

MUSIC AND MASSES.

Unusual Preparations in the Churches for Christmas Services.

Great Beauty of Decoration.

Fair Hands Busily Employed in Trimming the Sanctuaries.

Excellent Music to be Rendered.

Christmas Day will receive its old-time hearty welcome in Pittsburgh.

All the churches, especially the Episcopal and Catholic, are busy decorating their houses of worship with evergreen and preparing programmes for the due celebration of the coming festival.

The Cathedral looks its best after the recent renovation, and certainly the evergreens will add to its beauty in a marked degree.

The Cathedral's Beauty.

Yes, the Cathedral will look very handsome when properly adorned for Christmas. The green leaves and red berries will act as a contrast to the pious glow of the church.

In the Trinity Episcopal Church, the feast of Christmas will be celebrated with equal ceremony. Old Trinity will be festively decorated.

At St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, the walls will on Christmas morning be perfectly hidden with decorations.

Quite original and original in its decorations is St. Leo's church, Allegheny.

In the distance the legendary Magi, represented by statues, are placed, while the whole is crowned beneath an arbor of ivy and greenery.

Money Talks. 250 styles, all prices and grades. CHAS. REIZENSTEIN'S, 132, 134, 156 Federal street, Allegheny.

SEE Kaufmann's special bargains during the next three days in men's melton and kersey overcoats, all shades, at \$10, \$12 and \$15.

WE'll Help You Select. That Christmas present it you will let us. Thousands of useful articles still left, varying in price from 25c to \$25.

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WORKING ON THE CONNECTION.

The Duquesne Traction People Getting Their Downtown Outlet Into Shape.

A gang of men were engaged all day yesterday making the connections of the new Duquesne Traction road with the Central Traction Company's line at the corner of Diamond and Grant streets.

It was generally understood that there was some legal hitch in regard to the right of way at this particular point, and that the matter had been taken to court.

At 10 o'clock, Monday, from 9 till 12 o'clock. A wonderful and marvelous three hours' special sale will take place in Kaufmann's crockery department, basement.

Not for One. But for all, are the Christmas bargains at Thompson's New York grocery.

- 100 lbs granulated sugar, \$1 00. 12 cans sugar corn, .88. 12 cans choice tomatoes, .88. 12 cans choice cucumbers, .88. 12 cans choice green peas, .88.

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TWO MONTHS EARLIER.

Building Trades Will Ask for Eight Hours and More Pay on March 1.

UNIONS INDORSING THE DEMANDS. Changes in the Manner of Settling the Next Miners' Scale.

It is now about definitely settled that there will be a general strike in this city, next spring, for the adoption of the eight-hour workday, and it is now thought that the date will be made March 1, instead of May 1, as originally intended.

The painters and decorators have been voting on the question for several weeks, and while the final result has not yet been made known it is said enough assemblies have voted in favor of the move to carry it to an issue with that trade.

The scale upon which the various unions are voting includes demands for a reduction in hours from nine to eight and an advance of 5 cents an hour over their present wages.

It became known a short time ago that the carpenters were entering the fight and their strength was likely to be added to the painters' forces.

The Building Trades' Council has passed resolutions pledging its support to the trades that demand eight hours and the public will no doubt be treated to a rather interesting contest.

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AN AWFULLY ARISTOCRATIC DRUNK.

Ho Refuses to Go to the Lockup Without Taking a Ride.

A severe tussle took place last night at the corner of Thirteenth and South Carson streets, when Officer David Smith attempted to convey John Ellis to the old-fashioned way to the Twenty-eighth ward station.

The patrol box wires have been rendered useless by the storm, and consequently the clang of the wagon was not heard on Southside streets yesterday.

HE IS TO BE A FEATURE OF THE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARADE. One of the features of the J. O. U. A. M. parade on Washington's birthday will be "XX, or 'Cough Drops,' as he is known about town.

POLICE DRILLS SUSPENDED. The police of the First district were notified last night that police drills were suspended for two weeks.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. December series now open. Shares, \$100 each, payable in installments of 60c per month.

THE Michigan Furniture Co. have in stock a fine line of chairs, rockers, desks, china closets, bookcases, card tables, and, in fact, any article of furniture suitable for a Christmas present.

STANDING ROOM ONLY. All chairs have been removed and standing room now is the best we have to offer at the cash store; see our window display of handkerchiefs.

FOR BEAUTY AND DURABILITY, our line of chairs and parlor suits cannot be beat in this city. Store open in the evening.

A WORD OF ADVICE. Bestow upon your friends a sensible and serviceable present, and you will enjoy many thanks and good will of the recipient.

MELLOR & HOENE'S. Who display at their "Palace of Music" an assortment of Pianos unequalled in its variety and completeness.

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THE HOTEL BON AIR, SUMMERVILLE HEIGHTS, AUGUSTA, GA. This new and elegant hotel will open on December 20th, under the same management as last season.

HOG ISLAND'S PATENT

Recorded as Last by F. R. Nesbit—History of the Fight for Possession of Valuable Sand and Gravel Property—The Heligoland of Pennsylvania.

W. T. Treadway, Esq., for himself and F. R. Nesbit yesterday recorded a patent for Hog Island, generally known as Hog Island bar.

This piece of gravel, sand and willow, comprising 14 acres and 48 perches, has been almost entirely the object of interest of late years as Heligoland, there being so many people dissatisfied with Mr. Nesbit's success in capturing the title.

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HOW IS THIS FOR A CUT. 200 all-wool cloth jackets, \$1 98, brown, blue and grey. For winter wear, the stock store reduced from \$4.50.

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STEM-WINDING WATCHES GIVEN FREE WITH Boys' Suits at Kaufmann's. They're no toys, nor yet cheap articles, boys, but first-class nickel, stem-winding watches with reliable movement.

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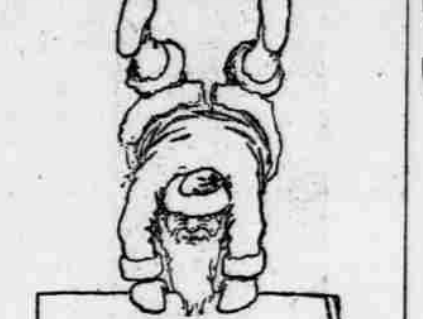
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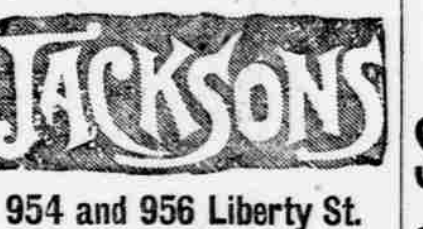
JACKSON'S CHRISTMAS GREETING. SANTA CLAUS ON TOP. This may look like a sacrifice of dignity on the part of the old gentleman who presides so merrily over our Christmas festivities.

THE stock of fine FURNITURE displayed by this house offers no end of sensible and appropriate Holiday presents. They need not be \$250 Parlor Suites. No, not quite. We have a very pretty line of handsome Rockers at most astonishingly low prices.

How Will This List Strike You? (Remember, Any Article is Sold for Cash or on Credit.) Chiffonieres and Wardrobes! Secretaries and Desks!

HERE IS ANOTHER ROSTER OF SUITABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Clocks and Pedestals! Easels and Pictures!

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THE ELEMENTS AGAINST US! There's no use battling against "Old Prok," for he is fully determined that we shall not get any favorable weather—that real cold weather particularly adapted for Holiday trade, and it catches us with an entire floor full of MILL-CHANT TAILOR MADE OVERCOATS.

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SOME TIMELY ADVICE TO Young Married Couples. Don't weary your time (months and years) away in boarding houses.

Small Weekly Payments. Thousands of other couples have tried this plan and found it successful. Why not you?

KEECH'S, 923, 925 AND 927 PENN AVE., CORNER GARRISON ALLEY, NEAR NINTH ST. SPECIAL! Our store will be kept open every evening till 9 o'clock, beginning Thursday, the following Saturday till 11 o'clock, Christmas eve, till 11 p. m.