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POLITICAL JOTTINGS.

John R. McLean, of the Sixth ward, is a candidate for one of the Democratic nominations for city assessor.

James Manley, ex-select councilman from the Twelfth ward, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for city assessor.

Attorney Fred R. Stark is mentioned as one of the men who will be tendered a nomination for school director by the coming Democratic convention.

The Democrats of the Twelfth ward will caucus this afternoon between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock. The officers to be nominated are constable, assessor, register of voters, judge of election and inspector of election.

Vote for John J. Keegan for delegate, Eighth ward, Second district, today. **

BURLESQUE COMEDY AT COUNTRY CLUB

REMARKABLY FINE AMATEUR PRODUCTION.

The Comedy Was "The Shakespeare Water Cure," and in It the Famous Characters of the Immortal Bard Were Jumbled Together in a Most Ludicious Way—Scranton Young People Displayed Much Cleverness in Their Interpretation of the Roles—Production a Great Success.

Last night chronicled an event in in the history of the Scranton Country club, and not only as connected with this organization, but in the history of amateur theatricals in this city. Early in the week the members of the Country club were mouestly informed that a "Burlesque Comedy" in three acts would be presented, but it was scarcely anticipated by the friends interested in the performance that so elaborate an affair was to be given.

The big dining room of the club was crowded to the doors with an appreciative audience. The cozy window seats and corners were filled with picturesque groups, beneath the glow of the Moorish lamps. The conception of the comedy was extremely funny. It was the "Shakespear Water Cure" and many old friends appeared in the most astonishing medley. Imagine Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo, Shylock, Othello, Lady Macbeth, Ophelia, Juliet, Portia and the Ghost all in one jumble at a water cure establishment.

The funniest feature was the glimpse into the future, as it were, for Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are there "for economical reasons." Romeo and Juliet quarrel like cats and dogs, and she berates him because he refuses to buy her a new gown. As they are disowned by the Montagues and Capulets they are obliged to take to the stage with one night stands.

PORTIA AND BASSANIO.

Portia and Bassanio seem to disagree considerably, and when Shylock makes the bargain with the Macbeths to murder Bassanio so that he may marry Portia for her money, Portia seems to find no difficulty in drying her tears of widowhood for the smiles of the brid.e

Doubtless the most ludicrous feature of the entertainment was the surprising manner in which the characters recited Shakespeare. It was a matter of indifference whether Hamlet quoted remarks from the conversation in the original attributed to Iago, or whether stately and regal Lady Macbeth related thoughts supposed to belong to Juliet or Desdemona. The utter absurdity of the situations continually appealed to the audience.

Miss Belin was magnificent as Lady Macbeth. She gave a brilliant interpretation of the half comic, half tragic role, and made a picturesque effect in her black velvet gown, which was the cause of much envy on the part of Juliet.

Miss Linberg, as Ophelia, displayed perhaps the most dramatic possibilities in the cast. She was superb as the mad girl, and put in the touches of comedy with inimitable grace and cleverness.

Juliet was charmingly impersonated by Miss Clare Reynolds, who looked lovely in her white robes, and her natural manner elicited much applause. Miss Anderson's Portia was delightful, giving many indications of dramatic ability.

MR. WATSON'S EFFORT.

Nothing was more enjoyed than Mr. B. E. Watson's Henry Irving-like Hamlet in which the improvisations of the comedy were comical enough in their incongruity. A. E. Hunt., Jr., gave Shylock as an original creation in many respects and was among the most applauded characters of the evening. The musical touches in his impersonation added much to its clever presentation.

Selden H. Kingsbury was a canny Scot, indeed, in his role of Macbeth. His costume was gay indeed and his comedian work was excellent. Not the least pleasing feature was his solo in the first act.

James Blair, Jr., was the handsomest Romeo imaginable, and his conception of the part was unique. Mr. Harry W. Kingsbury as Othello was the blackest possible African and his comedy work was not surpassed in the entertainment. It was he who arranged the wedding feast and its details were funny beyond description. Incidentally he smothered Desdemona in the kitchen while the wedding party awaited his service at the table. His topical songs were greeted with uproarious applause.

Among the varieties in the programme were the intricate banjo and mandolin selections by Lawrence Fuller and Reynolds Bedford, which gave much pleasure. Miss Hunt aided as prompter during the evening. At the conclusion of the play refreshments were served.

THE GUESTS.

Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Welles, Mrs. R. Q. Powell, Mrs. J. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Murray, Mrs. William Matthews, Mrs. T. C. Von Storch, Mrs. James Archbald, Mr. and Mrs. George Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Phillips, Mrs. J. L. Crawford, Mrs. W. G. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Scranton.

Miss Dale, Miss Welles, Miss Kate Scranton, Miss Pennypacker, Miss Howell, Miss Matthews.

Messrs. Fuller, Brooks, Bedford, Belin, C. R. Fuller, Dale, G. W. S. Fuller, Huntington, McClave, Matthews, Sanderson and others.

BOY'S SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS.

Supposed Young Sneak Thief at Work on the Hill.

Reports have been lodged with the police by a number of Jefferson avenue residents of the suspicious actions of a small boy, whom they have every reason to believe is a sneak thief.

His plan is to quietly steal into a house by the front door, if he finds it unlocked and if surprised by the inmates of the house, to blandly inquire if some fictitious person lives there. The boy is not over twelve or thirteen years of age and of very innocent appearance. The parties who discovered him entering their homes unannounced, thought, at first, it was nothing more or less than the ill-mannered action of an ignorant lad. When, however, the neighbors compared notes and discovered his practice of pushing his way into a house was chronic, they came to the conclusion that he is a sneak thief.

They were helped in arriving at this conclusion by a report to the effect that a pocketbook containing $25 was stolen from George Hand's residence one day this week. Mrs. Hand left the pocketbook on a table in the hallway, while she returned to an inner room for something she had forgotten. She heard the door click while she was inside but paid little heed to it. When she returned to the hallway some minutes later the pocketbook was missing. It was found afterwards lying in the front part of the yard with its contents missing.

The boy is described as being tall for his years and slender with pale face and black hair. He can assume a very bland and innocent expression when taken to task for his intrusion. "Mr. Sommers" is the fictitious person he generally inquires for. It is believed he has an older confederate.

ENGINEERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Who Were Chosen for the Coming Year.

The following officers were chosen at the annual meeting of the Scranton Engineer's club Thursday night: President, W. M. Marple; vice president, C. C. Rose; recording secretary, H. W. Rowley; corresponding secretary, Morgan Davis; treasurer, A. C. Lamont; librarian, A. E. Lister; directors, James Archbald, Captain W. A. May and Charles Farrer.

After the business meeting a banquet was served. A. D. Blackinton was toastmaster.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

Meeting of the General Committee Last Night—Number of Sub-Committees Named by President Wegman.

A meeting of the general committee in charge of the firemen's fair, which is to be conducted for the purpose of raising funds for the state firemen's convention, was held last night in the Nay Aug company's parlors.

President C. D. Wegman was in the chair and William Tannler acted as secretary. The other members of the committee present were: J. W. Hall and B. C. Green, of the Franklins; John W. Moir, of the Nay Augs; John Phillips and Fred Boyer, of the Neptunes; Fred Whitman and Christian Thaur, of the Reliefs; Joseph Danner and P. F. Yoos, of the Phoenix; A. L. Lewis, of the Columbias; Thomas Donlin, of the William Connells; Henry Spruks, of the Centurys.

Committees to conduct the fair and attend to the preliminaries were selected as follows:

Finance Committee—Charles Robinson, Conrad Schroeder, Charles H. Schadt, John Gibbons, E. J. Robinson, Victor Koch, R. T. Black, S. S. Spruks, F. M. Vandling, John T. Richards.

Reception Committee—T. J. Jennings, W. S. Millar, Hon. M. F. Sando, E. E. Green, D. J. Newman, Philip Robinson, A. B. Holmes, P. F. Gordon, W. M. Finn, Max Zizelmann.

Transportation Committee—S. B. Stillwell, J. S. Swisher, H. W. Cross, James C. Moffatt, Thomas Flitcroft, W. L. Pryor, F. M. Silliman, jr., D. J. Newman, Isadore Goodman.

Soliciting Committee—F. W. Zizelmann, general chairman.

First District—James J. Grier, M. V. Morris, William Eldridge, Valentine Birtley, Michael May, James Hopkins, George Bailey, John W. Lisk.

Second District—Owen Thomas, Thomas E. Price, John Kime, G. W. Myers, John Lowry, Ed Petherick, William T. Lewis.

Third District—H. R. Long, E. J. Coloman, E. L. Moir, Thomas D. Campbell, Adam Steinhauser, Frank Moir, C. H. Tropp.

Fourth District—Peter Robling, jr., John J. Phillips, Sterling Simrell, Edward Knoeller, William Fickus, Henry Henn, David Burke, Charles Graff.

Fifth District—P. F. Calpin, Patrick Golden, Michael May, John White, M. F. Gerrity.

Sixth District—George Farber, Charles F. Wagner, Louis Farber, Jacob Fries, Fred Whitman, Christian Thaur, Charles Raynor.

It was explained that the permanent men were made members of the soliciting committee, that the committee might be readily recognized as being authorized by the department.

Joseph Danner, of the committee on hall, reported having had an interview with the trustees of the armory and that they showed a disposition to allow the firemen to have the use of the capacious hall for the fair at a nominal figure.

Mr. Moir reported that the Lawrence band had tendered its services gratis for a concert at the fair, and Mr. Donlin made a similar report for the Forest band. Both proffers were accepted with a vote of thanks.

It was ordered that all money's received and disbursed will pass through the hands of the president and secretary.

There was some murmuring about the small attendance, and the secretary was instructed to write the presidents of the different companies to appoint new delegates if the present ones do not propose to attend the meetings.

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F. G. COURSEN.

ASSISTANT CHIEF DIES AT A FIRE

J. J. O'MALLEY SUCCUMBED TO HEART FAILURE.

While Sending in the Taps for "Fire Out," at Box 41 Last Evening, He Was Stricken with Apoplexy and Passed Away Within a Quarter of an Hour—Was on His Way to Consult His Physician When the Fire Alarm Sounded.

While attending the fire on First street, which occasioned the alarm from box 41, at 6.45 o'clock last night, Assistant Chief Engineer James J. O'Malley, of the Fifth district, was stricken with apoplexy and died within fifteen minutes.

He had his hand on the button of the alarm box sounding taps for "fire out," when he was stricken. His fellow firemen ran to his assistance and securing a passing carriage had him conveyed with all haste to Brown's drug store, on the corner of Washington avenue and River street, a block away.

Dr. John T. McGrath happened along just after he was carried into the drug store and did what he could to relieve him. The stroke, however, was fatal and the efforts of the physician proved futile. Ten minutes after reaching the drug store he breathed his last.

He had suffered from heart trouble for some time and yesterday felt that an attack was coming upon him. After supper he decided to consult his physician and was on his way thither when the alarm sounded. He turned from his purpose and hastening to the scene of the fire superintended the work of the companies.

His devotion to duty proved fatal. The exertion was too much for his assailed constitution and he collapsed. The remains were taken to the family home on Third street by Undertaker Cusick. O'Malley was 32 years of age and a tinsmith by occupation, being employed as a sheet iron worker in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western shops. He was serving his second term as district engineer, having filled the office for a three-year term under ex-Chief H. F. Ferber, and was a member of the Eagle Hose company since its organization in 1877.

He was also a member of St. Paul's Pioneer corps and was quite as active in the cause of total abstinence as he was in fire department work. Among his associates he was a most popular young man and all who knew him found in him only qualities to be admired.

He is survived by his mother, a brother, P. O'Malley, teller of the Merchants' and Mechanics' bank, and a sister, Miss Mary O'Malley. His father was the late select councilman James O'Malley, of the Eighteenth ward.

There will be a meeting this evening of the Eagle fire company for the purpose of taking action on the death of Mr. O'Malley.

ADAMINUS IN THE TOILS.

He Is the Witness Who Flunked in the Rosmozvitch Case.

Paul Adaminus, the Duryea man whose confession to County Detective Leyshon caused the arrest of Ignatz Rosmovitch, for the Austin Heights outrage, and who when summoned to testify before the grand jury made absolute denial of the confession, has himself been arrested.

In telling of Rosmosvitch's general rascality, Adaminus implicated himself in a freight car robbery, for which it will be remembered Rosmosvitch was arrested as he was leaving the county jail, freed from the charge in the Austin Heights affair. In addition to Adamius' own confession, the detective has a signed and sworn statement from Joe Bran, now in the Luzerne county jail, in which he tells of freight car robberies committed by himself, Adaminus and others, who have not yet been apprehended.

In one of the robberies told of by Bran, Detective James O'Brien, of the Lehigh Valley company's force, surprised the thieves as they were about to enter a car and fired upon them three times. Adaminus was in this affair, Bran says.

NEW BARGAIN DAY.

First of the Friday Sales at Long's a Big Success.

The inauguration of a series of Friday sales by Jonas Long's Sons yesterday marks a new epoch in merchandising in this city.

It has been the general opinion among shoppers that Monday was the recognized day for bargains, but the Great Store proposes to reverse the order of things and make of Friday a bargain day such as is in vogue in most of the larger cities.

The success of the undertaking was far beyond their most sanguine expectations; the store being crowded from early morning until closing time. It is safe to say that Friday bargains will be an interesting feature of the Great Store in the future.

DEFENDANTS MAKE ANSWER

Allege the Plaintiff's Have No Standing in Equity Court.

Willard, Warren & Knapp yesterday filed a demurrer to the bill in equity brought by Daniel M. Stinson, executor of the late Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, against Theodore G. Wolfe and Everett Warren, executors of the late Dr. B. H. Throop, of this city.

The equity suit was to compel an accounting of lands in Providence, which the plaintiff alleges was held jointly by the two doctors. The demurrer avers that the plaintiff has an adequate remedy in law, and, besides, has no standing in equity for the reason that he has been guilty of laches and his case is therefore stale. Welles & Torrey, attorneys for the plaintiff, joined issue on the demurrer and the case was ordered to come up in equity court.

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DEATH OF EDWARD F. WENZEL

He Suffered an Attack of Quinsy Two Weeks Ago.

Common Councilman Edward F. Wenzel, of the Tenth ward, died last evening at 6.45 o'clock at his home, 929 Irving avenue. He was a sufferer from heart trouble, but the immediate cause of his death was a hemorrhage, consequent upon a severe attack of quinsy.

Last summer he was ill for over a month and his life was at times despaired of. He rallied, however, and resumed his usual duties. Two weeks ago he was attacked with quinsy and on Sunday was compelled to take to his bed. He grew steadily worse, and, after two days of intense suffering, passed away last evening.

The deceased was born in Dunmore, thirty-five years ago, but the greater part of his life he resided in Petersburg. He was serving his third consecutive term in common council. As a councilman he was particularly active in fire department matters, being chairman of the fire department committee for several years. He was also thoroughly alive to the interests of his ward and the city in general, and was generally found on the right side of every measure.

He was a clerk by occupation and served in that capacity in the county commissioners' office. In the 1897 campaign he was prominently mentioned for the office of recorder of deeds.

A brother, Henry Wenzel, and sister, Mrs. Eleanor Goerlitz, survive him. Among the societies of which he was a member was the Knights of Pythias, of Dunmore. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the house and interment will be made in Dunmore cemetery.

A special meeting of common council will be held tonight at 7.30 o'clock to take action on his death.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Ladies and Gentlemen Who Will Have Charge of Work Connected with the Home for the Friendless.

Mrs. W. D. Kennedy presided at the special meeting of the managers of the Home for the Friendless yesterday afternoon.

The first business of the day was the election of auditors. The names of W. D. Kennedy and E. F. Chamberlain were presented and these gentlemen were duly elected. Mrs. A. D. Blackinton having declined to accept the office of manager on the board, Mrs. R. J. Foster was elected to fill the vacancy.

In reading the standing committees for the ensuing year Mrs. Kennedy made a few preliminary remarks and then gave the following:

Auditors—Mr. E. F. Chamberlin, Mr. W. D. Kennedy.

Advisory Board—Hon. H. A. Knapp, Colonel E. H. Ripple, Mr. E. B. Sturges.

Executive Committee—Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. John Genter, Mrs. N. Y. Leet, Mrs. A. Hendrick, visitor.

Finance Committee—Mrs. E. F. Chamberlin, Mrs. C. B. Scott, Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. F. W. Mason, Mrs. J. B. Dimmick, Mrs. N. Y. Leet, Mrs. L. R. Stelle, Mrs. R. J. Foster, Miss Jennie Reynolds, Miss Jennie Shannon.

Committee on Fuel—Mrs. James L. Connell, Mrs. N. Y. Leet, Mrs. L. R. Stelle, Miss Emeline K. Richmond.

Committee on Repairs and Improvements—Mrs. Charles Schlager, Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. D. Langstaff, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Mrs. C. B. Scott, Mrs. J. A. Robertson.

Committee on Inspection—Mr. John Nelson, Mr. Charles Schlager, Mr. George B. Smith, Mr. James P. Dickson, Mr. W. D. Kennedy.

Committee on Religious Services—Mrs. E. H. Ripple, Mrs. W. H. Perkins, Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Mrs. R. J. Foster, Mrs. R. W. Luce, Mrs. A. Hendrick.

Committee on Burials—Mrs. B. M. Winton, Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. John Genter.

Committee on Grounds—Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Mrs. J. B. Dimmick, Mrs. B. M. Winton, Miss Jennie Reynolds.

Committee on Desserts—Mrs. A. E. Hunt.

Assistant Manager—Mrs. E. H. Ripple.

At the conclusion Mrs. Kennedy made a brief address to the managers in which was beautifully expressed many earnest suggestions for the coming year. Mrs. Kennedy enters upon the office of president with the utmost confidence of her co-workers and brings to it many talents and great executive ability.

The Home has been very fortunate in its presidents during its history and the present incumbent of that office will sustain the position with equal force and judgment.

CITY ASSESSMENT APPEAL.

Hon. Alfred Hand Claims Valuation Is Double What It Should Be.

Arguments were heard by Judge Gunster in chambers yesterday on Hon. Alfred Hand's appeal from the city assessment on the land on which the Commonwealth building is located. W. J. Hand appeared for the appellant, and City Solicitor M. A. McGinley defended the assessment.

The assessors fixed the valuation of the land in question at $35,000. Judge Hand figures that according to the assessment on adjacent property the valuation should not be more than $16,500. Mr. McGinley argued that property in that neighborhood has been selling for $1,000 a foot and that at this rate the valuation fixed by the city assessors is very moderate.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

Two Committees Held Meetings Last Night.

The teachers' and building committees of the board of control held meetings last night. At the meeting of the teachers committee the resignation of Miss Amelia Rinker, a teacher in No. 14 school, was accepted. She is about to marry. Permission was given to several children residing in the Sixth ward of Dunmore, to attend No. 28 school, upon payment of the regular tuition fee.

The building committee passed upon a number of bills and decided to have an iron fence erected in front of No. 29 school in the Sixth ward at a price not to exceed $1.05 per foot.

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POOR BOARD DID NOT RE-ORGANIZE

ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7.30.

Attorney for Board Advised the Members That the Law Directs Them to Re-Organize During January—Number of Applications for Relief Were Heard—George Fanning, Sr., Refused to Go to the Hillside Home—Mrs. John Downing Prefers Death to Poor House.

The poor board held another meeting yesterday but did not reorganize. An adjournment was taken until next Friday night at 7.30 o'clock, when it is very probable the board will proceed to elect officers. John F. Scragg, the attorney for the board, was present at yesterday's meeting and advised the members that as he viewed the law it compels the board to organize during the month of January.

W. S. Langstaff was plainly desirous of having the board adjourn without reorganizing and made several motions to adjourn before the other members decided that it was time to end the session.

When the meeting was called to order a temporary organization was effected by selecting Director Frederick L. Fuller as temporary president and Mr. Langstaff, jr., as temporary secretary. A large number of applicants for relief were heard. Most of them were residents of South Scranton.

A PICTURESQUE CHARACTER.

George Fanning, sr., was one of the picturesque characters that came before the body. He was employed as a slate picker in the Von Storch breaker but has been idle since that colliery shut down for repairs. He wanted the board to pay the rent of the little house he occupies with his wife. "If I get the rent paid, God will provide something to eat," he said. The directors told Mr. Fanning that he would be made comfortable in the building for old people at the home and that he could take his wife with him. He rejected this proposition with fine scorn and left the room in an angry frame of mind.

Mrs. John Downing, an elderly lady who is separated from her husband, was also offered the shelter of the home, but she too refused the proffered hospitality. "I will die in the street before I go to the poor house," said Mrs. Downing with some feeling as the tears began to trickle down her wrinkled cheeks.

DR. SIMONS' LETTER.

A letter from Dr. Arthur J. Simons, of Newfoundland, Pa., was read. There is a girl residing in Green township, Pike county, whose mind has become affected by an unfortunate love affair and her relatives desire to have her admitted to the Hillside Home. Superintendent Beemer was directed to receive her as soon as the proper papers are prepared.

Mrs. Michael Whelan, of 310 Third street, said her husband left her when the war broke out and enlisted in the regular army. He is now at San Juan, Porto Rico, but neglects to send any money for the support of his wife and two children. Director Paine was directed to see that Mrs. Whelan and her children do not suffer for the necessaries of life.

The directors decided to print the annual statement of the district twice in each of the daily papers, three times in the Providence Register and twice in the West Side, South Side and Dunmore weekly papers.

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25c. fancy hose, plaids and stripes	.19
15c. natural wool hose, 3 pairs for	.25
50c. silk handkerchiefs, fancy border	.39
25c. silk handkerchiefs, fancy border	.19
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