

QUITTS ICE CART FOR STAGE AND BECOMES A STAR

Answering calls from fifth-story to windows ordering "five cents worth," he used to spend his days peddling ice from a cart in the streets of New York. That was only six weeks ago.

Today, he makes more in 15 minutes than he could have earned on the ice wagon in 15 weeks. The reason is, he was "discovered" by a New York musician as the possessor of a tenor voice of great beauty and power.

The ice wagon was left flat when vaudeville offers came and a month ago "The Man Off the Ice Wagon"—that's the only way he's known—was an overnight sensation in New York. At the Palace theatre and at the Keith houses he was a real hit. His ice tongs in hand, he came before audiences daily and sang to them just as he used to sing when he was swinging on the steps of the cart.

"The Man Off the Ice Wagon" will gladly tell Bridgeport brothers in the trade an easier way to earn a living, if they've got "the pipes" as he has. He is coming to Poli's the last half of the week, as the headliner in an unusual program.

Ivy Grove Circle To Install Its Officers

The Ivy Grove Circle, W. O. W., will install officers for the coming year at its meeting this evening in Lesing hall on Main street. All sovereigns of the order are invited to attend. An entertainment and refreshments will conclude the festivities of the evening. Those who will take office are:

Margaret Farby, past guardian; Ellen McGuire, guardian; Helen M. O'Neil, adviser; Grace Miller, banker; Kate M. Brady, clerk; Barbara Zay-las, accountant; Lenore Walsh, chaplain; Edith Chapman, outer sentinel; Mary Haffner, inner sentinel; Katherine Whaley, chairman of managers; Dr. R. A. Lockhart and Dr. R. B. Keane, physician; Rose E. LeBuce, musician.

Cambridge to Make Bitter Fight Against Losing Student Body

Cambridge, England, Jan. 3.—Cambridge has poured her wealth of young manhood into the British army and navy without stint, and with the exception of the medical school, the various colleges of the university are only being continued so that a thousand-year old record may not be broken.

And now the integrity of the medical school is being threatened by the Lord Derby recruiting plan, but the authorities of the university will make a bitter fight before they consent to this college being denuded of its students.

This fight is being led by Doctor Arthur Everett Shipley, who is well-known in the United States where he holds a Princeton degree, and where he spends much of the time that he can spare from his duties as master of Christ College. Discussing the efforts to attract recruits from the student body of the Cambridge medical school, Dr. Shipley said to a correspondent of the Associated Press: "We must not only continue to supply the army with surgeons and doctors, but we must preserve the right of the necessary and careful conservation of our civilian population. England is already short of doctors, and since it is by no means impossible that great epidemics might succeed this war, it can be seen that the medical school is a vital part of the life of the nation. Every effort should be made to keep them at their studies."

No action has yet been taken by the recruiting agents on the protest of the Cambridge authorities.

OBITUARY

MRS. FREDERICK W. MILLER. Mrs. Frederick Walsingham Miller, a social leader of Pittsburgh, Pa., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradley of 481 Clinton avenue, this city, died suddenly on Saturday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Miller, who was Miss Jane Bradley, was prominent in local society before her marriage. Her parents have gone to Pittsburgh, where the funeral was held today.

ADOLFENA ZINN. Adolfena, widow of John Zinn, died this morning after a short illness with double pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Menke, 117 Colorado avenue. Mrs. Zinn was one of the best known and respected German residents of the city. She was born in Germany 69 years ago, but had lived in Bridgeport many years. She was a member of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church. Surviving her, besides her daughter, are a son, Henry Zinn and five grandchildren, Anna Menke, Henry, Edward Gerhardt and Walter Zinn.

MARGARET KELLY M'PADDEN. Doorman John T. McPadde of the police department has the sympathy of his large circle of friends at the death of his wife, Margaret Kelly, which occurred Sunday afternoon at her late residence, 630 Brooks street, after a prolonged illness. The deceased was a communicant of St. Charles parish since its foundation and was an active member of the L. C. E. A. and the Eucharistic League. Besides her husband she is survived by seven children, Daniel A., Arthur, John, Edward, Vincent, James and Mary; one brother, Edward Kelly, and one sister, who is a member of the Sisters of Mercy of St. Charles church and known in her profession as Sister Vincent DePaul.

President Wilson held his first official New Year's reception in the lobby of his hotel at Hot Springs, Va., shaking hands with 500 persons.

The Oswego, N. Y., county board of supervisors divided the town of Oswego and created the new town of Minetta.

Three hundred employees of the Curtis Leather Co., of Kane, Pa., went on strike, demanding wage increases ranging from 35 to 60 per cent.

To The People of Bridgeport TAKE NOTICE! WOLFF'S SHIRT SHOPS INC.

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TWO THOUSAND SEE HISTORICAL PAGEANT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Tots Present Scenes of Past With Remarkable Fidelity Before Large Audience at Poli's Theatre—Trained Faithfully, They Execute Difficult Tasks With Ease and Grace.

More than 2,000 persons attended the historical pageant given last evening in Poli's theatre by 600 school children of the various Catholic churches of the city. It is estimated that at least \$1,000 was realized by the affair and this will be used in the charitable work of the Queen's Daughters, who were sponsors for the undertaking.

The children had been coached for the last two months under the direction of Miss Ida Wood of Memphis, Tenn. All did remarkably well. Particular praise is due some of the total children in which they carried out their parts.

The pageant opened with a scene at the court of Spain in 1492, showing Queen Isabella, her attendants, the Spanish courtiers and the dainty little Spanish dancers in the yellow and black costumes. In this part of the queen was taken by Miss Laurene Barrett.

A tiny Columbus, Dennis Romayne, whose recitation was not measured by his size, gave a praiseworthy reading of "Sail On." This was followed by Scene 3, Columbus' Vision and Lullaby of Life, in which Joseph F. Wieler took the part of Columbus, singing a selection from the opera, "1492," in a baritone voice of beautiful quality. The spirits of the vision were white robed and carried lilies and their singing was very sweet.

The scene from Indian life that followed was one of the brightest of the pageant. The girls went through an interesting drill which won much applause.

The Puritans bidding farewell to home, with the prologue by Bessie McClure was well sung by a large group of girls in Puritan garb, and the twilight scene in the New World, in which the young women all were sewing, was a very pretty one.

The episode of George III. followed. The participants included George DeVeau as King George, Edward Magner as Benjamin Franklin, Anna McClure as Queen Charlotte, Edward Kennely, William Rooney as General Pitt, and Stephen Roach as the Archbishop. A number of courtiers completed the scene.

The best drill of the pageant and the scene in which each child knew his part and went through it with precision was that from Colonial life in which were included George Washington and Capt. Hale and a group of Colonial soldiers. William Allen made a clever little George Washington and John Blerne as Capt. Hale drilled the soldiers carefully. The small soldiers dressed in elaborate Colonial costumes participated, followed.

The Benjamin Franklin episode included Edward Magner as Franklin, Celia Allen as the old woman, William Rooney as John Adams, Oretta Findlayson as Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, Eleanor Delaney as the Duchess L. ladies in waiting, rose dancers, shepherdesses, milkmaids and flower girls. The dance of the dream

people was exceedingly pretty. A tableau, "Justice Has Broken the Shackles of the Negro Slaves," followed, in which the participants were Robert Rook, Union soldier, and Arthur Adams, a Confederate soldier.

The living flag in which some 40 children of St. Patrick's parish had parts, was one of the most spectacular scenes of the entire pageant.

The "children of many lands" scene, which followed, was clever, showing the children of the United States having linked arms with those of every other nation.

Seventeen boys, dressed after the style of the "Woolly West" and swinging lariats as they danced and sang, were the cowboy scene while the dairy maids who later danced with them also won much praise.

The spirits of dawn who wore flowing costumes and filmy veils followed.

The "Realm of Uncle Sam" was a clever scene. A prologue was given by Amelia Cuneo and the part of Columbia was taken by Elizabeth Spinning, while John Allen was Uncle Sam. Helen Dixon represented England; Catherine Riley, Ireland; Jennie Clair, France; Catherine Foley, Scotland, and Ruth Rook, China; while Catherine Gilmury, one of the daintiest little persons in the pageant made a charming Japan. A group of boys were Uncle Sam's pupils.

The remainder of the program included the "Scene of the Changed Cross," in which Marcella Roman was Poverty; Louise Kelly, Wealthy; Alice Heneghy, Beauty; Francis Forest, Talent; Catherine McClure, Fame; Catherine Hurley, Pleasure; Margaret Lockwood, Pride; Helen Tucker, Sin; and Catherine Schread, an Angel. A charming scene from Flowerland followed. The Irish Lads, the Butterflies, the Sailor Boys, the Happy Birds, the Military Drill and the U. S. Volunteers.

The music for the affair was arranged under the direction of Professor Herman, organist and choir director of Sacred Heart church. The young women who sold programs at the door were the Misses Margaret Linehan, Catherine McElroy, Agnes and Marguerite Light, Ethel Donovan and Florence Neary. The men in charge at the door: John Coughlin, John H. Colgan, P. C. Mullins, George T. McCarthy, James Stone, William E. Allen and P. A. Collyung.

Official VIEWS OF World's War

FRENCH

Paris, Jan. 3.—The war office last night issued the following statement: "In Belgium a bombardment by our field artillery and mortars against groups of the enemy in the region of the dunes caused damage. Two fires were started and two munitions depots were blown up.

"In the Argonne, the fire of our batteries dispersed a body of Germans moving up on the road from Accourt to Matancourt.

"On the heights of the Meuse in the forest of Chevaliers, a heavy cannonade directed against the enemy's trenches caused the destruction of several blockhouses.

"In the afternoon two shells fell in Nancy. The enemy's gun from which they came was immediately taken up.

"In the region of Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, the enemy carried on a violent bombardment following which our troops retired along a front of 200 metres on the western side of the ravine to the south of Rehelsen. The enemy did not attempt any attack with infantry.

"The official Belgian statement says that nothing in particular has transpired outside of the customary artillery struggles."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

It was certainly unkind of people who save books for Christmas to write their names in with ink, so that they can't be passed on as gifts to somebody else next year.

The popular way to reform anything is to form an organization, every member of which is confident that all the other members are going to do big things.

There is a unanimous agreement among the Congressmen that the strictest economy is needed everywhere except in their own districts.

The children have been enjoying a good restful holiday vacation by beating on the tin drums that were given them for Christmas.

There is much discussion about the evils of college sport, particularly the tendency of the professors to impose scholastic requirements on members of the team.

Once in four years the male sex recklessly relaxes discipline, and perforce those audacious girls do the inviting at the Leap Year dances.

The Calaveras Skull. Of interest in connection with tertiary gold bearing river gravels of California is the story of the Calaveras skull. For a time this skull attracted much attention not only from the people in California, but from scientific men the world over. It was reported to have been found in 1886 near the town of Angels, Calaveras county, at a depth of 130 feet, in tertiary gravels underlying tertiary lava. The finding of a human skull embedded in such deposits was for a time believed to indicate that man had been in existence in North America longer than had been supposed. Strange to say, the skull is of a higher type than skulls which, although known to antedate historic times, are known also to be much younger than the tertiary. Although Professor J. D. Whitney, then state geologist, accepted the skull as a bit of genuine scientific evidence, it is generally believed by students of the antiquity of man that the Calaveras skull, while undoubtedly old, probably did not come from the auriferous gravels at all.—Argonaut.

A Grim Cathedral.

Once the capital of the kingdom of Portugal, Coimbra possesses a number of interesting monuments. Its cathedral dates from the early period when upon the west, Toledo in the center and Saragossa to the east were the Christian outposts against the infidel. Its color, a deep golden brown, is like that of an old warrior tanned by the wars. Squarely seated upon its platform, its walls pierced only by narrow windows that resemble loopholes, its roofs and parapets embattled, it recalls the day when praying and fighting went hand in hand, and its rough new stones breathe it is in a bronze brass chased with the delicate tracery of its south door added at a later epoch its interior, too, is severely plain though adorned with the only fine relics that I saw in Portugal, and with ide chapels that contain a notable array of old blue tiles.—Ernest Peixoto in Scribner's.

Hiding Behind Smoke.

The accuracy of modern naval gunnery is so marvelous that the only hope for a ship to escape being sunk when within range of the guns is to hide itself. That is easier said than done, however, and there is only one way in which it can be done, and that is by means of a "smoke screen." It is hard for one ship to hide herself behind her own smoke unless the wind is favorable, but for a number of ships to put a huge fog of black smoke between them and their pursuers is comparatively easy. The smoke is caused by oil fuel, and it can be turned off or on at will by supplying more or less air to the furnaces. It is so dense and black that it is quite impossible to see more than a few yards through it.—Pearson's Magazine.

Hawking in the Old Days.

Falconry, or hawking, was a favorite sport with the nobility and gentry of Europe down to the first half of the seventeenth century. Hawks were trained to mount and pursue game and bring it to their masters and mistresses, coming and going to the call of the latter with marvelous docility. The hawks were tricked out with gay hoods and held until ordered to pursue the quarry, or game, by leather straps fastened with rings of leather about

each leg just above the talons, and with silken cords called "jesses" to each of these leather straps, or "betwets," was attached a small bell. In the flight of hawks it was often so arranged that the bells made "a concert of sweet sounds."

Still Has Friends.

Two retired tradesmen residing in the country were discussing matters generally, when one asked: "How is your son doing in the city?" "Oh, he doesn't say much about his business," was the reply, "but he writes me that he's got a lot of friends."

A Much Needed Rest.

"Does your boy take kindly to farm life now that he has finished college?" "Oh, yes!" replied Farmer Cobble. "He says that after the strenuous four years he's been through it's a pleasure to loaf around home and watch the hired men at work."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Silver.

The handle of a silver spoon gets hot more quickly than that of a pewter spoon when thrust into a cup of hot coffee. In fact, this is an easy and quick way of detecting imitation silver. Silver itself has been found to be the best conductor of heat known.

His Ambition.

"How would you feel if the end of the world came tomorrow?" "I'd be glad of it, I always wanted to be present at a great historical event."—Detroit Saturday Night.

Happiness.

Mankind is always happier for having been happy. So that if you make twenty years hence by the memory of it.—Sydney Smith.

Norway's Clear Waters.

In the fjords on the Norway coast the clearness of the water is wonderful. Objects the size of half a dollar may be seen at a depth of twenty-five to thirty fathoms.

We think a happy life consists in tranquility of mind.—Cicero.

Charles Lamb and May.

Charles Lamb did not like May. Here is a fling of his against the merry month. "I do not mind the utmost rigor of real winter," he wrote to Bernard Barton, "but these smiling hypocrites of May wither me to death. \* \* \* What lies you poets tell about the May! It is the most ungenial part of the year, cold crocuses and cold primroses; you take your blossoms in ice—a painted sun—"

Unmeaning Joy around appears.

And nature smiles as if she sneers."—Westminster Gazette.

Own Up.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Good reasons must, of course, give place to better.—Shakespeare.

Early Coal Discoveries.

The first mention of coal in the territory which afterward became the United States has heretofore been credited to Father Louis Hennepin, who showed on a map published in 1680 the location of a "cole mine" along Illinois river near the site of the present city of Ottawa. According to S. O. Andres of the Illinois state geological survey, the credit for this first mention of coal does not belong to Hennepin, as the discovery of coal in the United States by Europeans was made by Joliet and Marquette in 1673. However, nearly a century and a half elapsed after the discovery of coal in Illinois before mining began. The Journal of the Franklin Institute for 1836 states that the first mining operations conducted by white men were at the Mount Carbon mines, in Jackson county, Ill. These mines were opened in 1810 and worked to a small extent for many years. The earliest recorded production was in 1833, when 6,000 tons of coal is said to have been mined.—Detroit Free Press.

A Kindly Human Touch.

How rapidly nature repairs and beautifies the torn places! The gash left by the uprooted tree is soon covered with green, and moss and vines are quick to make the old stump into a thing of beauty. Humanity might well learn a lesson thereby, to its own great advantage. Sympathy may easily transform the unsightly and give it beauty. If earth's soil responds to the touch of nature in such a way it is reasonable to suppose that human life would not be less responsive. Hundreds of lives at present harsh. These repulsive were within reach of every one, and they might be wholly changed by a little sympathetic seeding and kindly culture. After all, what more is needed than the persuasion of the kindly human touch? There is no greater miracle than that which is wrought by love, and there is no man who may not work it if he will.—Christian Register.

Tinted Polygamy.

The old negro had been arrested for "having more than one wife," the last woman being the complainant. He happened to be well known locally and an orderly character.

"How many wives have you had?" demanded the judge.

"Six, yo' honor," was the reply. "Why couldn't you get along with them?" the judge insisted.

"Well, sub, de fust two spiled de white folks' clothes when dey washed 'em, de thud worn no cook, de fo' th was des nacherally lazy en' de af'—I'll tell yo', jegde, de af' shie!"

"Incompatibility?" the court suggested.

"No, yo' honor," said the old negro slowly, "it worn't nothin' lik' dat. Yo' jes' couldn't get along wid her unless yo' was somewhars else."—Case and Comment.

Evidently He Was.

"Larceny" was the word given out, and one man taking the examination tried to peep at the next man's paper to see how he spelled it.

"What are you up to?" demanded the examiner sharply.

"I don't quite understand the word, sir."

"I think you did understand it. And, furthermore, I think you are trying to use it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.