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CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES	munion: 8 a a, m. morni communion. St. Mark' J. Haughte communion.
Brilliant Programme That Will Be Ren- dered at Elm Park Church.	A Li Tribune Re
CEMAROSA'S MILITARY MASS	New Ency A diction prehensive
It Will Be Sung by the Choir of St. Peter's Cathedral Under the Direc- tion of Professor Schilling-Music at the 6 and 10:30 Masses in St.	and thorous stowed awa sive volume the New E This splet 5,000 pages,

The following programmes of Christmas music will be rendered in some of

tan Congregational Church.

the city churches: The music at Elm Park church next Sunday morning will be of a festival character, but the special Christmastide musical service will be given in the musical service will be given in the evening, when a very elaborate pro-gramme of anthems, solos, hymns, carols and instrumental music will be

rendered by the Eim Park quartette and Mr. Pennington, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Page, soprano; Miss Julia Allen. violinist; Llewellyn Jones, plant Anen, a chorus of girls. The following are the programmes: MORNING SERVICE. Chime of Bellis (change ringing), "Christ-Carols "Tollite Hostias" (final chorus from the oratorio of Noel).....Saint Saens Pastorale (from Christmas Concerts). Fischer Pracludium in G major Choir. East and the second sec mas Carols. Fideles Mr. Pennington, Hymn, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Anthem, "O Zion That Tellest Good Tidings" Tidlings" Elm Park Quartette Carol, "Christ Is Born Today," Girls' Chorus . Buck Authen, "O'er the fills of Becheley Elim Park Quartette, Carol, "Ringing the Bells", Girls' Chorus Bass Solo, "Mortals Awake"..... Stainer Mr. Thomas, (With organ.) Tenor Solo, "The Holy Child"....Shelley Mr. Wooler, (With organ, vielin and plano.) Offertory, Pastorale in F.....d, S. Bach Mr. Pennington, Violin Solo, "Cratel Song"......Godard Miss Allen, (With organ.) Carol, "While the Silent Stars," Girls' Chorus Shelley

Ladies' Trio, "Christmas Bells", Cantor Anthem, "The Vigil of the Shepherds," Blumenschein Elm Park Quartette, Carol, "Jescus Is His Name." Clirk' Chorus Hymn, "All Hall the Power of Jesus' Name."

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

On Christmas morning at 10.30 Cimarosa's military mass will be sung, ac companied by Bauer's orchestra of thir-The mass has the usual teen Dieces, six numbers, Kyric, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, and was written by the author for a military festival. It has a number of bril-liant march movements. The orchestra parts were specially arranged for this the finest ever played on a Christmas day in this city. Bauer's orchestra is doing finer work than ever. The offer-tory is a Christmas hymn written for three choirs, angels, shepherds and the 1895, with interest from Dec. 15, 1896,

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TWO TRESPASS CASES SETTLED.

In Both of Them the Scranton Traction Company Was Defendant. Papers discontinuing two trespass ases against the Scranton Traction company were filed yesterday with Pro-

thonotary Pryor. Both cases had been tried here and were on their way up to the higher courts to be reviewed. Patrick Loftus was the plaintin in one case. He sued the Traction company to recover damages for the death of his son who was killed by a trolley car on Capouse avenue. The case was tried on Jan. 3) last, and a verdict of \$2,480 returned in favor of the plain-tiff. An apolication for a new trial was made and on April 10 Judge Gun-ster handed down an opinion cutting down the verdict to \$1,500. If that ver-dict was not acceptable to the plaintiff

and defendant then another trial was to be granted. An appeal was taken to the supreme court but the filling of yesterday's paper ends all proceedings. The \$1,500 is to be paid before March 1, 1897, with interest from Dec. 15, 1896, The other case settled was Mrs. Leno-ra L. Potter against the Scranton Traction company for damages caused by being thrown from a car on Capouse avenue. On Jan. 10 last the case was occasion by the young composer, Carl Schilling, in Berlin, Germany, and is the sum of \$1.000 returned. An appeal

NO FREE SPEECH FOR FREE THINKERS So Declared the Priceburg Populace in a Very Demonstrative Way.

EGGS FOR DR. JOHN SZLUPAS

One of the Alleged Egg Throwers Was on Trial Yesterday Before Judge Edwards -- Two Men Charged with Attempt Criminal Assault Declared Not Guilty -- A Jury Says Mrs. Hopper Assaulted Aged Martin Nealon--Other Criminal Cases.

One night last August Dr. John Szlupas, of Penn avenue, went up to Price-burg to deliver a speech at Smith's hall on Free Thought. The intensely religious people of that quiet and or-derly handet didn't take kindly to the Doctor's irreligious views and evidenced their disapproval by hurling eggs at him and by breaking the windows of the hall with stones. William Smith, the proprietor of the hall, started an investigation and two weeks later had Toefield Bendavig arrested for being concerned in the anti-Szlupas demonstration. Yesterday Bendavig was on trial for the crime in criminal court. All the witnesses agreed that there phia.

as a great hubub outside the hali and that eggs and stones were thrown. of the witnesses for the prosecution swore they saw Bendavir throw a stone but the others could only testify that he was in the crowd of disturbers and that he was one of the most demonstrative of the crowd. The defense had a large array of witnesses who had a large array of witnesses who swore that they were near Bendavig when the missiles were thrown and that he did not throw them. The case was on at adjournment. Hon, John P. Kelly is attorney for the defense

TWO SERIOUS CHARGES.

Two men were tried for attempted criminal assault. James Sullivan, of Mayfield, aged about 55 years, was accused by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, aged forty years. Mrs. Kennedy's story was to the effect that while she was sitting by the bedside of Sullivan's mother who was ill, Sullivan made indecent proposals to her and followed them up by assaulting her. She escaped from him and made her vay home. Attorney C. Conjegys, who represent \$128.3

ed the defense, tried to make out that it was a case of blackmail, the Kennedy's being indebted to the Suiliyans for large rent bill. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and directed that the costs be equally divided between the prosecutrix and defendant. In the second case Peter Blasko was the defendant and Pearl Woeserstram the accuser. Mrs. Woeserstram alleged that she was passing through an alley, which branches off Crown avenue on the South Side, at 8.39 o'clock onnight last summer, to call for ner little daughter who was at night school and that she was set upon by Blasko and another man, who caught her about the waist and tried to assault her. SCREAMS LEOUGHT HELP.

Her screams brought a couple of pas ersby to her assistance and Blasko vas captured. The defense was a plain deals). The jury after lengthy dello-eration returned a verdict of not guilty of attempted criminal assault but guilty of assault and battery. Attorney Geo. B. Davidson appeared for the defense. Attorney Nathan Vidaver assisted District Atorney Jones, Louis Eehle and Michael Duify, of

Archbald, were the partics in an as-sault and battery case. Duffy claimed that Behle assailed and battered idm without any provocation. Behie said

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choir proper, stationed in different parts of the church. The Pastorale introduces the shepherds pipe. The church has been beautifully decorated with moss and evergreen and the crib with the life-sized figures has been put up again and shows the infant Jesus in the stable, surrounded by the sheph cds, kings and the holy family. The programme of the music is as follows: Credo Cimarosa Offertory, Christmas Hymn. Gilsin Sanctus Cimarosa Renedictus Cimarosa Agrus Dei Cimarosa Te teum German The mass and the other nieces have

numerous solos, duets, quartettes and choruses. Seats in the church are free. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

In St. Patrick's church on the West Side the following programme of music will be rendered at the 6 and 10,30 o'clock masses Christmas morning by the choir under the direction of Haydu Evans:

Sanctus. Benedictus

Benedictus, Quartette and Chorus, Agrus Del, Dona Nobis, Postlude, Concerto in D.....Handel-Lux Quartette-Miss Kate Sullivan, soprano; Miss Kitty Gibbons, contraito; Edward Walsh, tenor; William Vanston, hass, Miss Harriet Ward, violinist; Haydn Evans, organist and director.

PURITAN CONGREGATIONAL. The special Christmas service of the Puritan Congregational church of the North End will take place at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. It will consist almost wholly of music. The selections are among the most beautiful. All who en-joy sacred music will find the pro-gramme attractive. A very cordial in-vitation is extended to all and especial-ity to those who do not regularly attend

ly to those who do not regularly attend church services. Among the many good features of this Christmas services, special mention may be made of the grand chorus, "Daughter of Zion," which received universal and unstituted universal the preprint concert under the

which received universal and unstituted praise at the recent concert under the auspices of the choir. It is repeated by urgent request. The service will be as follows:

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IN OTHER CHURCHES.

Christmas services, Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge street and Monsey avenue—Early service, holy communion, Christmas music, 6 a. m.; second service, morning prayer, holy communion service, morning prayer, holy communion, sermon, 19.30. Offering at both services for clergy fund. All scats free, All welcome, St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Short avenue, Park Place, Christmas service in German, 10.30 a. m.; service in Eng-lish, 7.30.

St. Luke's Church-Rev. Rogers Is-rael, rector. The nativity of our Lord or Christmas day. 6 a. m., holy com-

ence of yesterday's set- that he only stayed the arm, when it was raised to strike Con-stable Harrie, who was escorting Duffy to the lock-up. The jury said not guilty and divided the costs, C. A

PERSONAL.

E. B. Sturges was in New York city Hon, Daniel Edwards, of Kingston, was Dr. H. F. Heilner will spend Christmas with his parents at Shamokin,

Dr. Stein, of Wyoning avenue, will spend Christmas at Shenandoah. Esstras Howell and children, of Wash-ington avenue, will spend Christmas in New York city.

E. E. Dale, of Des Moines, Ia., is spend-ing the holidays with his relatives in this, his former home.

J. C. Huntington has returned from the Adirondacks, where he has been spending everal months hunting and fishing.

Miss Frances Kennard, daughter of ex-Sheriff Kennard, of Meshoppen, Wyoning county, was the guest of Scrunton friends yesterday. David Williams and sister, Miss Rosa Williams, of Model Granville, N. Y., are be guests of Dr. J. J. Roberts, of South

Main avenu Division Traveling Passenger Agent S. T. Seeley, of the Eric railroad, has re-signed his position, the resignation to go into effect Jan, 1.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Lyne and children, of Detroit, Mich., are in the city spending the holidays with Mrs. Lyne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Frear, City Solicitor J. H. Torrey was in Phila-delphia resterilary attending the meeting of the 4xecutive committee of the state organization of city solicitors. New York and Return Via D. L. & W.

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Battenberg was attorney for the de Nasta Urban pleaded guilty of assault and battery on Joseph Krietinick, Judge Edwards suspended sentence. Mary A. Hepple, who was tried Tues

day for assaulting aged Martin Neaton with a stone, was yesterday morning returned guilty with a recommendation of merey.



Mr. and Mrs. Russ Whytal will be the stars at the Academy on Christmas and the following day, when they will again present Mr. Whytai's bold and medical detune of We in the did blo his former home. Ex-County Treasurer D. W. Powell has returned from Harrisburg and will spend the holidays with his family here. Miss Guszle Harper, of 529 Wyoming wenne, has begun an extended visit with were so favorably received last senson.

This year they are offering variety by changing to the light comedy parts. The matinee on Saturday will be a popular prices, and should be very at-tractive to children who are sure to enjoy the remarkable performance of they endowfully clover, child Lattic that wonderfully elever child, Lottie Briscoe.

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The reservation of seats and boxes began yesterday for "Thoroughbred," the comedy by Ralph Lumley, which has had so much success in New York It comes under Charles Frohman's Mrs. Keller and granddaughter. Miss Gemberling, of Northinnberland, are vis-ting at the home of Mr, and Mrs. Teets, New York. It is headed by the well New York. It is headed by the well known comedian, Henry E. Dixey and others in it are Edgar L. Davenport. Isabel Evesson, William Norris, H. M. Pitt and Maggie Holloway Fisher. The plot of the piece is said to be very fun-by, mixing up plous beople with race track affairs in a most amusing manner.

. . . "In Old Kentucky" will be given a matinee and evening performance at the Frothingham Saturday by the original No. 1 company. It is an am-bitious attempt to place before the public in an attractive and creditable way two kinds of life as they exist in Kentucky. Many novel features, pe-cultar only to the country in which the scene is laid, are introduced. The play has been enthusiastically received wherever it has been given, and is un-doubtedly one of the most pretentious as well as one of the most successful given on the stage.

The Waite Comic Opera company are announced to appear at the Frothing-ham all of next week with the excep-tion of Friday. This organization is the largest, best equipped and most artistic popular priced stage attraction now before the public. It numbers fully fifty people, carries its own orchestra and a cast of principles of rare ability among these Milton Aborn and James Donnelly, the well known comedians; Miss Marie Laurens and Marie Eiffin, the sopranos; Mrs. Hattie Arnold, well known here; Joseph W. Smith, the pleasing tenor; Hernan Waldo, bari-tone, and a bevy of beautiful girls, who appear in marches, arrayed in gorgeous appear in marches, arrayed in gorgeous costumes. The selection of obsera for the opening bill is "Tar and Tartar," using all of the original scenery, etc., of the New York production of this great success at Palmer's theater. There will be matinees each day begin-ning Tuesday. Prices 10 and 20 cents. The prices for the evenings will be 10, 20 and 30 cents.

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