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W. A. BRADY IN THE CITY. Here with His Wife Who is the Star of "Under Southern Skies." A plain and unpretentiously-dressed young man, with a keen eye and a face that denotes shrewdness and daring, watched the production of "Under Southern Skies" at the Lyceum last night. He was William A. Brady, the owner of the show and the husband of the beautiful young woman who is the star of the company. She is known to the theatrical world as Miss Grace George. Immensely proud is Mr. Brady of his talented wife and he watched her work last night with as much pleasure as he did the first theatrical performance he ever saw. Mr. Brady does not travel constantly with the company, he is far too busy a man for that, but he has been with the company all this week, because it has been having all kinds of hard knocks from the weather up in York state. To keep one engaged a long distance in the cab of an engine, the passenger train in which they began a journey to join the company having been abandoned on account of the heavy snow. "This year I have ten companies on the road, three of which are playing 'Way Down East' and three 'Lovers' Lane.' Last season 'Way Down East' cleared \$101,900 for us, and it ought to do almost as well this year." Mr. Brady is almost boyish looking, but acknowledges that he is 37 years of age. He does not look it, however. SCRANTON BUSINESS COLLEGE. A Telegram and a Letter. Philadelphia, Feb. 6, 1902. Can you send bright young man? Fifty dollar position, Smith Premier, operator. Sayre, Pa., Feb. 5, 1902. Gentlemen—About the first of last November I secured the services of Mr. J. G. K. as a stenographer. As he has given the best of satisfaction and as I am looking for another in case of an increase of the force, would you ask if you have any one that you could recommend as being as good as Mr. K. The rate is \$50.00 per month. Chief Clerk. Overcoats and Reefers at a big reduction during our Clearing Sale. Come in and look at our stock. Richards & Wirth, 276 Lackawanna Avenue.

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NOW IT'S THE CAR STRIKE

INSURANCE MEN ARE HUNTING UP NEW REASONS. Will Not Say Positively That Small Water Mains Are Responsible for Increase of Insurance Rates Not Being Taken Off but Intimate That the Mains and the Street Car Strike Are Big Factors—Superintendent Ferber Says Talk About Small Mains Is Nonsense.

Superintendent H. F. Ferber, of the bureau of fire, in a statement made last night to a Tribune man, characterized as absurd and unworthy of serious consideration the statements which are understood to have come from some of the local fire insurance men, to the effect that the water supply of this city is inadequate for the purposes of fighting fire and that the mains are of insufficient size.

A local newspaper published a story to the effect that the alleged insufficient size of the water mains and the alleged loss of the water pressure is what is really causing the insurance companies to keep the pink slip on all policies issued. Inquiry revealed the fact that this story emanated from a member of the local board of underwriters.

A prominent member of the same board, who refused to allow his name to be used, when asked yesterday if the fire underwriters have a real objection to the size of the water mains and to the water pressure, said: "A committee from the middle department board, which adjusts the rates for this city, has been investigating local conditions during the past few weeks and among other things looked into the size of the water mains and the average water pressure."

COULD NOT ANSWER. "Was there any comment on this matter or did the committee express themselves as being dissatisfied with conditions in this respect?" asked the reporter.

"I'm not at liberty to reply to that question," was the reply, "but you know yourself that you can't expect to fight a big fire with several engines sucking water from a six-inch main, such as we have on many of our streets. It don't take much horse sense to realize that. This committee will report back to the middle department board and a permanent adjustment of fire insurance rates for Scranton will soon be made. The rate adopted will be the lowest which will insure the city against fire in a reasonable manner. Whether it will be high or low cannot now be said.

"The people of this city should understand that the conditions arising out of the street car strike which have prevailed in this city during the last few months have given Scranton a very bad name in the eyes of the fire insurance men who control local rates. The impression has gone forth that Scranton is a sort of semi-Hades and that all kinds of revolution and anarchy lurk in the air. This impression has had no little effect on the fire insurance question. I'll be bound.

WHAT FERBER SAID. Superintendent Ferber, when seen last night, smiled broadly when asked if it was true that the water mains are too small and the water pressure too low. "Why, the idea is laughable," said he. "It's positively absurd. There is no such thing as a pressure in the water mains. There is a higher water pressure or a greater supply of water for fighting fires. I don't make this statement off hand, but I speak from a knowledge of the facts.

"There's no man in Scranton knows more of the water pressure or the size of the water mains than myself, except the employees of the Scranton Gas and Water company. The underwriters claim that the central city mains are of insufficient size. I'll tell you what I'll do. There's a ten-inch main on the Lackawanna Avenue. I'll attach every one of the six steamers in the department to that main and I'll guarantee to the board of underwriters that I'll work them all to their fullest capacity and throw a stream from each of sufficient size for any fire.

"It's a matter of calculation fact that if all the water in the Lackawanna Avenue main were allowed to flow steadily into a cistern, all the steamers in this city couldn't pump it dry. There's a twenty-four inch main on Washington Avenue and I'll agree to throw two streams from that main over the Bear's building. I'll agree to put as many steamers as they want on Wyoming or Penn avenues and I'll guarantee to get all the water needed to fight any fire.

They had water on that floor during that fire. How could they have had it if the water pressure was low? "The steamers are now in splendid shape, thanks to the work of D. J. Stowe, who has devoted a great deal of his time and attention to their repair. They're capable of pumping up as many gallons per minute as they were guaranteed to pump when purchased, and there will be no more churning of the water in the pumps. There's altogether too much off-hand talking about water pressure by persons whose only knowledge is based on hearsay."

MEETING OF CITY COMMITTEE. Matters in Connection with the Campaign Will Be Considered. Tonight the Republican city committee will meet in the Central Republican club rooms and consider matters pertaining to the city campaign. The election will be held one week from next Tuesday, and the active work of the campaign is now beginning. An active, hard-working committee has been formed, with the following officers: Chairman, C. E. Chittenden; treasurer, T. H. Dale; secretary, George Marshall. Headquarters have been opened in the Central Republican club rooms, which are in charge of Mr. Marshall.

Evans R. Morris, the candidate for controller, when seen yesterday by a Tribune man, said he has made a canvass of almost the entire city and from the indications that he has observed, believes he will be elected. Chairman Chittenden is of the same opinion. The only danger, as he views it, is Republican apathy in the wards where there is no opposition to the ward candidate and where, in consequence, the voters may be inclined to stay away from the polls.

A TRIP TO NORWAY. A Delightful Lecture Delivered at the High School by F. G. Partington Last Night. Usually travel lecturers are prosy, dull and uninteresting. Not so, however, was the lecture delivered in the high school last night by F. G. Partington who took a large audience on an imaginary trip through the fjords of Norway and along the coast of that country to the north cape, the most northerly part of Europe and the point where the sun may be seen shining in all its splendor at midnight.

Mr. Partington made the trip about mentioned some years ago and secured a series of photographs remarkable for their variety and clearness. These were thrown on a screen last night and their showing was accompanied with a delightful running lecture which revealed Mr. Partington as a most observant traveler with an eye for the picturesque.

The views showed scenes taken from a steamer which sails through the fjords and revealed the wonderful beauties of these waterways which run from the ocean between towering walls of rock into the very heart of the country. Mr. Partington told of the Norwegian peasant, the Swiss glaciers as snowballs, to use his words, and referred to the homely virtues of the country people who retain the customs, and in many instances, the dress of ages now long past.

His description of the way in which they board each blade of grass that appears and of their climbs up mountain fastnesses to secure scant supplies of grass for fodder was very pathetic. "The Norwegian peasant," said he, "has implicit trust in human nature. If he accepts the hospitality of his bed and board he lets you name your own price and prefers to let you leave the money on the table for him instead of giving it to him personally.

In referring to the trip to the north cape, he said that all other trips are as nothing compared to it and that it hath not entered into the mind of the man who has not been there to conceive of the glorious majesty of the scenery and of the solemn mystery that surrounds the journey through desolate solitudes of rocky peaks to the rocky promontory which throws its rugged front far out into the arctic ocean.

During the larger part of the journey, he said, there is perpetual day and night is almost as strong at midnight as at noon. The steamer threads its way through channels and fjords and the sea until at last the cape is reached and the glories of an arctic sun are made manifest. The taken shortly before midnight showing the sun shining through a rift in the clouds and all around an atmosphere of indefinite gloom, was wondrously beautiful.

"To one who has travelled in Norway," said Mr. Partington, "it is no wonder that those majestic rocks and vast solitudes have evolved the most terrible and powerful of all mythologies." Big Bargains in men's and boys' suits and overcoats at our Clearing Sale, now going on. Richards & Wirth, 276 Lackawanna Avenue.

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