

**Correspondence**

**OUR AGENT**  
Our agent Mr. A. Hezuan, will visit Auburn, Syracuse, Rochester, Ithaca and Geneva.

**Caledonia.**

Mr. James Donnelly died at his home in Mumfords on Wednesday last of typhoid pneumonia, aged 25 years. He was the younger son of Mr. William Donnelly, and won the warm regard and affection of a large circle of friends by his kind and genial disposition. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, Mr. William Donnelly of Seneca Falls, George of Mumford, five sisters, Mrs. H. Callaghan and Anna Donnelly of Salt Lake City, Mrs. T. J. Carlin, Lillian Donnelly of Dover, and Grace of Mumford. The funeral was held from St. Columba's church Saturday morning. The bearers were Messrs. John Maloy, Charles McSweeney, Edward Boylan, James Taffey, Henry Billow, William Nichols.

St. Columba's fair will open on next Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, and continue four nights. On each evening a musical programme will be rendered, followed by dancing. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings a public supper from 6 to 8 will be served by the ladies in charge, and on Thursday evening a Thanksgiving dinner at 5 o'clock. St. Patrick's congregation, Mumford, will have a table for the benefit of the new church fund. The three tables will be in charge of the Sodality. The different committees have been indefatigable in their efforts to make this a successful and profitable affair and they will reap a goodly reward.

Mr. Fred Woollett has purchased the "Big Tree Inn" at Genesee, and will take possession this week.

**Willard.**

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Row of the hospital on Nov. 11th, a daughter.

Ms. Patrick Martin, who was seriously ill, is now improving.

Miss Teresa Carthy has left this hospital to enter the hospital service at Kings Park, N. Y., where she has secured a position.

The outside of all the hospital buildings are being painted.

**Lima.**

Married—At St. Rose's church, at 10 o'clock Wednesday, 21st inst. by Father Fitzsimmons, Dr. John A. Morrison and Mary E. Finigan. The bride was attended by Miss Ella Hayes of Rochester, and the groom by his brother of Caledonia, Dr. George of Buffalo and James Monaghan, a sister-in-law. After a short wedding trip they will take up housekeeping in the pleasant home recently purchased on Main street. Both stand high in the esteem of the community, and many good wishes are expressed for their happiness through life.

On Tuesday morning an anniversary high mass was sung for the repose of the soul of Patrick Burns, sr.

**Home.**

John Savage and Jennie Kelly were united in marriage Nov. 15th.

Francis G. Pennell and Mrs. Wm. A. Allen were united in marriage by Rev. M. Day on the 16th inst.

The celebration by dynamite on the 7th caused the destruction of \$50 worth of glass in the store of G. B. Franklin.

**COOK OPERA HOUSE.**

The bill of classic vaudeville prepared for the current (Thanksgiving) week, Monday Nov. 26th, at Cook Opera house, gives promise of an unusually star attraction entertainment. The brilliant comedienne, Kathryn Osterman, the well-known legitimate favorite, will make her appearance in her highly successful comedy entitled "The Editor" written by M. H. Linderman. The next star feature on the long programme is Musical Dale, who has just returned to America after five years abroad. He is acknowledged to be the greatest of all comedians. Grant and Norton, the clever comedian and dashing moustache will present a refreshingly new play, entitled "Only One Girl." Elisea, the marvelous dancer in a graceful, amusing feat of peerless pirouette. The gifted and talented Vilona Sisters, high-class instrumental soloists. One of the greatest novelties on the vaudeville stage. The singing and dancing specialties of the young American Quintette, which is composed of Miss Mattie Boom, Master George Night, Johnny Fox, Harry Robinson and Joe Kaufman. The original Gaspard Brothers in their original performance with Mexican double axe exercises, one of the most sensational acts ever witnessed. "Fanny Fox and his wonderful educated canine Foxie, will do many laughable stunts, with other acts on the bill. Joe Monk will offer for a musical selection "The Caddy" march and two-step by Fred T. Ashton. This completes a grand bill for the coming week, with two performances daily, matinee and evening. The underline for week of Dec. 3rd, is the famous favorite character actor, J. E. Dodson (late of Frohman's New York Empire Theater company "Under the Red Robe") in his masterly impersonation of Cardinal Richelieu, in John Stapleton's drama "Richelieu Straggled," supported by an unequalled company. Anna Theresa Berger, America's greatest lady comedienne, Thos. J. Dezany, Wm. Keller, Mack and Company. Morron and Elliotts and many other star features.

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The American drama by William Gillette in four acts entitled "Secret Service" will be at the Baker Theatre the last half of the week opening on Thursday with Thanksgiving matinee.

On Dec. 2nd the fourth of its band concerts will be given by the 54th Regiment Band on Sunday night. The Beethoven male chorus and Miss Lulu Mong, soprano soloist, will be the features of this concert.

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**PEARL OF THE OAKS.**

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PART SECOND.

[Continued from last week.]

VI.

The new shoes hurt her more than the ones she had lost; but she bore it all with a gentle fortitude which surprised her persecutor, who herself came well nigh losing her patience in her effort to make the little girl look her very prettiest.

Melissa's prettiest was due not only to a desire to atone for the work of yesterday, but she felt that she was to be amply rewarded in being allowed to visit the lady who had spoken so kindly to her when she had felt that she had disgraced herself. Could Jamie Levimore have seen her, he would have had new cause to admire her, and his mother might have discovered much in her that gave promise of a noble character which only needed developing; but they were not permitted to gaze upon her until she stood in their own parlor, neatly robed in a full dress of white tulle over a pale blue silk. The boy's comment was, "She looks like a wax doll now, but her fine clothes can't make her look a bit prettier than she was in her rags yesterday."

The three little girls who had not yet quite yet recovered from the terrors they had received when told of the gypsies, were at first a little inclined to be afraid of her, but when Gertrude saw the attention paid the guest by her brother she ventured nearer and commenced a childish conversation, soon to be followed by the other two. They were interested in some of the strange stories they drew from her concerning her gypsy life, but, child-like, they were more attracted by the beauty of her dress, which they compared with their own plain but neat cotton frocks; for their mother, being a woman of sound common sense, who thought more of moulding her children's characters on a Christian plan than of fine dress, would not have permitted one of them to appear in such a showy attire as this excepting on some rare occasion.

VII.

True, the void left in Frank Lone's heart by the death of Marie could never be entirely filled, but the bright child was fast awakening tender feelings which had long been dormant. He loved her guileless, light-hearted ways, and even the wild pranks which caused his wife so many hours of anxiety pleased him. But the innocent child knew nothing of the cold conventionalities so common among worldly people, especially his own wife. Melissa, like true child of nature, was sincere in everything, and hoped that she would always remain so. He would like to have taken her education upon himself, and by so doing, might have brightened both his own and her life; but he knew that it would be useless to interfere with Beasie's plans, so he silently submitted to the presence of a French governess who was to add new trials to the life which had already been robbed of too much of its freedom.

The lady, whose name was Miss Leroy, arrived at the Oaks from Washington about six weeks after our little heroine. Hitherto, with the exception of the provocations of being too finely dressed and being continually warned of the impropriety of this or that sport, or the danger of soiling her clothes, Melissa's life had been comparatively free, and she had spent many happy hours with Dora's little grandchild Meg, who had been selected as her waiting maid. When Miss Leroy came things were changed, and she listened in sullen silence to the rules laid down to her, the worst of which was to be shut up in the school room several hours each day. Instead of trying to make the new mode of life interesting to her little charge, by using kind words and persuasions, she only frowned deeply upon her and gave her to understand that she was to be obeyed. On the first day of their acquaintance each felt a decided dislike for the other—a very poor beginning—and when Miss Leroy learned that her pupil did not even know one letter from another she would have given up her position had it not been for the large salary paid her for coming to such an out-of-the-way place. Melissa, being a very bright child, would, with the right kind of a teacher, have learned very rapidly; but, as it was, it was difficult to teach her anything.

After spending nearly a week on the alphabet, Melissa surprised her teacher one morning by saying: "If I had some one to study with me, like Gertrude Levimore does, I know I could learn more easily."

"I wish you had; but, unfortunately, you have not."

"Why not let Meg learn my lessons with me?"

"Who is Meg?"

"Why, my maid, of course; she cannot read any more than I can."

"Child, are you crazy, to suggest such a thing? do you not know that it is against the law to educate a negro?"

"It is a wicked law, and I think I might have some one to study with me."

Miss Leroy tried in vain to interest the child in the first lesson of her primer, and at last laid down the book, saying, impatiently: "Can I ever teach you anything?"

"Let me go and find Meg, first."

"No, you must remain here and learn your lesson." So saying she opened the book again, but after repeated efforts to master the word, Melissa exclaimed: "I cannot learn it, and I am going out to play."

Before her teacher could prevent her she was gone. The lady's first impulse was to follow her, but she thought it best to let her go, and if punishment must be resorted to, to inflict it on her return.

Two or three hours passed, and Melissa did not appear at luncheon. She was supposed to be with Meg, but the child, who was found in the kitchen, said she had seen nothing of her since she had helped her dress in the morning, and everyone else about the house was equally ignorant as to her whereabouts.

"The little red-headed witch has probably flown to the woods again, and I am half inclined to let her remain there," was Beasie's comment after hearing the story of her misdeed from the highly indignant Miss Leroy.

"No, you won't," said her husband, "our little girl must be found," and he left the room immediately to call some of the men to help him.

"Dear me," sighed Beasie, when he was gone, "that is what comes of taking people into your family about whom you know nothing."

"I am truly sorry for you, Mrs. Tone," said the sympathetic Miss Leroy, "for that child has a dreadful temper."

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