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Special Sale Monday, June 17th,

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500 pieces Merrimac Light Shirting Monday 23c

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500 pairs Lace Curtains, 31/2 yds. long, worth \$1.25 to \$1.75, Monday 88c

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5,000 richly covered Paper Novels, selling everywhere at 25c. each,

> On Monday 8c No more than 6 to any one person.

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500 doz. Gents Unlaundried Shirts, linen bosoms and cuffs, double front and back, worth 50c. each,

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75 Dozen Ladies' Chemise.

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2 cases Corsets, all sizes; all the above goods are worth 50c, 69c, 75c and 89c each, Monday 39c

BARGAINS IN NOTION DEPARTMENT.

Coats' Spool Cotton at	2 1-2c.
Sewing Silk, worth 8c., at	4c
Button Hole Silk, worth 3c., at	10
Knitting Silk, worth 22c., at	10c
Full Paper of Pins, worth 2c., at	10
Full Paper of Pins, worth 5c., at	2 1-2c
Machine Oil, worth 5c., at	2 1-2c
Soap, all kinds, worth 6c., at	2 1-2c

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN HOSIERY DEPARTMENT.

500 doz. Ladies' and Children's fast black Hose, (worth 121/2 c. to 19c. pair, On Monday 8c

No more than 6 to any one person.

Special in Boys' Clothing Department.

500 doz. Boys' Knee Pants, 500 doz. Boys' Shirt Waists, all worth from 50c. to On Monday 39c Soc. each. No more than 3 of each to any one person.

Special Bargains in Handkerchief Department

1,000 Dozen Ladies' 5c Handkerchiefs at 1,000 Dozen Ladies' 10c Handkerchiefs at 10c 500 Dozen Ladies' 19c Handkerchiefs at 500 Dozen Ladies' 25c Handkerchiefs at 1,000 Dozen Gents' 15c Handkerchiefs at ON MONDAY ONLY.

No more than 6 to any one person.

MILLINERY AND CLOAK DEPARTMENT.

50 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, worth \$2.50, At \$1.25.

50 Ladies' Duck Suits, worth \$3.00,

At 2.00.

150 Ladies' Wrappers, assorted, worth \$1.00 to \$1.25, ON MONDAY 69c.

GO TO THE FAIR.

I case White Bed Spreads, extra quality and size, worth \$1.00, Monday 65c

I case Turkish Towels, extra large and heavy, selling at 19c., Monday 10c

5 pieces Table Linen, unbleached and turkey red, worth 25 and 29c, Monday 20c

500 doz. Gent's Band Bows, selling every-Our Price 122c where at 25c.,

50 doz. Gents' Outing Shirts, 50c. and Monday 39c 69c. quality,

40 doz. Ladies' Black Silk Mitts (extra) Monday 22c 39c. quality,

I case Gents' Night Shirts, special 69c. Monday 46c quality,

CLOSING SALE OF CHILDREN'S DRESSES At Half Price.

25 per cent. Reduction on Children's On Monday Lace Caps

BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

NEWS OF ALL CHURCHES ton from Swansea, three years ago, as t

Subject of the Pree Pew System Is Pully Discussed.

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST

Record of Providence Presbyterial Church Furnishes Material for Discussion-International B. Y. P. U. Convention at Baltimore in July.

The question of free pews is one fre quently discussed with a great deal to be said for and against it. It is a question that some people think is very closely connected with another question, "How to reach the masses?" The record of the Providence Presbyterian church is an argument greatly in favor of the Free Pew System. It is three years since the congregation adopted this system and during this time the church revenues have very materially increased. In an interview with prom inent workers, they stated that the increase was largely due to the Free Pew System.

system seems to bring a mor general financial response than the old system. There are some people who occupy free pews through the without contributing at all to the support of the church. These are very few. vever, as the majority of the peo ple give more largely than before even without the privilege of holding a specified pew. Not more than two or three of the central city churches have the system, while throughout the city near thirds of the churches adopted it, we are told, and find that it gives great satisfaction.

Is a Serious Incongruity.

One gentleman, in discussing the subject, said: "The system of free pews is indeed worthy of careful conleration by the Christian public. Is there not a serious incongruity-at least in the minds of the non-church going world-between solemnly dedicating a church to Almighty God and the annual act of an auctioneer proclaiming 'How much am I offered for pew No. 40? This pew is assessed What do I hear for a bonus Besides this what prior claim upon sitting in God's house has the man who can afford it and is willing to pay bonus of \$50 for a pew over a man who can only pay a \$10 premium?"

In the discussion of this subject the

estion has always been how it would affect the revenues of the church, it being generally believed that the modgregation will not voluntarily contribute so large a sum of money a can be raised by the sale of pews. But whether the Free Pew System increase or decreases the revenues, is either facworthy of consideration in determining the right or the wrong of either sys

Scrapton Preacher Complimented. The Utica Morning Herald has the following to say of the Rev. W. S. Jones, who attended the recent annual conference of the Welsh Baptist asso ciation of the state of New York: "Rev W. S. Jones, the principal preacher at this 'gymanfa, is pastor of the First Weish Baptist church in and is considered foremost men of He came to Scran-

successor of Mr. Jones. Mr. Williams was one of the strongest preachers in Scranton, but his successor has fully sustained the reputation of the pulpit for ability and eloquence. His style is analytical, logical and thorough. He treats his subject in all its bearing so as to make it perfectly clear to the mind of the listener, and then presents it in its practical and spiritual aspects with force and eloquence. Though his style is, on the whole, conversational, when he warms to his theme he breaks out in flights of impassioned oratory. His body is not very robust nor his voice strong, but he knows how to use both to the best advantage. This is his first visit to Utica, but it is hoped not the last. He is perfectly at home in either Welsh or English, and while here ought to address an English con gregation."

Will Go to Europe.

Rev. D. M. Stearns, pastor of the Church of the Atonement," German town, Philadelphia, formerly of Grace Reformed church, of this city, is about to take a trip to Europe. He make this announcement in his paper, Kingdom Tidings: "He seems now to be calling me to be one of His messenger at the Mildmay conference in London. June 25 to 27, and then, as He shall require me, in the north of England dur ing July, specially at a Keswick conference preceding the regular Keswick. The expenses of this trip are kindly borne by a good brother across the sea, at whose invitation I go. I expect to enjoy the rest at sea, and may possibly, if it please the Lord, rest a days in Switzerland, between the Mildmay and Keswick conferences. My dear wife, who kept me company last year, but who does not feel like trying the sea again this year-who so patient ly and lovingly tarries by the staff 'for lesus' sake' from week to week, w'.ile I go to and fro in His name-will probably spend some time in my absence at the mountains or by the sea-shore, and we hope to have the last three weeks in August together in some quiet nook, after my return and before resuming

full privileges in September." Providence M. E. Church Notes.

One of the most successful preacher of the Wyoming conference is Rev. William Edgar, of the Providence Methodist Episcopal church. Although he has been here but a short time he is no stranger, for his previous work in Dunmore and Carbondale is well known; besides, a man of his kindly manner and disposition cannot long remain a stranger. He is preaching series of very earnest sermons on "The Lord's Prayer." His subject tomor-row will be "Thy Kingdom Come." Whether it is to be a milennial subject or not we do not know, but it will be well worth hearing, even if the weather is scorching hot.

Children's Day will be observed to morrow. The elaborate "Golden Gate" programme will be carried out. The Epworth league will conduct its annual excursion to Harvey's Lake on

During the hot weather the Sunday school hour will be changed to the Henry Kemmerling will attend the

Epworth league convention at Chatta-

North Main Avenue Baptist.

Rev. John Williams, D. D., who re- W. G. Watkins will deliver an address turned to Wales and became there the on the "Life and Work of John Wesley, the Founder of Methodism." Mr. Watkins says that a Baptist minister procedure, but John Wesley was a cosmopolitan man and overlaps the boundaries of sect. The one hundred and

Wesley's birthday occurs Monday. The programme for Children's Day, which will be observed tomorrow night, together with the floral decorations, will be very elaborate. In the midst

ing water has been erected. On Monday night a missionary en-

Last Wednesday night interesting baptismal services were held, during husband and wife. Another very inby the officers of the church, Mr. Watkins partly learned the mute sign language, and with the aid of writing, the

was submitted to the deacons.

Jackson Street Baptist Church. Confirmation of the Flood." There was organized a junior Bap-

Mr. Hughes has been appointed a Pennsylvania state delegate to repreinternational rally, to be held at Balti-

more July 18 to 20. Second Presbyterian Church, W. C. Weeden, who has been under

the doctor's care for his throat, has recovered and will sing Sunday. The church has called Miss Mc Gaughey, of the Moody Bible institute, as church missionary to succeed Miss Dunbar. She will begin her duties in

which the young people enjoyed very much was the lecture by Colonel Ripple on "Andersonville." They expec to have him lecture again in the fall on Experiences in Florence Prison."

Convention of B. Y. P. U.

ton young people have a good opportrip being only \$6,61. It will really be us the circulars say, "A chance of a lifetime." In addition to the splendid programme there will be side trips to Bay Ridge and Annapolis, the caverns of Luray, Gettysburg, Pen Mar, Ocean City, Washington and Mount Vernon.

Ariel on the 24th. preaching on Methodism is a peculiar M. Bouton in his class at the First Presninety-second anniversary of John and sick committees.. This class numbers

of flowers and ferns a fountain of run-

tertainment will be given by the young;

which Mr. Watkins baptized a young teresting baptism was that of Miss Mamie Clancy, who has been a mute from hor hirth but withal a very intelligent young woman. In order that she might be examined as a candidate young lady passed a very satisfactory examination, the manuscript of which

Rev. D. C. Hughes preaches every month before the Missionary society of his church on "The Religions of the World." His subject this week was vice on Wednesday evening 7.45 o'clock. "Mohammed and Mohammedanism." Strangers welcome at all services. It was a sketch of the prophet's life, the rise of the religion, its tenets and Charles E. Robinson, D.D., pastor, Serits extensiveness. Mr. Hughes is also vices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The paspreaching a series of sermons Monday evenings on "The Men and Women of Mark in the Bible." Tomorrow the subject will be "Noah and Historical

tist Young People's union last Wednesday evening. sent the Abington association at the above.

The offering at the Children's Day morning session. Young People's exercise of the Adams avenue branch of the Sunday school was \$17. An event all services. Seats free.

The International convention of the Baptist Young People's union will be held in Baltimore July 18 to 21.

The Sunday school of Grace Reformed church will enjoy an excursion to Lake

A good plan for Sabbath school teachers of Bible classes is that carried out by F. organization, with officers and commit es, consisting of lookout, social, flower over fifty young people and is growing. A. C. Gaebelin, of the Hope of Israel mission, will speak to a Jewish audience

at Finley's hall next Thursday evening. dence Welsh Congregational church will be of a missionary character. It will be conducted by John T. Evans, chairman of the church missionary committee. The devotional portion will be conducted by William E. Davis, a student of Marietta college, and appropriate addresses will be made by Rev. Thomas R. Watkins, Evan Lewis and Robert R. Williams. losing remarks will be made by T. Myrddin Jones, a student of Olivet college. It charge of David D. Lewis, assisted by Caswallon J. Davis, leader of the Moody intercollegiate quartette.

The Rev. H. L. Jones, S. T. D., of St. tephen's parish, Wilkes-Barre, will exchange with the rector of St. Luke's par-

CHURCH SERVICES.

First Presbyterian Church-James Mc Leod, D.D., pastor. Service at 10.30 a, m, and "twilight service" from 5 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The pastor will preach at both services. The sacrament of the Lord's supper last Sunday of June. Ser-

The Second Presbyterlan Church-Rev tor will preach in the evening a short ser-"Reason of Faith." Special music. All invited.

St. Luke's Church-Rev. Rogers Israel ector. First Sunday after Trinity. 7.30 m., holy communion; 9.30 a. m., Sunday school: 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. The Rev. H. L. Jones, S. T. D., of St. Stephen's parish, Wilkes-Barre, will have charge of the services and preach as

St. Mark's Mission, Dunmore-Rev. A L. Urban in charge. 3 p. m., Sunday school; 4 p. m., evening prayer and ser

Grace Church (Reformed Episcopal)-Morning prayer and sermon at 10.30. Sub ect, "Our Refuge," Deuteronomy, xxxiii, ject, "Our Refuge, Deutscheine at 7.30.
27. Evening prayer and service at 7.30.
Subject, "Following Christ," Mark, xi,
Jl. Preaching by the pastor. Baptism will be administered in the morning. day school immediately at the close of the of Christian Endeavor every Sabbath evening at 6.30. Strangers welcomed at

Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev Warren G. Partridge, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Sub-ject in the morning, "The Inner Man." In the evening, "The Refiner's Fire, trangers are cordially invited.

St. Paul's English Lutheran—Park place Rev. George M. Scheidy, pastor. Ne services tomorrow. Sunday school at 2.30 p m. The usual services next Lord's day. Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Church-L. H. Pearce, D.D., of Cortland, N. Y. will occupy the pulpit tomorrow. Morn-ing subject, "Holiness on the Hells of the Horses." Evening subject, "Faultiess Be-fore the Thrond." Suhday school at 2 p. m. Epworth league at 4.45.

City, Washington and Mount Vernon.

General Notes,

There will be a raily of the Baptist Young

Trinity United Evangelical Church, Little England—J. G. Whitmire, pastor.

Preaching services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.45

p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening. Bible study OF INTEREST TO MUSICIANS Louise Hardenbergh, was an affair and gave new evidence Thursday evening, Mission band Saturday at 2.30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. E. E. Shaffer, of Ransom, Saturday evening.

All are welcome Church of Christ, Scientist-Spencer building, 519 Adams avenue. Service at 10.30 a. m. Seats free. Welcome to all. First Baptist Chruch-The Sabbath chool will observe Children's Day next Sabbath at 10.20 a m. The decorations will be elaborate. Evangelistic services i the evening at 7.20. Sents free, All wel-

The Green Ridge United Evangelical Sunday school will hold their Children's Day service tomorrow evening. The service entitled "The Good Shepherd" will b rendered. The church is appropriately decorated.

Grace Lutheran Church-Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services at the Young Men's Christian association on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Children's Day exercises at 7.30 in the evening. Sunday school at 11.30 a. m. Everybody welcome.

Green Ridge Baptist Church-Children's Day exercises at 10.30 a. m. No Sunday school. Sermon to children at 7.30 At the Simpson Methodist Episcopal

Church—Exercises appropriate to Chil-dren's Day will be held in the morning. The ordinance of baptism for children will be administered. In the evening the pastor will preach. Seats free. Jackson Street Baptist Church-The pas tor will preach tomorrow morning and evening at 10.30 and 7, Morning theme,

'Christ's Argument for Christianity.

Evening, "Historical Confirmation of the Bible Narative of the Flood." Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church-Rev. C. A. McGee, pastor aching at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sabbath school at 2.30 p. m. The evening vice will last one hour. There will be a

short sermon and extra song service. CLARK'S GREEN.

Miss Sophie Miller, of Tomkinsville, spent Sunday at J. W. Mullenix. A. I. Akerly is now located in the house recently vacated by F. S. Benedict, and Frank Phillips is now ocuping the house made vacant by Mr.

Akerly.

The election of officers to the Epworth Lizzie Frace spent Sunday with her parents.

of the public and large delegations are visiting it almost daily. Watson Stone and Fanny R. Sher-

Clara Covey spent Saturday in Scran-

on Tuesday. Stephen Cook and wife and daughter Lillie spent a few days with his son C. C. Cook, last week. Mrs. Judson Wells is visiting her

nan, of Waverly, called on friends here

daughter, Mrs. Egbert Leach, at Georgetown, Wayne county. Mrs. J. D. Aylesworth spent several days with friends in Pittston during true voice builder, and their pupils are the week past.

Eva Cook is reported now as prepar

ing to open ice cream parlors adjoin-

ing Frace & Parker's store. The announcement cards of the wedding of one of Clark's Green's fair daughters, Miss Mina E. Wells, to Alli-The wedding to take place at the restdence of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, 126 South Seventh street, Scranton, on June 26, at 8 o'clock.

A. A. Nichols is convalescing from

What Is Going On in the World of Melodies.

CONCERNING THE VOCALISTS

Accomplishments of Miss Sullivan-Sum mer Season of Opera-Miss Hardenbergh's Musicale-Victorious

Scrantonians-Personals.

Miss Winifred Sullivan is rapidly taking a leading position as an all-around musician. At the "Missionary Tea" at Mrs. C. Jones' last Monday afternoon no accompanist being present, Miss Sullivan accompanied her own solo in a manner showing her to be a planist of no mean ability. The time for vocalists who cannot even play the most simple hymn is past, and if they are to be known as artists they must possess some pianistic ability. Melba Nordica and many other great artists are excellent planists. Miss Sullivan has many cogagements for next season

and if the accompanists fail to be pres-

ent, "they never will be missed."

Technic in piano playing is essential to be a planist, but it is only the foundation. Calling words rapidly is not reading. The artist forgets technic in expressing his conception of his Articulation in singing is at work. present the chief topic of discussion in musical journals, and singers cannot study the question too conscientiously. However, let us not forget that, like technic in plano playing, quality of voice is required. But many a fair voice with excellent articulation is far more satisfactory than the contrary. Too many pupils are studying tone tone, until the art of song is lost. "Balari once said: "Vocal teaching is a fraud." And was it not correct? A pupil goes to a teacher for instruction. "Splendid voice, but not placed," says the teacher. A course of lessons on eague will take place on Sunday next. voice location and the voice is gone. Students must awake to the fact that each voice has its own peculiarity and Edna Robinson, Martha Covey and nature has placed the tone. Any chara Covey spent Saturday in Scran-change of the law of nature frustrates the desired end. The tone can be fin-Lorraine is still occupying the minds ished, but if it was simply a case of voice location all sopranos would be Melbas. If a canary bird were to visit many voice teachers for instruction, to his surprise he would learn that for centuries the birds had breathed incorrectly and located their tone to far down the throat, or in the nostrils, and must acquire a new method. Many

> in great demand The capture of the first and second prize by the Scranton United choirs at Wilkes-Barre this week was a vic tory of which all Scranton music lovers should be proud, and reflected credit upon Leader John T. Watkins, whose ability as a conductor is becoming better known at each new success.

voice teachers in New York are at last

learning that the natural voice taught

articulation, accentuation (s applied to

the words) and pronunciation is the

The musicale given at Bicycle club house last evening by the Schaumann club, made up of pupils of Miss S. form.

o of the methods of teaching in

the Hardenbergh planoforte school. Mrs. Boston-Williams, the contralto prize winner of the Wilkes-Barre contest and many others, has kindly consented to complete the Elm Park Meth-

odist Episcopal quartette for next Sunday. The report recently published in the musical column of the Republican that Mrs. Williams was engaged for contralto of the quartette was untrue, as Mrs. Williams is in no way an applicant for the position and only supplies the vacancy as a favor. As next Sunday evening is Mr. Carter's last evening before his vacation, the music will be especially attractive. The "March of the Wise Men," in which a note held down is the symbol of the star, will be

The summer season of comic opera will begin at Laurel Hill park on Monday evening, June 24. Rehearsals are now in progress under direction of Professor Richard Lindsay. The season will probably open with a rendition of the "Bohemian Girl."

used. The note harmonizes with each

chord of the composition.

Silas Rosser has recently been made accompanist of the Lyric Glee club, which is under the direction of T. J.

Davies, Mus Bac. SHARPS AND FLATS:

Of the sum of \$50,000 required for the projected season of grand opera in Phila-delphia next winter under the direction of Gustav Henrichs, \$30,000 has already been subscribed. Dudley Buck examined a class of thirty-

five students in advance theory recently

at the Utica conservatory, and at the close said that it was the best examination he had ever attended in his long musical life. The teacher is a woman-Miss Rose Booth and is reported to be one of the most proficient in that state. Miss Ella Russell has signed an engage. ment for special appearances with the Royal Carl Rosa Opera company during

their forthcoming season, commencing, as usual, in Dublin, in August next. Among the roles that will be undertaken by Miss Russell will be Rebecca in "Ivanhoe"; Seiglinda, in "Walkuere"; Elsa, in "Lohengrin"; Leonora, in "Trovatore"; Senta, n "Flying Dutchman," and Elizabeth, in "Tannhauser."

This month Sir Augustus Harris will produce a new opera, "La Martire," by the Greek composer, Samara, which, from all accounts, is gloomy enough to form the substance for half a dozen melodramas, Perhaps Sardou will curse his dull fate when he learns from this opera that there when he learns from this opera that there is a new way of killing off a heroine. The period is the present day, and the scene is Sulina on the Danube. The characters are of the humblest class. Tristano, a boatman, has an amiable and loving wife, but treats her badly, having become infatu-ated with a music hall singer, Nina Fleurette. As a gift for this woman he takes his wife's watch. The second act is en-tirely occupied with the music hall scene, where the wife comes to say that her child is dead. Tristano only abuses her, but an old lover, Mikael, defends her. The scene s very realistic, and Nina Fleurette sings a comic ditty, "La Mamma," of a very catching kind. Tristano proves very unsympathetic, while Mikael is kind and gentle to the wife. In the last act they have a passionate duet of the Italian school which will most likely be regarded as the gem of the opera, which ends tragically for the unhappy wife, grieving over the loss of her child and the conduct of her husband, suffocates herself with charcoal, the brutal Tristano breaking open her chamber door only to fall over her lifeless