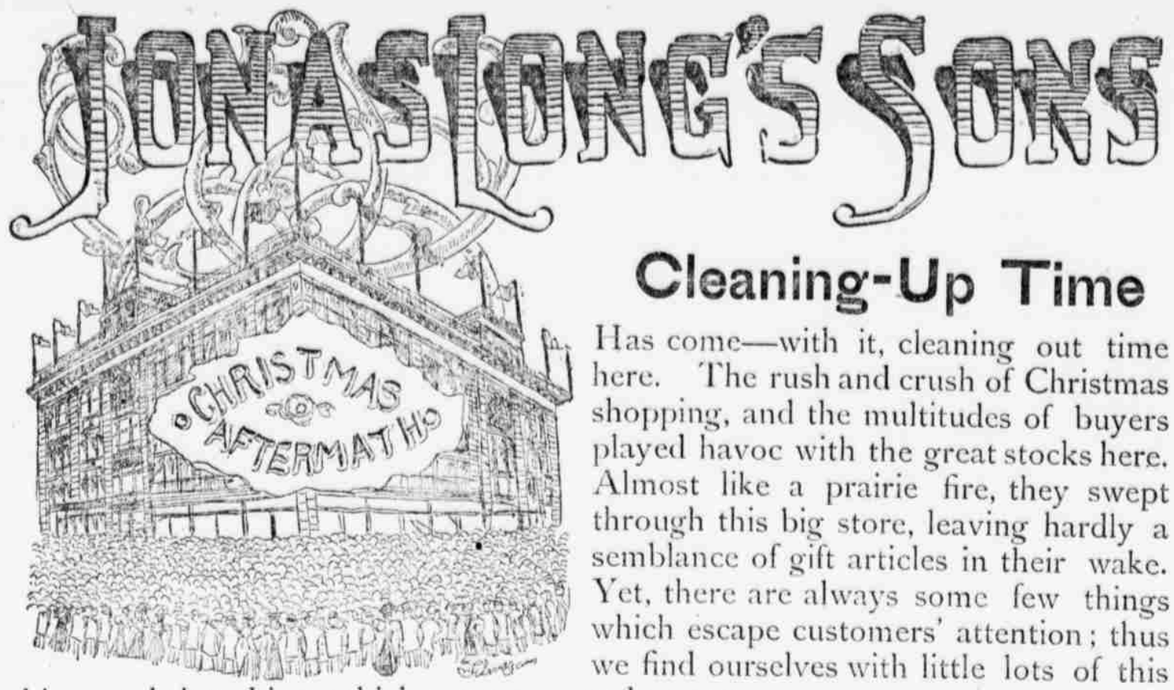

Cleaning-Up Time

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