

New Year Cards, Pocket Diaries, 1897, Pelouet's Notes on the Sunday School Lessons, 1897. Deep cut in prices all this week on all Holiday Articles, Toys, Games, Blackboards, Desks, Toilet Cases and Fancy Articles, Holiday Books and Fancy Stationery, at very large reductions, to clear out balances. Bargains for New Year presents. 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. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT PAIN EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH "ANAESTHETIC" FINEST DENTAL WORK IN THE CITY.

DRS. HENWOOD & WARDELL 36 LACKAWANNA AVE.

PERSONAL. Frank P. Stephens, of Nicholson, spent yesterday in this city. Chief of Police Loftus, of Olyphant, was in this city yesterday. D. J. Moriarty is again doing reportorial duty on the Times after a severe illness. Miss Marie Kelly, of Parsons, is the guest of the Misses Richards, of Second street. Misses Margaret Murtha and Mary J. Duffy, of South Scranton, are visiting Hawley friends. Miss Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, was the guest of Miss Lucy Carroll, of Madison avenue, yesterday. Miss Minnie Gibbons, of Lafayette street, has returned from a visit with Wilkes-Barre friends. Mrs. William Quinlan, of Oswego, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Colours, of Lackawanna avenue. Bert Eymon, of Hyde Park avenue, returned yesterday to the University of Pennsylvania to resume his studies. Miss Anna Calligan and the Misses Mary and Jane Collins were the guests of Cecilia Swift, of Archbald, on Sunday. Grennell Seelye, of Ninth street, returned to the Philadelphia Dental college yesterday to continue his studies in dentistry. M. A. Duffy, of Price street, returned to Philadelphia yesterday to resume his studies in the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Marie Dempsey, of Pittston, returned home yesterday after spending several days in this city as the guest of Miss Mollie O'Malley, of West Market street. The Misses Jermyn gave a dancing party at the Scranton Bicycle club house for their school friends, Miss Gilbert, of Troy, who has spent the holidays with friends in this city. Mrs. Catharine G. Wilcox has sufficiently recovered from the painful accident sustained by her some time ago, to be again in her studio, located over Guernsey's music store on Washington avenue. Mrs. Rose G. Brooks, her daughter, Mrs. Willard Matthews, and two sons, Thomas R. and George G. Brooks, left here yesterday for Florida, where they will spend five or six weeks touring among the popular resorts of that state. We laundry stiff collars with soft button holes. Crystal Laundry.

A Happy Man Is he whose feet rest comfortably in our correct-made shoes. The most attractive of Bull Dogs if you want—any other shape toe if you wish. There's no other Winter Shoe like Our Tan "College" Boot. \$3.50 The Pair. SCHANK & SPENCER 410 Spruce Street.

POISON CAUSED THE BOY'S DEATH How He Obtained It is Still a Most Profound Mystery.

COUNTY DETECTIVE CALLED IN He Will Endeavor to Find Out How the Arsenic Came Into the Possession of the Boys—Young Davis is Out of Danger—He Says That Neither of Them Ate Anything While They Were at the Rottch House.

There is no doubt that the death of the Beagle boy on Sunday near Rendham and the poisoning of the Davis boy was caused by poison. This was indicated by a post-mortem examination of the body of young Beagle by Coroner Longstreet yesterday. The coroner went to "World's End," the locality where the poisoning occurred near Rendham, inspected a jury and performed the post-mortem, assisted by Dr. Pennypacker, deputy coroner; Dr. Stogner, of Rendham, who was called to attend both the boys Sunday, and Dr. Weston, of West Pittston, who was sent for yesterday for consultation on the case of the Davis boy who is now out of danger. Young Beagle and Davis on Sunday visited the house of John Rottch and on their return home became violently ill. It was at the Rottch house that young Almira Haddall died two weeks ago from the effects of arsenical poisoning.

EVIDENCE OF POISON. The stomach and intestines of the Beagle had given plain evidence of toxic gastritis which is due to poisoning from some irritating substance like arsenic. Those organs were removed and brought to Scranton for analysis by Chemist Benjamin Adams. During the jury the inquest was continued until January 18 in order to ascertain the result of the analysis and give County Detective Leysion time to work on the case.

The source of the poison remains a mystery. Young Davis, who is but 7 years old, maintains that neither he nor Beagle ate or drank from the time they left home until they returned. The excitement during the successful effort to save his life confused him, however, and he may be able to give some clue later. It was due to his mother by the way that he didn't die. Before the doctor arrived she forced him to drink altogether a gallon of new milk which produced frequent and intermittent vomiting. Milk is by substance, too, a good arsenical antidote.

COVER ON THE SPRING. The spring near the Rottch house and out of which it was thought the boys might have drunk poisoned water has a locked cover on it. Mrs. Rottch found near the road in front of the house yesterday morning a box containing a number of "Protein-Your-Throat" tablets. The coroner took possession of it and the box and tablets will be analyzed.

UNION MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Pastors Union of the City Decides to Hold Them. The Pastors' union met yesterday morning in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association, Rev. J. E. Moffatt being absent. Dr. S. C. Logan was elected chairman of the meeting and conducted devotional exercises. The secretary, Rev. William Edgar, announced the theme which had been suggested for discussion. Upon motion it was decided to postpone the discussion of that subject until a later date.

This being the week of prayer, the ministers decided to discuss the advisability of observing it. All who spoke on this subject thought great spiritual uplift could be realized by unitedly observing the week of prayer. Dr. McLeod read a circular letter which had been sent to ministers of all denominations. This circular letter was a call for simultaneous missionary meetings throughout the United States and Canada. The call was issued by missionary secretaries and other representative officials who represent the largest evangelistic churches in the United States and Canada. Twenty-seven churches and societies unite in issuing the call. The ministers present yesterday morning expressed themselves freely on the subject. There was unanimous sentiment in favor of such meetings. They thought one or more union missionary meetings should be held in the near future. These meetings to be educational in their character rather than for purpose of raising money. As a result of the discussion it was decided to appoint a committee of fourteen with power to act.

The Pastors' union elected seven ministers who have power to select seven laymen to co-operate with them. The ministers chosen were Rev. James J. McLeod, D. D., Rev. J. G. Eckman, D. D., Rev. Joseph Dixon, D. D., Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., Rev. C. M. Giffin, D. D., Rev. Thomas Zell and Rev. E. L. Miller. A meeting will be called at one o'clock in reference to these meetings.

IT APPEARS SETTLED.

The Use of Any Asphalt as Good as Trinidad Pitch. Mulberry street may possibly be paved by any kind of asphalt provided it is proved to be Trinidad pitch, controlled by the asphalt trust, or equally as good. Mayor Bailey yesterday signed the resolution of the paving committee of select council which rejects all bids and directs the city clerk to re-advertise for bids and specifications accepting Trinidad pitch or asphalt equally as good.

The committee's resolution was recommended to councils on Nov. 19. It is strengthened by a resolution since introduced by Mr. Wagner of the committee, providing that future asphalt specifications shall permit the use of Trinidad lake, or pitch, asphalt or any equally as good. The resolution stipulates, however, that bids must be accompanied by samples and analysis and an approved bond guarantee.

MR. TAYLOR MAKES ANSWER.

Response in the Equity Case Over the Taylor & Co. Books. John F. Taylor, defendant in the Hannick-Taylor equity suit, yesterday made answer to Hannick's bill of complaint, through his attorneys, J. W. Carpenter and C. B. Woodruff. It will be remembered the men were partners in the lumber business in Taylor until a short time ago when they dissolved and placed the accounts in the hands of C. Comery and C. S. Woodruff for collection. The books

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JOHN R. THOMAS.

New York delegates voted for a Western city in exchange for the presidency. Philadelphia favored Scranton, and New York and Philadelphia have promised to support this city for '98.

BUILDERS' EXCHANGE PRESIDENT. H. C. Hinman Was Elected at a Meeting Held Last Night. At a meeting of the Builders' exchange last night, H. C. Hinman, of the Scranton Wood Working company, was chosen president for the ensuing year to succeed John Collikan. The following resolutions on the death of John D. Kohl, a member, were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our esteemed fellow member, John D. Kohl, Resolved, That we, the Builders' Exchange, as a body extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved widow and friends, the loss sustained, and that a copy of this resolution be placed upon our minutes. George D. Brown, H. C. Hinman, George W. Finn, Committee.

The funeral of Mr. Kohl will take place today at his home, corner of Delaware street and Madison avenue.

POTTSVILLE YOUNG WOMAN ILL.

She Is Miss Thompson, the Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Archbald. Miss Margaret A. Thompson, of Pottsville, who has been a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Archbald, on Jefferson avenue, is seriously ill. She is the fiancée of James Archbald, Jr. She had not been well during the week and on Sunday her condition became so critical that the attending physician, Dr. H. V. Logan, called Dr. W. G. Fulton for consultation. Her parents were telegraphed for and arrived here from Pottsville yesterday afternoon. During Sunday night and yesterday morning Miss Thompson rallied and late last night her symptoms indicated recovery.

For Weak Women. Horsford's Acid Phosphate. It soothes and feeds the nerves, helps digestion and imparts strength.

Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Jewelry, Cut Glass, Bric-a-brac, etc., at auction sale at Davidow Bros., 217 Lackawanna avenue.

FOR SALE FOR RENT, LOST, FOUND Make Your Wants Known Through The Columns Of

ONE CENT Quick Returns Are Always Received From Want Ads. In The Tribune.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Wednesday and Thursday evening "The Heart of Chicago" will be produced at the Academy of Music. The drama is by Lincoln J. Carter, and in the railroad scene a seemingly impossible feat in stage effect having been achieved, the approach of a train head on growing larger and larger as it appears in full view of the audience from a mere speck in the horizon, until at last the audience is made aware of the excitement of the situation, the full-sized locomotive stops at the footlights. The illusion is perfect, at the beginning of a beautiful and realistic scene is shown, with the track in perfect perspective running back apparently four miles until it is lost in the distance.

One of the really novel and successful plays of the past season is "Shant No. 2" which will be seen at the Prothrotheam for a single performance on Thursday evening. It is under the direction of Manager Jacob Litt and is equipped with magnificent scenery and many new mechanical devices. It is aptly called an electrical melodrama, for electricity plays an important part in it. The story is highly interesting. The stormy action in the third act is admirably realistic and is said to be one of the grandest and most thrilling spectacles ever seen on the stage.

The great play, "On the Mississippi," which portrays a type of life familiar in the southern states during that period immediately after the war, is announced for the appearance in this city. The scenes are laid where life has more color and pathos than it has in any other section of this country. It is said that each act is crowded with incidents that are not only characteristic of Southern life, but are very interesting in themselves. A performance in a floating theater, an attack of a jail and many events in town and country, by river and mountain, fill out a drama that is strikingly effective. The play will be presented at the Academy of Music Friday and Saturday next.

Y. W. C. A. GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

Are Opened Again This Week After the Holiday Recess. The gymnasium classes connected with the Young Women's Christian association are opened again this week, after the holiday recess. Beginners' classes will be organized for those wishing now to begin the work. Those desirous of starting are asked to register at the office this week. During the winter months when one is debarrated from the active outdoor games, the gymnasium gives just the recreation and exercise needed. While the wheel can not be used we would advise our young women and girls to try basket ball. Much enthusiasm is manifested in the games. The ladies' class meets Tuesday and Friday mornings at 11 o'clock. Members will be admitted in this class. The young ladies' class meets on Tuesday and Friday at 4 o'clock. Misses' Monday and Thursday at 4.15. Children's class

meets Wednesday at 4 and Saturday at 11.

Applications have been received for a beginners' class for children. Such a one will be organized Saturday morning, Jan. 9, at 10 a. m. All children between six and fourteen will be welcome. WORKING FORCE REDUCED. One Hundred and Twenty Men Suspended at the Car Shops. The working force in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western car shops was yesterday reduced by 120 men. The lay-off of this number of men is for no stated time and has no significance, as such a suspension and the return of the men to work is a frequent occurrence. The men who are at present working in the shops are putting in the customary winter time of eight hours per day. Large Crowds visited Davidow Bros' great auction sale, which began today. Watches, diamonds, jewelry, etc., at your own prices. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents. Everything at Your Own Price. The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each: Rooms for rent. Furnished rooms. House for rent. House to let, etc.

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CHINA HALL, MILLAR & PECK, 134 Wyoming Avenue.

WALK IN AND LOOK AROUND. EYES EXAMINED FREE.

THE DAWN OF '97.

Another year is before us. A year that promises renewed prosperity. We shall strive to make it a year of bargain-giving even better than that just closed. Why not start by buying a watch that will correctly mark the fleeting minutes?

HOW IS THIS? Gold Filled Case, Warranted 15 Years, Elgin Movement Warranted for Time. \$11.90, \$15.00.

WOLF & WENZEL, 531 Linden, Opp. Court House.

PRACTICAL TINNERS and PLUMBERS

SOLE AGENTS FOR RICHARDSON ROYNTON'S FURNACES and RANGES.

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Why let your home and business be destroyed through strong drink or morphine, when you can be cured in four weeks at the Keeley Institute, 728 Madison Avenue, Scranton, Pa. The Cure Will Bear Investigation.

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SLAUGHTER SALE Cloaks and Trimmed Hats.

We have 10,000 dollars worth of JACKETS, CAPES, SEPARATE SKIRTS AND TRIMMED HATS, and in order to dispose of them in time not to carry them over, we will not wait until March, as others do before they really reduce their prices to any extent. We have already put the knife into our prices and cut them right into halves. Not a single garment can you find in our handsome, cheerful and well lighted store that does not come up to the full standard in regard to STYLE and QUALITY. Our store is lighted not by gas, or any other light that makes your garment look that does not come up to the full standard in regard to STYLE and QUALITY. Our store is lighted by NATURAL DAY LIGHT and with PLENTY of it. We handle NO TRASH. If you want trash, then go elsewhere and you'll find plenty of it there. We handle FINE goods only, and would not keep in our store anything that is not FINE IN QUALITY and FIT-TO-DATE in style, even if we could never sell a garment.

Reliable Goods, Reliable Treatment, Is Our Motto. It is only six weeks since we have opened our store, and we can confidently say that we have, during that time, made more friends than all other cloak stores during so many years.

Goods Cheerfully Exchanged, Perfect Fit Guaranteed. No Extra Charge. You save from 25 to 50 cents on the dollar as to price by buying your Cloaks and Trimmed Hats of us besides being sure that you are getting good goods of the latest style and best workmanship.

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