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Base Ball today. Providence vs. Scranton at 3.45 Admission, 25c.

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WITNESS FEES CAUSE TROUBLE.

Echo of the Nichols Will Cases Heard in Alderman Wright's Court.

Charles Lee, the well-known Waverly hotel keeper, was arraigned before Alderman Wright yesterday afternoon.

He was arrested at the instance of James Nichols, of Clark's Summit, who wants to collect an alleged bill for \$15.50.

Nichols, it appears, has figured for years passed in a number of law suits, on which he was a witness.

He also sheared sheep. He was never paid, he says, and now he wants to collect \$15.00 as the wages for his work.

Alderman Wright reserved his decision so that he could look up the law on the case.

WENT GUNNING FOR GOATS.

And Paid a Fine of \$4 for Cruelty to Animals.

Marlin Barber, of Old Forge, was before Alderman John T. Howe yesterday charged with shooting two goats.

Said goats were the property of Louis Chase, whose goat pen in Old Forge joins Barber's back yard.

The goats got loose and wandered into Barber's premises, devouring lettuce and parsnips, cans, bottles and everything that grows there.

Even this did not choke off the life of the wanderers but it crippled them.

The owner, Mr. Chase, then swore out the warrant for Barber's arrest, charging him with cruelty to animals.

Barber was fined \$4, which he paid.

ICE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE.

The Scranton Ice Company Purchases the Good Will of the Birdsseye.

The Scranton Ice company has purchased the stock and good will of the Birdsseye Ice company, which for years has been under management of John Griffin, the well-known ice dealer, and will hereafter serve the patrons of the Birdsseye company.

Choice Sugar Cured HAMS 12 Pound Average 9c At THE SCRANTON CASH STORE, F. P. PRIOR, Agent.

ALUMNI BANQUET A LIVELY AFFAIR

President and Toastmaster Said Some Things about the Controllers.

PRESIDENT JENNINGS' DEFENSE

He Said That the Board of Control Did Not Propose to Turn the High School Building into a Dance Hall--He Also Said Some Other Things Equally Pointed--The New Officers Chosen.

The high school alumni held its annual meeting, reception and dinner last evening in the apartments of the old Parout house, on Washington avenue.

The after-dinner speeches were interspersed with certain remarks, which showed the ill feeling which the action of the board of control in refusing the use of the high school building as a banquet hall has engendered.

Attorney George B. Davidson and H. J. Beamish, president and toastmaster respectively, were the alumni's spokesmen.

President Davidson, in opening the post-prandial exercises, made the first crack at the board.

He spoke in a sarcastic vein, and said the board should have considered the matter more thoroughly.

He designated the board of control as the "most powerful autocratic body in the whole city."

"I speak advisedly when I say this," said Mr. Davidson. "He then showed the alumni how the large sum of money, \$300,000, passed through the hands of councils every year."

"But," said the alumni president, "the mayor's veto stands over the action of councils like a shadow."

Now look at the board of control. Here we have a body of men who handle almost as great a sum of money every year, and it is without a check of any kind.

He designated them as "those fellows that go around with swallow tails, and high foreheads, thinking that they know it all."

He said that when the alumni would present their requests in the proper form the board would welcome them.

THE OTHER SPEECHES.

Aside from these unprogrammed features the banquet was a most enjoyable one.

Mr. Harris' address was a skillful one. Charles E. Daniels, on the toast, "The Girl Graduate," was graceful and refined in his treatment.

Miss Bina Langan, a favorite at alumni gatherings, read to their good opinion on the subject "The Male Graduation." Hon. John F. Kelley was not present to respond to the toast "Hymns of the Law."

P. E. Killeullen made a nice effort in representing "The Class of '97." Attorney John J. Murphy spoke of "The Importance of Athletics." Mr. Murphy gave an interesting argument.

"The Silent Toast," to absent members of the alumni, a new feature, was drunk and "A Word at Parting" was spoken by Professor G. W. Phillips.

The Misses Rose and Irene Hann sang sweetly during the evening. Their selections were "In Old Madrid" and "O Lovely Night." Rev. Rogers Israel offered grace before the banquet.

Dances were served by Hanley. Dancing followed, the Lawrence orchestra furnishing the music.

MRS. E. E. PARFREY LOSES HER BOY

Alderman Millar Gave Him Over to the Custody of Mrs. W. B. Duggan.

THE REASONS FOR HIS ACTIONS

Number of Witnesses Were Examined to Prove That Mrs. Parfrey Is Not a Fit Person to Have the Custody of the Child--She Lives at No. 16 Lackawanna Avenue and Recently Figured in an Unsavory Case.

Alderman Millar's court room yesterday afternoon had an assemblage of fifteen women, most of whom were subpoenaed on the case of County Detective Leyshon against Mrs. E. E. Parfrey.

She was charged with criminal negligence in the care of her nine-year-old son, Frankie. The case was the outcome of certain disgraceful actions in No. 16, Lackawanna avenue, where Mrs. Parfrey lives.

The woman was arrested on a charge made by Mrs. Charles Johnson in which Mrs. Parfrey and Mr. Johnson were concerned.

This was last Saturday, Mrs. Duggan heard of the bad state of affairs, and inquired led the Charity Agent to believe that Mrs. Parfrey was not a fit woman to take care of a child.

Therefore, County Detective Leyshon began legal proceedings against her and the case came up before Alderman Millar yesterday morning.

Owing to the absence of witnesses adjournment was made until 9 o'clock p. m. At that hour the alderman's office was crowded with witnesses and spectators.

The boy, Frankie, was the centre of interest. Mrs. Parfrey, his mother, had not arrived yet. One woman bought the boy a bag of peanuts, another some candy, Mrs. Millock, who lives at No. 16, purchased a pair of new shoes and a new straw hat, both of which were placed upon the little fellow in the office.

THE BOY'S COMMENT.

When his mother came in the boy whispered to one of the kind friends: "If my mother knew where she was going she wouldn't wear that dress."

The dress in question was of shiny black silk made after the fashion of thirty years ago. The woman herself is of the dark featured type of beauty, with snappy blue eyes.

Frankie thought she was going to jail.

Attorney L. P. Wedeman appeared for the defendant. County Detective Leyshon was the prosecutor and Mrs. Duggan and Miss Keisel, of the board of charities, were present.

The first witness called was Alfred Parfrey, the father of the boy. He said that Mrs. Parfrey taught the boy to tell lies. The boy is nine years old, but his mother compels him to sweep the house, wash the dishes and wash and iron his own underclothes, and make his bed.

On direct examination the witness said that he was not Mrs. Parfrey's first husband.

"What are you, the second?" inquired County Detective Leyshon.

"Oh, my, no," exclaimed Mr. Parfrey. "I'm away behind that." He thought that she had married six men at least.

"Do you know any beside yourself?" "Yes, one," said Parfrey; "Jim Hayes of Sixty-third street. She has another at court," he added.

HEARD HIM SCREAM.

Mrs. Mellock, a fine looking woman, testified to hearing the boy's screams as his mother whipped him. The boy used to hold up one end of the clothes line on the roof while the clothes dried.

"What is your business?" suddenly asked Attorney Wedeman of the witness.

"A housekeeper," she answered. Attorney Wedeman then charged that Mrs. Mellock was not the proper person to testify to the care of a child. Mrs. Racy Brown, of No. 10, Lackawanna avenue, said that the boy never went to Sunday school.

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