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PERSONALS.

The many friends of B. H. Pratt will regret to learn that he is seriously ill with pneumonia. Ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson is confined to his home on North Washington avenue by an attack of grip. Harry Shook, of Stroudsburg, is in the city the guest of his brother, L. M. Shook, the well known stenographer. Mrs. W. W. Brandow starts today for New York, en route for the south, where she will spend the winter. Thomas Drew, until recently with the Hotel Rudolph, has accepted a position at the Brunswick, on Spruce street. Miss Ida Phillips, formerly of this city, now of New Haven, Pa., is seriously ill at the home of her brother, Dr. Ellis Phillips, of this town. Rev. Rosina Masca, a prominent young Catholic priest, has returned from his native home in Italy after an absence of four years. He went home to attend to

RICH HAUL MADE BY BOLD THIEVES

ENTERED MATTHEWS RESIDENCE EARLY IN EVENING.

Members of the Family Were Dining While the Intruders Were Plundering the Upper Apartments of Their Valuable—Articles That Were Carried Away—Theft Was Not Discovered Until the Members of the Family Were About to Retire—What Chief Gurrell Says.

Thieves, evidently professionals, entered the residence of Mrs. William Matthews, at 821 Olive street, Monday night and stole jewelry to the value of \$1,000. Many of the articles were heirlooms of great value and were inadequately insured.

Three times in as many weeks have houses of prominent residents in the central city been entered and robbed. The last occasion to be chronicled is the burglary in question. The Matthews residence is one of the three handsome places occupying the square between Madison and Monroe avenues on Olive street, the other two being the homes of Judge Willard and C. D. Simpson on either side.

The Matthews residence is situated amid extensive grounds somewhat back from the street and is surrounded with fine trees, thus affording extra facilities for robbers.

The family consists of Mrs. Matthews, Miss Louise and the two younger brothers of the latter, Robert and William. The theft occurred while they were at dinner Monday evening, probably between the hours of 6 and 7. During the meal Miss Matthews fancied she heard footsteps but believed the slight noise to have been made by one of the maids. It was not until the members of the family made preparations to retire about 9:30 o'clock that the loss was discovered.

ENTERED THROUGH WINDOW. An open window in a front chamber over the wide veranda, which nearly encloses the house and which has special facilities in the way of balconies and ladders, gave immediate indication of the way in which the thieves had gained entrance.

They had rejected all jewelry except that which they judged to be of considerable value and apparently had no use for the many sterling silver toilet articles strewn about the dressing tables. Some of the valuables taken are regretted beyond even their costliness as they were heirlooms much prized. Twelve dollars was all the money secured although a sum of much greater magnitude escaped their attention. The loss sustained is more than \$1,000.

It is a coincidence that two years ago this week the home of Mrs. Matthews' mother, Mrs. Howell, on Monroe avenue, was robbed of a considerable sum of money while the family was in the house.

Among the articles stolen was a watch of great value which was a treasured possession of the late Mr. Matthews, while a diamond ring belonging to Miss Matthews, which had been her deceased mother's, is particularly mourned.

This is of peculiar workmanship and it would seem could be readily identified wherever found. A costly diamond solitaire ring was one of the most prized jewels in the list.

Following is the list of articles stolen, according to the statement made by the family to the police: ARTICLES TAKEN. One watch monogram W. H. M. on one side, on the other a boy with a wheelbarrow, with diamond non-magnetic movement.

One solitaire diamond ring. Two gold bracelets with diamonds. Two pearl bracelets. One emerald brooch. Two gold brooches. One gold brooch with diamonds. One four-leaf clover with diamonds. One plain gold watch marked W. N. to M. J. M., May 17, 1887.

One gold watch, enameled black and white M. from P. B. 72, 24, buck 7, 25, 21. One ring, two emeralds and one diamond. One plain gold ring marked W. M. One pin, pink enamel with pearl, and a lot of other goods.

Chief of Police Gurrell was not on duty when the theft was reported Monday evening, but Detective John W. Moir was notified of it and at once began work on the case. He obtained a list of the articles and lost no time in making use of the long-distance telephone. He was of the opinion that the job was accomplished very early in the evening and that the thieves had the opportunity to get out of town if they so desired. On this theory he telephoned to the police or detective headquarters of the larger cities within a hundred and fifty miles of Scranton, giving a description of the jewelry and asking that all incoming trains be watched for suspicious parties from Scranton.

TRAIN WATCHED. The same kind of precautions were taken here. A close watch was kept at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Delaware and Hudson depots and every stranger was closely scrutinized. Before 10:30 o'clock the police patrolmen were notified to hold up on sight anyone who might be unable to give a straight account of his identity. Particular requests were made of the authorities at Hinghamton, Elmira, New York and Philadelphia to keep close tabs on any criminal gentry who might return from this region.

ACTOR TAKEN ON MR. ROBINSON'S DEATH

SELECT COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Suitable Resolutions Were Adopted, and It Was Decided to Attend the Funeral in a Body—Special Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements—Several Other Organizations, of Which Mr. Robinson Was a Member, Met and Took Action on His Death.

To take action on the death of Robert Robinson, member from the Eleventh ward, select council met in special session last night. Fourteen members were present. John E. Roche of the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our honored and worthy member, Robert Robinson, and

Resolved, That the sudden removal by death of our esteemed member from the position which he held as a public officer causes his fellow members to deeply deplore the loss and to extend to his bereaved relatives and friends the sincerest sympathies and the value of his public services are properly appreciated.

Resolved, That the members of select council attend the funeral in a body and that the chairman of council appoint a committee of three members to make the necessary arrangements for attendance.

Resolved, That the clerk be directed to have a copy of these resolutions properly engrossed and sent to the family of our deceased member and that the resolutions be also published in each of the daily newspapers of the city.

President Chittenden appointed Mr. Roche, Mr. Finn and Mr. Anderson a committee, as provided in the resolutions. Mayor Bailey and the heads of the several city departments yesterday decided to attend the funeral with select council, but to provide flowers and take action independent of the council.

The department executives will meet in the mayor's office at 11 o'clock this morning. They intend to leave the city hall in carriages at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for the residence of the deceased, 508 Alder street, where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock. At their regular meeting places last night, there were meetings of the Scranton Saengerfunde, Camp 420, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Scranton Athletic club, Navy Aug tribe of Red Men, the Club of Fifteen and Electric council of the Royal Arcanum, to take suitable action on Mr. Robinson's death. The Scranton Athletic club selected the following as a committee on resolutions: Charles G. Rosar, George Wirth, Jr., and Charles Heier. Peter Neuls and Henry Berghauer were chosen as the flower-bearers of the club.

John P. Murphy, esq., Frank J. Deckert and Edward Goddard were appointed at the Royal Arcanum meeting to draw up resolutions of condolence. Ambrose Herter and Oscar Grambo were selected to act as flower-bearers. John J. Gordon, Henry Jacke, Casper Tannler, Joseph Conrad and Gus Magrhan comprise the committee from the Club of Fifteen on resolutions. Mathias Schneider will be the flower-bearer. A committee given appointment to formally invite the fourteen friends to join the club at the funeral.

The other organizations took similar action, and all will assemble at their halls tomorrow at 1 o'clock to attend the obsequies.

AN INTERESTING PAPER. Read by Attorney John J. Murphy at the Historical Society Meeting. The Catholic Historical society and Newman Magazine club held their regular monthly meeting at their rooms in Guernsey's hall last evening. James Burnett, vice-president of the society, presided. Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick gave an impromptu talk on the kind of books to be read, and also those that should be avoided.

The historical paper for the evening was read by Attorney John J. Murphy. The subject was "Salem of the Seventeenth Century." The paper was composed of the historical data, facts and evidence of the settlement of Salem by the Puritans. It showed why those persons left England to escape intolerance and to obtain religious freedom and toleration in the new world. Among other things which it contained are the following: The great formative period of Salem's history was from 1632 to 1692. The seventeenth century was productive of great events, not only in Salem, but also throughout the world. Leif Ericsson, Newton, Milton, Kepler, Grotius, Coke, Galileo, Marquette, Descartes, Richelieu, Mollere, Pascal, La Salle were men of these days and all active in their respective spheres. Navigation, science, art, conquest and discovery prospered. It was also a period of great religious agitation in the old and new world. Acts of parliament were invoked frequently to check or enforce religious freedom. The subject of witchcraft was quite thoroughly discussed. The origin as given by the standard authorities, Upham, Nevins, Bancroft and Rippath and others was set forth and their numerous interesting illustrations of the practices of so-called witches and the afflicted or bewitched ones were given.

In the conclusion of the paper it was stated that witchcraft did not have its birth in Salem, but it probably had its culmination there, for in May, 1693, Governor Phipps discharged all who were charged and imprisoned for alleged witchcraft in the jails of Boston and other neighboring towns, thereby ending trials for witchcraft in Salem and closing the darkest page in the history of New England.

The next meeting of the society will be held on the first Tuesday of January, 1899.

CHIEF OF POLICE GURRELL SAID YESTERDAY, WHILE TALKING OF THE ROBBERY TO A TRIBUNE REPORTER: "EVERY TIME SUCH AN AFFAIR IS REPORTED TO US I FEEL AS THOUGH I WOULD RATHER HAVE GIVEN A SUM OF MONEY OUT OF MY OWN POCKET THAN TO HAVE HAD THE THEFT OCCUR. THIS SENTIMENT ESPECIALLY APPLIES TO THIS JOB, WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED UNDER THE BEST OF POLICE PROTECTION, BUT WHICH, NEVERTHELESS, WILL SUGGEST SOME CRITICISM OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. INADEQUATE AS WE ARE AS TO NUMBERS AND GREAT AS IS THE BILL TERRITORY WE HAVE TO PROTECT, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS POWERLESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTHEWS ROBBERY IF WE HAD HAD A DOZEN MEN ON THE HILL.

THE OTHER ROBBERY. "This and the Frey robberies and others of lesser extent have some very peculiar earmarks. It goes without saying that thieves, and not thieves green at the business, did the work. We call them 'porch climbers.' They are not cowards or 'sneaks,' as their methods might suggest. They resort to their methods only when they have the original 'lay' of the Matthews house was not the thief who did the work. My experience with crime tells me that the person who knew the jewelry could be obtained, and who knew where the stuff was kept, and who knew the time for getting it, was not the person who would climb up a trellis or pillar and personally carry out the plan.

"If he or she was the kind who would do the actual work, why, continued reasoning shows that such a person would never occupy a position which permitted him or her to become acquainted with such valuable prior information.

CHIEF'S OPINION. "In my opinion the robbery was accomplished very early in the evening, probably while supper was in progress; not much later, because then there would have been almost certain detection by Frank Gleason, the private watchman, who makes his headquarters at a point in the rear of the Matthews house and the house of E. N. Willard, on the Madison avenue corner, and the house of C. D. Simpson, on the Monroe avenue corner. Gleason is an ex-police patrolman and has a good record for alertness and integrity.

"Early in the evening he pays particular attention to the rear yards, the frequent passing of pedestrians being considered ample protection for the front of the houses until later."

WITNESS DID NOT RESPOND. About Seventy Yet to Be Examined on the Part of Repondent. Owing to the absence of witnesses for whom attachments have been issued, the election contest examiners could do nothing yesterday and adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

About twenty witnesses yet remain to be examined on the part of the contestant.

POLICE COURT CASES. WERE DISORDERLY.—Three women and two young men were arrested early yesterday morning for disorderly conduct in the house at 321 Center street, conducted by "J. J. Hamilton." They were fined \$5 each in police court.

MAYOR WAS EASY.—George Lawrence, the young man arrested Monday afternoon while prowling about the North Steel mill and charged with drunkenness and carrying concealed weapons, was let off with a fine of \$5 in yesterday's police court. Lawrence had a loaded revolver in his overcoat pocket and a stone, a pint of whisky and a quantity of loose cartridges about his person when arrested.

Holly and Mistletoe. Christmas will not find us unprepared to supply the formal decorations in such great demand upon that day. Everything in designs, bouquets, loose flowers, holly and evergreen wreaths, laurels and pine roofing can be had at the following places: Spruyn & Muir, Corner Spruce and Washington avenues, Mears building.

Christmas Holiday. The best Christmas present is a box of "La Paloma de Scranton," or "The Court House." These are the best cigars made in this city by the Court House Havana Cigar Factory. F. Armentgol, Prop., 217 Washington Avenue, 1 o'clock.

All members of the Scranton Athletic club are requested to report at their club rooms Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of our late treasurer, Robert Robinson. Wear white gloves. George Wirth, secretary.

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PECKVILLE MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Accepted Masters, Peckville, held its annual communication last evening (T. L. today) and officers for the ensuing Masonic year were elected as follows: William J. Snedcor, worshipful master; John H. Kinback, senior warden; Miles M. Male, junior warden; John D. Peck, treasurer; Edwin H. Ritter, secretary; Joseph G. Bell, Windsor Master; Johnson H. Scherer, trustees; Asa M. Scott, representative to the grand lodge.

Announcement. I announce to the Republican voters of the city of Scranton that I am a candidate for the nomination for mayor.

I pledge myself if nominated and elected to maintain law and order and shall enforce all state laws relative to municipal affairs and all city ordinances strictly so far as will be in the power of my office so to do.

I shall also give special attention to the cleaning of the city's streets and to the preservation of the public highways in good condition for the use of the citizens.

I will use all of the power of my office to reduce the expenses of the city government and to preserve the financial credit and honor of the city.

If the above sentiments meet your approval I respectfully solicit your support for the nomination to be made on the 14th of January, 1899, under the Crawford system. C. P. Jadin, Scranton, Dec. 15, 1898.

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