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E. C. Morris The Cigar Man, 325 WASHINGTON AVENUE. Minstrel Performance Repeated. The excellent minstrel performance given recently by the Scranton Loderkrantz society was repeated last night in the Excelsior club house.

In and About The City

Funeral of Dr. Rice. The funeral of the late Dr. J. N. Rice will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence on Olive street and Webster avenue.

Auction Sale of Fancy Goods. An auction sale of fancy goods at Grace Lutheran church, corner of Mill-street and Second avenue, Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 11.

The Home Managers. A meeting of the managers of the Home for the Friendless will be held in the Young Women's Christian association rooms tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Scranton Girl Honored. Miss Anna Ross, of this city, and a student at Smith college, has been elected a member of the Deutcher Verein, the select social organization of the institution.

His Skull Fractured. Alexander Malinski, of 916 Collins court, had his skull fractured yesterday by a fall of coal in the Mount Pleasant mine. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital.

For Biding on Cars. James and George Chelane, of Dunmore, were arrested yesterday by Lackawanna special officers for riding on freight trains and were fined \$5 each by Alderman M. J. Ruddy.

Knif Brought Back. Superintendent of Police Tray arrived here last night from Reading, bringing with him Daniel Knoff, who was recently arrested there, and who is wanted here for demanding \$5000 from a local merchant on a bond of \$1000.

Will Wrestle Tuesday Night. The wrestling match between Prof. M. J. Dwyer and D. S. McMillan has been postponed until Tuesday night, Dec. 12, for what are deemed good reasons. It will positively be pulled off on that night, and gives promise of being one of the best matches ever witnessed in this city.

New Officers Elected. The following officers were last night elected by the members of Century council, Ladies' Catholic Relief League: President, Mrs. Mary A. McDonald; vice president, Miss Kate White; chancellor, Miss Sara Walsh; secretary, Miss Lizzie McManama; treasurer, Mrs. Bridget Cullen; collector, Miss Kate Bannan; orator, Miss Elizabeth Burnett; marshal, Miss Rose Gallagher; guard, Miss Margaret Bannan; chaplain, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly; trustees, Mrs. Bridget Duggan, Mrs. Bina Mullen and Mrs. Mary A. Devins.

Regarding Vaccination. The teachers' committee of the board of control is formulating an order to be sent to the principals of the various public schools directing them to prepare a list of all vaccinated children to be kept as a permanent record. If the certificate presented by the child has been lost an examination of the arm is to be resorted to as proof that vaccination has been effected. This is done to do away with the necessity of children being obliged to apply to a physician for a second certificate if the first has been lost by the teacher. The majority of physicians exact a second fee for such a certificate.

PERSONAL. S. B. Stillwell, of the Lackawanna railroad claim department, is able to be out again after several days' illness. Thomas Roche and daughter, of Ganouague, Ontario, Canada, are visiting Director of Public Works John E. Roche, a cousin. George H. Eason, of Rochester, N. Y., New York state freight agent of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad and South-States Dispatch, was a caller at local railroad offices yesterday.

HON. MICHAEL DAVITT ON A VISIT HERE Spent Yesterday Afternoon Watching the Proceedings Before the Strike Commission.

Hon. Michael Davitt, ex-member of parliament and one of the most illustrious of the Irish leaders, was in this city yesterday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Mary Padden at Washington avenue and Phelps street. He has been touring the east and middle west during the past seven weeks in the interests of the Irish cause and came up from Washington yesterday. He left for New York, last night and on Saturday will sail for Ireland.

Mr. Davitt, in company with his nephew James J. Padden, spent yesterday afternoon at the session of the mine strike commission. He was introduced by his long-time friend, Assistant Recorder Moseley to the commissioners and other prominent personages at the meeting, including President Mitchell, of the mine workers. He was invited by Judge Gray to a seat on the platform with the commission, but modestly declined and took a chair alongside Colonel Moseley.

To a Tribune man, who saw him at the close of the session, Mr. Davitt said that he was present to get some impressions of the commission and its proceedings. He intends, he said, to write these impressions on his return home. The proceedings, he said, are exciting the greatest interest all over Europe, and the American papers with full accounts of them are eagerly sought. He said he considered the submission of the mine strike disputes to a commission selected and composed as is this, to be the greatest recognition ever accorded united labor. Speaking of mining conditions in England he said, there is little fear of a big coal strike there. The wages of the miners, in the last twelve years have been increased from 20 to 40 per cent and there is an understanding—a general understanding—in it—understanding, as he put it—between the operators and the labor leaders that the price of coal shall be kept up to such a figure that a good operator and miner shall have a good profit. He had read the sorrowful story of the eviction of the Coal family from a Jeldo company house, as told in Tuesday's paper, but did not care to make any comment on it, further than to say that such things were common in Ireland. He refused to talk of Irish politics saying "I've been talking nothing else for seven weeks and if the country isn't tired of my talk on this subject, I certainly am."

J. H. ACKERSON IS ON TRIAL

CHARGED WITH FALSE PRETENSE BY W. F. SMYTHE.

Harry Williams Found Guilty of Buying Stolen Goods from Boys. Verdicts of Not Guilty Taken in Three Cases Against Mrs. Sophie Kleeman—Verdict of Not Guilty Directed by Court in Case of Charles Seelye and Sarah E. Seelye. Court House News Notes.

J. H. Ackerson was put on trial yesterday afternoon before Judge H. M. Edwards, charged with false pretense by W. F. Smythe, the proprietor of the People's directory. In his testimony yesterday Mr. Smythe said that he employed Ackerson at a salary of \$10 a week to solicit subscriptions for the People's directory. After a few days Ackerson told the witness that he would prefer to work on commission and accordingly he was placed on commission.

Subsequently Ackerson brought in a number of orders for books and on these orders was paid commissions amounting to \$32.40. The books were delivered a large number of persons refused to accept them stating that they had never given anyone an order for the directory. It is probable that the trial of the case will consume several days.

Michael Banko, of Pritchburg, was tried before Judge Newcomb for stealing iron brake shoes and brake keys from the Delaware and Hudson company. He makes an absolute denial of the charge. Some of the shoes and keys were found in his collar, but he says they must have been placed there by some of the men who boarded with him. The case will be resumed this morning.

Williams Convicted. Harry Williams, who was tried on Tuesday afternoon for buying stolen goods from boys, was yesterday returned guilty.

The jury which went out Tuesday afternoon to pass upon the question of costs in the case of Michael Duffy, charged with misdemeanor in office, yesterday returned a verdict placing the costs on the defendant. Mrs. Duffy Newcomb yesterday morning directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Ellen Welch, charged with being a common scold. The commonwealth was unable to make out a case against her.

Patrick Murray, the old man whose home is at Pritchburg, charged with committing an assault and battery on Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis, was yesterday returned guilty and recommended to the extreme mercy of the court. The commonwealth had no evidence to offer against John Hartwick, charged with larceny by bailie by E. Lovelace, and a verdict of not guilty was taken. Charles and Sarah E. Seelye, of Spring Brook township, were charged with larceny and receiving by E. F. N. Edwards, but Judge Newcomb decided that the evidence did not at all make out the offense, and he ordered a verdict of not guilty.

Verdicts of not guilty were taken in the cases charging Mrs. Sophie Kleeman, of Petersburg, with cruelty to animals, Rudolph Brunzell, prosecutor, and common scold and cruelty to animals, Michael Naegeli, prosecutor. Another case of common scold against Mrs. Kleeman was tried at the last term and a verdict of not guilty returned. As the evidence in the cases mentioned above was identical with the one tried at the last term, it was decided that it would be a waste of time to try them. The county was directed to pay the costs.

Continued 'Till Next Week. A continuance was allowed until next Monday in the case of Francis B. Clifford, charged with embezzling funds of the Carbonade local district, while acting as tax collector.

Balls were forfeited and capias issued in the following cases: Patrick Barrett, carrying concealed weapons, Adam Rosenkrantz, prosecutor; William Toomey, assault and battery, Thomas K. Dorphy, prosecutor.

Michael Sullivan was tried before Judge Edwards, charged with burglarizing the saloon of John J. Morris, at Penn avenue and Spruce street, on the night of March 11 last. On the night the place was closed about 2 a. m., and when it was opened the next morning it was found that the place had been broken into during the night, the till forced open and \$175 taken.

Suspicion fell on Sullivan, who had been employed about the place. On the day before the burglary he was "broke" and on the day after he was "flush." Patrolman Fred Karus testified that on the night of the burglary he saw Sullivan hanging about Morris' place and peeping in the windows. When he last saw Sullivan the latter was going around to the rear of the saloon. The testimony for the commonwealth was entirely circumstantial.

Sullivan denied the burglary, and said the money he exhibited the day after the burglary was part of \$25 he had borrowed from Miss Alice Jacoby. She went on the stand and testified to having loaned him the money. John Baldwin, Thomas Baldwin and Isaac Baldwin were arraigned before Judge Newcomb, charged with larceny and receiving by Daniel Gallagher. It was alleged that in August last the defendants had stolen a quantity of coal from certain land at Wilson Creek, above Carbonade. The commonwealth was unable to prove that the title to the land from which the coal was taken was the property of the prosecutor, Gallagher, and the judge directed a verdict of not guilty.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES. The will of the late Dr. N. Y. Leet was admitted to probate yesterday and letters testamentary granted to his widow, Jennie B. Leet, who is left his entire estate. William Brogan, Paul Yorkman, Matthew Abotts and Paul Swidch, having conspired to defraud the estate, were yesterday discharged from the county jail. Mary De Lacy and William A. Grady yesterday sued the Scranton Steel company and the Wilkes-Barre and Scranton Railway company to recover damages for injury done to their properties in South Scranton by the flood. They are represented by Attorney A. A. Chase. The Ladies' Aid Society of Elm Park church will serve supper this evening between 5:30 and 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation to the public.

IT IS IMPORTANT. To Know What You Are Taking When Using Catarrh Medicines.

Catarrh is the short route to consumption, and the importance of early and judicious treatment of catarrh, whether it be located in the head, throat or bronchial tubes, cannot be too strongly emphasized. The list of catarrh cures is as long as the moral law and the forms in which they are administered, numerous and confusing: from sprays, inhalers, washes, ointments, and salves to powders and tablets.

The tablet form is undoubtedly the most convenient and most effective, but with nearly all advertised catarrh remedies it is almost entirely a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into your system, as the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, always keep it a close secret as to what they are.

The success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh but because catarrh sufferers who used these tablets know what they are taking into their systems. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets being composed of Red Gum, Blood Root and similar valuable and antiseptic ingredients and are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases of catarrh are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing what you are putting into your stomach is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit was so frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with cordial approval from physicians, because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common sense cure for all forms of catarrhal troubles. All druggists sell them at 50 cents for full sized packages.

PRIZE CHORUSES WILL BE HEARD TO NIGHT

Reception to the Victorious Scranton United Choral Society at the New Army.

All the prize choruses of the Arion's musical festival are to be repeated by the prize-winners at the new army tonight. The Scranton United Choral Society, which thrilled 10,000 New York and Brooklyn people last week by their superb singing, and of which the foremost American musician said, "Their singing of the chief prize chorus is unparalleled in the history of chorus singing," will, at the request of hundreds of their friends, repeat the choruses for the singing of which they were awarded the \$1,000 prize, also the first prize of \$300 for the Ladies' chorus singing. A rousing reception will be given this magnificent body of singers and their talented director, John E. Watkins, tonight. The nominal fee of twenty-five cents will be asked, just to meet expenses. The street car company promises the best of service, and the army authorities are going to make the whole arrangement perfect in every detail. The programme follows:

- Part song, "Daybreak"—Fanning Scranton United Choral society. Part song, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls"—Pinault The Lyric quartette (prize winners), Mrs. Heckel, Mrs. Pilling, Mr. Wooley and Mr. Filling. Bass solo (prize song), "New Heaven in Fullest Glory Shone"—Haydn Mr. Phil Warren. Central solo (prize song), "Return, O Lord of Hosts"—Handel Mrs. M. J. Boston-Williams. Glee (prize male chorus), "The Spring Is Come"—Dudley Buck The Scranton Male chorus. Trio, "El Prego O Padre"—Nicola Miss Martha Matthews, Messrs. Bunell and Pilling. Baritone solo (prize winner), "Upon That Day"—Will W. Watkins Soprano solo (prize song), "My Redeemer and My Lord"—Dudley Buck Mrs. Lizzie Hughes-Brundage. Prize song (by the prize winners), "The Spring Gypsy"—The Ladies of the Scranton Choir. The chief prize chorus, "Harold Hurler"—Dr. Parker The Scranton United Choral society. (The prize winners, \$1,000.)

DIED WHILE PLAY WENT ON

MISS STARK PASSED AWAY AT THE ACADEMY.

Fell Unconscious in the Lobby and Expired Shortly Afterwards in the Ladies' Retiring Room While the Audience Was Laughing Merrily a Few Feet Away at an Especially Funny Scene—Her Companion, an X Scientist, Objected to the Summoning of Physicians.

Miss Edith Stark, a young woman residing with the family of H. C. Frink, of 747 Prescott avenue, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon in the Academy of Music, where she had gone to witness the matinee performance.

Miss Stark went to the theater in company with an elderly companion, and as the latter was purchasing tickets at the box-office window she suddenly fell unconscious. She was carried into the ladies' retiring room by Treasurer Alexander and the ladies' maid and a messenger summoned for medical assistance.

The young woman's companion demurred at this and said that the services of a physician were not required, inasmuch as she herself and the young lady were both believers in Christian Science.

Her objections were overruled, however, and Drs. P. H. Kearney and Horace Gibbons were called. They arrived promptly and made every effort possible to restore the young woman to consciousness, but all to no avail.

The audience was unaware of the scene that was being enacted off the stage only a very few feet away, and as one of the physicians, after feeling the girl's pulse, announced that she was dead, an outburst of laughter was heard from the pit of the theater, one of the funniest scenes of the play being presented at that particular moment.

Coroner Salty was notified, and after examining the remains and hearing the testimony of the physicians he decided that death was due to heart disease and that an inquest was unnecessary. The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Price.

CONTROL OF THE O. & W.

It Is Said to Be Sought by the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company—Why it is Wanted.

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railroad company is negotiating for the control of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad to secure an eastern connection to tidewater. The Canadian Pacific touches at Prescott, N. Y., where the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg division of the New York Central railroad has a terminal. The latter division connects with the New York, Ontario and Western railroad at Utica, N. Y., from which point their line runs direct to New York. In the event of such a deal being carried out, it would include all the coal properties on the Scranton division of the Ontario & Western railroad operated by the Scranton Coal company.

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