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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The ladies who were invited into the art scenes continue to reveal their taste. Many are refusing to take the books sent in loan of lectures and "reminiscences" or poetry by prominent authors, many are in consequence leaving the room with a process of law to compel them to take the remaining portion of the lecture. Others yet do. It is the opinion of those who understand the legal phraseology of the case that no proceeding could be brought against the visitors of the lecture rooms, the whole matter was grossly misrepresented and in direct violation of the contract submitted to them for signatures.

C. M. Gillin, author-singer, a singer of his heart, yesterday morning by singing in the course of a brilliant missionary service, that Mormon missionaries are still busy with their work, and approached with benevolent members of his own congregation in trying to gain converts to their "religious" sect. He then spoke of the fact that more than 20,000 members of the Mormon church are in the country, and that the number is very large, a majority of whom are absent from their homes to preach their doctrine. These are scattered over the country, pledged to remain in the missionary work for three years, subjecting themselves to the trials to which they are exposed. He declared that if the Methodist church would exhibit the zeal for propagation, the question of saving the world for Christ would be very soon settled.

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An ATTORNEY OF PROMISE.

DEMOCRATS WILL ABANDON CONTESTS

Or Rather They Have Virtually Decided Not to Contest.

LANGSTAFF WILL GO ON HOWEVER.

Mr. Horn Says the Democrats Had Never Definitely Decided to Prosecute the Contests, But Filed Their Petitions That They Might Have Time to Think the Matter Over. What Mr. Langstaff Has to Say About His Contest.

question of legal form, thus illustrating with marked emphasis the truth of that homely, yet grand maxim, "Where there's a will there's a way." Mr. Douglas now comes to Scranton to open his professional career, leaving behind him in Williamsport hosts of friends, whose regret at his departure is only exceeded by their god-speed for his future. We predict that Mr. Douglas will rapidly progress in a career so auspiciously begun, and that his clients will find in him a man of consummate integrity, an astute and forcible attorney and an ever vigilant guard of their interests.

— Louis Taylor.
A member of the New York Bar.

MASONIC OFFICERS.

Those of Peter Williamson Lodge to Be Installed Tomorrow Night.

The officers-elect of Peter Williamson Lodge, No. 323, Free and Accepted Masons, will be installed tomorrow evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock in Masonic Hall, corner of Penn Avenue and Linden street.

Following are the officers-elect: Worshipful Master, Edward H. Lynde; senior warden, Frank M. Mayer; junior warden, Ernest J. Paine; treasurer, Thomas E. Lydon; secretary, C. L. Van Buskirk.

FOUND IN THE RIVER.

John Frank, Jr., Fell Over a Retaining Wall Near Elm Street and Fractured His Skull.

John Frank, Jr., whose home was at North Hyde Park avenue, did not return to his office and home little child during Saturday night. Yesterday morning, it was learned that he was found in the Lackawanna river near the Elm street bridge and taken to the central police station where he died at 7:20 a.m. It was not until night that the remains were identified. At first it was supposed to be a case of foul play but later developments dispelled that idea.

It is supposed that Frank was somewhat bewildered by drink and wandered along the Central tracks to the Elm street bridge. At that point the rail road runs along a retaining wall ten feet high, built at the side of the Lackawanna river, over this Frank fell. At about 1 a.m. two men heard groans coming from the foot of the retaining wall. Special Officer John Gladwick was summoned and a search was made for the cause of the groans. Frank was found kneeling in the river, his body half covered with water. When taken out of the river he could not speak and blood was flowing from his mouth and ears.

Meanwhile the central police station had been notified of the find. Dick Sergeant Deiter and Patrolman Ponsler arrived with the patrol wagon and took the now unconscious Frank to the police station at 6 a.m. He died an hour and twenty minutes later and his body was taken to Hahn's embalming establishment.

At the mortuary the clothes were searched and \$3.00 in silver and a number of papers were found in his pocket. At 6 o'clock L. B. Weston, of Church avenue, viewed the body at the mortuary and identified it as that of John Frank whom he had met Saturday through a friend named Davis. A Tribune reporter on this information visited the Frank home and informed the family of the fatality. Peter Frank, brother of the dead man, later in the evening called at the embalming establishment and conclusively identified the remains. Frank was 33 years of age. A fracture was the cause of death.

Coriander Longstreet viewed the remains yesterday and empanelled a jury to act on the case. The jurors are: J. P. Mitchell, T. J. Duffy, A. T. Raynor, E. D. Owen, Patrick Cusick and John Baum. A meeting will be held to take evidence in the case.

THEY HAD A FALLING OUT.

Ice Company and Phila. Road Company Disagree.

The Abington Turnpike company and the Chinchilla ice company do not speak as they pass by.

The ice company agreed to pay a toll of 15 cents for each load of ice carried over the road. The Turnpike company wanted twenty cents. Jerry Arnold, one of the ice company's drivers, went through the toll gate Friday, and, acting on instructions, refused to give up more than 10 cents. The matter was referred to President H. E. Paine, and he had the teamster arrested. He was tried before Alderman Wright and in default of a fine of \$5 was committed to the county jail.

Before the constable could start off with him, however, President William Chappell of the ice company, with his attorney, A. A. Voshburg, appeared on the scene, and after much controversy, the case was compromised. The ice company paid \$5.50 costs.

"I have understood that the county contains a large number of alien voters purchased at from \$1 to \$5 each. I don't know this as a fact but I am going to find out about it. I am satisfied I was counted out."

AN ATTORNEY OF PROMISE.

William J. Douglass, Relative of Stephen A. Douglass, Opens Law Office in this City-Tells of His Facts.

He is looking over a list of recent recessions to the Pennsylvania bar in Scranton we are confronted with a name, that, wherever known, whether in the annals of Scotland or the contemporary history of our own land, is synonymous with courage, intrepidity, and unblushing honor. We refer to Mr. William J. Douglass, who has lately begun the practice of law in offices 2 and 3, 41 Wyoming avenue, this city.

The young man comes down in the list which Stephen A. Douglass was so shining a mark and possesses those characteristics which placed his illustrious relative among the honored and venerated of American history.

Mr. Douglass is a native of Northern New York, the home of that climate which has nourished and stamped so many rugged, true Americans. Passing his childhood and youth in Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, where his earliest education was obtained, he won his first victory in life when, with practically no help but his own, he mastered the course at Potsdam Normal school. Again taking up the cudgeons of battle, he plunged into the fight and by teaching saved enough money to place himself in Middlebury (Vt.) college, where his instant popularity and natural leadership made him first president of his class, one of the chief honors of college life.

He was a prominent member of his college fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and was visiting his alma mater at many a friendly inter-fraternity contest. June 1886, saw him graduated with honor from the head of his class, and again the victory was won solely through his own efforts.

Now began the final endeavor of his first period in life. Becoming an instructor in Williamsport Dickinson seminary he annexed to his duties there a course of legal study faithfully and ardently pursued in all its branches.

By calling to his aid his indomitable perseverance and steadfast self-reliance he was decidedly successful both in his seminary work and in his ac-

ORGANIZATION OF A CIVICS CLUB

Object to Promote Integrity, Intelligence and Fidelity in Civic Affairs.

OFFICERS FOR CLUB CHOSEN

They include Some of the Representative Business and Professional Men of the City--Addresses Outlining the Purposes and Aims of the Club were Made at Saturday Night's Meeting by Several of the Gentlemen Interested in the Movement.

Some of the representative professional and business men of the city met Saturday evening in Allbright Library hall and organized what is to be known as the Civics club. Officers were elected, the purposes of the club outlined and an adjournment taken to the evening of the first Saturday in February, when the club will put its principles in practice.

The following articles of organization reveal the objects in view:

1. This organization shall be known as the Civics club of Scranton, Pa.

2. The objects of the club shall be the promotion of integrity, intelligence and fidelity in civic affairs, and discussion of questions that relate to the development of society, the form in which it is at present organized, the laws of wealth and exchange and the underlying principles of government.

3. The officers of the club shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a general secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the club at the regular meeting in May and shall perform the customary duties of such officers.

There shall also be a committee of three on program work, which shall be appointed by the president, and a committee on social functions with the president and vice-president, shall prepare the programme for each meeting.

There shall also be a committee of three on membership, which shall be appointed by the president, and shall consider and report to the club upon all applications for membership.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CLUB.

4. All who apply for membership at or before the first meeting in February, 1898, shall be charter members. The officers shall be elected annually by the club at the regular meeting in May and shall perform the customary duties of such officers.

5. There shall also be a committee of three on nomination of candidates for the club, which shall consist of the president and vice-president, and a committee of three on election of officers, which shall consist of the president and vice-president.

6. The meetings of the club shall be held upon the first Saturday evening of October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May, at 8 p.m. Other meetings may be convened by the president when deemed expedient. The place of meeting shall be determined by the club, and the time when the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Ex-City Solicitor James H. Terrey was chosen temporary president and W. E. White, temporary secretary. A resolution for organization was presented by J. A. Lansing. Professor W. B. Buell and John H. Brooks were appointed a committee to draft articles which were afterward accepted and to outline the principles of the club.

A committee on nominations was appointed, consisting of J. H. Brooks, H. C. Shafer and J. M. Harris, and on their recommendation the following officers were elected: President, James H. Terrey; vice-president, J. M. Harris; secretary and treasurer, W. E. Gunster; librarian, Everett Hunt.

Addressess outlining the purposes and aims of the club were made by Presidents Terrey, Rev. Dr. Isaac Lansing, Professor Buell, E. S. Williams and H. C. Reynolds.

Professor Buell, the chief promoter of the club's formation, was on motion of H. C. Shafer, tendered the thanks of the members for his work.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED.

During the meeting letters of regard were read from Rev. Rogers Israel, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church; Colonel H. M. Boles and W. F. Mattie. Following are the members who attended the meeting: J. H. Terrey, Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson, Rev. Dr. J. K. Dix, Rev. Dr. L. A. Lansing, Professor W. B. Buell, John M. Harris, J. A. Lansing, W. H. Peck, W. A. May, H. C. Shafer, Everett Hunt, A. E. Head, T. S. Fullen, Paul Pollin, R. B. Peck, W. E. Gunster, J. M. Gunster, Howard Fullner, C. H. Welles, H. C. Reynolds, E. S. Williams, J. W. Browning, A. C. Thompson, W. M. Currie, H. C. Shafer, L. K. Brown, C. P. Foss, F. Hemshaw, J. H. Brooks, F. H. Tracy, J. W. Turbott, A. M. Fisher, J. H. Fish, P. H. Peck, W. J. Douglas, L. S. Richard, C. D. Swift, H. E. Ewing, George A. Benedict, A. C. Fuller, J. W. Chafford, Rev. W. E. Plumley.

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PERSONAL.

Emily Schimpff, of Homedale, was a Scranton visitor Saturday.

Miss Georgia Hunt, of Clark's Summit, is visiting Scranton friends.

Miss Mamie Flanigan, is home from Look Haven to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Charles E. Daniels, Charles McLeans, Dr. G. C. Smith, Dr. W. H. Horn are from Dickinson college for the holidays.

Frank B. Little, chief engineer of the United States naval observatory at Washington, D. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city.

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