FINE ROTARY WEEK BILL IS PROMISED

Manager Hopkins Goes to New York To-day to Book Club's Orpheum Show

BELGIANS WILL BE BENEFITED

Rotarians Trying to Make Charity Week at the Playhouse a Success So as to Help Relieve Suffering in Stricken Country

To insure a really good vaudeville bill for the Orpheum theatre for next week, when the Rotary Club will operate that playhouse for the benefit of the Belgian relief, Manager Hopkins this morning went to New York City for the sole purpose of booking in a show that he thinks will strike the fancy of local vaudeville devotees.

It is seldom that Manager Hopkins goes to New York City for the purpose of booking Orpheum programs, as he usually leaves the greater part of this responsibility to the Wilmer & Vincent booking agent, who is located in New York City, and who has his watchful eye on the Wilmer & Vincent interests there every day in the week. But Manager Hopkins is especially anxious to see the Rotary Club have a Keith show for next week that will strike the fancy of local vaudeville devotees from the opening to the close. Feeling that he knows pretty well the sort of amusement that Harrisburg enjoys most, Manager Hopkins went this morning to look them over and see how many choice plums he could pluck.

"For it is an actual fact," said said Manager Hopkins, "that every town seems to form a theatrical taste of its own. The fact that a show or a vaudeville act was an immense triumph on Broadway, doesn't mean that its going to be a winner in Harrisburg. There are possibilities that they will like it here just as well as they did over there, and there are just as many that they won't care very much for it. New York has its taste for theatricals and so has Harrisburg."

It is said at the Orpheum box office that this is the second trip Manager Hopkins made to New York to book an Orpheum bill. And the fact that his selection at that time practically established a record attendance for the week, speaks well for what he may bring with him for next week.

"An empty seat at the Orpheum means an empty stomach in Belgium." That's the slogan, and it tells the purpose of next week's undertaking in a nutshell. The Rotarians are out to do their part in relieving the suffering that is now so terrible in the stricken little country across the sea.

The proceeds of Rotary week will be sent to Belgium by the Rotary Club through the Emergency Relief Committee of this city, and this relief committee co-operates to make the special charity week at the Orpheum a success.

There will be no increase in the price of tickets at any performance next week. Established Orpheum rates will prevail. Tickets will be sold outside the theatre, redeemable at the box office, but the regular box office sale will go on as usual.

Persons having season orders for seats will have their seats saved for them, just like any other week. Persons who are accustomed to buying tickets at the window will be accommodated the same as ever.

The free list will be absolutely suspended for Rotary week.

PATROLMAN'S WIFE BURIED

Many Beautiful Floral Tributes for Mrs. Samuel A. Milligan

The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Milligan, wife of Patrolman Samuel A. Milligan and daughter of the late Frederick J. Gastrock, was held at her late home, 108 Conoy street, yesterday afternoon, with the Rev. R. L. Meisenhelder officiating. Interment was made in the Harrisburg cemetery.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received among them being a pillow, from husband and son, Frederick; cross, from members of the Harrisburg police department; basket of lilies and roses, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Colovaris; gates ajar, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Andrinakis, New York City; spray of chrysanthemums, Miss Emma R. Gastrock, Carlisle; spray of roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Gastrock; spray of chrysanthemums, Miss Mary Oliver, Philadelphia; spray of carnations, Peter Magaro, spray of chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shertzer and daughters; spray of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Taylor; spray of lilies, Harry Malseed, of Philadelphia, and Miss Minnie Milligan, of this city; spray of chrysanthemums, George Foerster and son, Frederic; spray of forty-four carnations, representing the years of her age, Mrs. Sol. Santo, Mrs. Howard Shur, Mrs. George Hoerner, Mrs. Elwood Payne and Mrs. Harry Walkemeyer.

"The Girl and the Explorer"

A marriage ceremony performed over the telephone is one of the decidedly novel situations in Kalem's two-act romantic comedy, "The Girl and the Explorer." This highly entertaining production will be the feature at the Photoplay to-day. Tom Moore and Marguerite Courtot, two of the most popular Kalem stars, enact the leading roles. The explorer is Carlton, who, desiring to complete the story of his adventures undisturbed, slips into this country on his return from South America under an assumed name. Millicent Beldon, daughter of a publisher, knows her father is desirous of securing Carlton's story. An impulse leads Millicent to call at the explorer's home. There she is mistaken to be an applicant for the position of housemaid. A spirit of adventure impels Millicent to accept the position. The situations leading up to her marriage by telephone with Carlton next morning make this comedy romance unusually amusing. Don't fail to see it. Adv.

STAR-INDEPENDENT WANT ADS. BRING RESULTS.

POOR DIRECTORS WILL EXTEND CHARITY WORK

Ask Various Local Societies to Lend Aid in Improving the Condition of Paupers Through a Co-Operation and Educational Campaign

In letters sent out to the several charitable societies of the city and county the Dauphin County Directors of the Poor late yesterday announced tentative plans for what they believe will reorganize conditions among the county's indigent, prevent pauperism, cause families to observe rules of sanitation and educate poorly clad boys and girls to assist in home building.

The societies receiving these letters have been informed that the movement will be begun by the Directors of the Poor on or about January 1, next and that Miss Rachael F. Saples, social worker now connected with the Associated Charities, will be in charge. Requests are made by the board for criticisms or suggestions in connection with the plan.

Constant yet kindly supervision of the poor and needy families whose heads have shown an inability successfully to conduct the affairs of their families, will be the "main spring" of the movement. In addition to home supervision, the Poor Board will be financially able to supply necessary food and clothing. There will be house cleaning crusades in charge of a corps of assistants to be employed by the inspector, if necessary, and some time will be devoted to teaching home economics and domestic science.

COURT HOUSE

WANTS CERTIFICATE BACK

Valuable Paper Was Given as Collateral Security Only, Woman Now Alleges

Suit to recover a $70 Steelton National bank stock certificate which through a contract she gave to the defendant as collateral security for his furnishing the required bail bond to warrant the appearance at court of Mike Ozemitz on a criminal charge, was to-day begun by Theresa Ozemitz, of Steelton, against Wendell Mihak.

Oscar G. Wickersham filed the papers. Under the contract it was stipulated that should Ozemitz, a cousin of the plaintiff, appear in court, the stock certificate was to be returned. It now is alleged that the cousin did answer to the court charge but that the defendant refuses to surrender the stock certificate. It is further alleged that the plaintiff was put to addition expense and that she now is warranted in making a claim for $30 in addition to the value of the stock certificate.

Habeas Corpus Hearing

Hearing on a writ of habeas corpus obtained against Dr. H. L. Orth, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, to show cause why he does not release George Rapp from his custody, was held by the court this afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

Treasury Report

Clarence E. Webber, one of the clerks in the City Treasury, to-day completed the monthly report showing the balance on November 1 last, to be $804,129.36; receipts during the month, $60,131.20; expenditures, $92,300.43; baalnce, December 1, $771,960.13.

Marriage Licenses

John Rollings and Ellen Jones, Wiconisco.

John H. Woulridge and Verna M. Horley, Lykens.

Curtis J. Schwenk and Mrs. Celia E. Christian, city.

Scarlet in Town

James Scarlet, a Danville attorney, was in the city to-day on business. He also called on Judges Kunkel and McCarrell.

Ask Golf House Bids

Contractors have been asked to submit bids for the erection of a new golf house in Reservoir Park. Commissioner Taylor will receive bids until noon on Saturday of next week.

Law Men to Meet December 30

The law committee of the League of Third Class Cities will meet in Harrisburg on December 30 instead of December 17, as originally planned. The committee could not get its report ready in time for the early session.

Apartment for Hill

W. A. Baptisti has taken out a building permit for the erection of a three-story brick house to be erected at 1419 Vernon street. Th house is to be divided into apartments and will cost $6,000.

Mr. Myers Retires

H. B. Myers, of Lewistown, clerk of the Bureau of Corporations of the Auditor General's Department for the past year, has retired from his position in the department.

JOHN F. KERR IS DEAD

For 45 Years He Was Connected With the Beetem Lumber Company

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 8.—John F. Kerr, one of Carlisle's most widely known citizens and a native of the town, died at his home at Penn and Bedford streets yesterday of a complication of diseases, aged 65 years. For forty-five years he was connected with the Beetem Lumber and Manufacturing Company and was for many years its superintendent.

Mr. Kerr was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kerr, and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sallie Goodyear, of Philadelphia. Miss Minnie Kerr who has made her home with him for many years, is a niece.

TO GIVE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

American Rescue Workers Ask for Aid From Harrisburg People

The American Rescue Workers will give Christmas baskets to the poor and needy of the city on Christmas morning at the Broad street market house hall.

They would like to have the aid of the citizens of Harrisburg in doing this good work. Adjutant and Mrs. L. Smith who have their headquarters at 1000 Cumberland street, will be in charge.

Cotton Ginning Statistics

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 13,066,105 bales, the Census Bureau announced to-day. Round bales included 36,195. Sea Island, 62,991 bales.

LIQUOR LICENSE FIGHT IN COURT

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han, representing those opposing transfer. Sullivan's witnesses said a hotel at Third and Dauphin street is a necessity.

Witnesses for the other side included the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor of the Fifth Street M. E. church; Professor F. E. Downes, superintendent of the city schools, and half a dozen or more others who declared the proposed change is not necessary and that it would be detrimental to public good. The Rev. Mr. Hart said:

The Rev. Mr. Hart's Opposition

"The transfer would be dangerous in that it would place in a residential section a place where drunken men frequent." He added: "I have never, in all my life, seen a hotel or saloon where at one time or another drunken men did not congregate."

"You are opposed in all ways and at all time to the sale of liquor, are you not?" asked Charles H. Bergner, counsel for Sullivan.

"No, I am not," said the witness.

"Then why are you opposed to this transfer application?"

"Because the new place is but two hundred feet from one of the city playgrounds where hundreds of children congregate almost daily during the summer for amusement. It is not far from the Reily fire engine house and the same is true with respect to the Cameron school building."

The minister added that "it would be placing an evil before the eyes of the school children whose school textbooks teach them not to use liquor."

In response to a question from Mr. Bergner, the clergyman said he "appreciates the tobacco and pool room evils." While he would urge his children not to use tobacco or frequent pool rooms, he did not feel called upon to voice the same objections against them as against the hotel.

Dr. Downes said the unloading of beer in front of the hotel and the sight of men frequenting the hostelry would have a bad effect on the school children. In response to a question from Mr. Bergner, he said he could not tell why that would be the case, "except that it is my opinion and belief."

Mr. Bergner Sums Up

"Do you not thing it beneficial to children to place before children as an object lesson the evils of the hotel?" asked the court.

"No, I don't think that is advisable," said Dr. Downes.

"Then you evidently do not agree with the newspapers and magazines that take a different view of it," added the court.

In summing up his side of the case Mr. Bergner said that of the 1,679 signers to the remonstrance, 152 are registered voters whose addresses are given; 278 failed to give their addresses but their names are on the rolls of the registrar, and 300 names do not appear in the poll books. The rest, he said, are women.

The attorney added that he does not think the court should decide the case "by the majority of the signers." He added, "and I don't think it fair that the women signers should be counted. I believe emotionally and naturally women are opposed to liquor and if they had the say there would be no liquor sold."

"The question here," said Judge Kunkel, "is the weight of the evidence and that may be determined by the number of witnesses and the weight of their opinions."

KRIS KRINGLE COMING AGAIN

Making His Annual Tour in His Latest Improved Aircraft, Which Makes It Easier

Where is the little girl or boy that does not know Old Kris Kringle? To be sure, some of them call him Santa Claus, but he's the same individual, nevertheless. He used to travel in a sleigh with gaily-caparisoned reindeers, so the story books say. But how does he travel now? Why, in an air machine of some kind, of course. But what kind? Well, it has all of the latest improvements, and it's a biplane, or monoplane or perhaps a triplane. Do you know the difference?

The Star-Independent's Bible makes just the nicest Christmas present ever offered to anybody. The limp leather volume is stamped in gold and all boxed ready for delivery. It simply becomes a $5 present and is offered for only one certificate and a small expense bonus amount that goes to defray the expense items of this educational distribution. Not only the "grownups," but girls and boys need this useful book. So it is a present that appeals to everybody.

All you need to do is to present one certificate, as explained under the Bible coupon on another page of to-day's issue.

LETTER LIST

Ladies' List—Mrs. Elsie Arnold, Miss Blanche Bowers, Harriet B. Boussen (DL), Mrs. Ida Brandt, Mrs. Harry Bretzman, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Ruth Byer, Miss Myrtle Clapper, Miss Martha F. Clarke, Mrs. Fay Conklin, Miss Rae Conrad, Mrs. Conrad Crone, Mrs. Harry Doile, Mrs. James Donnelly, Mrs. Morris Dubin, Mrs. Nettie Evans, Mrs. E. S. Everhart, Mrs. A. Fackler, Mrs. Ella M. Fogel, Miss Edna Foreman, Mrs. Ed. Frear, Miss Ethel Mae Freet, Miss Amella Gera, Phebe Griffith, Miss Cornelia Hooper, Mrs. Albert King, Miss Pearl Kolder, Mrs. Guy Manley, Mrs. Clara M. Markel, Mrs. J. A. Morton, Miss Anna Neuer, Laura Nicholas, Miss Alice Raber, Mrs. Emma Seigle, Mrs. H. Shea, Mrs. Geo. M. Smith, Mrs. Cathrine Snyder, Mrs. Frank Stuart, Mrs. Grace Taylor, Mrs. C. C. Wacett, Mrs. David R. Wart, Mrs. Harry Whitman, Mrs. F. Everett Winslow.

Gentlemen's List—Frank M. Baer, Frank Barlough, Frank Baughman, Geo. C. Behring, N. Y. Billard, J. B. Brennan, Chas. Brown, Chas. H. Bubb, Barney Burke, Max Calehuff, John Cass, Jr., Ed. Christ, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Coales, C. C. Coble, Wm. Coleman, R. C. Craddock, Thoms J. Crider, G. E. Crosby, Shirley B. Cunningham, Raymond S. Ditlow, J. A. Drake, W. M. Early, H. A. Emerick, R. G. Fiester, J. J. Fitzgerald, Edward H. Greaves, James Green (2), Joseph Hatchett, H. D. Helfrich, John Horton, M. B. Hill, W. S. Howell, Hon. A. L. Hunter, Stanley Jackson, J. Jacobs, K. H. Jensen (DL), Kulcsar Kardy, H. C. Koblin, Chas. V. Keims (2), Clark Kepner, Dr. David N. Kremer, Harry Laurie, C. C. Lentz, Ralph S. Long, Mack (DL), Robert Mackbee, W. C. Matthews, Charles McGinberry, J. A. McMullin, William Miller, A. H. Moore, Arthur Nesbit, G. A. Newman, M. J. O'Neill, Jr., Lewis R. Phillips (DL), W. T. Phillipy (3), F. A. Rogers, John J. Rice, Geo. F. Rowell, T. H. Seals, George Shaffener, Harry R. Shank, P. Shissler (DL), Dr. Walter Smith, E. H. Stafford, Frank Strubler (DL), H. E. Swope (DL), W. E. Tenner, A. R. Thayer, Clarence Thomston, Myrle Walker, George Walzer, Dan Webster, Frank Woodlock, E. F. Work.

Firms—Chairman House Committee (East End Club), Crooked Billet Machine Works, Eisenbrown P. F. & Co., Harrisburg Poultry & Egg Co., Messrs. Shiner, Roth & Eidenback.

Foreign—Stivi Gubar, Stefeno Guiseppe, Lida Mitnet, Mercsea Nieluhal.

CAPITOL HILL

MANY MORE COMPLAINTS OF POOR PUBLIC SERVICE

A Water Company at Biglerville With Alleged Short Supply—Protests Against the Increased Passenger Rates on the Railroads

The Town Council of the borough of Biglerville filed a complaint this morning with the Public Service Commission praying for an investigation of the Biglerville Water Company, alleging that the water supplied during the summer months for the past three years has been insufficient for proper fire protection.

W. W. Machamer, of West Reading, Pa., lodges complaint against the West Reading Water Company, alleging refusal by that company to extend its mains to furnish service desired by the complainant at a garage in the rear of his residence.

Formal protests against the proposed increased passenger fares was filed by the North Wayne Commuters' Association against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Informal protests were received from Washington Camp No. 50, P. O. S. of A., Philadelphia; Royersford Board of Trade, Royersford, and Glenolden Civic Association, Glenolden. Dr. A. J. Hesser, of Pittsburgh, objected to the increased fares on the grounds that the railroads continued to give free transportation to employes and their families.

No Discrimination

The Public Service Commission has issued an order that the Wilmington & Northern Railroad Company and the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company must adjust their rates and tariffs that the rate from Trap Rock to Birdsboro "on rock railroad ballast" shall not differ from the rate charged between these points upon crushed rock ballast for uses other than as railroad ballast. The complainant was the Birdsboro Stone Company, which has a quarry at Monocacy, Berks county.

Treasury Money

The State Treasury to-day received a check for $147,000 from James B. Sheehan, Register of Wills, Philadelphia, tax on inheritances.

Secretary McAfee Here

Robert McAfee, Secretary of the Commonwealth, is at his desk after an illness bordering on pneumonia at his Pittsburgh home.

Governor in New York

Governor Tener, who is in New York attending the meeting of the National Baseball League, will be back to-morrow night. The meetings of boards of which he is a member will not be held until Thursday.

Revenue Board Meets

The Board of Revenue Commissioners met this morning and made arrangements to replace the various funds in the same depositories as last year, this being the beginning of the fiscal year.

Former Senator Merrick

Walter Merrick, former Senator from Tioga, who recently retired as Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, was at the Capitol to-day.

LOWER TAX RATE IS NOW ASSURED

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and $29.64 to pay benefits assessed against Benedict Schlitzer, Barbara Koenig and Mary Miller, in connection with the same improvements. To these property owners recently were awarded verdicts of $150 each as damages for the city having taken a strip of their ground for the opening of Front street to Iron alley.

Mayor's Budget $69,215

The Mayor's departmental budget totals $69,215, while other departments coming under his supervision as Public Affairs: Commissioner are as follows City clerk's department, $4,634.50; sealer of weights and measures, $3,600; printing, $5,600; law, $8,586.64. It is estimated that the surplus in the printing fund at the close of the present year will total at least $1,500 and the appropriation to that department may be cut for the new year.

Request is made by the Mayor for one additional patrolman and five others "if the city's financial condition warrants creating these new positions." No less than a hundred lights are to be provided under the present tentative plans.

Commissioner Taylor will ask for money to install the lights on the protective wall along the river front and within a day or two will advertise for bids for the construction of fifty-two single light standards, fifteen of which are to be placed in the Front street park, between Paxton street and Iron alley; twenty-one along Front, between Reily and Maclay, and sixteen on the Twelfth street playground.

$34,108.75 for the Parks

The park and playground lights are to be constructed out of money which Commissioner Taylor to-day said will make up the surplus fund in his department at the close of the year. The maintenance and lighting of the lamps as well as those to be placed on the wall, will be provided for in the annual budget.

For the Park Department Mr. Taylor will ask for an appropriation of $34,108.75, which he declares is $1,682.98 less than was given to the department in 1913 and less by the same amount than was used during the present nine months fiscal "year." It will include the salary of city forester, $1,000 and a $100 fund out of which the forester will obtain his equipment. In addition it will contain a park lighting fund of $632.

The fire department budget, which also is made up by Mr. Taylor, contains requisitions for $40,116, or a proportionate decrease of $4,233.32 over that of the present nine-month year. Highway Commissioner Lynch has not yet announced the details of his budget, although it is understood he will ask for approximately $117,000.

At the meeting to-day Commissioner Bowman introduced the ordinance reducing the rates of the milk, meat and food licenses. Commissioner Lynch offered a measure providing for a sewer in Geiger street from Mifflin to Third, and one in a 180-foot section of Third street, extending north from Geiger.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

OLD FRIENDS IN NEW ACTS PLEASE AT THE ORPHEUM

Jimmy Casson and Betty Bond Constitute a Clever Team of Performers—The Pekin Mysteries Provide Thrills and Spectacular Features

Old favorites with new acts are not so bad as entertainers and the vaudeville patrons who visit the Orpheum theatre this week will come away pleased with what amounts to an "all-star" cast from start to finish.

First and foremost are Jimmy Casson and Betty Bond, who have been in this city before in elaborate productions and specialties. They have an entirely new line of song and dance numbers. No "man and girl team" in vaudeville is more welcome in Harrisburg than this pair.

Then comes Henry Lewis with his foolishness. The only thing left of his last year's act is the drop curtain and his prologue. He has even done away almost entirely with his little chuckling laugh. He allowed it to get away with him but once last night. There is absolutely no sense to what he does and it pleases the audience. He is a monologist.

The spectacular, with a touch of the amusing, is provided by the Pekin Mysteries. A master illusionist is the head of this company of Chinamen, while the other members of the company do acrobatics that keep the audience on edge until the act is over. The way large bowls of water are brought from nowhere is enough to keep the audience guessing.

"The Squarer" is a good comedy skit. Clever lines make a good sketch and the act is full of them. J. C. Nugent in the title role as a "squarer" is up to the tricks of the trade. Several other clever acts complete a very good bill.

THE STORM CENTER GOES TRAVELING OUT TO SEA

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not lay on the ground, on account of warm temperature.

To-day was marked by the passing out of the big storm which caused great damage to shipping and seaside resorts and which at first crippled transportation facilities in the East and put the trunk lines of the telegraph companies out of commission. Meagre communication east and west out of Harrisburg was established yesterday but its value was not great as interruptions occurred from time to time and all through to-day service was hindered. News service over the Associated Press wires was interrupted again to-day for a time.

Officials of the telegraph, telephone, railroad and trolley companies, were in fear yesterday that the snow which began falling in the afternoon in a temperature slightly above freezing would cling to the wires and cause trouble, but at no time did the snow fall with speed enough to cause much damage. Before last midnight snow hampered the infrequently used suburban trolley lines but there were no serious delays and midnight connections were made.

Harrisburg's lowest temperature last night barely touched the freezing point, most of the time being slightly above. On that account the snow did not lay to any great depth when it fell, melting into slush. Precipitation for the entire storm which began Saturday night is less than three inches here. The precipitation up-state was not as heavy as in Harrisburg and only a slight rise in the Susquehanna river at this point is in prospect.

WORKING ON LABOR BILLS

Representatives of the State Federation Are Meeting at the Capitol To-day

Delegates representing the central labor organizations of the State Federation of Labor met in the House caucus room at the Capitol this afternoon to take up matters pertaining to legislation they will present to the next Legislature. James M. Maurer, of Reading, a Representative-elect, who is president of the Federation, presided.

Of the fifty organizations belonging to the Federation, forty-five were represented, among the delegates being a number of prominent labor leaders. Among the measures to be considered are a workingmen's compensation bill, bills relating to mining, a child labor bill and all legislation relating to labor. The purpose is to work out this legislation and then instruct the officers of the State Federation as to what their attitude shall be during the coming session of the Legislature.

This afternoon John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, addressed the meeting, talking on labor legislation and the needs of his department.

Francis Bohlen, secretary of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, spoke on the work of the Commission as far as it has progressed.

To-morrow morning Mrs. Florence Sanville, representing the Consumers' League, will make an address on the legislation favored by the League. Francis Forman, secretary of the Child Labor League, will make an address on the proposed child labor law which will be introduced after preparation by the League.

A number of State officials have been invited to be present, but Commissioner Jackson will be the only one to address the meeting.

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Keeps liquids hot all day and night or cold until the third day.

PATENT RUSTLESS SHOCK ABSORBER protects filler against breakage. This is the most sanitary bottle made. We carry a complete assortment.

Lunch Box, ...$1.50
Caraffe, ...$5.00
Food Jar, ...$2.50
Vacuum Bottles, $1.00 to $2.50
Drinking Cups, $1.25 per set.

Forney's Drug Store
426 MARKET STREET

WILSON N. MILLER WILL BE BURIED TO-MORROW

Funeral Services Will Be Held in Shiremanstown for Widely Known Business Man Whose Death Occurred on Sunday

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Shiremanstown, Pa., Dec. 8.—Wilson N. Miller, senior member of the grain firm of J. R. Miller's Sons, of this place and New Kingston, died at his residence here on Sunday night at the age of 58 years.

Mr. Miller had been troubled for the last year with diabetes which manifested itself in aggravated form about two weeks ago, bringing on an attack of heart trouble which caused his death. He was born October 31, 1856, in Berks county, but for many years he had been a resident of Shiremanstown.

Mr. Miller was one of the most widely known business men in Cumberland county. Since the death of his father, the late J. R. Miller, he had been the senior member of the grain firm. He was a man of fine business qualifications, which won him the closest friendship of his many associates.

Among the lodges of which he was a member are the following: S. C. Perkins Chapter No. 209, F. and A. M.; Eureka Lodge No. 305, F. and A. M., of Mechanicsburg, being a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Harrisburg Consistory; Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, of Harrisburg, Knights Templar and Zembo Temple of Mystic Shriners. He was also a member and past chancellor of Irene Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Shiremanstown.

Mr. Miller was an officer in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church and the pastor, the Rev. Henry K. Lantz, will conduct the funeral services, which will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in St. John's cemetery, north of Shiremanstown.

Besides his widow, Mr. Miller is survived by one son, Jacob H., and one brother, J. Morris Miller, who was associated with him in business. Friends wishing to view the body can do so by calling at his late home this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

MRS. MARY BOWERS EXPIRES

Leaves Many Relatives Who Are Residents of This City

Mrs. Mary Bowers, 72 years old, 1219 North Front street, died this morning at 4.30 o'clock. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. T. B. Rockafellar, Mrs. Mary Balsley and Miss Annie, one son, William; four grandchildren, two brothers, George and Michael Marzolf, all of Harrisburg. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Samuel E. Rishel

Funeral services for Samuel Elmer Rishel, who died in Martinville, Ind., will be held to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock at the home of his brother, William Rishel, Wormleysburg. The Rev. Mr. Renshaw, pastor of the Wormleysburg United Brethren church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Brick church cemetery, Enola. The body was brought to his brother's home to-day.

Karl D. Harling

Karl D. Harling, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harling, 1837 Fulton street, died Sunday night at 12.35 o'clock at the home of his parents. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be private in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Ellsworth Bender

The funeral of Mrs. Ellsworth Bender, 54 years old, of Lemoyne, who died Sunday was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home, the Rev. A. E. Keen officiating. Burial was made in the Mechanicsburg cemetery.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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in Berlin that 100,000 Russians were captured at Lodz.

In the Balkans, Austria's armies apparently have met with checks in their operations which recently have been attended with marked success. A semi-official statement from Nish asserts that the Austrians have been overwhelmed by the Servians in the recent fighting and have retired in disorder, losing 1,800 men.

The German armies have answered the challenge of the allies, who recently assumed the offensive, by undertaking a sharp counter attack. In Belgium, along the Yser canal and in the region of Ypres the Germans have become more active. To-day's official French statement says that these attacks were answered with success.

The announcements from the Paris and Berlin War Offices are in sharp conflict as to the outcome of the struggle now progressing with renewed force. The French communication states that the allies have gained further ground in the Argonne. This is denied flatly at Berlin, where it was said that there have been no French attacks for some time past. To the contrary, it is said, that the Germans continue to gain ground there slowly. It is also asserted that a French attack near Nancy was repulsed and that the Germans have made an advance north of Arras.

The Berlin War Office says that the German forces in the east are pursuing the retreating Russians east and south of the Polish city of Lodz, capture of which by the Germans was reported recently at Berlin. An official Russian statement, while not admitting the fall of Lodz, says that its defense is no longer a matter of prime importance and adds that owing to recent developments it will be necessary to form the Russian forces in that vicinity on new lines.

Philadelphia Closing

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Stocks closed steady:

General Asphalt	33
do pfd	67
Lake Superior Crops	13
Lehigh Navigation	75¼
Lehigh Valley	64½
Penna. R. R.	52¾
Philadelphia Electric	22¾
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	11
Reading	69½
Storage Battery	47½
Union Traction	39½
United Gas Improvement	82¼

Chicago Board of Trade

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Close:
Wheat—December, 116⅝; May, 121⅝.
Corn—December, 62½; May, 68⅝.
Oats—December, 47½; May, 51½.
Pork—January, 18.15; May, 18.55.
Lard—January, 9.77; May, 10.02.
Ribs—January, 9.75; May, 10.07.

MUMMERS WILL VOTE ON PRIZES

Board of Directors Prepare List to Be Submitted to the Association

A BIG MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Five Classes of Awards Planned Including Twelve Miscellaneous Ones—Comics, Floats, Clubs and Individuals All Come in for Share

Prizes will be offered in five classes in the New Year's Day parade, according to the action of the Board of Directors of the Harrisburg Mummers' Association, last evening which will be submitted to the association at a meeting Wednesday evening. What action is taken that evening will be final.

There will be club prizes, individual prizes, prizes for comic costumes floats and twelve miscellaneous prizes The list prepared last evening by the directors follows:

Comic—Funniest makeup; most original makeup; best takeoff on any prominent character appearing in the newspapers; best representation of the Darktown fire brigade; best representation of the Katzenjammer Kids; best representation of Mutt and Jeff; best German character; best tramp; best comic costume worn by female; best dude; most grotesque costume.

Where two or more persons participate in any of the above entries prize will be divided.

Floats—Best historical float; finest float with girls; most original float; best decorated float; finest floatentered by a secret organization; finest float entered by a club; finest float entered by a fire company; finest float entered by a firm.

Clubs—Club having largest membership in line; finest costume in line; best drilled club; most unique organization; largest club with members under 16 years of age; club from outside of city having largest membership in line; club from outside of city having finest costumes; most original club from outside of city; finest representation of Red Men's Tribe; club making most elaborate presentation.

Individuals—Best female impersonator; most elaborate costume; best impersonator of Uncle Sam; best impersonator of George Washington; best impersonator of any prominent character in public life, either living or dead; oldest person in line; youngest person in line; shortest person in line; tallest person in line; finest dressed person mounted; finest dressed person unmounted; finest costume worn by a female; finest individual Colonial costume; finest dressed couple; best blackface impersonator; most expensive costume.

Miscellaneous—Best unpaid musical organization; most unique musical organization; finest costume worn by musical organization; best decorated horse; horse making finest appearance (not decorated); best entry mounted on bicycle, motorcycle, or other similar vehicle; best decorated automobile; best decorated bicycle; best decorated motorcycle; best pushmobile.

PLAN TO RENEW FIGHT ON THE 1913 COAL TAX LAW

Sixty Companies Will Go Into Court Here Next Thursday in a Second Effort to Have It Declared Unconstitutional—Millions Involved

A second attempt to have declared unconstitutional the act of the Legislature of July 1, 1913, under which a tax of two and one-half per cent. is levied on each ton of coal prepared for the market, is to be staged formally in court on Thursday by three score or more of the coal companies of the State.

This action involves the tax chargeable for the last six months of 1913, immediately following the passage of the act, or approximately $2,000,000, and on the court's decision hinges the question of whether the coal companies will be liable for the tax in future years or so long as the act is not repealed.

For a full year the tax amounts to about $4,000,000, so that if the act is held to be constitutional there will, at the close of the present year, be due the State from the coal companies something like $6,000,000. The questions of fact will be referred to in testimony to be heard by the court on Thursday, although the argument on the legal questions involved will not be submitted until some future date not yet fixed by the judges.

This second action involves in substance practically the same questions as were contained in an equity proceeding heard by the Dauphin county court a year or more ago. The court has not yet rendered a decision in the equity suit, although attorneys say that the counsel, representing the companies that staged the original action, "practically have given up their original case as hopeless."

Of the sixty coal companies affected by the tax law, thirty per cent. are represented by the law firm of Olmsted & Stamm, of this city. This firm will first present its side of the case, using as a formality, the Alden Coal Company, as appellant from the tax levy, and as many other cases will be taken up as the court decided to hear.

Eight reasons are assigned by the attorneys in support of their contention that the tax law is unconstitutional. Among them are the following: "The title of the act is defective; it is a special and local bill; by taking anthracite and not bituminous coal it lacks uniformity and it is a taxation of interstate."

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