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PERSONAL.

Francis Skelly, of Honesdale, is visiting friends in the city.
T. W. McAndrew, of New York, is visiting Scranton friends.
Dr. Robert Carmody, of Sayre, called on Scranton friends yesterday.
Miss Elizabeth Bunnell, of Price street, is home from Dana Hall for the holidays.
Charles A. Rice, of Southbridge, Mass., is visiting his parents, on Madison avenue.
Attorney George P. Little, of Montrose, was professionally engaged here yesterday.
Mrs. Bormly, of Wyoming avenue, is entertaining Mrs. Emily Mullen, of Shelton, Conn.
Charles Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, shook hands with his many Scranton friends yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lauer, of Joliet, Ill., are the guests of Select Councilman Victor H. Lauer, of North Main avenue.
Miss Julia Allen, of Adams avenue, left yesterday for New York city, where she will take a course in the National Conservatory of Music.
John McGrath, of South Washington avenue, a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the holidays at his home. Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Bertha Carpenter, of this city, to F. Leonard McWade, of Philadelphia. The ceremony will take place at noon on Jan. 1 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Horn, of Mulberry street.
William Connell, of this city, was recently elected honorary member of the National Elks' Lodge of Wales, of which the Right Honorable Lord Mostyn is president. This ancient institution holds its sessions annually under the auspices of the royal family of England, and is patronized by the leading literatures of the British realm. In the early part of this century such distinguished literatures as Southey, Coleridge, Sir Walter Scott and Thomas Moore were among its patrons.
Silver clothes brushes, hair brushes, toilet sets, hair brushes, hangers, paper cutters, and other silver novelties too numerous to mention can be had at David Brod.

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OPENING OF SPECIAL TERM

Cases Called for Trial Before Judges Purdy and McClure.

WAR AMONG PEACE OFFICERS

'Squire Silvinski, of Priceburg, Charged with Assaulting His Constable—Airing the Particulars of a Fight Between Residents of Meridian Street.

One hundred and thirty-nine criminal cases are on the list marked down for trial during the two weeks' special term of quarter sessions court which began yesterday morning. The three local judges were on the bench until 9:45 hearing motions, and then Judge George M. Purdy, of Honesdale, president judge of the twenty-second judicial district, came upon the bench in the main court room and will preside there during the week. Judge Harold M. McClure, president judge of the counties of Butler and Lawrence in the western part of the state, will hold court in No. 2.

The first case called was before Judge Purdy. Justice of the Peace John Silvinski, of Priceburg, was defendant and Constable Benjamin Lewis, of the same hamlet, was the prosecutor. Ex-Judge W. H. Stanton represented the defendant and District Attorney John R. Jones was assisted by Attorney Charles E. Oliver. The charge was simple assault and battery, alleged to have been committed August 30 in Silvinski's office. The evidence adduced showed that between the parties there was no love lost. Lewis swore that a man named Abram something came to him and said that Silvinski had "put it up his back" in figuring out a bill of costs in a case that had been disposed of.

Says the 'Squire Kicked Him Out. Lewis went up to the office of the 'squire to consult the fee bill and alleges that while he was in doing so Silvinski came along behind without any warning, but with much force, and kicked him out upon the street, leaving the marks of his boots upon him. Mr. Silvinski is an intelligent citizen and he gave this version of the case in this way: That Lewis came into his office in his absence and was rummaging around his papers when he found him, and that believing he was justified he elbowed him, and the other, in passing through the doorway, but used only the amount of force necessary and no more. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, placed four-fifths of the cost on the prosecutor and one-fifth on the defendant.

The next case called was one wherein John F. Atkinson, of Carbondale, was defendant, and his wife, Bridget Atkinson, prosecutrix. The charge was assault and battery. District Attorney Jones, Attorney James J. O'Neill and George D. Taylor represented the commonwealth and Attorney R. J. Stuart the defendant. On August 6 last Atkinson came home and beat his wife with his fists so that her eyes and mouth were bruised and swollen, and he kicked her in the side, making her black and blue.

They live at White Bridge in the Pioneer City. They have been married eight years. Atkinson is a laborer and the ward in which he lives and appears to be a respectable man. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, but recommended him to the mercy of the court.

The case of larceny and receiving against John Baldani, in which Oscar Freeman is the prosecutor, was opened for trial at about 11 o'clock. The testimony will be heard today. In court room No. 2 the first case before Judge McClure was that of the commonwealth against Charlotte Elderkin, against Jane Jones prosecutrix. Assault and battery was the charge. Attorney Joseph O'Brien represented the defendant and Attorney C. Conneys the commonwealth.

Case of Larceny and Receiving. The case grew out of a scolding bee which took place at Olyphant last August. The two women belonged to the same church and neighborhood. Jones was quoted as saying the neighborhood as alleging that Mrs. Elderkin was an embezzler of the money. This led to a scolding encounter. A verdict of not guilty was returned, the prosecutrix was directed to pay two-thirds of the costs and the defendant the balance.

Peter Sweeney, the youth who tapped the till in McGargle's store, paper store, pleaded guilty and Judge McClure sentenced him to pay a fine of \$1 and costs. The case of the commonwealth against Mary and H. H. Dugan, on one charge of assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery respectively, was put on trial in No. 2. Bridget and Michael Day, the families had a quarrel and engaged in a free fight. Day's arm was broken. They live on Meridian street in Bellevue.

Bail was forfeited in the case of aggravated assault and battery against Harry Chambers, selling liquor on Sunday and selling without a license against Joseph Kalapallo. A note pros. was entered in the case of Joseph Thomas, assault and battery. David W. Lloyd, pros., and Henry Hoar, prosecutrix. Bail was forfeited also in the case against James Corrigan, charged by Jennie Horn with selling liquor without a license, selling to minors, and selling on Sunday.

GREAT ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by Members of Flynn and Sheridan Company at Davis' Theater.

One of the most entertaining attractions seen at Davis' theater this season is the Flynn & Sheridan's company which opened a three days' engagement at that house yesterday afternoon. It was a large audience that saw the opening performance and it is safe to predict that standing room will be at a premium during the remainder of the engagement.

The company contains about thirty women, about one-third of whom are creoles. There are also a number of male comedians, some white others colored. The performance given by the creoles and colored men is blended with the performance of the white people in some respects but in reality there are two distinct shows. The members of the chorus are neatly costumed and sing and march in a very creditable manner.

Princess Plotow did a "silence and fun" act that provoked much applause and Miss Julietta Nelson gave the most wonderful performance on the high wire ever seen in the city. Snyder and Buckley did a laughable musical turn and Carrie Dunn and Ida Collins were seen in a review of contemporaneous song and dance successes. The performance concluded with a humorous burlesque, "On the Island," participated in by all the members of the company. The performance will be repeated this and tomorrow afternoons and evenings.

ANOTHER EXAMINATION.

It Will Be Conducted by the Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission takes this opportunity of stating that the examinations are open to all reputable citizens who may desire to enter the postal service, without regard to their political affiliations. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to their political views, or to any consideration except their efficiency as shown by the grades they obtain in the examination.

For application blanks, full instructions and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions apply at the postoffice to Louis G. Schantz, secretary of the board.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

An Army of Them Invaded the Stores of the City Last Night. Never on a corresponding night in recent years were the streets in the shopping section of the city so crowded as last night. Lackawanna avenue, from near Wyoming to Franklin was absolutely impassable except at a slow rate of speed, and the Wyoming avenue Spruce street and Washington avenue throng was unusually large.

The brightly dressed show windows, hum of conversation, shuffling of feet, rattling of wheels, yelling of fakirs, clanging of trolley bells, decorations of green and rays of light from thousands of incandescent and are lights—these made the sight, sound and spirit of the scene a combination of gaiety and joy that comes but once a year. The street cars as early as 6:30 o'clock began landing the armies of passengers near the junction of Lackawanna and Wyoming avenues and along the former thoroughfare until at 8 o'clock possibly the sight, sound and spirit were on the streets or crowding the stores.

It Was a Light-Hearted Throng. It was not an elaborately dressed nor purse-laden crowd, not the fur, silk and carriage crowd of the afternoon, but it was more light-hearted, more noisy and it better served to remind one that good cheer overshadows sadness at Christmas time.

Sales girls and clerks who four hours earlier had really been fagged and dragged by the pulling and hauling of afternoon shoppers were put to a faster and more nerve-racking test. The customers, however, were easy to please, and that was some consolation. But the harvest belonged to the stores whose profits from 2 to 10 o'clock are made in the dry goods and large department stores it was almost impossible to reach the counters, and then one would have a chance to exhibit patience while waiting to be shown goods.

And to Lock the Doors. Three stores on Lackawanna avenue were obliged to lock their doors before 8 o'clock, when the crowds about the entrances extended across the sidewalk and onto the pavement. The doors were kept locked until a dozen or fifteen women in tatters and with their hats at all sorts of angles wanted to be let out; then the door was opened, only to be closed after a dozen or fifteen from the outside had filled the gap made by the hair disheveled females from within.

Tonight's crowd promises to be even larger than that of last night. SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS. Way Day Will Be Observed in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Holy Trinity Lutheran church a matins or early sermon will be conducted at 6 o'clock. Special music will be rendered as follows:

"Bring You Glad Tidings".....Goss
Versicles.....Krauth
"Hark! Hark! The Herald Angels Sing".....Plieger
Hymn No. 1.....Herald Angels
"Gloria in Excelsis".....Mendelssohn
"Gloria in Excelsis".....Tours
"Gloria in Excelsis".....Concone
Scrimon.....Stephens
Kyrie.....Felton
Under the direction of Choirmaster C. Derman the choir has been prepared to present a superior Christmas programme. The following persons constitute the choir: Sopranos, the Misses Duval and Doyle; altos, the Misses Perry and Orf; tenors, E. Swartz; basses, Messrs. Schubert and Derman; organist, E. Protheroe.

The children's Christmas festival will be held in Trinity at 7 p. m. on the evening of Christmas day. Mr. Derman also directs the music of the Sunday school. The carols are notably bright. Following is the programme:
Opening carol—"This Happy Day."
Versicle.
The Psalm.
Carol, "Ring, Ring, Ye Bells."
Address by assistant superintendent.
Children's carol, "We Love the Merry Christmas."
Remarks by the pastor.
Cathedral of (Gathering of the Chorus with trio, "The Angels Song."
Versicle.
Name Dimitris.
Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Versicle, Distribution of gifts.
Closing carol, "The Bells."
Benediction.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dunmore. Special music has been prepared by Peter Peuser, mus. bac., the organist and chorister of St. Mary's Catholic church, of Dunmore, for Christmas day. The high mass in that church will be at 6 and 10:30 o'clock on Christmas morning at which the following programme of music will be rendered by the choir under the direction of Prof. Peuser:
Kyrie.....Mozart
Gloria in Excelsis.....Rossini
From Gilson's Grand Italian Mass Credo.....Farmer
Offertory.....Rossini
Maggie Harrington.
Sanctus.....Millard
Benedictus.....Rossini
Don Nobis.
From Gilson's Grand Italian Mass Adeste Fideles.....Gulimant
Pettie Marola.

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which, to an epicure, is far more attractive than the most artistic creation of the skilled dry goods window dresser.

In each of the two large windows of the store hangs a magnificent specimen of prime beef, weighing 1,500 pounds. The entire space of the store is filled with the finest stock of poultry ever brought to this city. Nothing is lacking in the stock to make a complete Christmas dinner.

If You Want to Know When Christmas comes in, get one of Turnquest's 73c alarm clocks and set it at the solemn hour of twelve. It'll drive all the drowsiness out of you in short order. There's no sleeping if one of these things goes off.

FUNERAL OF CHARLES TROPP

Attended by a Large Concourse of Sorrowing Friends.

The universal regret at the death of Poor Director Charles Tropp was shown by the large concourse of people representing all walks of life that gathered at the residence on Washington avenue yesterday morning to pay their final tribute of respect. In the parlor the remains reposed in a handsome casket surrounded by choice flowers sent by sorrowing friends. Many of the floral offerings were very beautiful.

At 10:30 the remains were taken to St. Peter's cathedral where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Very Rev. P. C. Nagle, of Wilkes-Barre. Rev. J. A. O'Reilly was deacon and Rev. J. B. Feeley, sub-deacon. At the offertory of the mass, Mrs. Schilling sang an "Ave Maria." Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick preached the sermon, taking as his theme the necessity of being always prepared for death. Very Rev. Father Nagle pronounced the final benediction, after which interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery.

The pall bearers were: President W. S. Langstaff, of the poor board; W. C. Conwell, B. Moses, M. J. Corbett, Conrad Schroeder and Joseph H. Gunster, Frank Hummer, George Wahl, Fred Leuthner and F. L. Wormser were flower bearers.

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Well,

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