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## THE COAL SITUATION

(Hamilton Spectator.)

Regarding the probable price of anthracite coal for domestic use during the coming winter, we see no reason to change the view expressed some time ago, namely, that the best policy of the consumer at present is to buy one ton at a time and that, after the close of navigation, the supply will become abundant at or near the normal price. The situation, as we have heretofore explained it, is simply this: The two months strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields last spring greatly lessened the ordinary output. When full production was resumed, it was deemed wise to take advantage of so much of the season of navigation as remained to hurry coal to the west, and, as the entire available supply was limited for the reason mentioned, this left very little for the east. The calculation was that ere long the continuance of full production at the mines would enlarge the supply, and that, upon the close of navigation, when there would no longer be any incentive for special haste in despatching coal westward, due attention would be given to the wants of the east, and prices would return to something like their natural level. The consumer was advised to purchase a hand-to-mouth policy during the interval, and but only so much coal as he actually needed for the time being.

It is to the credit of the regular "line companies" that even during the temporary scarcity they have not raised their price. Such coal as they could deliver they have sold at the ordinary price. But because they could not deliver as much as usual the "independent companies" who have been speculating in the stringency have been able to extort increased prices for so much of the available coal supply as they had cornered and people had to go to them to get. It will easily be seen that to produce a panic would be simply to play into the hands of those independent companies. If everybody wants a winter's supply of coal delivered in the fall, the demand will so greatly exceed the supply that the speculators can charge what they please. If the public will just have patience for a few weeks, and buy only what they need in the interim, the men interested in cornering the market will lose their grip, and the line companies will be able to accommodate everybody at no great advance upon the price of last winter.

## AMUSING MOCK TRIAL LAST NIGHT VERDICT RENDERED FOR DEFENDANT

Seldom has an amateur entertainment afforded such genuine enjoyment and amusement as did the mock trial in the Academy last night. The farce—and it was clearly such—was given under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. deficit, the rehearsals and the presentation being under the personal supervision of the author of the sketch, Col. Newton, of Worcester, Mass., who took the part of counsel for the defence.

### THE STORY

The story is of a young man, the defendant, who has been involved in several love affairs and one in particular. In paying court to a young lady, he attempts to throw off her guard, an aunt living in the same house and with a notorious reputation for breach of promise suits, by means of a second wooing, during the course of which attentions he unwittingly—according to the arguments of the defence—proposed to and is accepted by the aunt. The action is by the latter for breach of promise to collect the sum of \$3.48 as damages. After a skillful legal battle, complicated and laughable evidence, the jury is charged in favor of the plaintiff, retires, and returns a verdict of guilty, the plaintiff to pay the costs of the court, which consist of \$3 for the jury and 48c. for the judge. Such is the case.

The characters are without exception admirably portrayed, the stage folk entering spiritedly into Local hits fell like grape shot from an eighteen pounder. Moreover, it was a clever caricature upon the customs and procedure of the courts—and to those unacquainted with

the proceedings it was decidedly instructive.

As the players too much cannot be said, suffice to say that it was again demonstrated that Lindsay has talent galore in the dramatic and comedy lines.

Mr. Walter Dixon made a superb Jerusha R. Perkins, the plaintiff, in the case. His work swayed him as a female impersonator of the front rank, and his make up as well as stage gestures could not be improved upon. He infused a naturalness into his role and carried himself in a clever manner.

Mrs. A. B. McIntyre, as Miss Mayflower, who boarded for five years at Perkins' Paradise, was an excellent witness. She was called for the plaintiff, but her evidence strongly favored the defendant in the case. Mrs. McIntyre acted her role admirably, and well deserved the hearty applause accorded her as she left the witness stand.

Mr. H. B. Black, as Henry Winterbottom, was in makeup and actions a capital character. His quaint mannerisms, and his efforts to evade the home thrusts of the lawyer for the defendant convulsed the house with laughter.

Mr. Walter Kirkconnell, the wooer and defendant in the case, had a difficult part, which he efficiently handled both in the box and out of it.

Mr. L. V. O'Connor, lawyer for the defendant handled the case in a very clever manner, his examination of the witnesses as well as his address to the jury bringing out droll comedy lines.

Miss Lizzie Spratt made a winsome Miss Perkins, niece of the defendant. Her work as a star witness in the case could not be improved upon. She looked and acted her part in an admirable manner.

Dr. Blanchard as Dr. Cut Him Up, was immense. As a witness he introduced some excellent humor into his evidence, which tickled the audience immensely.

Mr. Geo. F. Blackwell, as Prof. Star, teacher of elocution at Chicken Snow, made a hit with the audience, and his story of the dog fight at the town hall brought down the house.

His Hon. Judge McIntyre was very stately on the bench and in his rulings as well as his charge to the jury, he added much to the amusement.

Mr. A. M. Fulton able performed the duties of court clerk. Chief of Police Chilton was court officer, and the veteran court crier, John Short, was right at home in that role last night.

The jokes throughout were "im-mense." The plaintiff acknowledged that she had been associated in breach of promise suits against local gentlemen.

The plaintiff's meeting with the defendant she described as romantic. He saved her from a wild animal on Ridout-st. one night, which was later discovered to be a local citizen's automobile.

H. B. Black testified to watching the attentions the defendant paid to Mrs. Perkins at the "Paradise." It was the only thing he did pay.

The defendant told the court he wanted a sunflower of a wife—something that would shut up at night. Colonel Newton interrogated that it would be impossible to get one to do so at any other time.

In explaining to the court what monomania was, Dr. Blanchard cited several cases in town.

Mr. Blackwell gave a few sidelights on the menu of the Perkins boarding house. He also paid attention to Mrs. Jerusha, and lived for a time on the fat of the land. But later, when the fondness waned somewhat, he was put back on the scale with other witnesses' steak near the hoof, and three prunes instead of five.

Dr. Blanchard was taken aback by

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The steamer Esturion which has been in dry dock for some time, towed around to Little Bob this morning and will be drawn out on the 10th. It has been suggested that she be converted into a gasoline steamer, to run once or twice a week between Sandy Point and the station.—Bobcaygeon Independent.

### BORN

AYERS—On October 31st to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ayers, Williamstown, a son.

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