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CITY NOTES

SPECIAL MEETING.—A special meeting of the board of the Montrose Hebrew school will be held at 3 o'clock today. FIFTH ANNUAL BALL.—The fifth annual ball of the Mount Zion Hebrew school will be held at Music hall tonight. MEETS THIS EVENING.—The Jewish Chautauqua society will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. M. Simmons, 633 Adams avenue.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

White, John White, Dan'l Gotwin and Daniel Melvin. Interment was made at the Catholic cemetery. ANNUAL MEETING.—The City club will hold its annual meeting at the club rooms on Spruce street this evening. Secretary W. S. Miller will read his report and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. A lunch will be served to the members.

PAY DAYS.—The Lackawanna railroad yardmen were paid yesterday and the trainmen will be paid today, finishing up for the month of January. The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Coalbrook mine at Carbondale and the Clinton mine at Vandling. PIERSON MEETINGS.—Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., will speak this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association and this evening at 7.45 in the Penn Avenue Baptist church. Both men and women are most cordially urged to be present at these services.

PRINCIPALS' ROUND TABLE.—The first of the evening sessions of the Principals' Round Table was held last evening in Principal W. W. Gantt's office in the high school. Superintendent Howell addressed the meeting and steps for the formation of a course in pedagogy and psychology were taken.

YOUTH TALENT FUND.—Much interest is being manifested in the "Talent Fund" of the Penn Avenue Baptist church. Many ways have been adopted for the increasing of the individual talents. Among the most popular plans is that of musical and literary entertainments. One of these entertainments has been planned for this evening to be given in the American chapel mission of the Penn Avenue church. An excellent programme has been prepared by those in charge. The following number will be rendered: Prayer, Rev. Fielding; piano solo, Miss Clara Browning; reading, Miss Jennie A. Burns; vocal solo, William Jones; review of European trip, Mr. Stedie; vocal solo, J. B. Burns; recitation, Miss Beatrice E. Morris; piano solo, Miss Clara Browning; recitation, Miss Jennie A. Burns; vocal solo, Miss Mary Delany; vocal solo, Bert D. Brink; vocal solo, Rev. Fielding; violin solo, Mr. Fricke; talk, "Talents," J. W. Browning; vocal solo, John H. Burns.

POLICE INTERFERED. PRIZE FIGHT IN LIBERTY HALL WAS PREVENTED. Billy Mack and Harry Mezzanti Were to Combat in Tigue's Gymnasium—Went to Piceburg.

A large crowd of local and Luzerne county members of theistic encounter loving fraternity thronged Tigue's gymnasium in Liberty hall, on Washington avenue, last night to witness a fight between Billy Mack, the well-known Bellevue light weight, and Harry Mezzanti, of Wilkes-Barre. A ring had been roped off, and all was in readiness for the mill when the police intervened. There was a great concourse of sports present, and they were forced to adjourn to Piceburg, where a sanguinary battle was fought. The crowd began to assemble at the gymnasium early last night and by 9 o'clock there were a large number of spectators present to witness the preliminary bout. There were enthusiasts with high silk hats and enthusiasts with red ties. There were real Wilkes-Barre sports with bad cigars and big wads of bills, there were members of the frat from all over the county, and among them, indeed, were a few city officials.

The preliminary was between Fred Alpanoff, of Duryea, and John Thomas, of West Scranton, two lightweights, who gave a lively three-round match, which Referee Connelly pronounced a draw. Then chairs were pulled closer up to the ring and a general look of pleasant expectancy pervaded the countenances of all present. A hum of busy conversation followed the referee's declaration, and then the bulky form of Chief of Police Robling appeared in the doorway, with City Detective John Mohr at his side. There was a rush of the members of the Twentieth Century Athletic club, under whose auspices the affair was being given, to the chief's side, and a flood of explanations followed as the chief announced: "Complaints were received today that a prize fight was to take place, and we can't allow it. You will have to call it off."

For several minutes explanations came thick and fast that this wasn't a prize fight, it was merely a harmless sparring match. "Why, chief," said one of the promoters earnestly, "this is to be merely an exhibition of the noble art of self-defense. I myself will stand by and explain every blow as it is struck."

But Chief Robling merely smiled grimly and, shaking his head, left the hall. A couple of patrolmen entered a few minutes later, and after some parley and conferring left for Piceburg via the Delaware and Hudson railroad.

AN EVENING WITH DICKENS. Entertainment to be Given in St. Luke's Parish House. The Men's Guild of St. Luke's parish have arranged an entertainment for Monday evening, Feb. 18, in the auditorium of the Parish House, on Wyoming avenue, when Frederick W. Truman, of Cleveland, Ohio, will appear for the first time in this city in his own dramatization of "Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist,' a serio-comic burlesque of three acts, in which he acts the parts of twenty-one characters with a different voice and facial expression for each character, without make-up of any kind.

Quoting from the leading papers: Mr. Truman's Fagin was true to nature and made one shiver to look upon and hear the infernal old villain in his trade of lying, stealing, deceit and murder. The characterization of Bill Sikes was simply beyond description. At times ludicrous in the extreme, but the description of the murder of Nancy brought tears to the eyes of all. The cunning of the Artful Dodger and the simplicity of Oliver Twist were also true to nature. Bubbles' courtship and short honeymoon, made the audience roar, and Judge Fang, especially in lining Brownlow for swearing in court, will not soon be forgotten. Mr. Truman comes with the highest endorsements and we predict an evening of rare pleasure.

The committee have also secured the services of Prof. J. Willis Conant, Miss Irene Kann and Mr. John Jones, musicians of considerable local fame and rare ability. The Men's Guild of St. Luke's church are well-known as a broad-minded, liberal and charitable organization and the entertainment for their benefit should be well patronized.

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SECOND WEEK OF THE TERM

CRIMINAL CASES CALLED FOR TRIAL YESTERDAY.

On Account of the Illness of Alderman John P. Kelly the Case Against Him Went Over Until the Next Term—Bossard Case to Be Put on Trial—Frank Compton on Trial Before Judge H. M. Edwards. Charge That is Lodged Against Him—Other Minor Cases.

The second week of criminal court opened yesterday morning, with Judge R. W. Archbald presiding in the main court room and Judge H. M. Edwards in No. 2. There were three of the Municipal League's honor cases on the list and two of them were continued. They are O'Connor and Walsh, of Lackawanna avenue, selling liquor on Sunday, and Thomas Carey, selling liquor without a license. The latter is ill. The O'Connor and Walsh case went over by agreement of the attorneys on both sides. The firm is to be given an opportunity to obey the law by keeping closed on Sunday.

A certificate was presented from Dr. J. J. Sullivan, setting forth that John Moffat, who is charged with selling liquor without a license, is too sick to appear in court. Moffat was sick at the last term and the officers of the Municipal League asked yesterday for time to inquire into Moffat's condition. They reported in the afternoon that Moffat suffers from asthma, but is no worse now than he has been for a long time. Judge Archbald directed that a capias be issued and Moffat brought in for trial. On motion of Attorney W. W. Baylory, the case against John P. Kelly, charging him with misdemeanor in office, was continued until the next term. The alderman has not yet recovered from his recent serious illness.

JUDGE ARCHBALD. Harry G. Bossard was called in No. 1 on a charge of being the father of the child of Miss Grace Hinton, a comely young woman, who lives at Stormville, Gouldsboro township. In September, 1899, she was living as a servant with relatives of Bossard in Monroe county and there the offense was committed. The child was born at Miss Hinton's home in this county, but Bossard was indicted in Monroe county, and when called for trial pleaded guilty. It was discovered that the child was born in this county and that the offense charged against Bossard could not lie in Monroe. The charge was therefore withdrawn and Bossard rearrested and indicted in this county.

When the case was called yesterday, it was continued until today, to give the parties an opportunity of settling the matter out of court, if being intimated to the judge that there was a possibility of such a termination of the proceedings. By direction of the court a verdict of not guilty was taken in the case of John Jack, charged with stealing three geese from Mrs. Annie Pascoe, of North Scranton. The judge decided that a case was not made out. Attorney T. P. Duffy was assigned to defend Jack.

Julius Hopewell pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and battery and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and spend sixty days in the county jail. It was shown that Hopewell and William McDowell, both colored, were engaged in gambling, when a dispute arose over twenty-four cents and Hopewell picked up a cuspidor and hit McDowell on the head with it, inflicting an ugly wound.

The four cases against William Mitteman, charged with dealing in registered bottles, which were on the list for yesterday, were continued until today. Raffaelo Lamorta was tried on a charge of feloniously wounding Joseph Lobbello. It is a case growing out of the miners' strike of last fall. Lobbello was employed at a washery at Dunmore and through this was called a 'scab' and became engaged in a fight with Lamorta, which resulted in Lamorta striking Lobbello under the heart with a knife, inflicting a wound which kept the injured man in his bed for some time.

District Attorney Lewis was counsel for Lamorta before his election and could not appear as the commonwealth's representative in the case yesterday. The prosecution was conducted by Attorney C. E. Daniels and Attorney H. L. Taylor appeared for the accused. Lamorta said he did the stabbing in self-defense, that Lobbello had cheated his thumb and punched him severely. The case was given to the jury at 4.45 and it agreed upon a verdict half an hour later.

Frank Gwazop was convicted of receiving brass stolen from the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. Frank Compton was put on trial late in the afternoon on the charge of having had unlawful relations with Miss Carrie Heglin in last October and November. The young woman is but 16 years of age, and now lives with her parents in Petersburg. She said that she met Compton for the first time last April. He is a young man, not yet of age.

On Oct. 29 she came to the court house with Compton for the purpose of getting a marriage license. It was Saturday afternoon, the clerk of the courts office was closed, and they made up their minds to go to Binghamton on the morning train. After leaving the court house, they met Alfred Mickels and told him they were going to Binghamton to be married. He said that it was not necessary to do that, for he believed they could get a certificate here. Miss Heglin went with the two men, and at Norton's book store they obtained a blank marriage certificate, she remaining outside while the men purchased it. They then went to the postoffice, where the clerk had declined to issue a certificate, but she remained outside on the sidewalk while it was being done. When Compton and Mickels came out they handed her the certificate and Mickels declared that he would marry her if she would. She said anything to her she could proclaim the fact. Compton and Miss Heglin then went to William Mickels's, at Nay Aug, where they announced they were man and wife. They lived there for two weeks and four days, according to Miss Heglin's testimony. She said that at the time she wanted to marry Compton and thought she was married to him, but she has no desire now to be his wife.

Compton's attorney, A. A. Chase and James Mahon, sought to have the girl's testimony ruled out on the ground that she is Compton's common law wife, and therefore that she is incompetent to testify against the accused. Judge Archbald declined to sustain the position of the attorneys, and Miss Heglin's testimony stands. Alderman Millar testified that at the time the arrest in the case was made, Miss Heglin's mother was anxious to have the matter righted by having the young couple married, but Compton's mother objected and would not give her consent. The case will be resumed this morning.

Charges of forgery growing out of the making of the bogus marriage certificate against Compton and Alfred Mickels are awaiting trial today. The first case of the week to be tried was against Edward Cooper, charged with assaulting William Connell, on Nov. 13 last. On the evening of that day the prosecutor, an old man of 50, was driving towards his farm in Newton, when, as he alleged, he was attacked by the defendant who insisted upon riding, and who struck the prosecutor several times in the face knocking out a tooth and causing his nose to bleed. The defendant denied striking the prosecutor at all and stated that he simply rode for a ride. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and placed the case upon the prosecutor. The court, however, directed that the costs be remitted.

Caroline Weldt was then tried, charged with the larceny of five yards of dress goods, valued at five dollars, from Goldsmith's Bazaar, on Dec. 17. The goods in question consisted of a remnant shade, and was identified by clerks as having belonged to the Goldsmith's store, and having been the only piece of the kind in stock. They also stated that this piece had never been sold. The defendant was identified by a person who had been in the store on the 17th and on the 17th, the day that the goods were missed, and who had afterwards endeavored to arrange for an exchange of the piece for one of another color.

The clerk with whom it was stated that the arrangement for the exchange had taken place, testified that the defendant told him that the goods were purchased by her sister, for whom she was acting. Sol Goldsmith stated that she told him that she had purchased the goods from an amateur woman for the sum of \$2 and that she had endeavored to settle the case with him after her arrest. The defendant denied taking the goods, claiming that she purchased them from a woman at Woolworth's store. She admitted telling the clerk at Goldsmith's that her sister had bought the goods, but explained this by saying that she supposed that she would have been unable to effect an exchange had she told that the goods had been purchased by her from a stranger. Mrs. Welch, of Petersburg, testified that she was present when the defendant purchased the goods from a woman in front of Woolworth's. "Not guilty, county to pay costs" was the finding of the jury.

Morrison Posner, a huckster, charged with the larceny, on Dec. 11 last, of one sixty-pound tub of butter belonging to John T. Porter, was tried before Judge Edwards and a jury. Charles Zeidler, a Franklin avenue dealer, testified that he purchased a tub of butter from the defendant, during the month of December, for which he paid eleven dollars. The commonwealth sought to prove that the tub was one of those stolen. It was also shown that after his arrest the defendant stated that he had purchased the butter from a man named "Jim."

Attorney Joseph O'Brien, representing the defendant, moved the court to take the case from the jury on the ground that it was not shown that the butter had been stolen from the ladies. The court refused the motion whereupon the defendant refused to offer any evidence. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

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THEY TALKED ABOUT REFORM

LIVELY MEETING OF NORTH SCRANTON MEN'S SOCIETY.

Ex-City Solicitor James H. Torrey Gave an Interesting Address on Municipal Reform and Also Explained Why Pittsburg People Favor the Ripper Bill—Severely Scored the Fire Department—Other Speakers Were Prominent Members of the Society.

Municipal reform was discussed at last night's meeting of the North Scranton Men's society in the Providence Presbyterian church, and very lively and interesting were some of the opinions expressed on the subject. Among the speakers of the night were Former City Solicitor James H. Torrey, Secretary of the Board of Trade Dolph B. Atherton, who is president of the society, T. S. Morgan, O. P. Miller and others.

As a result of the discussion papers expressing the sense of the meeting were adopted. In these the society congratulated the Municipal league on the splendid work it has done, urged an attendance of good reputable citizens at the polls during primary and the other elections, and also advised its members to carefully look into the qualifications of all candidates for public position before voting for them.

After the regular routine business had been transacted President Atherton made a brief speech, in which he referred briefly to the present agitation over the ripper bill, and then introduced Attorney Torrey, as a man well qualified to speak on both municipal affairs and municipal reform. A message from President J. A. Lansing, of the board of trade, was also delivered by Mr. Atherton. Mr. Lansing was expected as one of the speakers of the evening, but was called to Buffalo on business. He, however, sent the following message: "I congratulate the Men's society of North Scranton that I must be in Buffalo tomorrow morning."

RECEIVED WITH LAUGHTER. Which modest but rather uncomplimentary tribute to Mr. Lansing's oratorical powers was accepted with much laughter by the society. City Solicitor Vosburg, another of the expected guests, was in Harrisburg. Mr. Torrey, in the course of his remarks, said that the subject of the much discussed "ripper" bill.

"This 'ripper' phase of a second class city charter is no new development. I happened to glance over a second class city charter in the year 1870, which was adopted in Pittsburg four years ago, and which was backed by the representatives of the best classes of the city. Professional and commercial men both supported the 'ripper' clause. The latter may look narrow, even outrageous to us, but in Pittsburg they are trying to accomplish an end and are not very particular as to the means.

"Pittsburg people want that part of the act to go through, because they have been fighting for years and years by a shameless ring, who have bribed councilmen, had all contracts at their own figures, peddled public franchises and completely what some elegantly of our city council did in a very small and boyish manner.

"If we lived in Pittsburg and suffered as the citizens there have, we would not consider the 'ripper' part of the act so preposterous. I think that any suggestions from Scranton regarding second class city legislation would be kindly met at Pittsburg, but if we send representatives there simply to oppose the 'ripper' clause, we are making a mistake.

CAN GET ALONG. "However, even with poor legislation a city with an honest administration can get along, but back of an honest administration there must be honest and intelligent electors," said Mr. Torrey interspersed his address with several pointed anecdotes, and his words had a marked effect on his audience. In concluding, he said: "We do not stand up for absolute integrity as we should. We are bound to stand up for law and reform, and should not be so willing to compromise, influenced by matters of personal feeling. We let our feelings run away with us, instance the recent street car strike. No matter what our party a service is done to the country over, and the company's policy towards the city has been the best liberal, still, as an American citizen, it roused my blood that business men could be intimidated by strikers and be dictated to, as to whether or not they could sell merchandise to street car company representatives."

The speaker then paid his attention to the fire department, and said: "As one instance of the effect of municipal corruption in a public department, look at the fire department. How has it always shown itself, and particularly during the last big fire? And what is the reason for this? It is controlled by selfishness and greed and we reap the results.

"I heard of an action of one of the firemen last Thursday who demanded from the proprietor of a shoe store boots for himself and his partner, and on being refused said, 'Oh, to hell with the building then. Let it burn.' O. P. Miller, an ex-North Scranton councilman, concurred in all Mr. Torrey's views, as did also the other speakers. The next meeting of the society will be a reception to the ladies, and promises to be a gala event.

WELSH CLERGYMAN'S DEATH. Was Pastor in Liverpool for Twenty-three Years. News has been received in this city of the death of Rev. D. M. Jenkins, a prominent Welsh Congregational minister, at Caernarvon, North Wales, on Sunday, January 29, 1901. He was sixty-three years of age. He was the son of Rev. William Jenkins, for many years pastor of the Welsh Congregational church at Jersey, in this county, and he was a brother to Henry Jenkins, of Providence, and E. D. Jenkins, ex-recorder of deeds, of this city; and he also has a sister living in West Pittston, and a brother a minister in New England.

Prior to his retirement to Caernarvon, a few months ago, he had held the pastorate of the Welsh Congregational church at Park Road, Liverpool, for twenty-three years, and was one of the best known figures in the Welsh pulpit. He was for some years secretary of the Welsh Congregational union, and in 1896 was made president, the highest honor in the gift of the denomination. He leaves four children, three sons and a daughter, two of the sons hold office as ministers, Rev. S. R. Jenkins, of Merthyr Tydfil, and the Rev. William A. Jenkins, of Pontypridd, South Wales.

RECITAL AT WILKES-BARRE. Large Number of Persons from This City Attended. A large party of Scranton music-lovers attended the MacDowell piano recital last night at Concordia hall, Wilkes-Barre. Among them were Madame Timmerman-Landolph, Prof. Southworth, Prof. Prentiss, of Welsh, and Mrs. J. W. Conant, Mrs. C. F. Weston, Mrs. G. duB. Dimmick, Prof. J. M. Chance, Miss Allen, Miss Freeman, Mrs. Penman, Miss Evelyn Gilmore, Miss Flora Matthews, the Messrs. Doorman, Miss Mickie, Miss Keenan, Mrs. R. T. Black, the Messrs. Doorman.

Concordia hall was filled to the doors. The famous composer played a long programme with the utmost satisfaction to his ardent admirers. There was a great diversity of feeling as to his rendering of the Moonlight Sonata. It was Beethoven MacDowellized, and as such was an interesting study. His Fourth Sonata was an intricate and difficult composition, which one wants to hear many times to become familiar with the motif.

His interpretation of the Gray Nocturne was perhaps the most pleasing number of the evening, although the delicate, elusive beauty of the "Shadow Dance" and the Goethe idyl, full of mysticism and dreamy sweetness, were something to remember as distinct in the musical record of a life.

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