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Shavings The use of Shavings for bedding for horses or cows is not New But put up like straw in Small Bales Is something new. Cheaper Than Straw, Cleaner Than Straw, Better Than Straw. We keep it.

The Weston Mill Co SCRANTON, OLYPHANT, CARBONDALE. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT PAIN EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH "ANAESTHESIA" FINEST DENTAL WORK IN THE CITY.

DRS. HENWOOD & WARDELL 36 LACKAWANNA AVE. PERSONAL.

Mrs. O. E. Barney, of this city, is visiting relatives in Montrose. Mrs. Bottsford, of Sherburne, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hitchcock, of 68 Madison avenue.

ONE OF THE BEST PROPERTIES. What the Stockholders Say of the Scranton Traction Company.

Table with financial data for Scranton Traction Company, including Gross, Net, and Surplus figures for 1896 and 1895.

SUED THE EXECUTOR. Mrs. Gibbons Secures a Verdict in Alderman Wright's Court. Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Teresa Gibbons, of Providence, moved out of her home and went to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkes, of Park Place.

WILL YOU CATCH ON? We place on sale for this week 300 pair Men's Best Made Calf, double soles Shoes, formerly sold at \$4 a pair, Will Sell for \$3.00

Will Sell for \$3.00 All Styles and Every Pair Warranted. SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 Spruce Street.

SUNDAY SERMON BY REV. J. B. SWEET He Preached on the Proper Doing of God's Work. LABOR GOVERNED BY CAPACITY Man is Not Held Accountable for Duties He Cannot Perform But Everyone Has His Opportunities. Personal Salvation and Growth in Grace—There is a Remuneration Golden But Not Gold.

Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, at the services yesterday morning preached to a large congregation. The increase in attendance at both morning and evening services since Mr. Sweet's pastorate began is quite notable, and there is a hidden meaning in it. Mr. Sweet is no common speaker. His thought invites common understanding, and the language strongly expressive of his unaffectedness. He is interesting. This is why the attendance has increased.

EVERY MAN'S OBLIGATION. "It is an attractive thought, just what Jesus would say to us under like circumstances. He does not expect every man to do his work in the same way and with an equal efficiency, or with the same time to accomplish results. Each man is accountable for what he himself can do, not what another has accomplished for him."

LABOR'S REWARD. "All labor seeks remuneration, and all service for God, the faithful performance of God's commands has its reward. Not in the profit simply, for he who labors for the Lord simply to get into heaven misses the grandeur of the life that now is. He who is earnest in life finds his pay; he who is watchful finds reward, and when the end comes—as come it must—then he will hear the Master say: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'"

ANNIVERSARY SERMON. Rev. Moffat One Year Pastor Washburn Street Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John P. Moffat, at yesterday morning's services, preached his first anniversary sermon as pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church. The large audience room was filled with the membership of the church. Palms and flowers decorated the auditorium with beautiful effect.

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able in the heart, in the region of moral life, in the region of thought, in the affection and desire; in the region where purposes are formed and future action have their birth; in the region of love, joy, sorrow, hopes, aspiration, trust; may it dwell there.

JUNIOR O. U. A. M. AT CHURCH. Special Sermon to Them at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES. There was special Thanksgiving music repeated in many of the churches. Yesterday was the first Sunday in Advent, the opening season of a new church year.

FELL TO HIS DEATH. Gausch Plunges Twenty-five Feet from a Scaffold.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Clerical Orders. The Pennsylvania Railroad company announces that for 1897 it will issue clerical orders to regularly ordained clergymen in charge of churches located on or near its lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie.

VERDICT FOR THE TRACTION COMPANY Not Responsible for the Death of Little Merritt Lawrence.

JURY MADE A QUICK DECISION. What Was Contended by the Different Parties—Taylor Trouble Settled. Various Proceedings Instituted on Saturday -- December Session of Criminal Court Opens This Morning in the Federal Court Room.

After being out only a few hours the jury in the case of Allan Lawrence against the Scranton Traction company, on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock brought in a verdict for the defendant.

THE COMPANY'S CLAIM. The company's contention was that the accident would have happened had the car been going only at the rate of two or three miles an hour as the boy stumbled on the track five feet in advance of the car.

TAYLOR BOROUGHS TROUBLE. By agreement of the attorneys, Horace E. Hand and I. H. Burns representing the company and John M. Harris the borough, the preliminary injunction served by the Scranton Traction company against the borough of Taylor to restrain the borough from interfering with the operation of the road, was on Saturday made permanent.

Edward Mulligan's Sons, New York, on Saturday, instituted proceedings against E. J. Fallon, of Old Forge, for \$283.88, with interest from July 2, 1891. O'Brien & Kelly represent the plaintiffs.

DECEMBER COURT. The December session of criminal begins this morning in the federal court room. It will continue two weeks. Judge Gunster presiding the first week and Judge Archibald the second. District Attorney Jones has placed 226 cases on the list for this term.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT. First of the Winter's Series to Be Given Thursday Night.



No matter what you read or hear, it is an indisputable fact you can save money by purchasing Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Suits at KRAMER BROTHERS POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE, 325 LACKAWANNA AVE.

DINNER SETS

We have an open stock pattern of Laughlin Semi-Vitreous China, of which you can select such pieces as you wish, or buy a 100-piece set for \$15.00. It is not a print, but painted in three colors, full gold. We stake our reputation on these goods. They will positively never craze. You can match it at any time.

LAMPS, ONYX-TOP TABLES, SILVERWARE, ETC.

CHINA HALL, MILLAR & PECK, 131 Wyoming Avenue. Walk in and look around.

EYES EXAMINED FREE.

You can save money by buying spectacles of Silverstone, the eye specialist, at 209 Lackawanna avenue, only one flight over the Lehigh Valley ticket office. The following prices will satisfy you that they are the cheapest in the city: Solid gold-rimmed spectacles at \$2.50 per pair; filled bows at \$2; nickel bows from \$2c. to \$1.50; aluminum bows from 75c. to \$2.00; colored glasses from 25c. to \$1.25. We have a large line of reading glasses, the best in the market, at 25c. per pair. Opera and magnifying glasses at reduced prices.

A GREAT SLUMP IN '97 CYCLE PRICES

Table showing cycle prices: Roadster \$110.00 to \$115.00, Tourist \$112.50 to \$117.50, Lady Humber \$117.50 to \$122.50, Racer \$125.00 to \$150.00.

CHASE & FARRAR 515 Linden Street.

Imported China Dinner Sets. 101 pieces, with soup tureen. A good quality of nicely decorated china. Not porcelain—real china at a porcelain price. \$14.00

Cups and Saucers. Real china cups and saucers. Solid tints with gold trimmings. Only 7c Each

Salt Cellars. Pressed glass salt cellars. 1 Cent Each.

Real China Breakfast Plates. Nicely decorated imported china, measure 8 inches across. 30 dozen on sale today at 10C

Lemonade Sets. Handsome, decorated lemonade sets. Large pitcher and six tumblers in the set; several different decorations. 25 sets go today at 98c, Worth \$1.50

Dinner Set. 112 pieces, 3 color filled print decoration, French style. Worth \$15.00. Sale Price, \$11.90

Dinner Set. 112 pieces English semi-porcelain, decorated underglaze. Good shapes and sizes. Worth \$10.00. Sale Price, \$7.90

Dinner Set. 112 piece English porcelain dinner set, worth \$12.00. Extra large sizes; new shapes. 15 sets go on sale today at \$8.90

GROCERYSELLINGEXTRAORDINARY SALE WILL BE FOR SIX DAYS.

An Opportunity for Housekeepers, Hotels and Storekeepers. Christmas Goods arriving daily beg for showroom. And that in an already crowded store. More room must be had, and at once. The unwelcome arrival of a long-delayed import order (75 English Dinner Sets) placed in June and due here two months ago, marks the Crockery Department as the one to suffer. It's touch and go with these at these prices. First comer is best buyer.



100-Piece Dinner Sets English Semi-Porcelain, Decorated underglaze. Set consists of 12 soup plates, 11 dinner plates, 12 tea plates, 12 cups and saucers, 12 fruit dishes, 12 butter dishes, 1 gravy boat, 1 covered butter, 2 turkeys, 2 platters, 1 bowl, 1 sugar bowl, 1 cream pitcher, 1 pickle dish. 100 pieces of good serviceable tableware, worth at least \$7.00, go today for \$4.37

Tumblers Imported thin, blown tumblers, with etched floral bands. Tumblers worth from 5 to 7 cents each. 100 dozen go on sale at 3c Each

Chamber Sets A 10 piece chamber set in the newest (neutral) flow color and decorated underglaze. Body is semi-vitreous porcelain. Far superior to the ordinary iron stone China sets, although sold at a lower price. 1 cask (15 sets) go on sale today at \$1.48

Real China Sugar Bowls A limited lot for the few lucky first comers. Real china sugar bowls worth half a dollar go on sale today at half. 25c Each

Tea Sets English semi-porcelain tea sets, Space to tell of no more today. The other bargains we'll tell about tomorrow, or better still, come and see them.

REXFORD'S, 303 LACKAWANNA AVE.

SPECIAL

We offer about 50 Boys' 3-piece Suits, (short pants), sizes 12 to 16 years, at almost nothing.

These Suits are heavy weight, nice mixtures, and formerly sold for \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00.

Choice for \$5.00 EACH

CLOTHES & HATS

LOOKING THEM OVER.



If the Clothes you buy from us don't stand the most critical inspection, bring them back and get your money or its value. Our goods are of such a character and are so well made nobody can find fault with them. If there is something wrong, it is so by mistake, and we will gladly rectify it.

BOYLE & MUCKLOW 416 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

A. E. ROGERS' Jewelry Store 213 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.



WE WANT TO SAY to every man who is not perfectly satisfied with his furnishing store, that we would like to try satisfying him. If you have no fault to find, we don't want your trade—we can't do any more than perfectly satisfy you. Our styles are the latest, our stock is large and we charge just enough to insure good quality.

CONRAD, HATTER 305 Lack Av.

ORIENTAL RUGS & CARPETS Oriental Rugs, Oriental Carpets, Oriental Rugs, Oriental Carpets, Oriental Rugs, Oriental Carpets.

WILLIAM S. MILLAR, Alderman 8th Ward, Scranton ROOMS 4 AND 5 GAS AND WATER CO. BUILDING, CORNER WYOMING AVE. AND CENTER ST.

THIELE School of Music, 520 Spruce St. Mrs. Katharine Thiele, Voice Training, Solo Singing. Ernest Thiele, Violin, Piano, Cello ensemble. Both teachers at celebrated Scharwenka Conservatory, New York. Also other competent teachers engaged. Mr. Thiele is the successor to the late HERR KOPFF.