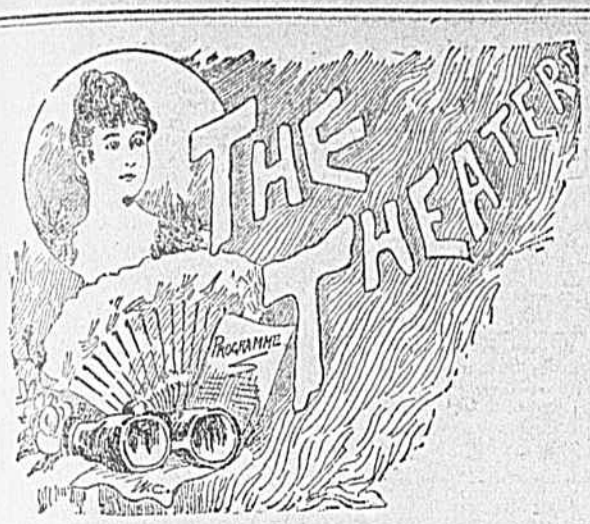

Not in five years has a more enjoyable dramatic entertainment been given at the Opera House than "Old Jed Prouty." The house was only half full Saturday night. But a more decidedly delighted audience was never seen there. The piece has enough plot to be interesting, but its great beauty is the truth to life of the characters and the natural quality of the humor and the homely pathos with which it abounds in about equal parts. The company is composed of capable actors, with a good quartette and two good children dancers. The applause and laughter shared the time with the stillness of appreciation when there were tears in the eyes of nearly everybody in the house. The star was called before the curtain several times, and after the third act made a speech which was as good a thing as was in the play, and as thoroughly appreciated. When Mr. Golden returns to Wheeling, as he declared his intention to do next year, the house will not hold the people who will throng to hear him. The company opens a week's engagement in Pittsburgh this evening.

ATTACHED THE RECEIPTS.

Saturday afternoon Walter W. Phillips, musical director of the John R. Cumpson company, which has been playing "Lieber Franz" to good business at the Grand, demanded sixty dollars of the manager, being his salary for two weeks. The manager promised that he should have the money after the matinee, but Phillips was not satisfied with this and went to Squire Arkle's office and attached the receipts of the performance. In the evening after the performance the parties met at the justice's office and arranged matters. Cumpson had a large house Saturday night and the audience was well pleased.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD" THIS EVENING.

Denman Thompson's famous play, "The Old Homestead," will be seen at the Opera House this evening and to-morrow evening. "The Old Homestead" is a sweet rural story, suggestive of all the pleasant side of country life, descriptive of all that is good and lovable in a simple-minded, honest old farmer. It is not a drama in the right sense of the word. There is so little of the truly dramatic in it that one is surprised that it holds the attention of the audience so closely for more than two hours. In its success it is shown that the people like a story simply and sweetly told, without the jar of rapid action, without the force of climax.

"THE BOY SCOUT."

The exciting melo-drama of the Sierras, "The Boy Scout," long identified with the name of N. S. Wood, will be presented at the Grand on Thursday night with Miss Theresa Newcomb as the star. The little actress dons the picturesque garments of the boy scout with as much ease as did the young actor who created the part, and keeps her hearers interested throughout the thrilling action of the play. A large company and special scenery adds greatly to the effectiveness of the production.

"TRUE IRISH HEARTS."

McCarthy's company will commence a two nights' engagement at the Grand this evening in the famous drama of "True Irish Hearts." This is one of the best of Irish dramas, and it always drew large audiences every time it has appeared here, and the indications are that the Grand will be crowded to the doors to-night. Seats are on sale at Genther's.

BRILLIANT LECTURES.

Mrs. Longshore Potts, M. D., at the Opera House.

"Did you ever see a gypsy woman, young, straight as an arrow and brown as a berry, carrying a pile of boards fully eight feet long on her head? You have seen her? On Tremont street? That's the one. Well, Mrs. Dr. Longshore Potts is the mental type of the order of which that gypsy is the physical type."

In this quaint manner the Boston *Herald*, of October 26, 1887, speaks of the distinguished woman who is to lecture here. Commencing to-morrow afternoon she will give a course of afternoon lectures to ladies only. All of the discourses will be magnificently illustrated by handsome stereoptican views, not alone of an anatomical nature but of art and travel. The announcement of this lecture has created a great deal of interest, and a cordial welcome is assured the little Quakeress.

Friday evening the men will have an opportunity to hear Mrs. Potts, when she will give her great lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" to both sexes. The lecture to-morrow night will be free.

STAGE SNOWFLAKES.

Gossip About the Plays and Players—Local Dramatic Notes.

A new violinist has appeared in London, Cesar Tompson. He is, like Ysays, a graduate of Liege. When nineteen he became the Vorgeiger of Bilse's orchestra in Berlin, and very soon was prevented with difficulty from abandoning music and becoming a sailor. The result of not hanging up to his fiddle is that he is now spoken of as the "modern Paganini."

Kate Castleton is reported to have paid her husband, Harry Philips, $2,500 to relinquish all claim to her Oakland property, and they have separated. She has sued for divorce, and expects a decree on her return to San Francisco. Cruelty and poker-playing are the grounds for divorce alleged in the complaint.

John R. Rogers, according to report, is again at disagreement with his wife, Minnie Palmer. According to the Chicago *Dramatic News*, private dispatches from New York declare these rumors to be well grounded in truth.

Bronson Howard has received $150,000 in royalties for "Shenandoah" since its first production in New York at the Star theatre.

The Theresa Newcombe company will play the "Boy Scout" in the Martin's Ferry Opera House next Wednesday evening. The last of the Y. M. C. A. entertainments will be on Friday evening.

Mr. Crane's new play "For Money" is not exactly the success that was expected. New Yorkers will not accept him as a fun maker, and hence before many weeks he will try another comedy from a big stock of plays he carries in his grip.

Augustin Daly has written an original comedy of New York life, which will follow "The Cabinet Minister" at his theatre, and Miss Ada Rehan will be in the cast.

Modjeska appeared last week in New York in her new play, "The Countess Roudine," and star and play made a hit.

M'lle Laus has enthused Paris in the opera, "Tempest," as the gay capital has not been enthused for years.

W. J. Scanlan is reported to have improved considerably since his removal to Bloomingdale asylum.

Robert Mantell will produce his new play, "The Face in the Moonlight," in New York next season.

Frances Hodgson Burnett's play, "The Showman's Daughter," proved a flat failure in London.

Actors must be a quarrelsome set. They are all the time making up.

Weevie Vivian left Hanlon's "Superba" Saturday night.

Part of the "Old Homestead" company is at the St. Charles.

Sells Bros'. circus is coining money in Australia.

BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip from the Glass City.

Hon. C. L. Weems, chairman of the Republican county committee, has been at Columbus quite frequently since the legislature convened, and is credited with being the father of one of the redistricting bills. He would not decline a nomination for Congress, and with a district embracing Noble, Washington and Monroe counties, coupled to Belmont and Guernsey, the Hon. Mr. Weems would have a strong pull in the first three named. The contest between Mr. Weems and Senator Nichols promises to be interesting in making a new congressional map of Ohio. Mr. Weems is an ex-member of the legislature, having served from Noble county before removing to St. Clairsville.

The prohibitionists will meet at City hall Tuesday to select delegates to their state convention, to be held at Columbus next month, and to determine whether they will put local tickets in the field this spring or not. It would be wisdom on their part to select the best men offered by the other parties in cities like this one. Otherwise they will contribute to the election of inferior men, and in local affairs especially they should not lose their votes.

An alarm of fire yesterday morning brought the entire department out, and but for the timely throwing of water there would have been a general cleaning out of the frame houses on Guernsey street, in the Second ward. A two-story frame had caught from a defective flue and the flames had just got fairly started when dashed out, otherwise a whole square would have been swept out. A stiff wind was blowing.

The friends of Hon. Lorenzo Danford at Columbus proposed to press that gentleman for an honorable and responsible position now at the disposal of President Harrison, but when the ex-congressman was approached upon the subject he unequivocally declined, and no amount of persuasion could make him give his consent. He will not be a candidate for any place, the more's the pity.

The North Bellaire reading room is proving a profitable investment in the line the good people building it intended. It is quite a popular resort for the young men of that part of town in the evenings, and many from other parts of the city spend frequent evenings there, too.

It is a violation of the city ordinance to leave sidewalks obstructed with boxes, barrels, etc., and late Saturday night some of the members of the hook and ladder company took possession of a number of boxes and made kindling wood of them.

M. L. Fawcett, of the Bellaire nail works office, fell down the office steps on Saturday and broke his arm. He had only been out a week after being laid up with a sprained ankle and was walking with a crutch when he fell Saturday.

The board of trade has sent out requests to all the subscribers of the improvement fund to pay up by the 1st of February. The board seems to have something on the string, and may buy a glass works if it sells cheap enough.

The canvassers of the Order of Ohio who have been doing business here for sometime all left town last Saturday to see what the prosecution of the heads of that order in Pennsylvania amounted to.

Truant Officer Jack Baugh took three little girls to the industrial school at Lancaster last week and as soon as room can be had two more will be taken.

Revival meetings will be held all week at the First Presbyterian and First M. E. churches.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Charles Russell was buried yesterday.

MARTIN'S FERRY.

Watch Lost—Funerals—Personal and General Notes.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, of Hickory street, while on her way to the M. E. church, lost a fine gold watch and chain with a ball on the end of the latter. The watch and chain was a present to Mrs. Thompson six years ago, and she prized it very highly. Myrtle Watson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Watson, of the same street, and a cousin of Mrs. Thompson, says she saw a gentleman pick up the watch on the south side of Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth, but did not know it belonged to her aunt. She says the man who found the time-keeper wore a long overcoat, had a mustache and carried a dinner bucket.

The funeral of the late Reece Watkins, sr., from the family residence in Ætnaville yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended. Rev. Mr. Lewis, pastor of the Welsh church, preached the sermon in English and the congregation sang in Welsh. Branum Post, G. A. R., of Bridgeport, had charge of the funeral, its members acting as pallbearers, and Advance lodge No. 26 and Sherman lodge No. 52 of Ironworkers, attended in a body. The floral offerings were beautiful. The interment was at Linwood.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Delilah Dean Martin on Saturday. Rev. H. N. Campbell officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Samuel Boyd and Rev. A. E. Brownlee. The choir consisted of Messrs. William Mann, William McMasters and Misses Eloise Gray and Madge Clark. The pall bearers were H. W. Smith, Aaron Black, James Y. Patterson, J. T. Hanes, William Clark and R. C. Swartz. The remains were laid to rest in Riverview cemetery.

The reception at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night was one of the most interesting ever given by that organization. Miss Edith McKim played an organ solo, a quartette rendered one selection, Mr. J. M. Belleville gave a reading, Mr. Thos. Lloyd sang a solo, and Miss Mary McDonald gave a recitation, all of which were excellent.

America's Italy will be the subject of the illustrated lecture of Prof. E. C. Bolton in the Opera House next Friday evening. This will be the last of the Y. M. C. A. course, and ought to be largely attended. Money has been lost on the course, and all of those who are interested in the success of the Y. M. C. A. and like to hear a good lecture should attend.

The lecture of Rev. Charles O'Meara at the Opera house on Saturday night, on "Mr. and Mrs. Lo at Home," was fairly well attended and was quite interesting. The Rev. Mr. O'Meara would doubtless have a larger crowd if he were to lecture again.

There was good sleighing all the way between Martin's Ferry and Mount Pleasant until yesterday. In Martin's Ferry there are a number of fine turnouts. The fastest are said to be those of Dr. W. B. Shuttleworth and Roscoe T. Ong.

On Saturday there arrived for the High school a mercurial barometer, Saxes' self-registering maximum and minimum thermometer registering to six hundred degrees, and an instrument for the polarization of light.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frazier and Miss Harriet Johnson returned on Saturday from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Neff, near Warnock's station.

While coasting on Saturday Leslie, son of Thomas Robbins, ran into a team, one of the horses tramping on his head and cutting a large gash.

Rev. Mr. Coleman, of West Alexander, Pa., assisted Rev. A. E. Brownlee in communion service in the U. P. church yesterday.

A turkey walk and festival under the auspices of the A. M. E. church will be the attraction at Commercial hall to-night.

Dr. Long, of Bellaire, gave a talk at the regular Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday.

Mrs. Ione Cope, of Columbus, who attended the furneral of Mrs. Martin, returned on Saturday night.

One of Prof. Schofield's sons sprained his ankle by falling while skating in the rink Saturday night.

Miss Hattie Risenour has returned to Portsmouth after a week's visit with Miss Hattie Brown.

A son of Thomas V. Salisbury had his nose badly hurt on Saturday while coasting.

Rev. Mr. Amos, of McDonald, preached in the A. M. E. church yesterday.

Miss Ella Conley is visiting friends at Toronto and New Cumberland.

A PATRIOTIC WORK.

Every person who is opposed to Free Trade Slavery and favors American Industrial Independence secured through the policy of Protection, should read the documents published by the American Protective Tariff League. As a patriotic citizen, it is your duty to place these documents in the hands of your friends. They are interesting and instructive, and embrace discussions of all phases of the Tariff question. The League publishes over 50 different documents, comprising nearly 600 pages of plainly printed, carefully edited and reliable information. Among the authors of these documents are, Hon. James G. Blaine; Wm. McKinley, Jr., Governor of Ohio; Senator S. M. Cullom, of Illinois; Senator Joseph N. Dolph, of Oregon; Senator A. S. Paddock, of Nebraska; Senator Frye, of Maine; Senator Casey, of North Dakota; Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont; Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Hon. Thomas H. Dudley, of New Jersey; Hon. Robert P. Porter, of Washington; Prof. J. R. Dodge, of the Agricultural Department at Washington; Commodore W. H. T. Hughes; Hon. E. A. Hartshorn, of New York; Congressman Dolliver, of Iowa; Hon. B. F. Jones; David Hall Rice, of Boston; Ex-Congressman Perkins, of Kansas; Dr. E. P. Miller, of New York; Hon. Geo. Draper, of Mass.; Hon. C. L. Edwards, of Texas; Judge Wm. Lawrence, of Ohio; Hon. D. G. Harriman, of New York; Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, of Mass.; Hon. E. H. Amidown, of New York; Enoch Ensley, of Tennessee.

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