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PERSONAL

Miss Amy Jessup is home from a visit to New York and Brooklyn. Philip Robinson, of South Scranton, was in Honesdale yesterday.

Court Messenger A. S. Newton celebrated his sixtieth birthday yesterday. Miss Maxine Packer has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Captain Frank Vandling left for New York on the Lackawanna train yesterday afternoon. The pianists and chairs were covered with the same material, and even to the costumes the color effect was religiously carried out.

Mrs. J. P. Dickson and daughter, Miss Janet Dickson, have returned from a visit with Lewisburg friends.

George Noyes Rockwell, of Syracuse, well known organist and musical director formerly of Scranton, is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. Chester, of Forest City, yesterday left the Lackawanna hospital, where she had been undergoing treatment for a tumor, for her home.

James Goss, New York state passenger agent of the Wabash railroad, who has been in the city several days, left last evening for Birmingham.

Peter Hild, of Pockville, who together with his wife, received treatment at the Lackawanna hospital for some time, as the result of injuries received by being thrown from a wagon, yesterday left for his home cured. Mrs. Hild had already left the institution.

Mrs. S. C. Dorsey has returned from New York, where she went to meet her daughter, Miss Carolyn V. Dorsey, upon her arrival from Japan. Miss Dorsey is obliged to take a year's rest from her school work in Japan, as she is suffering from extreme nervous exhaustion. She is at present in Philadelphia.

Back to the Old Company.

From the Detroit Journal. No city is big enough for two permanent competing telephone systems. It is all very fine to theorize about competition; but competition in respect to telephone service must be as unsatisfactory to the consumer as it is unprofitable to the companies.

There is a respectable part of this property that now represents only an investment in "dead horses," and it is too much to suppose that the company will simply charge off its value. In time the worthless property will be paid for by its patrons. Out of the consolidation, however, they will ultimately obtain many advantages that are not to be lost sight of.

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LIEDERKRANZ LADS MAKE MERRIMENT

AMATEUR MINSTREL SHOW A BIG SUCCESS.

Crowded House Enthusiastically Applauded the Various Numbers of a Well Arranged Programme—Some of the Audiences Help Along the Fun by Sending Up Bouquets of Nice New Asparagus, Parsley and Young Onions—Jokes All New and Mostly of a Local Nature.

Scranton seems to be long on minstrel talent. When the "Home" and Elk black-face entertainments were given some thought the possibilities of the Electric City in this direction had been exhausted. But, not so. They had crowded without the young men of the Liederkranz, and in their reckoning they overlooked talent that was far from mediocre—how far and in what direction, the large and enthusiastic audience that saw the Liederkranz minstrels in Music hall can best testify.

The rise of the curtain on the first part revealed a bright and dazzling picture. The national colors, only, were used in the stage settings, but they were arranged to produce most striking effects. The background was a huge American flag, filling the entire stage. The side wings were other large flags, caught up with red, white and blue ribbons. The pianists and chairs were covered with the same material, and even to the costumes the color effect was religiously carried out.

On a raised platform to the rear and center was seated the handsome "Jake" Ferber, resplendent in a royal costume of white satin and powdered wig, every inch a princely interlocutor. To the right and left and a little to the rear were other raised platforms occupied by the Italian children, Ralph and Roy, the musical prodigies, whose act in the olio made one of the biggest hits of the night. The circle was made up as follows:

Tambors—Nelson Teets, Albert Davis, Nathan Jacobs, Victor Wenzel, Will Jones and Fred Sothly. Bones—Charles Bertine, George Brien, Gus Weiss, Will Johns, Fred Weiss and Ed. Ebelke. Vocalists—Frank Becker, George Pabst, Lorenz Haberstroh, Phil. Wagner, Ed. Siebecker, Fred Widmayer, Louis Conrad, Ernest Floor, Charles Wagner, Louis Siebecker, Charles E. Wenzel and Isador Ross.

Lawrence band and orchestra furnished the instrumental music. Professor W. C. Ott was musical director. One thing that can be said for the jokes is that they were original. Every one of them produced a more or less prolonged and hearty laugh. Here are a few of the best of them: "Bill Scranton is getting to be quite an astronomer, I see."

"Yes, how's that?" "Why he's braining meters here."

"Why is Frank Becker like a stone mason?" "I don't know. Why?" "Because he looks after holes-in-the-wall."

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and sketches by James Tate and Milo Handley, Song and dance artists, and George LaMar and Tom Mulligan, comical bag-inchers and knock-about specialists. Following the minstrel's dance was enjoyed to music by the Lawrence orchestra.

YOUNG LONERGAN TERRIBLY INJURED

Horse He Was Driving Jumped from Cedar Avenue Bridge, Carrying Him with It—Horse Unhurt.

Richard Lonergan, Jr., son of Richard Lonergan, the well known grocer on Chestnut street, West Scranton, was hurled over the Cedar avenue bridge yesterday afternoon and badly injured, owing to his horse taking sudden fright and getting beyond his control.

Lonergan fell fully twenty feet and landed on a pile of iron ore. Both of his arms were broken above the wrists; his left knee cap was fractured, and he also suffered a compound fracture of the skull. At the Lackawanna hospital, where he was taken, it was thought, however, that he will in time recover from his injuries, owing to his splendid constitution.

The accident happened about 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lonergan was going towards South Scranton, driving the delivery wagon of his father's store.

As they neared the railroad tracks the horse took fright at an engine going by and bursting into a wild spurt of speed passed entirely beyond the driver's control. It dashed toward the bridge, and as it reached it broke loose from the traces and sprang over the rail, carrying Mr. Lonergan along. He fell unconscious on the pile of ore, while the animal, wonderful to relate, was entirely unhurt. It was hitched to the wagon again and taken to the barn in West Scranton.

Mr. Lonergan was lifted up and carried into the office of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company near by. The Lackawanna hospital was immediately notified and the greatest fortitude and effort was made for the injured man's comfort.

Dr. W. C. Wunder soon arrived with the ambulance and Mr. Lonergan was then taken to the hospital. While the doctors were attending to his injuries he displayed the greatest fortitude and courage, enduring his terrible pain with hardly a murmur.

FUNERAL OF NORMAN POST.

Held Yesterday from the Family Residence.

The funeral of little Norman Post, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Post, of 435 Clay avenue, was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence and was very largely attended.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. James McLeod, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., former pastor of the same church. During the service John T. Watkins sang a solo with beautiful effect. There was a very large number of floral offerings, many of them being very elaborate.

The pall-bearers were: A. H. Christie, Ernest Parrott, C. J. Post and Hon. H. A. Knapp. Interment was made in the Dunmore cemetery.

DEATH OF JAMES BOYD.

Received Fatal Injuries While at Work in Brisban Shaft.

James Boyd, of North Scranton, died last night from injuries received two weeks ago in the Brisban mine, and leaves behind him a wife and four children. Boyd was injured while working in the shaft. He was on a scaffold and was struck by the swinging bucket. He was knocked off his feet and fell about sixty feet, his skull being fractured by the fall.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with services at the Holy Rosary church. Interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

PRICEBURG MINER KILLED.

Man Named Stykoski Killed at Johnson's Mine.

While at work in the Johnson Coal company's mine at Priceburg, yesterday afternoon, a miner named Stykoski was caught under a fall of coal and instantly killed.

His wife, who was receiving treatment at the Lackawanna hospital, was notified of the death and left for Priceburg.

CONTROLLER'S CLERK HIRE WAS VETOED

BUT SILENT PASSED ITEM OVER MAYOR'S HEAD.

Veto Also Came Up in Common Council but the Quorum Was Broken to Prevent Action Being Taken. Mayor Also Vetoed Item of \$1,000 for Repairs to Bloom Avenue Culvert, Which Made Mr. Grier Very, Very Mad—The Veto on This Item Sustained by Select.

Sixteen members of select council put themselves on record last night as opposing the mayor's veto of the item in the appropriation ordinance of \$1,000 for clerk hire for the city controller's department. No action was taken on the veto in the common branch, which also met, as several of the Democratic members broke the quorum before a vote could be taken.

The veto of this item and that of \$1,000 for filling in the approaches to the Bloom avenue culvert were contained in the following communication sent in by Mayor Mohr: To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils: Gentlemen: I herewith return file of select council, No. 72, approved with the exception of lines 17 and 84, which I veto for the following reasons:

Line 17—"Clerk for the city controller, \$1,000, under existing circumstances is much too large an amount. On examination I find that there was appropriation for clerk hire for this department in 1892, \$500; in 1893, \$1,200; in 1894, \$1,500; in 1895, \$1,500. These appropriations for clerk hire were made with the understanding that the controller should supervise and audit the accounts of the Scranton school district in connection with the city's finances, and this has been done up to last year without demerit.

Our present city controller raised the question last summer—and I think justly—and should have heard being distinct body entire, separate from the city, their revenues and expenditures being directly under their own management, driving the school board to the supervision and auditing of their own accounts. The school board saw the injustice of this arrangement and agreed to pay the controller \$100 per month for clerk hire for services rendered to them.

I am informed that the controller has already received moneys under this arrangement, which he has never reported to your honorables, and, in order to receive the city treasurer, but has retained for his own private use. I fail to find any law whereby any city official can raise the emoluments of his office or receive or retain other than the amount fixed by ordinance.

The controller, by agreement with the school board, to receive \$1,200 per annum for clerk hire. Your honorable bodies in making an appropriation for this department should take into consideration the fact that the controller for clerk hire by the school board and allow such sum as in your judgment would be a reasonable salary for the peculiar, unique and somewhat original methods to which the controller has resorted in the management of the school board's office, and which, should the same prevail, would be a gross imposition upon the taxpayers.

"For filling the approaches to the Bloom avenue culvert." This is an unwise legislation and misleading. The filling of the approaches to the Bloom avenue culvert is a necessary part of the method contemplated in at variance with, and in fact is in direct opposition to, the original intention of the grading. The proper way to do this work is to first petition councils to establish grade; have viewers appointed to assess the amount of earth to be raised; or secured from damages from all the property owners interested. There is no reason why the city should appropriate funds for grading this part of the street when the property owners abutting are the proper parties to bear the expense, and further the city would not only be doing the grading but possibly would have to pay a large bill for damage suits arising from the grading.

In view of these facts my veto is clear to veto the item.

PASSED OVER MY VETO.

Mr. Roche was very insistent that Clerk Lavelle read over twice that portion of the communication referring to the fact that the controller has not paid over any of the money received from the school board to the city treasurer. When it had been read over twice Mr. Roche leaned back in his chair and laughed heartily, evidently thinking this part of the letter a huge joke. Mr. Lansing moved that the item be passed despite the mayor's veto, and it was passed by the following vote: Yeas—Finn, Kearney, Williams, Roche, Melvin, Chittenden, Schaefer, Sanderson, Fellows, Schroeder, Lansing, O'Boyle, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew.—16. Nays—Ross.—12.

Messrs. Finn, Kearney and Schneider at first voted no, but changed their votes before the result was announced. A motion to pass the item of \$1,000 for approaches to the Bloom avenue culvert, was lost by the following vote: Yeas—Kearney, Roche, Frable, Coyne, McAndrew.—5. Nays—Ross, Finn, Williams, Melvin, Chittenden, Schaefer, Sanderson, Fellows, Schroeder, Lansing, O'Boyle.—12.

When the vetoing communication was taken over to common council, there was considerable fun. After it had been read and the action of select noted, it was seen that the only thing common had to get on was the veto of the item for clerk hire, the other being already sustained by select. Mr. Grier, however, who was the father of the Bloom avenue item, having introduced it in the form of an amendment, couldn't let the opportunity go without saying his little say on what he thought of the veto.

OBTAINED PERMISSION. He asked permission to speak on this item, and when Chairman Keller reminded him that the matter was not before the house, the gentleman from the Third came up the aisle with a white face and an I-defy-you-villain air.

"But I demand, Mr. Chairman, that I be given the right to speak. I demand it as a question of privilege," thundered Mr. Grier in stentorian tones, waving his clenched fist in the air. "Well, if no member objects, the chair gives you permission, only don't take too long," said Chairman Keller. Whereupon Mr. Grier began a speech about the mayor being misleading and a number of other things. After he had spoken for several minutes, M. V. Morris sprung to his feet and said: "I protest, Mr. Chairman, and I demand that Mr. Grier stop talking. I arise to a point of order."

"Will the gentleman from the Second stop talking?" from Chairman Keller. "I won't, Mr. Chairman. I arise to a point of order."

"The gentleman must keep still. I can control the speaker." "Well," responded Mr. Morris, "I will keep still if you can control him." At this last remark Mr. Grier gave up the fight and, casting a glance of withering scorn at Mr. Morris, talked for a few moments on the other item of \$1,000 for controller's clerk hire. He thought that this should be allowed in brief, saying that personalities should not be dragged into the council chamber.

BROKE A QUORUM.

Some one moved at this point that the item be passed notwithstanding the mayor's veto. Just as the vote was about to be put Chairman Keller looked down and discovered that Messrs. Grier, Calpin, Ruane, Norton and T. F. Morris had vanished into the exterior darkness, leaving only ten members present. He accordingly declared the meeting adjourned.

The ordinance authorizing the city controller to transfer sundry balances now remaining in special city accounts to other accounts was defeated on third reading. Chairman Keller protested vigorously against it, claiming that it placed too much power in the controller's hands.

WAS SENT TO JAIL.

Joshua Miller Charged with Stealing Lead Pipe from Philip Vetter.

Joshua Miller, colored, was arraigned before Alderman Howe yesterday on the charge of the larceny of lead pipe, preferred by Philip Vetter, his erstwhile landlord, and in default of bail was made one of Sheriff Fryor's lodgers. Miller formerly lived in a house of Mr. Vetter's at 621 Kessler court, and when he recently moved out he took with him as a souvenir a quantity of lead pipe, to replace which and repair the damage done by their removal will probably cost Mr. Vetter between \$40 and \$50.

Miller sold part of this pipe to a Penn avenue junk dealer for the modest sum of 60 cents. He artfully covered it with ashes and dirt and told the junk dealer that he had bought it for rubbish.

GERSON'S BIG DISPLAY.

Gerson's spring opening was held yesterday and will continue during the week. Never before did this store see a greater day. It was great in every respect—great in crowds, great in magnificence of the display and great in the number of sales. Mr. Trougott, the proprietor of Gerson's, may well congratulate himself on the stock and appearance of his store. His efforts to please the patrons with modest prices, latest styles and best qualities have produced excellent results, which, from the pleasant expressions heard on all sides, shows that the patrons are appreciative. While the event of Gerson's opening is always watched with keen interest by women generally, the opening has attracted more than usual attention this year. This fact was fully attested by the big crowds that visited the store, and the sales were correspondingly large.

The collection of trimmed hats is larger than ever before. Creations of Paris, Berlin, London and New York fashions are represented. Beside these are several hundred beautiful hats that originated in the firm's own work rooms. To attempt to describe any of the hats as they really look would be impossible, and all that can be said is that every one is thoroughly up-to-date in shape, trimming and appearance.

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KELLY BEAT PETROSKY.

The Latter's Mother Had the Former Arrested.

John Kelly, of Scranton street, was yesterday arraigned before Alderman Kason, on the charge of assault and battery committed on Joseph Petroskey. They are boys, and worked in the Button factory, and recently they had a quarrel, which resulted in a fight, in the course of which Petroskey was pretty badly used up. Kelly was dismissed from the factory. He went back and asked in vain to be reinstated. On his request being refused, he again assailed Petroskey. It is charged, and gave him another severe thrashing. The latter's mother then had him arrested, Constable Fierstein serving the warrant. Alderman Kason continued the hearing until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

EPIDEMIC STILL CONTINUES.

Forty-seven Cases of Contagious Disease Already This Week.

While there has not been much talk during the past few weeks of the epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria which has ravaged this city during the past winter, nevertheless a glance at the daily report book of the secretary of the board of health shows that it is still retaining its hold. There have been reported during this week so far just forty-seven cases of these two diseases. Dr. Allen has been hopeful all along of stamping out the diseases before spring actually sets in, as it is a well established physiological fact that they thrive better in warmer than in colder weather.

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