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**CITY NOTES.**

**Ebenezer P. Davy**, of this city, was granted a patent yesterday at Washington for a test...  
On account of the absence of a quorum a meeting of the Board of Associated Charities was held last night...  
Patrick Dempsey, of Pine Brook, arrested on complaint of his wife, was fined \$5 yesterday morning by Mayor Bailey...  
The stock and fixtures in the grocery store of Guy R. Bohl was sold yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Ryan, A. B. Bohl became the purchaser...  
The diagrams for "Fair Virginia," which will be the attraction at the Academy of Music Friday and Saturday, will be sent this morning at 8 o'clock. Tickets will be given out at 8 p. m...  
Patrick Duffy and Edward Sheridan, veterans arrested for beating motorists on streets, were committed yesterday to the county jail for thirty days by Mayor Bailey...  
Nelson G. Teets has resigned the position of financial secretary of the Central Labor Union in order to devote all his time to the duties of his new office, manager of the Retail Clerks' National Protective Association...  
The collections which may be made in the public schools for the L. L. G. fund, in accordance with the permission granted by the board of school directors, should be sent direct to Miss Kramer, at the hospital, or William T. Smith...  
The recently organized council of the Young Men's Institute at Capouse, Pa., will be held at the Capouse Hotel on New Year's Day and will tender a reception to the members of St. Paul's congregation...  
At a meeting of Division No. 39, A. O. U. of Great Britain, Monday night, the following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Martin Perganson; vice-president, John Russell; recording secretary, Patrick McElroy; financial secretary, John M. Walsh; treasurer, Peter D. Mahon...  
The funeral of Francis Gidlow will take place this morning at 9 o'clock. Services will be held in St. Peter's cathedral and the remains will be taken to New York, where interment will be made Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Services will be held at Osswego, in St. Paul's church...  
Willie, 4-year-old son of ex-County Executive John D. Snow, died yesterday afternoon of diphtheria, aged three years and five months. The bereavement is doubly sad, as it is the second child in the family to die of this disease. The first was a daughter, who died of the same disease on January 10, 1895, at the age of three years and six months. Her remains were buried in the cemetery of St. Paul's church...  
The Athletic Athletic association was organized Monday night in Columbia hall, at Wyoming avenue and Hickory street, with a membership of seventy-five. The officers were elected: President, John Kennedy; vice-president, John Carmody; recording secretary, Daniel C. Gable; treasurer, John McCourt; sergeant-at-arms, Owen Sweeney...  
The inquiry for seats for the Christmas performance at the Frothingham has been without precedent in the history of the theater, but no seats are promised or held in advance for any show. It is all made on the day of the performance. The sale opens this morning at 9 o'clock and all who contemplate seeing the great Dickey in Frothingham's most successful comedy, would do well to be on hand early...  
Patrick Mulvaney, of the Seventh ward, was arrested for drunkenness on Tuesday and committed to the county jail by Mayor Bailey...  
Saturday, he was released from jail and immediately arrested on a warrant issued by Alderman Wright charging him with highway robbery. He spent last night in the station house. It is alleged that he assisted "Dick" Hicks to rob Bert Snow, of Green Ridge. Hicks was convicted of the last term of court and is now serving two years in the Eastern penitentiary...  
Superintendent of Carriers W. D. Roche is authority for the statement that he has during any previous holiday season. A number of carriers, especially in the central city, had to have assistants yesterday afternoon on account of the great number of bulky packages they were called upon to deliver. The money order and registered letter departments also report record-breaking business. The foreign currency window sales were yesterday nearly twice as large as on an ordinary day...  
**Dr. McDowell, dentist, 210 Adams Avenue.**

If You Want to Buy  
any Christmas presents, we will sell you goods at less than one-half the cost before, to close out the entire stock before April 1st.  
**DAVIDOW BROS.,**  
217 Lacka. Ave.

**Bicycles for Boys.**  
Bittenbender & Co. are now exhibiting a fine line of juvenile bicycles in their windows at 313 Spruce street, which are the best 97 models.

**Drass and Onyx Tables, Lamps and Shades.** All reduced to cost.  
**HILL & CONNELL,**  
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Candy, Fruits, Cigars and Groceries, 423 Lackawanna Avenue.

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**LAST NIGHT'S RARE MUSICAL TREAT**  
Sieveking-Bispham Concert at the Frothingham Theater.

**PERSONALITY OF THE PIANIST**

**His Appearance Gives No Hint of the His Intensely Artistic Temperament or His Marvelous Mastery of the Key Board—Mr. Bispham Proved Himself the Prince of Baritone—Both Repeatedly Ecruored.**

If the height of art be to conceal art, the singing of David Bispham and the piano playing of Martinus Sieveking, were the truest instances of it which greeted these eminent artists in the Frothingham theater last evening. His very near to the pinnacle of possible artistic achievement. In no other instance was a single artifice employed to give meretricious advantage to work whose own superb merit made it, as it seemed, impossible. One may without any exaggeration pronounce the concert the richest musical repast ever placed within reach of a Northeastern Pennsylvania audience; and that only because of many critics to be remembered for Paderewski's hitherto unchallenged laurels, it may not be out of place to say that one meeting him away from his instrument he would be very unlikely to think of him as one of the three or four greatest living pianists. He has, to be sure, the aureole of belted hair which miraculously made the fashion for pianoforte virtuosity; but there is surely no hint in the stolid countenance, the large and open mouth, the placid eyes, and the serene smile of the man's general air of impassivity, of the fluent and intensely poetic artistic temperament within. It takes and even then one loses all thought of the player in his alternately sensuous and volatile playing.

**HIS OPENING NUMBER.**  
For his opening number he chose Beethoven's famous Moonlight sonata, followed for purposes of contrast by Chopin's fantasia in E minor, op. 49. The interpretation of the former was richly sympathetic, notably so in the adagio, which perhaps suffered from the pianist's over-attention to the latter rather than in his theme. It was not until Mr. Sieveking began the fantasia and gave rein to the reserve brilliance and singing boldness of his technique that the audience's interest was again fully aroused. His playing warranted all the praise which it has won and more. He has, to be sure, the aureole of belted hair which miraculously made the fashion for pianoforte virtuosity; but there is surely no hint in the stolid countenance, the large and open mouth, the placid eyes, and the serene smile of the man's general air of impassivity, of the fluent and intensely poetic artistic temperament within. It takes and even then one loses all thought of the player in his alternately sensuous and volatile playing.

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**MR. BISPHAM'S SINGING.**

And now, how shall we do justice to Mr. Bispham? To say that he is the prince of baritones, with a voice that even if unmastered would make him famous—and it is mastered thoroughly—and with a dramatic power, a finesse of matured intelligence, and a magnetic presence which before he sounds a note, prepare his auditors for the enjoyment of the whole matter is to say that when one has heard him in a group of baritone soloists with whom one does not wish ever again to hear an ordinary baritone in any of the selections which Bispham has used. He too was received with a most enthusiastic favor, and was good natured enough to be unexpectedly generous in recognition of it, responding to three ovations.

**"WIZARD" SCHAFFER COMING HERE**

**Will Give an Exhibition at Backus' Billiard Parlors Next Monday.**

Jacob Schaefer, known as the "Wizard" throughout the billiard world, and Wm. A. Spinks, the young western champion, will appear in a billiard exhibition at the rooms of George Backus, on Washington Avenue, next Monday night. This will be the first appearance of these experts in Scranton, and local lovers of billiards will undoubtedly greet the "wizard" in a manner worthy of his great reputation. He is now said to be in excellent form, runs of 200 and 300 frequently, making his practice play in his new room at the Hoffman house, New York.

The exhibition on Monday night will consist of 200 points billiard, 50 points cushion caroms, 15 points three cushions, and a variety of fancy shots. A complete set of "quick" cushions from the Brunswick-Balke Collender company will be sent here for use on the exhibition.

**HE WAS NOT DEFRAUDED.**

**No Answers Bittenbender & Co. to Allegations of Former Partner.**  
Abraham Bittenbender and John M. Kemmerer, defendants in the equity suit brought by Emily Bittenbender, and her husband, Israel Bittenbender, to have annulled the agreement to a dissolution of partnership, yesterday made answer to the bill of the plaintiffs, through their attorneys, Ward & Horn.

he says that he did not always have ready access to the books. They aver that at the time of the dissolution the stock was valued at \$82,461.13, less 20 per cent.; the notes and judgments, \$8,312.26, less 20 per cent.; book accounts, \$44,342.13, less 20 per cent.; and that these items, valued in excess of the ready money it had in bank.

**WELCOMING A NEW PASTOR.**  
Rev. George M. Welsh Greeted by Clergymen and Congregation.  
The congregation of the Calvary Reformed church of Gibson street, tendered a public reception to its new pastor, Rev. George M. Welsh, last night. The auditorium of the church was appropriately decorated for the occasion with evergreens and plants, and above the pulpit in large letters of evergreen was the motto: "Welcome, our new pastor." A large congregation was in attendance.



REV. GEORGE M. WELSH.

Frank H. Smith presided. Beside him sat Rev. John Day, Rev. Foster C. Gift of the Grace Lutheran church, and Rev. George L. Aldrich of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Aldrich made an address of welcome on behalf of the city, and the city's churches; G. A. Brown spoke for the congregation; F. H. Smith for the Sunday school, and Miss Mattie Munson for the Christian Endeavor society. Mr. Welsh made a fitting and touching response for himself and Mrs. Welsh. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Day.

**ELMHURST TANNERY BURNED.**

**It Is No Great Loss, as It Was Not Being Used.**  
Fire broke out in the Elmhurst tannery at 10 o'clock last night and in two hours time it was reduced to ashes. The building belonged to the Scranton Gas and Water company, the tannery having been purchased by it recently with the intention of demolishing it as the board of health complained that it was polluting the Roaring Brook. The machinery had all been removed by the previous owners, the Union Tannery company. The loss therefore is trifling.

**REAPPOINTED TEN DAYS AFTER HIS RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED.**  
Three times did Alderman Millar resign as mayor and incumbent of the third ward. The first time it was not accepted. The second time, it was not accepted. The third time it was, after he urged his acceptance on the score that it took up too much of his time, and the ward would be left without any more hipodroming than is seen in the average ward in Scranton. He was reappointed by General Gold. He has consented to accept the appointment and will start out soon after Jan. 1 on his visit of inspection. The order in which he will make his inspections will be as follows: Eighth, Fourth, Twelfth, Ninth, and Thirteenth wards. The Thirteenth will be inspected some time in March.

**FOR STEALING TIMBER.**

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**MURPHY—** In Scranton, Pa., Monday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m., Joseph son of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, 312 Swetland street, aged 2 years and 10 months. General Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

**JUST A LITTLE MORE OF THE BEAUTIFUL**

**Sleigh Bells' Jingle Heard Last Night for the First Time.**

**PROMISE OF SCRANTON WEATHER**

**It Continues Cold and Promises to Grow Colder—Business Men Are Happy and the Railroad Men and Miners Hope to Be Happy Soon. There Was Not Enough Snow to Interfere with Street Car Traffic.**

The snow fall of yesterday and last evening was hailed with pleasure by young and old. Christmas, without snow makes the heart sick. There was not enough of it to make sleighing possible, except on the asphalted streets, but the jingle of bells was heard on these thoroughfares last evening.

It seemed probable during the afternoon that a heavy fall would come and that the ground would be covered to a depth of several inches, but this hope was disappointed by the appearance of the moon from behind the clouds, and the night a clear sky overcast the city.

The merchants had been anxiously looking for the beautiful, for it is an incentive to better business. Yesterday they say, The small boy likes to see the snow because it provides enjoyment for him with his sled. It gives the blacksmith more work, and it gives the coal man a greater demand for his anthracite.

In the office of the Scranton Traction company a note is posted requiring the employes to be ready to respond in case of a heavy fall. So far the running of its cars has not been interrupted to any extent. The sweepers were sent out over all the lines yesterday.

To the railroad men the snow and promised cold weather are the greatest boon of the winter. It is a relief, or so it is said. There is such a dullness at present that many conductors have been put back at breaking and new conductors have to be detailed. Less than half the usual number of trains were "worked out" on the board last night. What colder weather would mean to the miners is not to be doubted upon. Their deplorable condition and the beneficent change that would result from a good, long cold snap are too familiar to Scrantonians.

**GREAT SHOW THIS WEEK.**

**Manager Davis Offers a Fine Performance to His Patrons.**

"Little Boy Blue" is the bill at Davis' theater this week, and it is not saying too much to state that it is one of the best bills that the house has presented. It is a panorama with scenes and appropriate intervals for specialties. Harry Thorne is the clown and Matt McCormick essays the roll of pantomime.

Among the scenes presented are "Moonlit Station," "Farm of Plenty," "Police and Street Show," "The Mystic Chamber," "The Palace of Novelties," "The Grand Old Time Show," "Abode of Happiness," and "The Grotto of Happiness." In each scene there is a different specialty introduced in the form of some novelty of fun and bewildering as Dick Loggett, change artist and vocalist; Alice Jennings, Eddie O'Brien, and little Anna Mabel O'Brien, in songs, dances, and a novel sparring exhibition. Maria Wynne, songs and clog dances; the three Renos, contortionists and knockabout comedians; and Levine and Booth, equilibrist.

The feature of the entertainment is the sparring of Alice Jennings. She is a clever boxer and manages to make things quite lively for her sparring partner, Eddie O'Brien, who is an old boxing instructor. They gave a three round bout without any more hipodroming than is seen in the average ward in Scranton.

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**REVEE JONES' RECITAL**

**A Pleasing Programme Rendered by Well-Known Artists.**

The studio of Reeve Jones was filled Monday afternoon with a delighted audience composed of musical people of the city, on the occasion of his second recital. Mr. Jones was assisted by Miss Florence Richmond, who played the second piano part in Mendelssohn's Concerto, and by Mrs. G. A. B. Dittmick, who rendered the vocal numbers on the programme with usual artistic finish. The programme was as follows:  
Concerto, G minor ..... Mendelssohn  
Molto Allegro-con Furore—Andante—Presto—Allegro—Vivace.  
Song, (a) On the Wings ..... Mendelssohn  
(b) The Alceon Wisp ..... Chopin  
Piano, Octave Study ..... Kowalewki  
Song, (a) Twilight ..... Mozatti  
(b) The Last of Chuse, A. B. Hunt  
Piano, Polonaise, op. 24 ..... Chopin  
Song, Ma Flacirella ..... Gomez  
Piano, Fantasia Lucia de Lammermoor ..... Liszt

**GERMAN AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.**

It was the first given at the New Club House.  
Last evening occurred the first German given at the Country club. Mrs. E. B. Jermy and Mrs. A. H. Stors were chaperones. The committee in charge was composed of Miss Augusta Simpson, Miss Beth Archbald and Miss Simpson. Miss Beth Archbald assisted by Miss Bellini, led the German, which took place after a dainty supper had been served.

Those present were Miss Hunt, Miss Winton, Miss Parke, Miss Grace Williams, Miss Jermy, Miss Sue Jermy, Miss Dale, E. E. Chase, A. E. Hunt, Sr., A. E. Hunt, Jr., George G. Brooks, John H. Brooks, H. B. Merrill, L. R. Fuller, F. S. Fuller, F. C. Fuller, Messrs. Hager, Bliss, James Blair, Jr., J. M. Boles, Bedford.

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3 lbs French Cream Bon-Bons, 25c  
3 lbs Christmas Candy for 25c  
2 lbs Finest Chocolate Drops, 25c  
Finest Peanut or Walnut Taffy, per pound 12c  
Finest High Grade, Assorted, Regular 40c Mixtures, per lb 20c  
Chocolate Dates, per pound, 7c  
Jamaica Sweet Oranges, per do 25c  
3 lbs of the Following Mixed Nuts, for 25c  
Almonds, Walnuts, Pecan, Brazil and Filberts.

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