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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. Last night's assembly at the Scranton Bicycle club house proved a very pleasant affair. It was planned by Misses Bello, Hunt, Welles and Archibald and chaperoned by Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mrs. N. G. Robertson, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury and Mrs. F. J. Platt. The others present were the Misses Dickerson, of Brockport, N. Y.; Miss Gilbert, of Troy; the Misses Baird, of Merion, Pa.; Miss Lindbarr, of Scranton; Miss Williamson, of Wilkes-Barre; Miss Fuchs, of Philadelphia; Miss Brown, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parke, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Aronson, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Frey, Mrs. A. J. Simpson, the Misses Jernyn, Misses Bello, Archibald, Simpson, Whittier, Anderson and Dale and Messrs. Chase, Bedford, Stanton, Moffatt, Hunt, Hunt, Jr., Bitt, Bitt, Hauger, Bitt, Bello, J. H. and G. G. Brooks.

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.

THEY HAD SOME FUN WITH M'LEAN New McLean is Having Some Fun With One of Them. SIX ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASES. These and Several Others were Disposed of in Criminal Court Yesterday - Michael Mehalick Found Guilty in Two Successive Cases, Prosecutors Mulcted for Costs in Five Cases - Pleaded Guilty of Burglary.

The High Works was largely represented among the spectators in criminal court yesterday afternoon. The attraction was the trial of Michael Mehalick for stealing Martin McLean's watch. The affair took place last September at the aforementioned locality. Mehalick, it is alleged, emerged from a "hole-in-the-wall," held McLean up and relieved him of his watch. The defendant was a denial of the theft and the assertion that McLean had no watch at the time mentioned.

PERSONAL MENTION. Colonel Magee, of Harrisburg, was in the city yesterday. John Forbes, of the Carbondale Herald staff, was in the city yesterday.

HE USED A STONE. Michael Mehalick was charged with hitting Anthony Phillipi over the head with a stone on June 21 last, during a fight in a saloon at Olyphant. Mehalick made some insulting remark about Phillipi's wife and when the latter remonstrated Mehalick hit him with a large stone.

THE HOSTESS Knows that the decorations of her dinner table will be regarded as reflecting her good taste and judgment. An artistic and handsome Dinner Set will add much to the effect. How much better your New Year's dinner will taste with white table linen and dainty dishes. We can furnish the dishes at any price you want to pay. Come in and look them over.

LAMPS, BRIC-A-BRAC, SILVERWARE, ETC. CHINA HALL, MILLAR & PECK, 134 Wyoming Avenue. Walk in and look around.

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well as receiving. A large quantity of provisions, coal, money, flour and the like were furnished by the different classes and will be distributed among the poor.

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MR. PURCELL DEPARTED. Proprietor of the St. Denis Hotel Did Not Leave Directions About Forwarding His Mail.

John Purcell, the erstwhile proprietor of the St. Denis hotel on Lackawanna avenue has gone to New York, leaving creditors in this city who are anxious to see him to the extent of about \$1,000. Mr. Purcell is a handsome young fellow, bright, affable and accommodating. He was for several years employed at the Scranton hotel and when last August he decided to become a landlord himself and rented the St. Denis his friends generally predicted that he would meet with great success.

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THE YEAR'S END. '96 has been a busy year with us. From January to December each month has shown an increase of business. You hear no complaints of dull times at Rexford's. Nor do we intend to allow business to dwindle these last two days of '96. We've no left over Holiday Goods to sacrifice. All the special Christmas stock is sold. Can other merchants say as much? Today's offerings are of unusual merit. Reductions are genuine, and to prove this we make you this offer: In any case where the original price of these articles was not exactly as stated we will give you the article free of charge if you will call our attention to the error.

Banquet Lamps Handsome gold plated banquet lamp. Full size shade of Dresden silk with embroidered silk chiffon lace. One of the finest of our fine lamps. Stands over 3 feet high. Original price \$15.00. Price today \$8.00. First floor, center.

Solid Silver Spoons Warranted Sterling 925-1000 fine. If you doubt the quality of plated spoons and want to be on the safe side, buy these. They're absolutely solid silver. Twenty sets go on sale today at two-thirds the price of yesterday. Six solid silver teaspoons for \$3.60. Original price 90c. each. First floor, left.

Onyx Tables A better set than the last. Better pieces of onyx. In fact these are the acme of onyx excellence. Brass legs and shelf. 15 go on sale today at \$3.00. Second floor, front.

Framed Pictures A special lot picked for parting with, 16x20 inches inside measurements. Pretty pictures of suitable subjects for parlor, bedroom and dining room. Picture, frame and glass, all complete, go today for 60c. Larger size, 20x24 inside. Choice of this lot today for 80c. Second floor, front.

Lamps A table full of decorated lamps with shades to match. None that sold for less than \$1, most of them for \$1.25 and \$1.50. Choice of the table today for 60c. First floor, center.

Haviland China Two Haviland China Dinner Sets we wish to part company with before New Year begins. Not because they're undesirable stock, but simply because they're the last two in the store and we'd like to clean all out. 101-piece Haviland dinner sets \$25.00. Second floor, rear.

Alarm Clocks 100 early risers go on sale today. Ansonia alarm clocks. None better made. Each and every clock fully warranted. Two days only we sell them at this price, 69c. First floor, left.

Syrup Cups Fancy glass syrup cups with self-closing spring tops. 144 go on sale today at 10c. each. Second floor, rear.

EYES EXAMINED FREE. You can save money by buying spectacles of Silverstone, the eye specialist, at 206 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 50c. 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, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 to 6 p. m. Remember that your eyes will be examined free and satisfaction is guaranteed.

Choice for \$5.00 EACH. Of the best makes and styles at prices that will astonish you. Everybody buys at the same price.

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