



A Shower of Books for Xmas

Books for Xmas would be surprising, but no more so than the collection and prices we have here. Your favorite book—all the latest publications—we have. Fine Illustrated Books, Fine Round Books, In single vols. and sets, All the desirable New Books, All the desirable Standard Books, In cloth and leather covers, Children's and Youths' Books, In great variety of styles and prices, Bibles, all sizes and styles, from the small pocket size to pulp size, Sabbath School Books, Library Books, all grades, Calendars and Booklets, all sorts, Prayer Books and Hymnals, Fine Stationery in Cabinets, Gold Pens in Pearl and other Holders, Gold and Silver Pencil Cases, Gold and Silver Watch Chain Novelties, Leather Portmonnies and Wallets, Toilet Cases, Writing Cases, Photo Albums, Scrap Albums, Games of Amusement, Large Toys, in Wood, Iron and Steel.

NORTON'S

322 Lackawanna Ave.

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.

ABSOLUTE WITHOUT PAIN

EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH "ANAESTHESIA," FINEST DENTAL WORK IN THE CITY.

DRS. HENWOOD & WARDELL

316 LACKAWANNA AVE.

HE WANTS A DETECTIVE.

Chief Robling Will Make a Requisition on the Police Department. Chief of Police Robling is engaged in preparing his estimate of the amount of money that will be required to run the police department during the fiscal year, 1897.

Davidow Bros.' Store Crowded with people yesterday, on account of the great bargains offered to close out the business, 217 Lack'a ave.

A Few Left. Elegant \$4 Teachers' Bibles at \$1.50. Beddeman, 21 Washington.

Holiday Slippers

We have just what you want.

Come now and get the best assortment ever known.

All Kinds, All Prices. All Winners.

For Men, Boys, Youths; for Ladies, Misses and Children.

All Leathers. All Shades. All Sizes.

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 Spruce Street.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES MERGED

Important Agreement Entered Into in This City Yesterday.

SCRANTON RAILWAY COMPANY NOW

This is the Corporate Name of the Corporation That Will Hereafter Conduct the Trolley Car Business in This City—Capital Stock is \$2,500,000—Names of the Officers of the Company.

The Valley Passenger Railway company, the Scranton Passenger Railway company, the Dunmore Street Railway company, and the Scranton Suburban Railway company, all of which lines are operated by the Scranton Traction company, were yesterday consolidated, or rather merged with the Scranton Railway company, which, until recently, was the People's Street Railway company, of Luzerne county. The consolidated roads will be operated under the name of the Scranton Railway company after Jan. 1, 1897.

The consolidation was effected at a meeting of the stockholders of the various companies held yesterday morning at the office of the Scranton Traction company in this city. The officers were chosen as follows: Clarence M. Clark, president; J. P. Hisey, vice-president; C. Ford Stevens, secretary and treasurer; James J. Finney, Frank Burke, Frank Silliman, Jr., and Horace E. Hand, directors. All of the officers, with the exception of the last three, are Philadelphians. The capital stock of the new company is \$2,500,000, divided into shares of \$50 each. The merged companies were capitalized as follows: Valley Passenger Railway company, \$600,000; Scranton Passenger Railway company, \$100,000; Dunmore Street Railway company, \$300,000; Scranton Railway company, \$600,000; Scranton Traction company, \$2,000,000. The stockholders of the various companies were allowed to exchange their holdings for shares in the new company. By the terms of the agreement the Traction company's power station on Providence road and the other realty owned by the various companies is transferred to the new company. There will be no change in the local management of the roads.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Conducted at the Daisy Memorial Kindergarten Yesterday.

A Christmas tree never brought greater happiness to the hearts of little ones than it brought to the children of the Daisy Memorial kindergarten at the corner of Luzerne street and Main avenue yesterday forenoon. There were fifty of them in all, ranging in age from three to six years. This was the first opportunity that many of them ever had to sit within the shadow of a Christmas tree and share its treasures and sparkling eyes and radiant faces told how little hearts fluttered with happiness over the occasion. And not only was there joy depicted on the countenance of the children but those of the parents who were present forgot for a time their anxieties and allowed the joy that welled up from their hearts to cut all sorts of capers with the lines of care that scamed their faces.

There fifty little ones gathered from humble homes, some of them from homes of real poverty, some from homes where the densest ignorance prevails would range very well by the side of the same number of children from any circle in life as far as refinement of manner and general intelligence goes. Clean hands and faces denoted for their teacher, kindness and consideration for one another showing what an effective teacher she was. Her patience and judicious training had had over them. Each little one had made a souvenir as a Christmas gift to their parents. These were all displayed on the tree and were marvels of workmanship when one considers how small were the hands that fashioned them. The teacher of this kindergarten is Miss Minnie Cowan. A successful kindergarten teacher must be the possessor of many and rare qualifications. She must have intelligence, patience, sympathy, love, and a great fund of information, all of which, Miss Cowan possesses in an eminent degree else her work would never have been the greatest success that it has been. Miss Cowan is assisted by Miss Annie Rose.

DEATH OF SISTER MARCELLA.

She Was One of the Teachers in St. Cecilia's Academy.

Sister Marcella died in St. Cecilia's convent on Wyoming avenue yesterday morning after a long illness. Though she had not been in good health for two or three weeks, it was only two weeks ago that her condition became alarming. Before becoming a sister in the order of the Immaculate Heart, the deceased was Miss Elizabeth Finley, of Binghamton. She entered the convent at Carbondale on Oct. 1, 1888, as a novice and on Aug. 2, 1891, took her final vows at that place. She was then transferred to the Hyde Park convent and from there to Green Ridge. A year ago she was added to the force of teachers at St. Cecilia's academy. The funeral will take place Monday forenoon, at 10 o'clock a solemn requiem mass will be begun in St. Peter's cathedral, at which Rev. J. A. O'Reilly will be celebrant, after which she will be buried in the sisters' plot in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

AMUSEMENTS.

Of "Shannon of the Sixth," which will be produced at the Academy of Music Monday night, the Boston Daily Herald says: "There were thrilling moments galore at the Bowdoin Square theater last evening, and a crowded house greeted W. H. Power and his excellent company of players in 'Shannon of the Sixth.' The play is a new one, and was written by E. E. Kidder, who has built up a stirring, picturesque military drama on a story of life and love in India during the English war with the Sepoys in 1857. Mr. Power's was a universal favorite with his audience, and he certainly deserves the credit bestowed upon his efforts. He took the part of Lieutenant Larry Shannon. The drama is one of strong human interest from beginning to end."

A triumph of the scene-painter and stage-carpenter's arts will be seen all Christmas week at Davidow Bros. commencing Monday evening. It is "Little Boy Blue and the Good Fairy Starlight," a mammoth trick-pantomime, interspersed with a goodly number of the best acts in the profession. There are ten principal scenes, all new, filled to overflowing with bewitching transformations and mystifying tricks, funny to a degree and just the entertainment to please and not offend ladies, gentlemen and children. Over 4,000 feet of canvas has been painted by Harry Thorne for this immense production. Every detail is complete and a large amount of money has been expended. No matter can be given on Monday owing to the heavy work of preparation. Children will be admitted every afternoon during the week, except Christmas Day, for 10 cents.

The great success of "Shores Acres" is attracting the attention of modern

playwrights throughout the English-speaking countries. The fifth year of the play finds the patron of the drama more deeply interested than ever in this ideal work, and the demand for plays is constantly increasing. The author, James A. Herne, has already gained a fortune from this work and it promises to continue profitable for many years to come. A realistic scenic production of "Shores Acres" will be given at the Academy of Music Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

WARRANTS FOR SUPERVISORS.

Officials Charged With Neglecting to Abolish a Public Nuisance. Warrants were yesterday issued by Alderman Wright for the arrest of the two supervisors of Old Forge township, Michael McGowan and Gabriel Bonner, for wilfully and maliciously maintaining a public nuisance.

The complaint was made by John Heulhan who alleged that by reason of a culvert on the main street becoming blocked the water in the creek backs up and fills the cellars of his three houses, damaging his property and making them unhealthy for habitation. He avers that the nuisance has existed for six months and that he has frequently notified the supervisors of it and asked them to abate it. The date of the hearing has not yet been fixed.

REFORMATION'S LAST NIGHT.

Final Lutheran Entertainment Will Take Place Tonight.

"The German Reformation, or Life of Luther," the secular entertainment given Thursday night in the Frothingham was repeated last night and with a new cast. The entertainment was given by the Lutheran church, and was a most instructive and edifying lecture accompanied by the orchestra. The entertainment will be repeated on Monday night, Dec. 22, and will be charged. There will be no reserved seats. The audience was larger than on Thursday night and the performance moved along smoothly from start to finish. The gifts in the various scenes was very effective.

This evening the entertainment will be repeated when fifty cents will buy an admission to any part of the performance. Admission to the gallery twenty-five cents.

HEARING WAS CONTINUED.

The Pyne Borough Case Put Over Until Next Term.

The following cases were yesterday heard in argument: Commonweath vs. John Green, rule to show cause why reward should not be paid; discharged. Commonwealth vs. William James, rule to strike off forfeiture; Commonwealth vs. Jonathan Venison, rule to strike off forfeiture. In re estate of Leonard Bachelor, deceased, exceptions to a grand jury's report. The Pyne borough case and the following were continued: Commonwealth vs. Frank Gloss, rule to remit costs; in re estate of Richard Cummings, deceased, rule to pay money into court; in re estate of Jacob Mengle, deceased, rule to open confirmation of widow's apportionment.

OFFICERS OF UNION LODGE.

They Were Chosen at a Meeting Held Last Night.

Union Lodge, No. 291, F. and A. M., at a meeting last night in Masonic hall on Penn avenue, elected the following officers to serve for one year: Worshipful master, Frank Stanton; senior warden, Ellery C. Thonley; junior warden, Lewis G. Schantz; secretary, Frank S. Hall; treasurer, E. P. Kingsbury; trustees, John Beckhorn, Alex. Dunn, sr., E. A. Newing. Retiring worshipful master, E. A. Newing, was chosen representative to the grand lodge. The meeting last night will be installed next Wednesday evening.

Calendars and booklets, Reynolds Bros.

Silverware! Silverware! Rogers Bros. triple plate silver tea spoons, formerly \$2.25 per set, now \$1.25 at Davidow Bros., 217 Lack'a ave.

Diaries for 1897, Reynolds Bros.

ACTION SALE.

Superb Collection of High Class Oil Paintings By Eminent Artists.

All mounted in elegant gold frames, also the entire stock of C. H. Pratt, consisting of a collection of rich, original, water colors and everything embracing. Goods kept in art store to be sold without reserve at 247 Wyoming avenue, corner Linden street on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 21 and 22, commencing with the Pratt collection at 2:30 p. m. and the collection of paintings at 7:30 p. m. A rare opportunity for lovers of the fine arts. B. Scott, Jr., of New York, will conduct the sale.

Card cases, bill books, Reynolds Bros.

Over 100 People were compelled to postpone buying Christmas presents yesterday at Davidow Bros., owing to the inability of the large number of salesmen to properly wait on the immense trade.

Card cases, bill books, Reynolds Bros.

Santa Claus heads the procession of wise book-buyers at Beddeman's, 211 Wash., 457 Spruce.

Fine line of gift books, Reynolds Bros.

Bring your card plate to The Tribune for printing.

Gold pens and pencils, Reynolds Bros.

If You Want to Buy any Christmas present we will sell you goods at less than one-half the actual cost, to close out the entire stock before April 1st.

DAVIDOW BROS., 217 Lack'a ave.

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Notice.

The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each: Rooms for rent. For sale. This property for sale. Furnished rooms. House for rent. House to let, etc.

Fine line of gift books, Reynolds Bros.

FORMAL DEMAND FOR AN INCREASE MADE

Journeymen Plumbers Ask a \$3 a Day Rate of Wages.

POSITION OF MASTER PLUMBERS

Cannot Grant the Increase Asked on January 1 for Two Reasons, but Are Willing on May 1 to Allow Men Getting Less Than \$3 a Day an Increase of Ten Per Cent.

At a meeting of the master plumbers of the city last night the members of the Journeymen's Plumbers union made a formal demand for a \$3 a day rate of wages on and after Jan. 1 for all journeymen plumbers who have worked at the trade one year or upwards more than the apprenticeship period. In the event of the master plumbers refusing to grant a rate of \$3 a day the plumbers said they would refuse to work after the end of the present year.

Through its conference committee the master plumbers some time ago offered to increase on May 1 by 10 per cent. the wages of men getting less than \$3 per day.

It was decided last night that the demand of the journeymen plumbers, to be granted for two reasons: First, contracts for the winter's work have been made on the basis of the present scale of wages; second, the master plumbers claim the right to pay their workmen according to their worth.

These conclusions will be made known to the journeymen plumbers, together with the further information that the master plumbers renew their former offer to grant a 10 per cent. raise on May 1 to all those who are receiving less than \$3 per day.

If the journeymen plumbers adhere to their intention as expressed in the communication to last night's meeting, a strike seems inevitable. There are about 100 journeymen plumbers in this city.

YALE ASSOCIATION FORMED.

The Names of Those Who Are Members of It.

At a meeting held in the office of Colonel H. M. Boies in the Commonwealth building last night by a number of the Yale club members of the city, an auxiliary organization, was formed of the Yale Alumni association, of Scranton. The meeting was called to order by J. M. Boies, president of the Yale club. He acted as chairman of the preliminary organization. He was unanimously chosen and Mr. Boies was selected as secretary.

A committee consisting of Walter H. Buel, Major Everett Warren, Henry Bell, Jr., H. W. Boies, W. J. Hand and the chairman was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, nominate officers and arrange the preliminaries for a dinner to be held in this city during the Easter vacation. It is probable that the members of the Yale club will give a concert about that time and an effort will be made to have them at the dinner. The next meeting

REXFORD'S

Was You In

The crowd at our store? Every day the same. Some of our salespeople wondered when dray load after dray load of merchandise was unloaded and stored throughout the building until our entire floor space—12,000 square feet—fairly groaned. But our buyers were right. The crowds prove it. Assortment tells. Surely there is but one Rexford's.

Watches Here the particular as well as the close buyer can be suited. A ladies' solid gold watch, rdk. and good weight, Elgin makes the movement, so that is good, too, \$18.50. A saving of at least \$7.50.

Lamps We bid for several left over lots that manufacturers did not sell this fall and unexpectedly got them all. 672 parlor lamps are too many for most stores, but we think at the prices we are enabled to make, you will take them along.

Cupid Lamp Gold-colored little fellow holds up the bowl, 22 inches high, Rochester banner, central draft burner, decorated china globe or silk shade, \$1.90 instead of \$4.

Onyx Lamp Six inch onyx column column, brass finish, with large silk shade, \$4 instead of \$6.

Crockery When we say real Haviland dinner sets for \$28, our patrons turn over the cups to look for the name. It's true; every piece stamped. \$28 the set.

Cheaper Yes, we have them. Full dinner set, decorated English ware, \$5.00.

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Christmas Presents

Are you careful when you buy china or glass? You are when you handle it. Why not be still more careful when you select it—when you buy it? Isn't hard to select good either, nor when you have a stock like ours to select from. Prices make it easier. Many people have bought lamps of us—lamps that give light—lots of it. We believe that lamps should give light first and be beautiful afterwards—useful and then ornamental.

Dinner, Tea AND Toilet Sets Silverware, Etc.

CHINA HALL,

MILLAR & PECK,

131 Wyoming Avenue.

Walk in and look around.

Open Evenings.

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If you have any Dental Work you want done you will save money by seeing me before going elsewhere. When I say I am inserting

GOLD AND SILVER FILLINGS

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316 Spruce Street, Next Door to Hotel Jermyn.

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 \$5.00 per pair; filled bows at \$2; nickel bows from \$1.00 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. Office hours, 8 a. m. to 12m.; 1 to 6 p. m. Remember that your eyes will be examined free and satisfaction is guaranteed.

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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

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