

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS

Scenes on the Business Thoroughfares During Saturday Night.

YOUNG AND OLD WERE HAPPY

They Throghed the Streets Until It Became Almost a Physical Impossibility to Move About—Clerks Were Tired and Weary.

It is probable that never before did Lackawanna avenue contain such a hurrying, dense and gay crowd of shoppers as that of Saturday night. Even for busy Scranton it was an unusual sight: it was not the lagging, stationary, unmovable gathering of a circus or parade day, but it was a shifting, seething good natured mass of men and women and boys and girls, who, with more or less gaiety, were taking a last crack at the cheaper kind of Christmas goods.

Stores Were Crowded.

An idea of the crowd may be inferred from the fact that at several of the cheap goods stores men were stationed at the doors to prevent people entering until a batch of thirty or fifty had been permitted to pass into the street. The sidewalks were so densely packed that many persons chose the roadway as the easiest way of progress. What with the troops of persons crossing and recrossing the street, the changing of street car gongs, the murmur of conversation, the jostling and shoving and the bright lights and holiday decorations the scene reminded the traveler more of gay Paris on a shop night than life in a small inland city.

It was quite amusing to observe how some people with very little to do made an awful fuss about it, while others with more to think of in a minute than many are occupied with in a day seemed to wear their tribulations with ease. A sour-visaged man with his forehead wrinkled like the ridges on a washboard came bumping along down the avenue. He had a medium sized bundle in his left hand and with his other hand was pulling along a young American of eight winters, who held like grim death a little 10 cent wagon—painted red, of course. The boy's experience might have been likened to a boat in mid-stream, trying to make sidewise progress against a strong current. He was being pulled along violently by his father and in his flying career was being smartly bumped and thumped about; his little red cart was forever getting tangled in somebody's legs and at every such experience the father tried to overcome the difficulty by a vigorous jerk, with the result that the boy fell to the sidewalk three times in one block. The pair probably reached home safely, but out of temper and sadly in need of repair.

A Family Party.

In marked contrast was the experience of a happy family party, father and mother and three children, who trooped along at the heels of the pair with the red cart. They were evidently poor, but were well-fed and happy; the man weighed over 200 pounds and had cherry cheeks like Santa Claus; in his arms were a half dozen bundles of various sizes and shapes and two of the children were clinging to his coat. The mother, with hat awry and hair disheveled and carrying a number of packages, trailed the procession with the youngest child. All were good natured and did not seem to be in the least concerned by the jostle of the throng.

FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE

We Are Showing Complete Lines of Silks.

Ki Kia (wash), Fancy Taffetas (for waists), Haskell's Black.

DRESS PATTERNS AND SUITINGS

Fancy Handkerchiefs and Fans, Pocket Books, Kid Gloves and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Store Open Evenings.

MEARS & HAGEN,

415 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

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"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED," TRY

SAPOLIO

Watch Boxes in Sterling Silver and silver-plate. Davidow Bros.

In one of the stores while the little boxes were flying along the elevated carrier system at a lively pace, while every minute meant several dollars of profit, while shoppers stood several rows deep along the counters and above the din and confusion arose the calm voice of a man, saying, "pass out to the right; now, don't shove"—In all this bustle and turmoil someone asked a weary clerk how long the store would be open.

She Was Ready to Faint.

"Oh, lordy, don't ask me," she said, "I hope it will stop soon; I'm ready to faint." Whether she collapsed or not was not learned, but such an ending would not have been surprising. To a man, the fortitude of those girls was something incomprehensible, and any attempt to understand how they could even chew gum so vigorously after the day's hard work was a question bordering on magic. Possibly some of them looked very attractive when they began work in the morning; maybe their hair was then frizzed to exuberation, their cheeks naturally tinted, eyes sparkling and bright and every ribbon, buckle, drapery and apron in its correct place, but later in the evening—well, the girls had much sympathy; they were not in the least like a thing of beauty and a joy forever, nor were they fair to look upon.

Quarterly Report of Third National Bank Prepared in an Hour and a Quarter.

Saturday morning at 10:45 the Third National bank of this city received notice from Washington to furnish the quarterly statement of its financial condition required by the government of all national banks. An hour and a quarter later the report was ready for transmission to Washington. This is a wonderful record and shows the perfect condition in which the books of the institution are kept at all times. It is a notable tribute to the exact business methods of the cashier, William H. Peck. The report, which appears in another column, shows that the bank is in an excellent financial condition.

Our Line of Mantel Clocks

Comprise everything from the plain oak to the imported Venetian onyx clocks. Davidow Bros.

When Silverware Enters

Your mind for Xmas presents call at Davidow Bros.

The \$40,000 School House.

for Columbia avenue has been let and will be commenced immediately. There are still a few more lots left at a low price. Arthur Frothingham, Office, Theater Lobby.

Our Line of Corgie Pins

is complete. Davidow Bros. Great variety of Sleds, Clipper Wagons and Doll Carriages. PRATT'S BOOK STORE.

Silver Shaving Cups and Brushes.

Quadruple plate. Davidow Bros. Our Line of Corgie Pins is complete. Davidow Bros.

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is complete. Davidow Bros. Fern baskets at Clark's for Xmas presents.

When Silverware Enters

Your mind for Xmas presents call at Davidow Bros.

Brush and Comb, Manicure, Toilet and Shaving Sets.

PRATT'S BOOK STORE. Watches Silver or Nickel. Plated, Gold Filled or Solid Gold. Watches for everyone. Watches that everyone run for and watches that are guaranteed. Davidow Bros.

Santa Claus couldn't make a wiser choice of a gift for his little friends than to present them those funny, droll and mirth-inspiring "Queer People." All parts can now be had at The Tribune business office.

Duplex Link Buttons

New patent. Latest designs. No more trouble, gentlemen, if you have a pair Duplex Link Cut Buttons, at Davidow Bros.

Davis' Automatic Inkstands.

PRATT'S BOOK STORE.

BEAT HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Patrick McGee Does Not Believe in the Peace-on-Earth Idea.

NEITHER DOES MICHAEL BURNS

The Latter Became Intoxicated Saturday Night and Turned His Family Out of the House—He Now Awaits a Hearing in Central Station House.

An early start toward celebrating Christmas was made by Patrick McGee, of River street, near South Washington avenue, Saturday morning. He got boiling drunk and wound up the celebration yesterday morning by beating his wife and mother-in-law. A hurry call was telephoned to the central police station at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and when Policemen Haag, Burke and I. F. Jones arrived at the McGee residence with the patrol wagon, the mother-in-law had received an ugly cut extending nearly across her forehead, and McGee and the interior of the house were covered with blood. Mrs. McGee had been very badly beaten.

Turned Them Out of the House.

In yesterday morning's police court the wife failed to appear against her husband, who was remanded by the mayor for a hearing this morning. All yesterday different members of the family, including a nephew, were interfering for Burns with the mayor and chief of police.

SHEA ENGAGEMENT CLOSES.

Rip Van Winkle and Snare of New York Produced Saturday. Thomas E. Shea and company closed their engagement at the Academy of Music Saturday night, when "The Snare of New York" was produced in an excellent manner. The house was crowded, even standing room being at a premium.

Coat Clips, Coat Hangers, Hat Marks.

All in sterling silver. Davidow Bros. Solid Silver Thimbles, 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25. Davidow Bros. Gold Pens and Pencils. PRATT'S BOOK STORE.

Rings for the Baby.

Rings for the Miss, Rings for the Lady, Wedding Rings for your sweetheart, Rings for yourself or friends. Davidow Bros. Vases, Something New, Exquisite Designs. Nobby and neat patterns. Davidow Bros. Oxford, International, Bagster and Holman's Bibles. PRATT'S BOOK STORE.

Silver Shaving Cups and Brushes.

Quadruple plate. Davidow Bros.

Those Queer People

There's No Better Christmas Present for the Little Ones. All parts on sale now at THE TRIBUNE business office.

NOVELTIES

HOLIDAYS...

Books, Booklets, Art Calendars and Xmas Goods of all descriptions. High Class Framing a specialty. PRATT'S, Lackawanna Ave

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

You intend to make some one a Christmas Present.

DO NOT WORRY

Do not lose your temper, but make a bee line for

China Hall

As they have such an array of Goods suitable for Gift Making that it will be a pleasure instead of a worry to make such selection.

SILVERWARE, DINNER, TEA and TOILET SETS.

Bric-a-Brac, Cut Glass, Lamps, Tables, Chafing Dishes, 5 O'Clock Teas, etc.

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NEW STORE, NEW GOODS, NEW PRICES.

LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE

IF YOU BUY YOUR SHOES OF SCHANK YOU WEAR THE LATEST STYLES.

SCHANK'S Shoe Store

410 Spruce St.

A SUGGESTION

Of course you are in a quandary what to give for a Xmas present. Now your mind will be greatly relieved by visiting either of our stores, where our lines of Bath Robes, Cane, Umbrellas, Leather Goods, Neckwear, Gloves, Suspenders and Night Shirts are complete.

OUR ASSORTMENT IS CERTAINLY THE LARGEST AND BEST IN THE CITY.

THE Christian, HATTER

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REEFERS. REEFERS

LARGE VARIETY, GOOD STYLES AND LOW PRICES.

We want to show you our MEN'S STRICTLY ALL WOOLEN \$10 SUIT

Colors, Grey, Black and Oxford Mixed.

MARTIN & DELANY,

Custom Tailors and Clothiers, WYOMING AVE.

THE : FASHION

308 Lackawanna Avenue.

GREAT REVOLUTION IN PRICES.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Felt Hats, worth 49c., for 25c. Velvet Hats Trimmed with Jet and Tips, worth \$5.00, for \$2.98 Frosted Egrets, worth 39c., for 15c.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT

New and desirable goods in Jackets, Plush and Cloth Capes, Fur Capes, etc., arriving daily and are sold at the Lowest Cash Prices.

HAIR CHAINS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Something nice for a Christmas Gift. Chains made out of your own or some dear friend's hair. Leave orders as early as possible.

E. M. HETZEL, 230 Lacka. Ave.

FREE TICKETS TO THE SKATING RINK

WITH EVERY PAIR OF ICE SKATES SOLD BY US BETWEEN NOW AND NEW YEAR'S, WE WILL GIVE FREE ONE TICKET GOOD FOR ONE ADMISSION AT ANY TIME TO EITHER OF THE ICE SKATING RINKS.

C. M. FLOREY

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING, 222 WYOMING AVENUE.

MATTHEWS BROS.' NEW STORE,

133 FRANKLIN AVE.

New Goods

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. OUR TELEPHONE CALL NO. 222. All orders promptly filled and delivered to any part of the city.

133 FRANKLIN AVENUE.



A STORY WITHOUT WORDS.

We've had a big trade on Smoking Jackets during the past week. Folks say our prices are lower than other dealers ask. Our styles are all new. They make very appropriate gifts. Materials are Flannels, Cheviots, Tricots, Velvets and Imported Figured Silks, lined with Silks and Satins, some quilted, others plain. Drop in and look at 'em. No charge for that.

We're pleasing an army of boys with our gift presentation. A Pair of Genuine Steel Club Skates accompanies each Suit, Overcoat or Reefer.

PENN CLOTHING AND SHOE HOUSE

137 AND 139 PENN AVENUE, S. L. GALLEN, Complete Outfitters.

A Souvenir presented to each purchaser of a pair of Ladies' Shoes, in our Shoe Department.