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**OBITUARY.**

MRS. BRIDGET O'MALLEY, after an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Bridget O'Malley, a resident of this city for more than half a century, died Saturday afternoon at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Burke, of North Ninth street. She was the widow of the late Patrick O'Malley, for many years foreman at the Cliff works machine shop, who was widely known throughout this valley and who died about fifteen years ago. The family resided on Third street, Bellevue, for more than forty years and was one of the most widely known and highly respected of this community. Deceased was a woman of amiable and kindly disposition, whose long life was full of deeds of gentleness and charity. Among her neighbors and acquaintances she enjoyed the highest esteem and the sincere friendship of all. She is survived by the following children: W. G. O'Malley, former master mechanic at the Scranton Iron and Steel Co.'s South works in this city, now of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Ella Burke, Mrs. John Walsh and Miss Katie O'Malley, of this city; Mrs. George Crowder, of Buffalo, and Mrs. Martin Mullin of New York city. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mrs. Ellen Burke, North Ninth street, Tuesday morning, December 9, at 10 o'clock, interment at the Dunmore Catholic cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM HOPKINS, of 213 North Rebecca avenue, died at her home Saturday morning after a short illness.

Deceased had been a resident of West Scranton nearly all her life and is survived by her husband and two children. Her mother, Mrs. David Jones, one sister and two brothers also survive her. The funeral announcement will be made.

## MITCHELL IN DISGUISE.

Miners' Leader to Travel to New York Inco.

President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers left last night for New York to attend the meeting of the National Civic Federation. It is safe to say, that despite the fact that he is one of the best known men in the country, he will not be very generally recognized to-day. Mitchell has donned a derby hat. Ever since he became known to fame he has worn but one hat or rather one style of hat—a black Alpine. Every picture of him almost shows him wearing a black Alpine. To disassociate Mitchell and a black Alpine hat seems, at the first blush, like separating "Teddy" from his particular kind of hat. It is not an inconsequential thing as some men suppose, this change in the style of Mitchell's headgear. Every labor leader and especially every officer in the United Mine Workers has adopted the black Alpine style of chapeau. It has become, in fact, the uniform head piece of the labor world. No labor leader would think of leading without a black Alpine hat. This being the change in style means a change for derby hats and many labor leaders' dollars for the hatters. "The New Mitchell Hat" will likely be a legend displayed in every haberdashery here and hereabouts to-day.

## SCHLOSS FOOLED MANY MERCHANTS

Represented Himself as Well-to-Do and Secured Goods Valued at Nearly \$20,000.

H. P. Schloss, of Clark's Summit, was arrested Saturday by Constable Ira H. Mitchell for obtaining goods under false pretenses from a half dozen New York wholesale houses. Estimates of the actual amount of goods which Schloss is believed to have obtained vary from \$5,000 to \$20,000, and it is believed that the larger figure is more nearly correct. Schloss was formerly a huckster in this city, but established himself as a general merchant in Clark's Summit last August. Evidence was adduced at his hearing Saturday to show that shortly after this he went to New York armed with a typewritten statement showing alleged assets amounting to thousands of dollars. On the strength of these certain letters purporting to come from leading citizens and vouching for his business standing, Schloss secured a large amount of credit from various houses.

At one house he purchased about \$2,000 worth of ladies' cloaks and at another twenty cases of bedclothes. He also procured a large quantity of mahogany furniture and other things for which there would never be any great demand in a small place like Clark's Summit. The goods were shipped to the latter town and it is believed, were nearly all disposed of by Schloss at various places up and down the valley. Some of the goods were sold to a company store in Carbondale and others are believed to be stored in this city, though they have not been found as yet.

Schloss left Clark's Summit a week or so ago when he learned that a warrant was out for his arrest, and has since been living in an old farm house near Daleville, where he was arrested Saturday by Constable Mitchell. He was held under \$1,200 bail by Alderman Kisson.

Meet me at the Dixie at today's matinee.

## MERRILL WILL CONTEST.

Considerable Amount of Testimony Was Heard Saturday.

Hearing in the A. J. Merrill will contest was continued on Saturday before Judge A. A. Vosburg, and considerable testimony was adduced tending to show that the testator was of weak mind, and that he was under the influence of his wife, Anna Merrill, at the time the alleged will was signed. Among the witnesses who have been sworn in the case are Dr. H. V. Logan, Edward Merrill, L. B. Miller, George Smith, H. A. Denny, James C. Merrill, S. F. Lane, and others.

Two of the witnesses are members of the Susquehanna county bar, who met Mr. Merrill while on a visit to his brother in that county, during the time of his affliction with the paralytic stroke the summer before his death. The evidence upon the part of the contestants was closed, with the exception of one or two matters, and an adjournment was had until Thursday, December 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the hearing of the evidence on the part of the respondents.

Today at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Orphans' court room, the final hearing will be had in the estate of Elizabeth Ziegler, deceased, in which there is an application for an issue to determine the ownership of the proceeds of an insurance policy.

## Actor Johnstone Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Barry Johnstone, the actor, who last Monday night shot and killed Kate Hasset, of Keith's Stock company, and then shot himself, died today at the Hahnemann hospital.

## WHY STAY PALE.

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## TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD

THE ELKS CONDUCT IMPRESSIVE SERVICES.

Annual Lodge of Sorrow Held Last Night at the Dixie Theatre—Eulogy by Dr. P. F. Gunster, and Address by Judge H. M. Edwards. Ritualistic Ceremonies Led by Exalted Ruler T. J. Jennings—Musical Programme of Rare Excellence and Entertaining Recitations.

In common with their brethren the lodge members of the Elks, last night conducted their annual memorial services, in honor of those of the lodge who had died during the year now closing.

The services were conducted in the Dixie theatre, and were attended by a large and representative audience. On the stage, where the officers of the lodge and the speakers were seated, was the ceremonial furniture, brought from the lodge room for the occasion. The proscenium, wings and back of the stage were hung in wide, alternating stripes of white and purple bunting. A large flag was draped just over the center of the stage. Ruler's orchestra occupied a place at the rear of the stage.



DR. P. F. GUNSTER.

The officers conducting the services were: T. J. Jennings, exalted ruler; Fred C. Hand, esteemed leading knight; John G. Rosen, esteemed leading knight; William S. Gould, secretary; H. J. Schubert, treasurer; M. R. Robinson, Tyler; Fred C. Smith, Esquire; Emil P. Weichel, inner guard; T. J. McGuire, chaplain; M. P. McCann, organist.

The prescribed ritualistic opening ceremonies followed an overture by Ruler's orchestra. They were solemn and very impressive. At one stage of the ceremonies the exalted ruler directs the secretary to call the roll of the dead. The secretary calls each name slowly three times, and each call is accompanied by the sounding of a deep-toned gong. These comprising this year's death roll, and the date of their death, follows: C. M. Sanderson, June 15; W. H. Loftis, September 6; W. W. Van Dyke, November 25.

The dead members were eulogized in an eloquent and flowery address by Dr. P. F. Gunster, past exalted ruler. He also feelingly extended to the relatives of the deceased the condolences of the lodge and spoke to them choice words of consolation. "There is no death; what seems so transition," he said. The speaker also took occasion to laud the Elks' organization, and declared that any man who lives up to its principles is the better citizen, father, brother, friend.

President Judge H. M. Edwards, who is an Elk, was heard in a thoughtful and interesting address on fraternal societies. He took for his theme the

## In and About the City.

### Services During Advent.

During Advent there will be services at 9 a. m. and 1230 p. m. daily in St. Luke's church.

### Liederkreis Concert.

The annual concert of the Scranton Liederkreis society will be held at their hall on Lackawanna avenue Monday evening, Dec. 8, under the auspices of Professor Hemborg. The soloists for the concert will be Carl Schlegel, the world-renowned baritone singer, of New York city, and the Liederkreis chorus of forty voices will participate in the concert.

### Gross and Net Weight.

"An Old Subscriber" asks us to define the difference between "gross" and "net" weight. Net weight is what is left of gross weight when customary deductions have been made. In other words, it is the weight of the product while the gross weight is the weight of the product plus the weight of the container. The extra 20 pounds are supposed to cover loss in shipping and handling before the coal reaches the retailer.

### Little Girls Conducted Sale.

An organization of eight young girls whose ages range from 11 to 14 years, conducted a sale on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Decker, of Jefferson avenue, and cleared nearly \$70 for the benefit of the Hahnemann hospital. The affair was managed by the girls who solicited from merchants in all parts of the city for contributions. The names of the young ladies are as follows: Mildred Margate, Margaret Connell, Lilla Coston, Lorena LaBar, Florence Smith, Marie Barlow, Elizabeth Storms and Elizabeth Jerny.

### Said He Needed the Money.

Frank M. Caterla, a young man who impersonated a detective and extorted \$1 from Mrs. Mary Skoda, the mother of little Paul Skoda, who is missing, was committed to the county jail Saturday by Magistrate Miller in default of \$1,500 bail after he had admitted his guilt. Evidence brought at the hearing showed that Caterla went to Mrs. Skoda on Nov. 28, some eight days after little Paul had disappeared. He represented himself as a detective and asserted that he had positive information as to the whereabouts of her son. He asked for \$1,000 to give up the "expensive" and was after more money Saturday when he was arrested by means of a decoy letter. He admits that he has no knowledge of the boy's whereabouts and that he lied to Mrs. Skoda because he needed the money.



The new breakfast food.  
A delicious combination of fruit and wheat.

Influence of fraternal societies on the civilization and progress of the country, and their right, because of their power for good, to be styled "The Fifth Estate."

Four Estates.  
He first explained that there are now four recognized estates—the church, law, medicine and the press, and that rivalry among various institutions is now extant for the honor of being known as the fifth estate.

He claimed that fraternal societies should be accorded this distinction, and elaborated on four reasons to support the claim.

The first reason was their immense membership. In the United States alone, he said, fraternal societies have a membership of 5,000,000. These societies have contributed for enabling purposes, in the main, the enormous sum of \$1,000,000,000. Last year their contributions amounted to \$50,000,000.

Secondly, he went on to explain, fraternal societies are a power for good in their being the real school of education and oratory. The old time debating society has gone. In its place has come the lodge meeting. There are tens of thousands of lodges in this country daily teaching young men how to think on their feet and how to intelligently and impressively tell what they think. The lodge room, the judge declared, is the nursery of oratory.

A third reason is found in the fact that these societies invariably foster the great virtues. The principles announced and preached by these societies, the judge declared, is a heaven that can not but work great good to all men.

### They Teach Loyalty.

His fourth reason, he declared, was that they teach loyalty to the government. Patriotism is a basic principle of their constitutions. As long as the fraternal societies of the United States exist, said he, there need be no worry about the safety of the country.

The musical programme was one of rare excellence. Besides the selection by Ruler's orchestra there was a soprano solo by Mrs. F. Wilson, with violin obligato by Miss Walters; tenor solos by Alfred Woelker and Ralph Williams; bass solo by Fred R. Smith, of the Wilkes-Barre Elks; a duet, tenor and bass, by Alfred Woelker and Albert Pilling. Recitations were given by Miss Clara Stinson and Charles A. Stuart. The accompanists were F. Wilson and L. N. Isaacs.

The services closed with the singing of the doxology by the lodge and audience.

The committee in charge of the services were: Fred C. Hand, William S. Gould, H. J. Schubert, Alex. Schreifer, P. W. Costello, Myer Davidson, George W. Gunster and M. P. McCann.

### New Wage Scale to Be Presented.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 7.—The grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Central Railroad of New Jersey have been holding secret sessions in this city for several days past. It is said a new wage scale has been prepared which will be presented to the officials of the road at an executive conference of the engineers will demand an increase in wages.

God, he said, does not force men to save their souls. He does not force His divine grace or His divine friendship upon them and if a man chooses to ignore and insult Him He will allow him to go his own way.

Conversion, he declared, means a complete change of the moral nature and a hatred of sin, from the depths of the heart. It means, he said, a complete and thorough change of heart.

"If you have not the courage to pull up the tender sapling now," he said, "how will you be able to pull up the tree. If you are afraid of the barking puppy, how will you be able to wage with the savage beasts when you have become the slave of your passions?"

Father Norbert closed with an earnest prayer at the foot of the large crucifix which has been erected in the sanctuary for the assistance of the laymen in leading the men of the parish during the coming week to throw off the old man and put on the armor of light.

### Funeral of Warren Simms.

The funeral of Warren, the ten-months-old child of Mrs. and Mrs. John Simms, took place from the residence, 211 Pratt avenue, Friday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Reese, of the Fourth Congregational church, and interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery.

### Van Wormer Overruled.

Judge R. W. Archibald handed down an opinion Saturday overruling the decision of Referee Van Wormer in the bankruptcy case of John P. Duffy, of Carbondale, and allowing the latter \$50 exemption. The referee refused to allow this exemption because of alleged fraud. The judge failed to find any evidence of fraud.

### Took Allen's Statement.

Magistrate W. S. Miller and County Detective Phillips visited the Lackawanna hospital Saturday to take a statement from Thomas Allen, who was shot last week at Marshwood by Harry Lake and who is lying in a very dangerous condition. This statement Allen admitted that he was slightly under the influence of liquor when the affair occurred but denied positively that he was the aggressor in the fight which ended in the shooting. Lake attacked him first, he said and when the latter saw that he (Allen) was getting the best of the argument he pulled his revolver and fired, Allen said.

### Trouble Between Rival Barbers.

John Volkman, who conducts a barber shop in the basement of the Dime bank building was arrested on Saturday and held under \$200 bail on a charge of assault and battery preferred by the colored bootblack known as Jerome. The latter works for Barber H. H. Young, and was sent after a customer's son Saturday, the said customer having decided to quit Volkman's shop and get shaved at Young's place. Volkman refused to give up the cup and, according to Jerome, he struck the latter over the head as he was leaving the place.

## LARGE CROWDS AT MISSION

IMMENSE CONGREGATION PRESENT YESTERDAY.

Week for the Women Closed in the Afternoon with a Renewal of Baptismal Vows—Services for the Men Began Last Night—Eloquent Sermon by Father Norbert on the Folly of Putting off Conversion from Day to Day—Services During Week.

The mission for the women of the Cathedral parish was closed yesterday with special services yesterday afternoon and the mission for the men was opened last night under most auspicious circumstances. Both services were attended by tremendously large congregations.

A conservative estimate of the number of women present in the Cathedral yesterday afternoon was 2,500 and 1,500 others who were unable to obtain entrance at all completely filled the large chapel in the basement of St. Thomas' college.

The final sermon in the Cathedral was preached by Father Gregory, who urged upon his listeners the necessity of perseverance in the carrying out of the good resolutions made during the mission. Under his guidance the vast congregation arose and made a renewal of their baptismal vows in chorus, making public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

### The Men's Mission.

The Cathedral was packed to the doors last night with men and it was necessary to accommodate the overflow in the basement of the college. After the recitation of the rosary, Father Norbert ascended the pulpit and announced that the mission masses during the coming week will be held at 5 and 8 o'clock every morning. He urged every man in the parish to make it a point to attend one of these masses every day and listen to the helpful instructions which will be given during the celebration. The services nightly will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock, he said.

Father Norbert preached an elaborate sermon in which he impressed upon the minds of his hearers with telling effect the folly of putting off conversion from day to day.

He declared, in beginning his sermon that God has nothing more at heart than man's eternal salvation. Man's salvation rests largely with himself. The Lord, himself, has declared that many are called but few are chosen. Father Norbert asked why so many men's souls are lost when all that God does to enable them to be saved is taken into consideration.

### They Are Deluded.

"It is because," said he, "that after the commission of sin men permit themselves to be deluded by the crafty suggestion of the evil one that there is no danger in living in sin. It is this belief that there is no danger on the way to ruin of perdition that has led to the eternal ruin of countless souls."

He spoke of the great uncertainty of life and said that it seemed almost incredible how any man would dare to live in sin for a single hour. He traced the relationship between sin and death and declared that the latter follows the former as sure as the night the day and the frost the cold. Sin, he said, gnaws at the very roots of the tree of life and its punishment is always death.

Too many men, he said, labor under the delusion that only those who die suddenly die unprepared. He said that no man is so sure of himself that he is unprepared, as did also the unrepentant thief who died lingeringly on the cross beside Christ. He cried out against what he termed "the mad folly and the terrible presumption" of putting off from day to day the acceptance of the salvation offered to every man by God.

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### SENTENCES SATURDAY.

Stanley Mitchell Sent to the Penitentiary by Judge Kelly.

Judge Kelly on Saturday sentenced Stanley Mitchell, of Vandling, to spend one year and three months in the penitentiary. He was convicted of robbing a Polandier who had just arrived and who had applied to Mitchell, who is also a Pole, for information.

Richard Barrow was fined \$15 for assaulting Burgess Wilson Kennedy, of Dickson City, and Homer Galle who was convicted of assaulting John Soderqvist, of Priebeburg, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$24 and spend twenty days in the county jail.

The sentence of Jerry Sullivan, who burglarized Cummings Brothers' store on the night of March 25, was postponed until next Saturday.

### What Shall We Have for Dessert?

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