

**New Year Cards, Pocket Diaries, 1897, Peloubet'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 present**

**NORTON'S,**  
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**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.

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EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH "ANAESTHETIC" FINEST DENTAL WORK IN THE CITY.

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**PERSONAL.**

Miss Edith Woodling, of Olive street, is visiting Waverly friends.

Miss Georgia Hunt, of Square Top, Wyoming county, is visiting Scranton friends.

Miss Marie Donahoe, of New York, and Miss Alice Walker, of Pittston, are visiting friends in this city.

Miss Estelle Loomis, of Scranton, is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Streeter, of Dalton.

Dr. William Pepper, of Philadelphia, was yesterday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, of Green Ridge.

Alderman J. T. Howe has returned from Blakely, where he was called by the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Kenyon.

Mrs. Charles Loucks and son, Clifford, of Sharon, Conn., are visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Helmes, of 141 Price street.

Major Everett Warren will go to Harford this morning to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania electors, which takes place at the state capitol today. At this meeting the vote for president will be cast. Mr. Warren is the Republican elector for this congressional district.

**LARGE CONTRACT SECURED.**

National Boring Company to Sink Ten Bore Holes.

The National Boring and Drilling Company, of this city, has secured a large contract from the Pennsylvania Railroad company for boring a number of ten-inch holes.

The company intends using the holes for the purpose of flushing in culm into mine workings. This work was contemplated two years ago, but had been withheld on account of the general depression in business.

**RHEUMATISM IS A FOE** which gives no quarter. It torments its victims day and night. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures the aches and pains of rheumatism.

**HOOD'S PILLS** are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure.

Nickel plated Skates at Florey's, 70c. Other grades in proportion.

**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.

**PREPARING FOR THE FORMAL OPENING**

New Hospital Will Soon Be Ready for Occupancy.

**SUPERINTENDENT SMITH IN CHARGE**

The furnishing of the building being pushed rapidly forward under her efficient charge—How the Rooms Will Be Arranged—What the Altoona Times Had to Say About the Superintendent—Hospital Directors Meet This Week.

Arrangements are about complete for the opening of the new West Side hospital. The work of putting in the furniture and hospital appliances is being pushed rapidly forward and by the time the board has its next meeting everything will be in readiness for it to name the formal opening day.

The \$1,000 which was contributed for furnishing the hospital and supplying instruments and the like can nearly all be devoted to the purchase of instruments, as the furnishing of the building complete by local fraternal organizations.



WEST SIDE HOSPITAL.

time have nearly all been displaced and the new officers who have studiously avoided widening the breach are now ready and willing to do their utmost to bring about a reunion. This question has been the uppermost topic of discussion in A. O. H. circles for over a year past and at the national convention of either branch it will be passed upon and it is expected will be favored.

As an additional evidence of its earnestness in this direction the Board of Erin yesterday agreed to undertake the arrangements for a monster parade on St. Patrick's day to which the Board of America societies of both this and Luzerne counties will be earnestly united to attend. Every other Catholic society in the county will also be invited and it is hoped to make the event the largest demonstration of its kind ever held in this city. County chairman Miles McAndrew, of Archbald, a committee of nineteen comprised of one member from each division in the county, were instructed to take the parade in charge.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

Tomorrow evening brings to the Frothingham that side-splitting farce-comedy, "A Railroad Ticket," for a single performance. This successful comedy has never failed to meet with popular favor. It will have the benefit of a strong cast, among the principal members being Stuart, the famous clown, and one of the highest salaried singing artists on the boards today, Louis Wesley, who was one of the leading stars engaged to play "last season," has been engaged to play his original part of "Chips," the office boy. Among the others are Gus Ripley, Charles Burke, Harry Porter, Mattie Lockette, Annie Carlton and a strong chorus.

"Old Lavender" is billed for one production at the Frothingham this week, with Edward Harrigan at the head of the company. Mr. Harrigan is supported by a large and clever company and press notices of a flattering description follow the presentation of "Old Lavender." The comedy is full of new music, catchy songs and rollicking melodies. An evening of thorough enjoyment is assured.

"Darkest America," the attraction at the Academy of Music this and tomorrow evenings, is the title of a stage spectacle that aims to present the home life of the negro as it was in slavery and is in freedom, from plantation to palace. A company of genuine southern negroes enact the different characters. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lyons head the company; many interesting incidents are introduced. The whole entertainment is refined and elevating.

The "Pay Train" company, which comes to the Davis theater the first half of this week, carries a carload of scenery and mechanical effects, a steam boiler, forty horsepower engine and a complete electric storage battery, all of which will be used in the production. And yet the play does not depend on these for its success. Incidental to the action, specialties will be introduced by Coe and Whelan, Eva Trutcher De Corsey, Hamilton and Hamilton and others.

**Rheumatism Cured in a Day.**

"Mystic Cure" for rheumatism and neuralgia radically cures in one to three days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by Carl Lorenz, 418 Lackawanna avenue, druggist, Scranton.

**Auction Sale** of diamonds, watches, etc., at Davidow Bros.

Notice.

The following is a list of display cards kept in stock at this office and for sale at ten cents each:

Rooms for rent.

For sale.

This property for sale.

Furnished rooms.

House for rent.

House to let, etc.

**Diamonds and Watches** at auction at Davidow Bros.

**CASTORIA** For Infants and Children.

She is the Superintendent of the New Hospital.

used for patients' rooms. Thirty cots can easily be accommodated.

These details are, however, subject to change at the discretion of the superintendent. Miss Sara H. Smith, who has been officially installed in that position and is now engaged in arranging these matters. She is a very competent young woman and has already convinced the directors that she is in every way fitted to fill the important position of first superintendent of the new hospital. She is described as an all-around woman who can look after everything about a hospital from cooking to cleaning. The following clipping from the Hollidaysburg correspondence of the Altoona Times is not amiss here:

The hosts of friends of Miss Sara H. Smith, a former resident of our town, will be pleased to learn of her well merited following clipping from the first superintendent of the West Side hospital, of Scranton, Pa. Miss Smith has been engaged at the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia for a few years past, and the members of the faculty of that institution deeply regretted her departure, and were averse to permitting her to do so without an effort to induce her to reconsider. The appointment was made without any solicitation and was strictly on merit. She was unanimously elected by the board of directors, after a minute examination of the recommendations of the numerous candidates. Miss Smith will have absolute charge of the hospital; every department will be under her supervision, and upon her ability in a great

measure will depend the success of the institution.

**THEY FAVOR AMALGAMATION.**

Quarterly Convention of Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The movement to unite the branches of the Ancient Order of Hibernians—the Board of America and Board of Erin—received a strong impetus at the quarterly meeting of the county board of the A. O. H. B. of E. in Battle's hall, Prospect avenue yesterday afternoon. This being one of the leading subdivisions of the Board of Erin and having in its ranks one of the national officers, Treasurer Daniel Battle, its action in unanimously instructing its delegates to the national convention to vote unreservedly for the coalition carries with it the utmost weight.

The split in the order occurred at the Cleveland convention in 1882. It grew out of a petty squabble over the election of officers. The differences would have been healed long before this but for the unwillingness of those at the head of either faction to make overtures for a reunion. The men in charge at that time were divided into two camps. One was in favor of the coalition and the other was in favor of maintaining the status quo. The coalition party was the majority and they were elected officers. The status quo party was the minority and they were not elected. The coalition party has since that time been the dominant force in the order and they have been successful in their efforts to bring about a reunion. The status quo party has since that time been the dominant force in the order and they have been successful in their efforts to bring about a reunion.

**SEASONABLE SERMON BY REV. WM. EDGAR**

Was Preached Yesterday in the Providence Methodist Church.

**HOW TO ATTAIN CHRISTIANITY**

Thought of the Discourse Suggested by the Week of Prayer—Must Experience Godly Sorrow for Sin, Which Invites Hate for the Latter and Desire for the Former—Church Will Have an Extra Week of Prayer.

We give below a synopsis of the sermon delivered last evening in the Providence Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. William Edgar, pastor. This church has been holding a very successful week of prayer. The meetings will be continued every night this week but Saturday. Rev. F. P. Doty, of Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church, will assist the pastor. The sermon was a practical discourse in perfect harmony with the special services which are being held. The subject was this: "How to Become a Christian." The text announced was Acts 2:37-38:

"Now when they heard this they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Among other things that the preacher said were the following:

Last Sunday night we began a series of practical talks concerning the Christian life. For the benefit of those who were not present we will say our subject at that time was "How to Become a Christian." I thought we want to call your attention to a subject which logically follows. It is not enough that you be shown that a Christian is. Neither is it enough to impress the mind with the fact that one ought to be a Christian. It is incumbent upon the religious teacher to show the method of salvation; to show how one is to become a Christian.

I desire to make the subject so clear that the warfarer man, though a fool, will not err therein. All sorts of answers have been given to the question, "How to become a Christian." Some are simply human opinions. Others are composite in their nature. A combination of human opinion and the word of God. My sermon tonight will have one virtue at least; it will be Scriptural in its character.

Our text sheds much light on the question before us, in we will not feel ourselves obliged to adhere to that. The question and answer of our text is connected with the scene which we studied in Sunday school today. It is the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, the people marvelled. Some began to criticize. Some said the men are not new with new wine. Peter indignantly denied the charge. He shows them it is simply a fulfillment of prophecy uttered many centuries before. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven and the resurrection. As a result, they were pricked in the heart and asked the question of my text. This sermon is designed to be helpful at least two classes of

people. First, to Christian workers. They are often asked, just as Paul was by the Philippian jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" They ought to be able to answer promptly and scripturally. I trust this sermon will help them to do so.

Then it is designed to be helpful to the unconverted. If they can learn just what is required of them in order to enter the kingdom of God.

When we come to a definite answer to the question under consideration, we can not give it in a single word. There are several steps by which we enter the kingdom of God and become Christians.

We become Christians by repentance. Repentance is godly sorrow for sin. The Bible frequently refers to repentance. Sometimes it is spoken of independently. At other times in connection with other duties. "Repent and be baptized." "Repent and be converted." "Repent and believe the gospel." One cannot build a superstructure of Christian character without repentance as one of the foundation stones. It makes no difference whether we live in Christian lands or in heathen lands, the same principle of preaching is to produce repentance in the hearts of humanity.

**SABBATH NEWS NOTES.**

Holy communion was celebrated at the First and Second Presbyterian churches. Dr. McKee, pastor of the First, gave a sermon to Sabbath school teachers and others interested in Bible study.

The executive committee of the Home Mission will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon for a conference with the pastors of the central city churches in relation to means for carrying on the mission work. Last year there were 290 meetings attended by 2,551 persons.

Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church, preached a mission sermon of great force in the morning. The day was one regularly prescribed for missionary offerings, but the special collection was postponed until next Sabbath in order that those who had been impressed with the pastor's plea might be prepared to make substantial offerings.

In the evening the Jews were inadequate to accommodate the large gathering who went to enjoy the special song service and choir had to be used in the aisles. Marie Lewin, the great-colored soprano who was until recently a soloist with Gilmore's famous band organization, was to have sung the solo, "These Are Thy Servants," but she was unable to appear. She was, however, confined to her bed by illness at the home of R. R. Williams, on Jefferson avenue, where she is a guest, and was under the care of Dr. J. W. Coolidge. The announcement by Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson, the pastor, that Mrs. Donahoe could not be present was a disappointment, but the auditory was nevertheless treated to a well arranged and well executed programme conducted by J. M. Chaney, the church organist. The numbers were: Organ prelude, elevation in E minor, Saint Suen's anthem, "O Holy Night," (Adams), Miss Black and "The Christmas carol," "The Holy Child," (Adams), choir organ postlude, Frank Donahoe. Miss Donahoe's illness is not serious. She will go to New York city in a few days.

Skates at Florey's, 25c.

**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, 151 Wyoming Avenue.

Walk in and look around.

**SAWYER'S GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE** of MILLINERY Will Begin MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1897.

Absolutely No Reserves. The Entire Stock Will Be Offered from One-Fourth to One-Half Its Actual Value. Prices on a Few Articles for Your Consideration:

**TRIMMED HATS.**

Over 200 to select from.

Regular price from \$2.00 to \$15.00  
Sale price from 60c to \$4.97

**UNTRIMMED HATS.**

At less than one-third value.

For sale.

Lot No. 1, Sale Price..... 5c  
Lot No. 2, Sale Price..... 10c  
Lot No. 3, Sale Price..... 25c  
Lot No. 4, Sale Price..... 30c  
Lot No. 5, Sale Price..... 40c  
Lot No. 6, Sale Price..... 60c

**STRICH BOWS.**

At \$3.98..... Regular Price \$6.50

**FANCY FEATHERS.**

At 50c..... Reduced from 15c  
At 15c..... Reduced from 35c

**OSTRICH TIPS.**

One lot

At 63c..... Reduced from \$1.25

**Silk and Velvet**

At 15c..... Worth 25c  
At 10c..... Worth 15c  
At 20c..... Worth 35c

**VIOLETS.**

At 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, and 30c a bunch, Worth Double.

**ROBBERIES.**

All Silk Taffeta Glaces.

No. 10, Sale Price..... 15c a yard  
No. 11, Sale Price..... 25c a yard

Don't let this matter drop after reading this adv., but convince yourself the goods are sold as advertised. Sale will continue until the entire stock is sold.

**A. R. SAWYER,** 132 Wyoming Avenue

**CHINA.**

A Thousand Pieces

Of lovely decorated China to be closed out. Many tea sets have one piece broken. Then there are hundreds of left over odd pieces that unless sold seem to get set back where salespeople forget them. We think it better to make it an object for you to come today and Monday and take what you want. Five counters, arranged this way:

**No. 1 Counter** Here are salad bowls, open edge cake plates, fancy plates, china syrup jugs, cups and saucers. Were 25c., 40c., 50c. and higher. Tour choice, 19c.

**No. 2 Counter** This includes Royal Bonn Vases, 5-piece china tea set, orange bowls, large Bohemian vases and dozens of other pieces. Some were \$2.50. Choice, 98c.

**No. 3 Counter** Four-piece smoking sets, cracker jars, cake plates, large vases, bon-bon boxes, chocolate pots and other pretty articles. Choice, 69c.

**No. 4 Counter** Smolding sets, cracker jars, chocolate pots, sugar bowls and cream pitchers.

**No. 5 Counter** Moustache cups, Delft ware, cups and saucers, cake plates, syrup cups, celery holders and several hundred other odd pieces. Any piece on this counter, 9c.

**REXFORD'S,** 303 Lacka. Ave.

**THIELE** School of Music, 520 Spruce St.

**Mrs. Katharine Thiele,** Voice Training, Solo Singing

**Ernest Thiele,** Violin, Piano, Cello ensemble. Both teachers at celebrated Scharwenka Conservatory, New York. Also other competent teachers engaged. Mr. Thiele is the successor to the late

**HERR KOPFF.**

**EYES EXAMINED FREE.**

You can save money by buying spectacles of Silverstone, the eye specialist, at 309 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 \$3.50 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, 8 a. m. to 12m.; 1 to 6 p. m. Remember that your eyes will be examined free and satisfaction is guaranteed.

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**CLOAK SALE.**

LETTER FROM A NEW YORK CLOAK HOUSE.

January 7th, 1897.

W. R. Black, 132 Wyoming avenue, Scranton.

Dear Sir:—

We have concluded to accept your cash offer, 50 per cent., for our entire stock of Jackets and Capes and have shipped them today.

Yours truly,  
A. ROSEN & CO.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11,**

Will commence the sale of the above stock and continue until the whole stock is disposed of.

All Bonels Astrakhan Kersey Jackets will be arranged into three lots;

**LOT ONE.** Manufacturer's Price, \$7.00. Sale Price.....\$3.50

**LOT TWO.** Manufacturer's Price, \$10.00. Sale Price.....\$5.00

**LOT THREE.** Manufacturer's Price, \$10.00. Sale Price.....\$7.50

All of our Capes will be assorted out in the same manner.

Manufacturer's Prices, \$5, \$10, \$16. Sale Price.....\$3, \$5, \$8

All of Fur Capes, short and long will be closed out at

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