SCRANTON SOCIAL NEWS AND GOSSIP

Brief Mention of What Is Doing in the Pleasure Way.

PREPARING THE BEN HUR SPECTACLE

Mrs. H. J. Anderson, the Director, Has Appointed the Chaperones for the Dances--It Promises to Be a Brilliant Production--A Quiet Week After the Holiday Activity. Personal Paragraphs.

The lull that always follows a holiday season was apparent during the week. There will be a revival, of course. Visions of Lent are not far off an there will be some activity before the forty days of abstinence from the pomps and vanities of the world.

Just now the young ladies and their chaperones are preparing for the Ben Hur spectacle to be given in the Frothingham for the benefit of the Summer Home of the Men's guild of St. Luke's Episcopal church. Mrs. H. J. Anderson, who will direct the production, has announced the following chaperones:

Priestesses of Apollo—Mrs. William T. Smith, Mrs. James Archbald, Mrs. Henry Belin, jr.

Nymphs of Daphne—Mrs. J. Ben Dimmick, Miss Jennie Reynolds, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. Charles S. Weston.

Arabian Girls—Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury.

Egyptian Maidens—Mrs. H. P. Simpson, Mrs. A. H. Storrs.

Sprites and Butterflies—Mrs. Frank Jermyn, Mrs. Charles R. Clarke.

Naiads—Mrs. George Hallstead, Mrs. H. B. Ware.

Palmer Kellog will drill the classes. He is already in the city. Of the Ben Hur dances, it is said they are featured by much more abandon and spirit than were seen in the kirmesses.

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The Bachelors' committee will meet tonight in the office of Colonel H. M. Boies in the Commonwealth building and consider finally the business matters of the big ball of New Year's night.

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The Yale alumni committee met Wednesday evening and formulated plans for the organization. A members meeting is announced for Tuesday night in the office of Colonel H. M. Boies.

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Miss Eva Brown, of the Colliery Engineer, gave a party on Thursday evening to about thirty of her young friends at her home on Capouse avenue. Among the guests was Professor Young, a noted mesmerist, who gave a pleasing exhibition.

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Mr. and Mrs. James A. Mellon, of Seventh street, entertained a party of friends at dinner Saturday in honor of the fifth anniversary of their marriage.

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A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Prentice, 35 Putnam street, Buffalo, N. Y., at noon Wednesday, Dec. 30, at which their only daughter, Adelle E. was united in marriage to Harry Northup Dean, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dean, of Dalton, Pa. The floral decorations consisted of holly and mistletoe. At the appointed time the sweet strains of the harp and mandolin announced the coming of the bridal party, led by the bridesmaids, Miss Edith Cook, of Byron, N. Y., and Miss Georgia Rathbone, of Oakfield, N. Y. The impressive Methodist Episcopal ceremony was performed by the Rev. Willis P. Odell, of the Richmond Avenue church, Buffalo. After congratulations a wedding breakfast was served, covers being laid for fifty guests, after which Mr. and Mrs. Dean left for New York, and upon their return will take up their residence in this city.

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The concert to be given in the Frothingham theatre on Monday evening February 1, under the auspices of the Railroad department of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be an affair of social as well as musical importance. Mrs. W. F. Hallstead and Mrs. James Archbald are selecting the patronesses and the list will be ready for publication in a few days. The singers will be Kathrin Hilke, soprano; Mary Louise Clary, contralto; J. Henry McKinley, tenor and Carl E. Dufft, bass-baritone. Miss Clary is said to be the finest contralto that this country has produced since Annie Louise Cary.

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At the tea given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Chauncey Reynolds and the Misses Reynolds at their home, 437 Wyoming avenue, they received with Mrs. Reynolds' niece and sister, Miss Reynolds, of Kingston, and Mrs. G. G. Williams, of New York city. In serving and entertaining they were assisted by Miss Merrill, the Misses Matthews, Miss Jermyn, the Misses Reynolds, of Sanderson avenue; Mrs. Rogers Israel and Mrs. James P. Dickson.

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The wedding of Miss Katharine R. Torrey of Honesdale, and Edward F. Ross, of Chicago, in Honesdale, on Tuesday morning was the social event thus far this season in that place. The ceremony took place in the First Presbyterian church. The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jermyn, the Misses Jermyn, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Jermyn, Mrs. George Jermyn, Frances Jermyn, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mr. W. R. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Torrey and Miss May Torrey, of Scranton; Mrs. W. S. Torrey and Miss Jeanette and Master Hamilton Torrey, Mr. Dittman, Mr. Blossom, and Mrs. John H. Torrey, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Torrey, jr., of Clinton, N. Y.; Mr. Atkinson, of Plainfield, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wells, Mrs. Hunter and daughter, Miss Beatrice, Miss Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Kiddie, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Topping, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Hand, of New York city; Mrs. Worth, of Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J.; Mrs. H. M. Crowell and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Ridgewood, N. J.; H. T. Torrey and James Torrey, of Mount Clair, N. J.; Mrs. DeWitt Van Dyke Reilley, of Brooklyn; Mrs. Benjamin Reynolds, Mrs. Jack Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre.

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At a party given by Mrs. A. B. Holmes, of South Main avenue, Monday evening, for her mother, Mrs. Charles Corless, there were among those present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corless, Mrs. S. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fuller, Mrs. George S. Shoemaker, of Elmira; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. William Corless, Miss Louisa E. Corless, Charles A. Corless, Arthur Fuller, Master Clinton, Eddie and Willie Corless.

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At the dancing party given by the Misses Jermyn Monday night at the Scranton Bicycle club house for their school friend, Miss Gilbert, of Troy, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warren, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belin, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. Blackington, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Piatt, Mr. and Mrs. Hess, of New York; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Loveland, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dimmick, Misses Baird, Philadelphia; Hutchings, Coursen, Hunt, Lindburg, of Trenton; Williams, Reynolds, Blair, Mrs. Kingsbury, Miss Matthews, Miss Gilbert, of Troy; Miss Coleman; Messrs. Hager, Blair, L. B. Fuller, M. Fuller, F. Fuller, Adams, Williams, Belin, Huntington, of Plainfield; Bedford, Dimmick, Merrill, Hunt, Brooks, Kemmerer, Boies and Hall, of New York.

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The twenty-fourth birthday of Charles E. Daniels, of the Truth's city staff, was commemorated Monday night by a party given at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan P. Daniels, of 1117 Division street. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Mrs. Lizzie Price, Misses Grace Walker, Margaret Davies, Sarah Evans, Nettie Elias, Mary Davies, Kate Lewis, Jennie Lewis, Martha Vaughn, Della P. Evans, Agnes Joseph, Annie Jenkins, Gwladys Joseph, Lizzie Davies, Blanche Jenkins, Grace Jenkins, Annie Wilkins, Vannie Williams, Jennie Daniels, Annie Williams; Messrs. Pryce Thomas, Haydn Evans, John J. Davies, John Phillips, John Jones, Gwilym A. Williams, John L. Williams, W. A. Raub, Parry Thomas, Edwin Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Elias E. Evans, John D. Hughes and Dr. H. Reynolds.

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Mrs. Calvin Seybolt and the Misses Seybolt received on Wednesday, the first of their Wednesdays at home, which will continue during the season.

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In honor of the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Anna, a party was given Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Williams, of South Hyde Park avenue.

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The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Griffin was celebrated Monday evening at their home near Elmhurst.

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Mrs. Frances B. Swan was married Wednesday noon in the Lexington hotel, Chicago, to James Swan, a brother of her first husband. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilson Swan, of Maryland, a brother of the groom. None but Mrs. Swan's mother and sisters and a few of her most intimate friends knew of the approaching marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Swan will go to the Pacific slope for the winter. Mr. Swan has lately suffered an attack of pneumonia, and the condition of his health may make it necessary for himself and his wife to make California their residence for a time at least.

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The Excelsior Social club, Scranton's leading Jewish social organization, will give a New Year ball Monday night in the club's rooms on Wyoming avenue. Elaborate preparations are being made for the event.

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Miss Annie Reed and James Jakes were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride on the West Side by Rev. John Griffiths, of the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church.

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Miss Bertha Galland, who was formerly a resident of this city, and who is attracting much attention by her work in Shakespearean tragedy, will appear at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening, Jan. 23. She is a niece of ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres.

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It is now definitely decided that the banquet of the board of trade will be held Friday night, Jan. 29. This will be the first banquet held by the board in five years. On Saturday night following the banquet the members of the board of trade, together with their relatives and friends will be invited to participate in an inspection of the board of trade's new building. It has been decided to dispense with the idea of a reception in the building, and the inspection was substituted therefor. Invitations to the banquet will be issued next Friday.

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The Scranton Caledonian club will hold its annual banquet on the night of Jan. 25 in the Westminster. Dr. James Stein will be toastmaster and his father, Mine Inspector Edward Stein, of Shenandoah, will respond to the toast of the evening, "The Memory of Burns."

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PERSONAL MENTION:

Captain W. A. May spent Wednesday in New York.

Hon. John R. Farr has returned from Harrisburg.

Attorney M. J. Walsh attended court in Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mrs. Lemuel Amerman is convalescent after a month's illness.

M. J. Costello, of the North End, has returned to Holy Cross college.

Hon. E. C. Foster, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Dr. Coolidge.

Douglas Ward was in New York city during the fore part of the week.

Captain and Mrs. Dibble and son, are home from a visit in Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Manley, of Dunmore, are spending a month in California.

Miss Margaret Carey, of Jackson street, was a Wilkes-Barre visitor Monday.

Secretary D. B. Atherton, of the board of trade, visited New York Monday.

Ex-Sheriff H. P. Carter, of Wilkes-Barre, was a Scranton visitor Wednesday.

Editor James P. Taylor, of the Montrose Republican was a Scranton visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Garnes, of Ashland, is the guest of Mrs. James Stein, of Mulberry street.

Miss Louise Jacobs, of Hawley, is the guest of School Controller Jacobs, of Green Ridge.

Miss Kitty V. Brown, of Seventh street, is visiting relatives in Cleveland and Massillon, O.

Miss Loretto Mulhern, of West Locust street, visited Reilly, of Parsons, during the week.

Miss Kate Llewellyn, of Hazleton, is the guest of Mrs. Samuel Daniels, of Daniel street.

Attorney J. Alton Davis will leave on Monday for the south, where he will spend the winter.

C. W. Wisner, of Warwick, N. Y., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury.

Miss Mame Ruddy, of Carbondale, has returned home after a visit with South Side relatives.

Howard Loder, of Deposit, N. Y., visited Frank Russell of the North End during the week.

Misses Gertrude Freeman and Bertha Kelly have returned to Bloomsburg State Normal school.

Mrs. Henry T. Sperry, of Hartford, Conn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Scranton.

B. P. Connolly, of Connolly & Wallace, has returned from a visit with his parents at Trenton, Ont.

Miss Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, was the guest of Miss Lucy Carroll, of Madison avenue, Monday.

Miss Stella Wedeman, of East Market street, is home from Easton, where she spent the holidays.

John Reedy, Terrance McNulty, John McHugh returned to Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass., Monday.

John H. Williams, of Plymouth, a law student at Dickinson college, visited Scranton friends Wednesday.

Mrs. W. T. Erhardt, of Capouse avenue, is entertaining Misses Millie Schultz and Anna Klingler, of Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Roose, of Pine street, entertained Mrs. Henry Wols and daughter, Miss Ray, during the week.

Mrs. William Quinlan, of Oswego, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Connors, of West Lackawanna avenue.

M. J. Nihill, traveling engineer of the Union Pacific road, who has been visiting here, has returned to St. Louis.

Miss Barbara Baumen, Miss Anna Klingler and Miss Millie Schutz are the guests of Mrs. John Spitzer, of Birney avenue.

Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. Willard Matthews, Messrs. T. R. Brooks and George Brooks are wintering in Florida.

C. D. Ellit and wife, T. E. Wood, E. M. Gallen and W. R. Pierce were registered at the St. Dennis, in New York city, last week.

Austin Gorman, accompanied by his brother, J. J. Gorman, left yesterday for New York city, where he will attend school.

George Osterhout, of Oak street, has returned to the University of Pennsylvania after spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Lizzie Harvey has returned to her home in Elizabeth, N. J., after a pleasant visit with Mrs. William Weber, of Dunmore.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Philip Schuerer and Miss Kate Neuls, two prominent young people of the South Side.

P. H. McCaffrey, of New York city, returned home Monday after spending the holidays with his brother, P. J. McCaffrey, of Jefferson avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Covert and daughter, Cora, of Kingston, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Hess, of Clay avenue, during the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yeager, of Towanda, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Potter, of Drinker street, Dunmore, during the week.

Miss Marie Dempsey, of Pittston, returned home Monday after spending a week as the guest of Miss Mollie O'Malley, of West Market street.

Miss Katherine McLeod, of Caledona, N. Y., returned home Tuesday after spending two weeks as the guest of Miss Nessie Ross, of North Main avenue.

Thomas Evans, who spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans, of School street, returned Monday to the college of Thornsey, N. Y.

John Stanton, a medical student at Bellevue hospital, returned to that institution Tuesday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, of Stanton street.

Bert Eynon, James Cush, W. S. Duffy and Grennell Seeley, of the University of Pennsylvania, returned Monday after spending the holidays at their respective homes in this city.

David Owens, of South Lincoln avenue, and Walter Jones, of North Hyde Park avenue, resumed their studies at Bloomsburg Tuesday last, after spending the holiday vacation with their parents here.

Miss Lavina Schnell and Mrs. J. W. Warnke and son, of West Lackawanna avenue, are in Newark, where on Wednesday they were present at the wedding of their cousin, William Helbig, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. O'Brien, Miss Genevieve McCann, F. J. McCann, M. T. Howley, John J. Murphy, Will and Leo Coyne, R. J. Beamish, Misses Nellie and Mamie Beamish, Miss Mame Kelly, Will Shean, Miss Minnie Cawley, John J. Loftus, J. Myles Gibbons, Dr. John J. Barrett, Miss Anna May Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. O'Brien, attended the Wyoming club's dance, at Wilkes-Barre Tuesday night.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Darkest America" is the title of a comedy drama that will be the next attraction at the Academy of Music Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11 and 12. The scenes are laid in the south and deal with negro life in all its phases, depicting their home life. All the characters are taken by genuine negroes, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas are the leading lights of the drama. "Darkest America" is entirely different in construction from the negro dramas as heretofore presented. Fun reigns supreme. "Darkest America" is a spectacular comedy; the large company of negroes enter into the spirit of the various scenes, so, naturally, the audience is aroused to enthusiasm.

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Tuesday night Freeman's fun makers will present "A Railroad Ticket" at the Frothingham. The plot is based upon incidents of every day life in a railroad ticket broker's office. A pretty girl and a stolen railroad ticket succeed in getting a number of people in a complicated and funny situation. There are introduced in the comedy novel mechanical effects, a rain machine showing the audience how easy it is to have a rain storm whenever a person desires one, an electric street car which carries motormen, conductor and passengers. Marie Stuart and Louise Wesley head the long list of entertainers.

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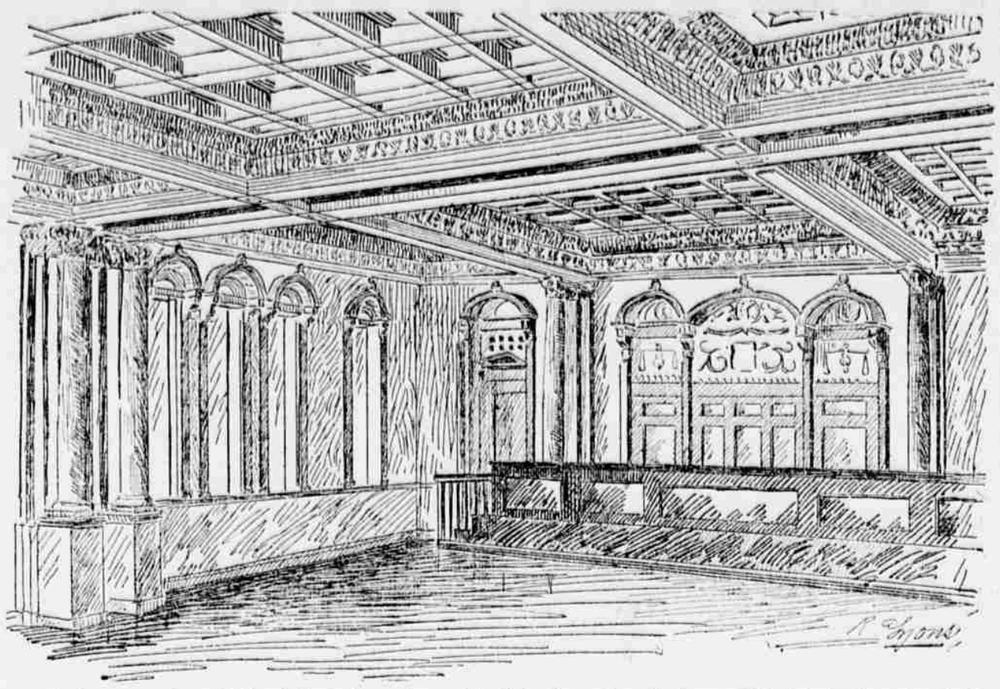
Harry B. Roche, said to be the greatest flute soloist in America, will appear during the action of "The Pay Train" at Davis' theater Jan. 11, 12 and 13. Mr. Roche was a pupil of Gilmore's, and was featured with his famous band. Another feature to be introduced in "The Pay Train," is the trombone solos by Annie Whiting, a woman whose work is too well known to need comment.

All Loans

made at Davidow Bros., must be redeemed before April 1st.

INTERIOR OF MAIN COURT ROOM.



The improvements on the Court House have advanced to that stage where the beauty of the interior decorations is apparent. Above is given a view of a corner of the main court room, showing the judge's bench and the character of the decoration of the room.

CHURCH DOINGS AND RELIGIOUS TALK

Chroniclings of Particular Interest to Church Going People.

ONE KIND OF FAREWELL SERMON

It Was Delivered in a Serio-Humorous Vein--No Sunday Theater Concerts for Scranton, a Verdict That Meets With Approval--Season of Church Elections and Week of Prayer--Services for Tomorrow.

The Christian and Sabbath observance element received with approval the news that James Archbald, E. B. Sturges, A. E. Hunt and C. H. Welles had presented the performance announced for last Sunday night at the Frothingham. It was advertised to be a sacred concert. The gentlemen mentioned had no information that the programme would be otherwise, but they assumed that the performance would establish a bad precedent and warned the theater management to abandon it.

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The week of prayer, though not generally observed by Scranton churches, was featured with a great deal of spirit and interest by those congregations which did respond to the circular of the Evangelical board. The West Side evangelist churches excepting the Jackson Street Baptist, united. In the North End and Green Ridge the churches worshipped independently, while in the central city the Second Presbyterian was the only large congregation that observed the week.

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A certain Scranton pastor was more humorous than sacreligious when at a recent social gathering of his congregation he was called upon for an impromptu speech and repeated the following, explaining that the words were used by a certain down-the-state pastor as he bade farewell to his flock: "Brothers and Sisters, I have come to say good-bye. I don't think God loves this church, because none of you ever die; I don't think you love each other, because I never marry any of you; I don't think you love me, because you have not paid my salary—your donations are mouldy fruit and wormy apples, and 'by their fruits ye shall know them.' Brothers, I am going away to a better place. I have been called to be chaplain of a penitentiary. Where I go, ye cannot come; I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls."

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At the annual meeting of the Penn Avenue church congregation Tuesday evening the following deacons were appointed J. C. Highriter, H. A. Browning, W. H. Trion, George Frutchey and Nathan Hallstead. The trustees chosen were, Luther Keller, D. J. Thomas, P. B. Finley and Daniel Langstaff. J. A. Brownig was elected treasurer and H. M. Streeter clerk of the church. The advisory board is as follows: A. B. Warman, E. C. Browning, E. K. Crothamel, M. W. Lowery and Lemuel Amerman. Mr. H. A. Browning was selected to act as chorister for the week night services Miss Grace Rose was appointed pianist and Miss Clara Browning assistant. It was decided to raise the rent of pews 15 per cent. The auction will take place Tuesday evening.

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Monday evening a recognition service to Rev. Thomas De Gruchy, the new pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, will be held, at which West Side ministers will be present. The programme for the evening is printed in the West Side department of today's Tribune. On Tuesday evening following the recognition services, a roll call of the members of the church will be conducted. Announcements are being sent out. Mr. De Gruchy since he has taken charge of the church has been successful in an extraordinary degree. From congregations that were small the church has risen to congregations which tax the entire seating capacity of the edifice and the interest seems to increase with every Sabbath.

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Very interesting union services were conducted on the West Side during the week as an observance of the period of prayer. Monday night Rev. J. P. Moffat preached at the Plymouth Congregational church; Tuesday night, Rev. J. B. Sweet preached at the Scranton Street Baptist church; Wednesday night, Rev. S. F. Mathews preached at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, and at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church Thursday night Rev. Thomas Bell preached an eloquent sermon. The meeting last night was held at the First Welsh Congregational church. Each of the ministers mentioned spoke at this meeting. The attendance on each night was very large. The Jackson Street Baptist church held special services during the week.

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The Pastors' union committee has selected Elm Park church and February 20 as the place and time for holding the undenominational mass meeting for missions.

The pastors were empowered to appoint a committee of laymen to act in conjunction with them. The completed committee consists of Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. Giffin, of Elm Park church; Rev. Dr. Dixon, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church; Rev. Dr. Logan, ex-pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth Congregational church; Rev. E. L. Miller, of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church; Rev. D. Eckman, presiding elder Wyoming district; Rev. Dr. Robinson, of the Second Presbyterian church; Messrs. A. W. Dickson, Luther Keller, E. B. Sturges, Dr. L. M. Gates, A. B. Eynon, Colonel E. H. Ripple, Captain May and General Manager Zehnder, of the Dickson Manufacturing company.

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Two pastors resigned last Sunday. They were Revs. Newman Matthews, of the Puritan Congregational church, and D. M. Kinter, of the Christian church, each of the North End. Neither pastor gave a reason for his action, but the former was not satisfied with the support given him by his charge.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The Scranton Street Baptist church elected officers Monday evening.

Rev. G. L. Alrich will speak at the Rescue Mission this evening at eight o'clock.

The ladies of the Scranton Street Baptist church held an initial supper Thursday night.

The annual election of officers for the Jackson Street Baptist church was held Monday evening.

Rev. W. T. Jones has not announced the exact time of his departure from the pastorate of the First Welsh Baptist church.

Professor Lewis Davis, chorister of the Jackson Street Baptist church, was tendered a party Wednesday evening by the members of the choir at his home on Locust street.

Mrs. M. H. Mill, wife of the rector of St. David's church has started an industrial class for the benfit of the children of the parish. The class meets every Saturday afternoon in the church basement.

On Sunday, January 17, the Green Ridge United Evangelical church will celebrate its third anniversary. Rev. J. W. Messinger, of Carlisle, Pa., former pastor, and founder of the church in this city, will be present.

A regular meeting of Methodist ministers of Scranton and vicinity will be held next Monday morning at 10.00 o'clock in Elm Park church. The Rev. T. M. Finey will present a paper. Subject: "A Day at Gettysburg."

A book social will be given Thursday evening at 8 o'clock by the Young People's society of Christian Endeavor of the Calvery Reformed church for the benefit of the Sunday school library. A fine literary programme will be rendered and refreshments will be served.

The annual meeting of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church was held Tuesday evening. Garrett Smith and George Cooper were elected trustees for three years, and E. A. Clarke for two years. The official reports showed that the church has passed a very successful year.

The Primary Sunday School Teachers Union will meet at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The lesson for Sunday will be taught by Miss M. Louise Williams. Normal work will be in charge of Miss Evans. All primary teachers and teachers of small children are invited to attend.

Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Plymouth church, a popular speaker to young men, will address the Young Men's Christian association meeting on Sunday at 3.45 p. m. The song service in charge of J. M. Chance will consist of instrumental music, a tenor solo by Mr. Croft, "Building for Eternity," and songs from the new book, "Hymns for Men."

Asbury Methodist Sunday school officers have been elected as follows: Superintendent, E. S. Pratt; assistant superintendent, L. W. Peck; treasurer, W. F. Osenbach; secretary, W. L. Maynard; assistant secretary, W. R. Kellow; chorister, W. H. Lanyon; assistant chorister, F. S. Oliver; organist, Miss Edith Swingle; assitant organist, Miss Ella Lidstone; librarians, Earl Tennant; superintendent of infant department, Miss L. J. Reynolds.

At the evening prayer service in the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow night, the following programme of music will be rendered: Organ prelude, St. Saens; Miss Donvan, of New York city, who is the guest of Mrs. R. B. Williams, on Jefferson avenue, will sing from Alfred Gauls oratorio, "The Holy City," the soprano solo, "These are They;" anthem, "Oh, Holy Night," (Adams), Miss Black and choir; the short Christmas cantata, "The Holy Child," will be repeated by the full choir; organ postlude, (Frank Donahoe.)

Many of the congregation of the Jackson Street Baptist church honored their chorister Wednesday evening by tendering him a party at his home on West Locust street. Those presnt were: Rev. Thomas DeGruchy and wife, Misses Laura and Flossie DeGruchy, Mr. and Mrs. John J. James, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bowen and daughter, Oliva, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Collins, daughter Corrinne and son Howard; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moyer, Richard Nichols, E. R. Griffiths, Misses Bessie Wagstaff, Martha Hitchins, Lizzie Lake, Wini-Alfred Harris, Helen Harirs, Martha B. Nichols, Margaret Jones, Annie Williams, Edith Davies, Mae Samuels, Sarah Davis, Anna Lewis, and James E. Griffiths, Eddie Davis, David Davis, George Nichols, Richard Lewis, Roy Williams, Robert E. Owen, Edward Watkins, Reese Lewis, Thomas Mathias and William I. Davis.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church—Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street. Divine worship, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath school at 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. Seats are all free at every service. Strangers always welcome. Preaching by the pastor at both services; morning, "Knowing Christ," John xiv, 20; evening, "The Sixth Vial," Rev. xvi, 12-16. Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock the Union Bible class for the study of the Sabbath school lesson. All are welcome.

Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sacramental service in the morning; in the evening a praise service, when, with new music, the cantata of the Holy Child will be repeated.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. H. A. Grant, D. D., pastor. 10.30 a. m., subject for sermon, "What Is the Difference Between the Consecration Necessary at Conversion and that Which We Are Called Upon to Make in Seeking Entire Sanctification?" 2.30 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 8 p. m., subject for sermon, "The Faithful Saying."

Providence Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. William Edgar, pastor. Services at usual hours. The pastor will preach. Subject at 10.30 a. m., "The Secret of Success;" at 7.30 p. m., an evangelistic service will be held; "The Method of Salvation" will be explained; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. All are invited.

All Souls' Universalist Church—Rev. F. W. Whippen, pastor. Morning subject, "Why Preach Universalism?" evening subject, "From the Conquest of Canaan to the Crowning of David."

Green Ridge Baptist Church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "A Christian's Defence;" in the evening, "Lessons from the Life of Jonah."

First Baptist Church—Scranton street. Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor. Subject for Sabbath morning and evening will be "The Week of Prayer." Prayer meeting Sabbath morning before service, commencing at 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m., Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; Young People's prayer meeting, 6 p. m. All are welcome.

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church—Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school, at 12 m.; Junior Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. The Rev. Thomas Bell will exchange with the pastor at the morning services, his subject will be "Foreign Missions." The pastor will preach in the evening. Offerings for foreign missions will be taken at both services. All cordially welcome at all of the services.

Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Rev. N. G. Parke, D. D., will preach at 10.30 a. m., and Rev. J. B. Worrall, D. D., at 7.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 o'clock; Endeavor society meeting at 6.30.

Green Ridge United Evangelical Church—G. L. Maice, pastor. Preaching at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9.45 a. m.; K. L. C. E. service at 6.30 p. m.; South Side Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Strangers welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church—Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, pastor. First Sunday after Epiphany. Services at 10.30 and 7.30.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal Church—F. P. Doty, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. Morning theme, "Missions;" Sabbath school at 2 p. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3.15 p. m.; Epworth League, 6.30 p. m. Free seats and a cordial welcome for all.

Jackson Street Baptist Church—Rev. Thomas DeGruchy will preach at 10.30 a. m., topic, "The Lonely Man." In the evening at 7 o'clock prompt a praise service of twenty minutes. Come and worship God in song. This will be followed by a short practical talk by the pastor, "The Man for the Times." Come and hear what kind of men God would have us be. You are all invited; come early, the seats are all free.

First Church of Christ (Scientist)—519 Adams avenue. Sunday service, 10.30 a. m.; testimonial meeting Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Seats free. All welcome.

Grace Lutheran Church—Corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street. Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m.; evening theme, "Apollyon and Vanity Fair," of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. Grace Lutheran church is preparing for dedication, which takes place next Sunday, Jan. 17.

St. Luke's Church—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. First Sunday after Epiphany. 7.30 a. m., holy communion; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 a. m., evening prayer and sermon.

St. Mark's, Dunmore—Rev. Edward J. Haughton, priest. First Sunday after Epiphany. 8 a. m., holy communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer, holy communion and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

St. George's, Olyphant—3 p. m., Sunday school; 4 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—George T. Price, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; morning subject, "The Two Programmes—Which Do You Hold?" evening subject, "Who Shall Enter and Be the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Epworth League prayer meeting at 6.30 p. m.

Calvary Reformed Church—Corner Gibson street and Monroe avenue. Rev. George W. Welsh, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., communion; 11.45 a. m., Sunday school; 6 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor; 6.30 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor; 7.30 p. m., communion.

Elm Park Church—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., by the pastor, C. M. Giffin, D. D., Sunday school at 2, and Epworth League at 6.30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church—Rev. James McLeod, D. D., pastor. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered in the morning at 10.30. Dr. McLeod will preach a sermon in the evening to Sunday school teachers and others interested in Bible study.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church—Park Place, Short avenue. Rev. Z. Kowala. Evening service, 7.30 o'clock, text, Dis. 2, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared to all man."

Penn Avenue Baptist church—Rev. Joseph K. Dickron, D. D., pastor, will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "The World's Cry for Help," and in the evening, "Heaven's Open Gate, Who Shall Enter?" A 10-minute song service precedes the evening sermon. Bible school at 6.30 sharp. You will be cordially welcomed.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Charles Chandler is meeting with success as leader of the choir at the Second Presbyterian church mission at corner of Adams avenue and New York streets. On New Year's eve the choir rendered a cantata in a manner that won much commendation. The choir will soon be enlarged by the addition of a number of new voices and will doubtless in future as in past be an important feature in the services at the handsome little chapel.

Miss Donavin will sing the "Holy City" at Second Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

Organist Llewellyn Jones seems to be one of the musicians of Scranton who have an idea of the fitness of things. Upon officiating at a wedding sometime ago Organist Jones at the close of the ceremony introduced strains of "The Man with an Elephant on His Hands." Fortunately for the player the tune was not recognized by any of the bridal party and the organist lived to tell the tale.

St. Patrick's church choir will render St. Cecilia's mass by Gounod on February 14. The regular choir at present includes thirty voices and is in a flourishing condition under the direction of Professor Hayden Evans.

The Union Epworth league, comprising eleven societies of this city, will soon reganize a chorus from its membership roll to render music at the international convention of leagues to be held at Toronto, July 15.

The gospel meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3.45 p. m. Jan. 10, at Young Women's Christian association rooms, will be led by Miss Anna Van Nort, the general secretary. Special music. All women and girls are cordially invited.

Organist George Noyes Rockwell has located at Syracuse, having accepted an engagement with Kimball & Co., manufacturers of pianos and organs.

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Pianist Reeve Jones will give another afternoon recital in the near future.

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