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**CITY NOTES**

**KOUP FUNERAL.**—The funeral of the late Matilda Koup, of River street, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home.

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED.**—There will be a special meeting of the Catholic Historical Society and Newman club at their hall this evening at 8 o'clock. It is desirable that all members be present as matters of the utmost importance will come before the meeting.

**FAY DAYS.**—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company paid yesterday at the Bellevue, Dodge, Oxford, Hallsdale, Diamond and Mansville collieries. Today it will pay at the Sloan, Hampton and Archdale. The Delaware and Hudson made no payments yesterday on account of the holiday.

**NOMINATED FOR THE NAVAL ACADEMY**  
Clarence P. A. Sommar, of Madison Avenue, Named by Congressman Connell.

Clarence P. A. Sommar, of this city, has been nominated by Congressman William Connell for appointment to the Annapolis Naval academy from this district. John Henry Newton, of Carbondale, is named as alternate. The nominations are now in the hands of Hon. John D. Long secretary of the navy. The appointees made respectively first and second best showing of the class of seven applicants who took the competitive examination, conducted at Congressman Connell's office two weeks ago by Rev. J. J. Loughran, S. T. L., of St. Thomas' college; Head Master W. E. Plumley, of the School of the Lackawanna, and Principal W. W. Grant, of the Scranton High school. Mr. Sommar is a son of Contractor Lewis Sommar, of 525 Madison avenue, and has been studying law. He is a well-built, good-looking lad and at the examination proved himself well-fitted mentally to undertake the exacting course mapped out for the Annapolis students.

**THE SPEEDWAY HOTEL.**  
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On Sunday last the management of The Speedway Hotel inaugurated a new policy by opening the entire magnificent building to the public. The result was most gratifying to Cook Brothers, the new managers. The hotel and verandas were thronged all day with many of our best citizens and their families, who passed a quiet cool and delightful Sunday at this popular resort.

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Another much-appreciated innovation of the new management is the serving of meals and lunches a-la-carte in the cafe at all hours. This feature is becoming more popular with the patrons daily.

**TO PLAN CAMPAIGN WORK.**  
Union League of Lackawanna County Will Meet Tonight.

The regular meeting of the Union League of Lackawanna county will be held in the rooms of the Central Republican club, in the Price building, Washington avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock.

A circular has been sent out by President F. S. Walter and Secretary George W. Marshall, Jr., urging all members to attend the meeting, as it is purposed tonight to formulate plans for systematic work during the county campaign.

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**DIED.**  
HALL—At Glenburn, Pa., Sept. 3, 1900, Mrs. Emily C. Hall, nee 73 years. Funeral services at the family residence, Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 10:30 a. m.

**EISTEDDFOD WAS A GRAND SUCCESS**

**HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF THE DEWI SANT LODGE.**  
Mearns' Hall the Scene of a Splendid Musical Festival, at Which the Competitions Were Exceptionally Meritorious—Wilkes-Barre Furnishes Prize Winners—Only One Choir on Chief Competition—Philip Warren Carries Off the Individual Honors—Officers of Day.

The first annual eisteddfod held under the auspices of Dewi Sant lodge, No. 50, American True Iovites, in Mearns' hall yesterday, was a complete success in every detail, and afforded some of the best competitions ever heard in this city. The adjudications were faultlessly given, and a more happy gathering never assembled in West Scranton. It is to be regretted, only from a competitive point of view, that the Wilkes-Barre participants were more successful than their Scranton competitors.

Out of the total number of prizes, upwards of a hundred dollars went down the valley, the chief prizes among them being on the memorial to the late B. Hughes, \$50, and the children's choir competition, which was won by the Palmer Juveniles. The other winners were Evan Jones, of Moosic; Rev. T. C. Edwards, of Kingston; Richard Williams, D. J. Williams and William Lewis, of Wilkes-Barre. The individual honors, however, went to Philip H. Warren, who won both solo competitions in which he entered, and half of a duet prize. David Stephens also shared the honors with Mr. Warren, winning the tenor solo, the best competition of the day, and half the duet prize for tenor and bass. Only one choir was entered on the chief choral competition.

**MORNING SESSION.**  
The opening session convened at 10:30 o'clock, with a slim attendance, owing to the parade in the central city. Rev. David Jones, pastor of the First Welsh Congregational church, presided. Evan J. Evans, district mine superintendent, was to have been chairman, but was unable to be present, owing to the death of his father. The opening number was a solo by David J. Davis, which was well rendered.

The first competitive number was a solo for children not over fifteen years of age, on the selection "I Love to Talk with Jesus." There were three entries, Rachel M. Lewis, William H. Reese and Ruth Thomas. The adjudicator said it was the best children's competition he had ever heard. Miss Thomas was awarded the prize. The other competitors were also rewarded. The children's recitation, "There's None Like a Mother, If Ever so Poor," had four entries. The prizes were awarded in the order named, Pearl Jenkins, Lucy Nichols, Naomi Jenkins, and the Welsh solo for children was contested by Rachel Lewis, Ruth Thomas and Jennie Harris. Miss Thomas was again victorious. The other competitors each received a prize. The piano solo for children, "Frolic of the Fairies," had three contestants, May Roberts, Alma Jones and Irene Roberts. The latter was awarded first prize, and the other two were also rewarded. The feature of the morning session was the competition for children's choirs on "Peace, Be Still," for a prize of \$20, donated by Colonel E. H. Ripple.

The entries were the Palmer Juvenile choir, of Wilkes-Barre, Reese Reese, leader, and the choir from the First Welsh Congregational Sunday school of South Main avenue, Fred Evans, leader. Both choirs sang well, but in the judgment of the adjudicator the Wilkes-Barre choir was the best, and were awarded the prize. The award was popular. Adjournment was then made for the noon hour.

**THE ADJUDICATORS.**  
The musical adjudicator was Prof. Forwerth T. Daniels, of Utica, N. Y. His decisions were satisfactory in every instance, and were received with merited applause. Hon. H. M. Edwards passed upon the literary compositions, and Rev. H. H. Harris, of Taylor, adjudicated the recitations. The prize bags which were furnished were passed on by Mrs. Joan Jones, and were much admired. Mrs. D. B. Thomas, the official accompanist, adjudicated the piano and violin, and the adjudicator of the Welsh solo was Colonel E. H. Ripple. The afternoon session opened shortly after 2 o'clock with a large attendance. Colonel E. H. Ripple was introduced as the chairman of the session by Conductor H. H. Harris. He said he feared the address he was expected to make would be a disappointment, as he wished to prepare something both in English and Welsh, but inasmuch as he did not want to deliver one-half of it, he would leave the other half out.

Colonel Ripple said he was pleased at being selected as chairman and thanked the audience for the extreme heat would refrain from uttering any extended remarks. He apologized for the absence of Hon. William Connell, but announced the presence of Mrs. Connell, who was seated in the front of the hall.

The opening number on the program was a Welsh solo by David Stephens, which put the audience in good humor for the treat to follow. The first competition was on the alto solo, "He Was Despaired," prize, \$5. The competitors were Misses Myfanwy



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Reynon and Alice Phillips. The prize was awarded to the former. The adjudicator stated that both did remarkably well for their age, but Myfanwy's rendition was remarkable for its evenness, faultlessness and excellent interpretation.

The Welsh recitation for adults was the second competition, prize, \$4. "Y Dem Lestl Olaf." Four competitors entered: J. T. Davis, Thomas James, D. R. Jones and Benjamin Griffiths. Rev. Harris, the adjudicator, thought that the competition was rather tame, and the speakers used too many gestures. The prize was awarded to Benjamin Griffiths. Judge Edwards, the adjudicator on English, essay and memorial to the late B. Hughes, gave a very concise adjudication on the many compositions submitted to him. The English, he said, were good, so far as the subject would admit, and awarded the prize to Evan Jones, of Moosic. The essay on "St. David," he said was a very difficult subject to write on, owing to the lack of material. The prize was divided between W. H. Priest, of Olyphant, for the English version and Ivor Parry, of Scranton, for the Welsh version.

**JUDGE EDWARDS' REMARKS.**  
"The most important literary composition of the eisteddfod," said Judge Edwards, "was the memorial in memory of the late B. Hughes, who was one of the most beloved of men among the Welsh people of America." The compositions were limited in quantity, but not in quality, and of the three submitted, two were excellent poems, each correct as far as literary quality was concerned, but the complete work of the lamented Iovite, which was also blessed with the fire of poetic genius, was submitted by Rev. T. C. Edwards, of Kingston. The author was decorated with the prize purse of \$50.

The prize was awarded to Mrs. William Williams, of Wilkes-Barre, who submitted the first prize for the best prize bag submitted, and Mrs. W. J. Davis received the second prize. The tenor solo, "Our Admiral," had three entries, David Stephens, Thomas Abrams and "Eos Cenin," (Richard Williams) (Richard Williams). The first named, the adjudicator said, has a splendid voice, rich in quality, but lacked patriotic expression. The second voice was lyric, light and of a very pretty quality, but also lacked patriotic expression. The last singer possessed the voice, fire and spirit, and was awarded the prize.

**EVENING SESSION.**  
The final session of the eisteddfod was attended by an audience that comfortably filled the hall. The exercises were opened a few minutes after 8 o'clock, with a few introductory remarks by Judge Edwards, who apologized for the absence of Hon. William Connell, who was unavoidably absent, owing to illness. Colonel E. H. Ripple was substituted by the committee as chairman. Conductor Edwards defined the offices of chairman and conductor in his inimitable manner, and then introduced Colonel Ripple as chairman of the evening.

The opening number on the program was a Welsh solo, "The Freedom of Wales," sung by John W. Jones, the talented baritone. His effort was rapturously applauded. The first competition was on the soprano solo, "Our of the Deep," for a prize of \$5, donated by Colonel E. H. Ripple. Miss Edith Watkins, of Taylor, was the only competitor who responded to the call. Adjudicator Daniels congratulated her on the meritorious rendition of the selection. He said she has a pleasing voice, of good range, and gave an intelligent interpretation of the piece. He spoke particularly of her phrasing and complimented the young lady on that score, the only fault being that the tempo throughout was too fast. Her rendition, he said, was fully worthy of the prize, and Judge Edwards decorated her with the badge of victory.

**ON THE RECITATION.**  
The competition on the recitation, "The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold," was one of the best numbers of the day. It brought forth three competitors to the stage, out of six in the preliminaries. The first to recite was William Lewis, of Wilkes-Barre, a young man who is possessed of much dramatic ability. He imparted much intelligence to the selection and gave a vivid interpretation of the death-bed scene. Miss Bessie M. Mitchell, of Forty-Fort, was the second to recite, and spoke well, but the selection is not suited to her voice and style of elocution. Her rendition was more of a sing-song than a recitation. The last to speak was Will Jennings, of Avoca. His enunciation was excellent, but his style was too dramatic, and he ranted too much. He also made several mistakes. The adjudicator, H. H. Harris, said that Mr. Lewis, who was awarded the prize, gave a splendid rendition,

not a mistake in pronunciation, recited the selection correctly, inserted not a word, and did not omit a syllable. Miss Mitchell mispronounced some words, and her voice was unsuitable to the piece. Where deep tones were required she could not give them, and where muttering was required she was too loud. Mr. Jennings inserted many words where he should not, and his gestures were awkward. His conception was, however, Miss Mitchell was awarded a special prize.

**BASS SOLO.**  
The bass solo for a prize of \$5, on the selection, "Arm, Arm Ye Braves," brought forth David Jenkins, Philip H. Warren and Watkins. Isaac. The adjudicator was disappointed in not having more competitors on this number, when there are so many baritone tenors in Scranton. The first singer sang very good, has a pretty voice and good phrasing, but lacked the power to carry the piece. The adjudicator expressed the proper courage and sang more majestically than the others. He made two mistakes, but they were not sufficient to lose the prize, which was awarded Mr. Warren. The last named singer sang too light, and had a very poor conception of the piece. The adjudicator advised him to consult a musical dictionary to learn of musical characters when he sings again in competition.

Adjudicator Daniels then gave his decision on the competition of a congregational tune. He received sixteen responses, the best of which was written by Common Councilman Thomas M. Watkins, and he was awarded the prize of \$3. The competitive solo, "Miller's Daughter," for persons over 45 years of age, caused the most amusement of the eisteddfod. The competitors were Evan L. Evans, Benjamin Griffiths and Mrs. Sarah Sainsbury. The adjudicator said their faults were even, and in compliment to the lady awarded her the prize. A ripple of laughter was caused by Mrs. Sainsbury announcing afterwards that the prize bag she received was empty. The money had been dropped on the floor unintentionally.

**TENOR COMPETITION.**  
Probably the best competition of the eisteddfod was on the tenor solo, "Swind y Delyn," for a prize of \$5. The competitors were "Eos Cenin," Richard Williams, of Wilkes-Barre; Thomas Abrams, of the Simpson male quartette; David Stephens, of the Schubert quartette, and Isiah Williams, of Wilkes-Barre. These four were selected from nine in the preliminary, and Mr. Daniels stated "they were the best bunch of tenors he ever heard in his life," and all were worthy of the prize.

In the competition Eos Cenin sang in good voice, was a little faulty on one note, and others were out too abruptly. He also sang too hurriedly. Mr. Abrams had a splendid conception of the song, but did not learn it well enough. Isiah Williams has a pretty voice, the adjudicator said, and sang with ease, but his top notes were husky. David Stephens sang in splendid voice, his opening was very imposing, the aria throughout was well sung and he gave a most satisfactory rendition. He was awarded the prize. There were several entries on the music sight reading, but none responded to the conductor's call, and the competition was abandoned. The duet "Call to Arms," prize \$8, for tenor and bass, had two parties, David Jenkins and David J. Davis, the two "Davies," and David Stephens and Philip Warren. Both parties gave excellent renditions, but the one was better balanced. The tenor of the first party sang his top notes too openly and shouted in-

stead of sounding them. The bass was good. The second party sang with better balance and gave a more solidly rendition, and were awarded the prize. The final number was the chief competition on "Yr Hyl," by Gwent, for choirs of not less than seventy-five in number, prize \$100, donated by Hon. William Connell. But one choir entered, the West Side Glee society, under the direction of David Jenkins, and they were awarded the prize. The conductor received a handsome upholstered chair.

Adjudicator Daniels, in awarding the prize, stated that the composition is a glee and not a heavy chorus, and needs the treatment of a glee. The choir was too big for the piece, and more dainty treatment was needed. The movement was cumbersome, the reading correct, and all in all, the choir was fully worthy of the prize. Judge Edwards conducted his evening session in an admirable manner, and showed beyond a doubt that he has no superior in that position. He is of the opinion, however, that the title conductor is a misnomer. At the Denver eisteddfod he was billed as the master of ceremonies, which does not fit the position either. A prize should be offered at the next eisteddfod for the best suggestion of a new title for the time-honored conductor.

**LIGHTED LAMP ALMOST CAUSES A TRAGEDY**  
Mrs. Ferriss, of Forest Court, Was Badly Burned Last Night—Action of Charles Heinz Saved Her.

Mrs. Ferriss, of 536 Forest court, was badly burned last night by dropping a lighted lamp, and had it not been for the prompt action of neighbors she would probably have fallen a victim to the flames. As it was, both of her hands were badly burned, and one of her feet likewise injured. The curtains in the room and part of the household furniture were set on fire, but the blaze was quickly extinguished before any serious damage could be done. The accident happened at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Ferriss, it seems, was about to punish her son, Willie, for some offense, and holding the lamp in her one hand, struck at the boy with the other. The lamp fell from her grip, and in a moment the curtains were in a blaze, and in attempting to put out the fire, Mrs. Ferriss received her burns. Her husband was not home at the time, and Mrs. Ferriss screamed loudly for aid. Charles Heinz, a young man, who was passing by, heard her cries, and rushed to her assistance. He found the front door locked, and with a mighty effort burst it open and made his way to the now desperate woman. Two men employed at J. H. Ludwig's barn, which is nearby, also ran to Mrs. Ferriss' assistance with pails of water, and in a few moments the flames were all quenched. The Lackawanna hospital authorities were notified, and Dr. John B. Hunter responded with the ambulance. Mrs. Ferriss, however, did not wish to go to the hospital, and a local physician was then called in, and gave her prompt attendance. She rested easily last night.

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