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LACKAWANNA, THE LEADER IN CORRECT LAUNDERING, 308 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

OUR STORE Will Be Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Williams & W. Annuity Carpets, Draperies and Wall Paper, 127 WYOMING AVE.

CITY NOTES. On Christmas night the Excelsior Athletic club will hold its thirteenth annual ball in the city.

On Friday evening the Sunday school of Grace Lutheran church will hold their Christmas exercises.

Postoffice Inspector Forman was in the city yesterday consulting with Postmaster Vandenberg and Chief of Police Robinson about the recent robbery at Hazleton.

The Lackawanna hospital makes an appeal for Christmas donors. A number have already been contributed, but many more are needed.

A main service will be conducted in Trinity Lutheran church on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The children's Christmas festival will be celebrated Friday evening at 7:30.

In the suit of the Arcade file works against T. P. Leonard, the court yesterday, at the request of the defendant, made an order allowing depositions with reference to the case to be taken in New York city.

At the postoffice Christmas day the money order and register windows will be closed all day. The stamp, general delivery and carrier windows will be open from 10:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock. No deliveries will be made by carriers.

The sale of tickets to the patronesses of the Globe, and the Glee club of the University of Pennsylvania, ends today. It is at Powell's Music store. The general sale of tickets will begin at the same place today.

A large Christmas tree in the window of A. B. Spence's store on Dickson avenue, caught fire last evening. An alarm was sent in from box 66 and all the North End companies and the Chemical company responded. Their services were not required as the fire had been put out before their arrival. The damage was slight.

David D. Jones, of Scranton, and Margie Jane Jones, of Taylor, Michael Kupsk and Rozalia Walkalis, of Scranton; George W. Swartz, of Scranton, and Elva Hedy, of Lackawanna; Joseph Dougherty, of Scranton, and Clara M. Kreger, of Dunmore; Antoni Filipiak and Francesco Kutera, of Scranton, were granted marriage licenses yesterday.

William H. Price, aged 72, died yesterday at the Lackawanna hospital from a hemorrhage. He formerly boarded on the West Side, but had no relatives in this city. Rev. Rogers' church, pastor of St. Luke's church, who ministered to him during his illness, took charge of the remains, and today they will be interred in Forest Hill cemetery at the expense of the church's guild. A service will be conducted at the church at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Louis Friedman keeps a clothing store on Penn avenue. He was in the Rockwell restaurant. About 7 o'clock last evening he locked the store for a few minutes and ran across the street for a cigar. When he got back a dummy dressed in a suit of clothes and an overcoat was missing from its position on the 10th of privilege. Mr. Friedman skirts around and found the dummy missing in the ladies' entrance next to Ferrandino's saloon. The dummy was worth \$20. A telephone message was sent to police headquarters, but no trace of the thief could be found.

Dr. McDowell, dentist, 240 Adams avenue.

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS. Will Be Sold for the Schnepfer-Spinks Billiard Exhibition.

Next Monday night's billiard exhibition by Schnepfer and Spinks in Backus' parlors is attracting no little interest among lovers of the game. Only 125 admission tickets will be sold, as that number will fill the seating capacity of the private parlor in which the exhibition will take place.

Scranton will be the first city to witness an exhibition by the two players in their tour across the continent to California. They come here direct from New York city and will play in Wilkes-Barre, Reading and Easton before starting westward.

Colonel Frazier, the advance representative, left for Wilkes-Barre last night after a two days' stop in this city. He was for fifteen years a member of the Boston Ideals and for several years financially interested in the company and now owns its title. He is an expert player himself and with his cue entertained a party of gentlemen in Backus' parlors yesterday afternoon.

The Almighty Dollar always had great power at the 5 Brothers, but never as much as today. 10,000 pairs of slippers will be sold for half price. Open late tonight.

For razors and pocket air rifles, foot-balls and ice skates, go to Jurisch, 224 Spruce street.

Brass and Onyx Tables, Lamps and Shades. All reduced to cost. HILL & CONNELL, 131 and 133 Wash. ave.

SNOW, COLD, WIND; NO GREEN CHRISTMAS

Winter Weather Makes Itself Felt In and About Scranton.

IT'S GOOD SANTA CLAUS WEATHER. A Bountiful Fall of the Beautiful Comes in the Nick of Time—Street Car Lines Suffer, but the Merchant Is Happy and So Is the Holiday Lover—It Will Last Over Christmas Day.

Forecast for Thursday:—For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, partly cloudy weather with continued northerly winds; for Western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy weather possibly light local snows; slight changes in temperature, fresh to brisk northerly winds.

Santa Claus will come to Scranton with his reindeers, sleigh and plenty of snow. The Washington weather dispensary promises it.

This will not be a green Christmas; there will not be a fat graveyard. The first assertion is proved by the abundance of snow and the latter by an old adage. Scranton's confines and the country for miles around are cloaked in a mantle of the beautiful—beautiful to the small boy and the Iveyman but more or less a horrible thing to street railways and railroads which have steam for a motive power.

The Scranton Traction company suffered yesterday on all its suburban lines, although but slight impediment was caused within the city. But while the street railway officials had their troubles, nearly everybody else was joyful and welcomed the snow as a presage of an old-fashioned Christmas, holly, Santa Claus and sleighbells.

The fall of snow during Tuesday night did not seriously impede street traffic but during yesterday morning the snow and fall and the addition of a high wind piled up innumerable drifts in the outlying districts and put the suburban residents at a disadvantage.

ELECTRIC SWEEPERS IN USE. The two old and one new electric sweepers of the Scranton Traction company were pressed into service and their city streets were swept all morning in keeping open the lines in the city. The cars ran but at irregular intervals.

Meanwhile the tracks outside the city became blocked. It was not until late in the evening that traffic had resumed on the Throop and Pittston lines. Only two trips of cars had been made on the Throop line up to 9 o'clock last night and the regular runs on the Pittston line were not made possible until after midnight. There was practically no travel of any kind on the latter division up to 6 o'clock last night. The Taylor and Pockville lines were kept open during the day, but the cars ran at long and irregular intervals.

The merchant and the pleasure-seeker, however, the snow was a god-sand. All day the streets of the business section were literally thronged with Christmas shoppers and thoroughfare and the sidewalks were crowded and resounded and were alive with the jingle of sleighbells and passing equipage.

For several weeks past the retail dealer in merchandise had just cause for complaint. Sales were conspicuous by their absence and the shelves, loaded with winter goods, found no purchasers because no winter had arrived. All that was changed yesterday. Everybody bought something suggested by real cold weather. All the stores were thronged and it was with difficulty that customers, because of their great numbers, could be waited upon.

CROWDS OF SHOPPERS. But the daylight hours were not a circumstance to what the electric lights saw at night. The streets on Lackawanna and Wyoming avenues were almost impassable and the more prominent stores found it difficult to accommodate the throngs that crowded about the entrances and jammed into the aisles. In several instances the windows were broken last night and the regular runs on the main entrances at intervals. Then the doors were opened to admit a squad of pushing, shoving and impatient shoppers while a squad of men in uniform kept the sidewalks clear.

Every hill whose incline gave even a half excuse for coasting had its quota of red-faces, shouting and happy shrieks. When night came no accidents had been reported that might mar the pleasant anticipation of Christmas in any locality.

There was no serious delay of trains on any of the steam railroads entering the city, although precautions were taken on all lines to prepare for a continuance of the fall and hurricane weather. There were drifts on the Pocono and on the hills north of the city along the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western line, but all of yesterday's passenger trains pulled into the city within a few minutes of schedule time.

The engines were enshrouded in a cloud of white and the coaches resembled horizontal icicles from Polar lands, evidence of a battle with the elements, but the last time was not in any case serious enough to chronicle.

Unless all signs fail, cold, wind and snow are expected until long into tomorrow night.

NO DULL MOVEMENTS IN IT. Christmas Attraction Pleasing to the Patrons of Davis' Theater.

The Christmas week show is highly pleasing to the patrons of Davis' theater and there is something for every taste. The show is a very clean and proper one for ladies and children, many of whom attend. The closing tableau "Early Starlight, Gotta of Happiness" is the finest picture ever seen on the stage of that theater.

Bring in Your Tea Checks, and exchange them for China and fancy goods. If a trade, etc. also a large amount of Toys for the children just received. Come now and make your selection and avoid the rush just before Christmas. Grand Union Tea Co., 211 Lacka. ave., Jones Bros., proprietors.

Ladies' Solid Silver Watches, \$2.75 and \$3.00; cannot be purchased elsewhere for less than \$5 or \$6. They are of the best make and give genuine satisfaction to the purchaser. DAVIDSON BROS., 217 Lacka. ave.

Shoes! Shoes! Why not select them for a Xmas gift? You father, mother, brothers and sisters will appreciate them and we guarantee they fit. G. A. Brothers, 208 Lackawanna avenue. Open late tonight.

Fine Ladies' Kersey Capes at \$4.00. F. L. CRANE.

Courser Sells fancy candles in boxes, 25c. and 35c. lb. Ice skates of all styles and sizes. Jurisch can suit you. 224 Spruce st.

Just received, a new line of Boys' Suits at Florey's, 222 Wyoming ave.

Only the Finest Cameras made are shown in our Holiday Branch, 203 Wash. ave.

TWO MASONIC INSTALLATIONS.

Union and Green Ridge Lodges Install Officers and Banquet.

The recently elected officers of Union Lodge, No. 231, and Green Ridge Lodge, No. 275, and Associated Masons, were installed last night, the former in Masonic hall on Penn avenue and the latter in the lodge rooms on Dickson avenue.

The Green Ridge officers installed were Jesse E. Clifford, worshipful master; Bradley Woodhull, senior warden; George Atkins, junior warden; R. A. Zimmerman, treasurer, and E. G. Stevens, secretary. The ceremony was conducted by Past Master C. S. Seamans, assisted by Past Masters E. F. Arnold, T. F. Penman, C. L. Van Buskirk and Preston Robinson. The banquet took place in the house, now vacated, recently occupied by the retiring worshipful master Ernest E. Teal, on Sanderson avenue. The ladies of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church prepared the banquet in accordance with their custom for several years past and which has resulted in a money proceeds for the church.

Past Master Enos Hall installed the officers of Union lodge, as assisted by Past Masters J. Amsden, John F. Serage, John Madigan and John Harvey. The officers installed were: Frank J. Stanton, worshipful master; Elroy C. Thayer, senior warden; Louis G. Schantz, junior warden; Frank S. Hall, secretary, and E. P. Kingsbury, treasurer.

Worshipful Master E. A. Newing was presented with a valuable jewel of his office. He is the Union representative to the Grand lodge.

Following the installation a banquet was served by Cooks Frank D. the Masonic hall banquet room. Past Master John F. Serage presided.

KNIGHTS ARE AT WORK.

They Are Preparing for the Meeting of the Grand Lodge in This City on August 17, 1897.

Scranton Knights of Pythias are energetically at work making preparations for the state convention of the grand lodge in this city beginning Tuesday, August 17, 1897. The various divisions of the order in this district have named representatives to act upon the general committee which has the arrangements in hand.

The committee met last night in Hulbert's hall, Wyoming avenue. Deputy Grand Chancellor W. A. Shillier is chairman, Martin Joyce, secretary, and Dr. J. E. Newton, treasurer. The other members of the committee are: Elber Branning, Alois Rudler, T. S. Jones, Henry Harding, David E. Evans, O. S. Ridgeway, C. B. Whitcomb, A. A. Nichol, A. H. Constock, James E. Stevens, David Donaldson, James Wilson, George Schaffer, August Wenzel, F. B. McIntyre, E. H. Smith, J. J. Murray, J. Reed, J. H. Browning, John Combs, L. Hote, Charles E. Robinson, C. H. Weber, W. L. Well, E. W. Finch, Solomon Brady, B. Brady, W. R. Casner, John Hill, W. E. Lammie, D. D. Evans, W. J. Jenkins, W. H. Hoffman, J. R. Thomas, H. D. Reese, R. G. Priest, T. H. Britton, Louis Christ, J. Parvill, Elias Williams, W. J. Murray, C. W. Weidaw, Martin Graf, David Lethold and C. W. De Wight.

Dr. H. N. Dummell, grand chancellor of the order, is working in conjunction with it in its work. The grand lodge has a membership of between 200 and 250. They, with few exceptions, will be here on the morning of the convention, the uniform rank, which numbers about 1,500. All told, it is expected that between 5,000 and 6,000 Knights of Pythias will be present.

The convention will begin on August 17 and will be in session until possibly Friday of that week. There will be a magnificent entertainment and a banquet will entertain their visiting brethren with a trip over the Gravity road to Farview. The many details in connection with the convention will be arranged at the succeeding monthly meetings.

WILL AVOID A STRIKE.

Probability That the Difference Between the Journeymen and Master Plumbers Will Be Amicably Arranged.

There will be no plumbers strike on the first of the year as was threatened. At least both the master plumbers and journeymen have agreed to enter into a truce tonight with a view to bringing about a realization of their hopes.

Last Friday night the master plumbers received a demand, with a strike ultimatum for a uniform rate of wages of \$2 per day for all journeymen who had worked a full year continuously at their trade after serving the prescribed apprenticeship. The increase to take effect Jan. 1, 1897. The master plumbers after the consideration concluded that they could not afford to grant the demand as winter contracts had been based on the present rate of wages, but they proposed a compromise to the effect that the ten per cent. advance which they promised for next May go into effect immediately.

Which proposition was read at the meeting of the journeymen Tuesday night. It was generally accepted as a fair and equitable offer and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to refer the whole matter to a committee of five with full power to act and instructions to avoid a strike if it could be consistently done. This committee, composed of James Donohue, T. P. Moran, Henry Woodlifer, Joseph Evans and T. J. O'Malley, will tonight meet a similar sized committee of the master plumbers, Henry Schaefer, Thomas J. O'Malley, Louis Schneider, Louis Horn and August Schneider, and it is expected that an amicable adjustment of the grievances will be reached.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

Better Here Than in Any Other City in the State.

According to a statement by Superintendent of Schools Howell, the average attendance at school of the scholars enrolled during the three months ending last night, was 92.5 per cent. in any city in the state. An increase of 10 1/2 per cent. is recorded over last year, the usual increase not going above 2 1/2 per cent. in any city.

In past years 88 per cent. was the highest of pupils enrolled and who continued in school. The general average of the present term is \$1.23 per cent. divided as follows: September, 92 per cent.; October, 89 per cent.; November, 87 per cent.

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CARING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

Bringing Some of the Christmas Cheer to the Homes of the Destitute.

NUMEROUS APPEALS FOR HELP.

Mrs. Duggan, Agent of the Board of Associated Charities, and Her Assistants, Were Engaged Yesterday at the City Hall Preparing Necessaries and Luxuries for Distribution Today and Tonight—Providing for One Hundred and Fifty Families.

Between 100 and 200 families will be cared for this Christmas by the Board of Associated Charities. This does not represent the number of families in actual need; it is the number that returned the very poorest of the needy.

Those in position to know state that this winter is one of the severest that the poor people of this city have encountered in many years. From the South Side and other parts of the city appeals for assistance come. All day yesterday Mrs. Duggan, agent of the Board of Associated Charities, was busy in the City Hall preparing necessaries and luxuries for distribution at the city hall, getting ready to deal out the Christmas offerings.

Every family of at least 150 will get either a small turkey or goose and some potatoes and cabbage, or other substantial articles of food. There will be given out bags of candy for the children to make them feel happy at a time when peace on earth is the prevailing sentiment in Christendom.

Mrs. Duggan yesterday purchased about 200 pounds of candies, mixed nuts and pop corn, and this was divided up into 2-pound lots and placed in paper bags. She sent out postal cards to the families she thought in need of assistance and expects to be at work all day today in the Emergency hospital giving out a portion to every family.

She related an incident that occurred last year at 1 o'clock Christmas morning. Postal cards had been sent out to the families that were to be helped, but for some reason or other not more than 10 per cent. of them called, and she found it necessary to hire a wagon and take the goods around to the houses.

She got to one house an hour after midnight and the six children were in bed. When they saw the bags of candy they were so happy that they all fell asleep. There was no more sleep in that house that night. The family was a very worthy one, but also very needy, and the children called Mrs. Duggan all kinds of Santa Claus.

Miss Kiesel, nurse for the board, is assisting Mrs. Duggan, and Mrs. Phelan is working in conjunction with her in representing the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul society of St. Peter's cathedral.

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THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Dr. Gates' Parents Celebrate an Interesting Event at His Home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gates, of Thompson, Susquehanna county, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at the home of their son, Dr. L. M. Gates, 209 Madison avenue, yesterday. The event took the form of a dinner attended by their children. The latter are Attorney L. A. Gates, of New York; Mrs. Browning, wife of Attorney J. W. Browning, of this city, and Dr. Gates. Mr. Browning and Mrs. L. M. Gates were also present at the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Gates will remain in this city until after the holidays as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gates and Attorney and Mrs. Browning. Attorney Gates will return today to New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates are hale and hearty old people who come of families noted for their longevity. Mr. Gates is now 76 years of age. His father lived to pass the four score mark. Before her marriage to Mr. Gates at Jackson, Susquehanna county fifty years ago Mrs. Gates was Miss Hall, daughter of Martin Hall, of Jackson, who died a few years ago at the advanced age of 94 years.

CONTENDERS GIVEN AWAY.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 27th, and continuing until Christmas, we will give to every purchaser a handsome calendar for 1897. See our large year tea and coffee for your Christmas dinner at the old reliable tea and coffee house and get a calendar. Grand Union Tea Co., 311 Lacka. ave. Jones Bros., Prop'rs.

TURKEYS, CHICKENS, GESE AND DUCKS.

We have received a large shipment of New York and Vermont state poultry, which is very fine. We invite the public to look at our stock before buying. A. G. GILMORE & SON, People's market, 23 and 25 Lacka. ave.

GREATEST DISPLAY.

of books in the city. Beldeman, the Bookman.

10,000 PAIRS.

Who wouldn't have a pair of slippers when they can get a \$1.00 slipper for 50 cents at the 5 Brothers' slipper sale today and tonight.

GREAT BARGAINS.

in diamonds at Davidson Bros., 217 Lacka. ave. Now is the time to buy.

"I had sore hands for a long time and suffered a great deal. I saw an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it. My hands soon began to get better and I have not had any trouble with them since." Mrs. E. Moore, 2016 E. St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable.

TRIMMED MILLINERY.

CLARKE BROTHERS

The Christmas Gift of a Piano

This collection, just one hundred and eighty-nine styles and evening headsets, is tempting, stylish and up-to-date. That the price is one-half is simply due to the lateness of the season. It is sure to be that more and more of the hat selling centers here? 50c and by easy steps to \$25.

Ten dozen more of those \$1.25 Black Ostrich Trimmings. Won't last long at 50c, a bargain.

Just a few more of those \$1.00 Camel's Hair Trimmings. Marked at 50c.

Extra special, 6-Carton Plain and Merle Grace Taffeta Ribbons, 1-in. wide, extra fine quality, marked at 25c, a yard; 50c, is what they are worth.

If they interest you come early.

A. R. SAWYER, 132 WYOMING AVENUE.

Sohmer Piano Stands at the Head



AND J. W. GUERNSEY Stands at the Head in the Music track. You can always get a better bargain at his beautiful warehouses than at any other place in the city. Call and see for yourself before buying.

205 Washington Avenue, SCRANTON, PA. J. W. GUERNSEY, Prop.

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ROCKERS AND CHAIRS

We have a nice line of Reed Rockers and Chairs. Also Oak, Mahogany and Willow Rockers.

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New Designs, Onyx Top. Prices Reasonable.

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A new choice line just received at \$2.25. 30x60 inches

HASSOCKS, OTTOMANS, ETC.

SIEBECKER & WATKINS, 406 Lackawanna Ave. Opp. Wyoming House. (LARGE WINDOW.)

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WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE BOOM.

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TONS OF EXTRA TURKEYS

Choice, Fancy, York State

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