SCRANTON SOCIAL **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

Brief Mention of What is Doing in the Pleasure Way.

AWAITING THE SPECTACLE, BEN HUR

It Will Excel Even the Splendor of the Kirmess .- Society Has Had its Fling and Now Comes the Banquets, Sevcrat of Them, of the Business and Professional World -- Several of Them in Course of Preparation --Personal Mention.

We little interest is being attached to the forthcoming production of Ben Hurat the Frothingham for the benefit of the Summer Home of the Men's guild of St. Luke's church. The dances are said to be much more intricate and kirmesses-and that is saying a great deal. Society is anticipating the specelement, and there you are. Ben Hur seems bound to reap a golden harvest for the commendable use its promoters have in view.

John Jermyn will on Monday night banquet at the Hotel Jermyn a small but select party of gentlemen, among whom will be the Superior court judges and the judges of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. It is said the menu will be the most elaborate of any ever served in Seranton. or 16 0

The last Bachelor dance has been denced. The old organization whose splendld achievements will live in mory for years to come, was dissalved by a vote of 12 to 10 among its members. But with the death of the Eachelors, the annual dance idea has not been abandoned. One will be given a year hence in the new board of trade rooms and will be in every way a thing par excellence. Possibly not more than 200 persons will be present, and they will be the recognized constituency of Scranton's uppertendom.

The annual Lackawanna Bar banquet will be held next Thursday night at the Jermyn. The committee will consist of James H. Torrey, chairman; R. A. Patterson, J. E. Burr, J. W. Oakford, M. E. McDonald, Russell Dimmick, T. V. Powderly and W. S. Diehl. 2 7 6

The Superior court judges will get their fill of banquets next week. They will be dired by John Jermyn Monday night and by Judge Smith Wednesday night, when the county judges will be present. On Thursday evening they na bar banquet. are expected to attend the Lackawan-

Thursday night was "Ladies' Night" at the Scranton Whist club rooms, T. E. Otis, the Newark whist expert, and a director of the American Whist league; was present and had the honor of winning with Mrs. G. B. Jermyn one of the sets. The other members were Miss Scranton and C. R. Fuller, Mrs. W. J. Brown and C. B. Penman. Progressive duplicate whist was played.

The Excelsior Social club's annual meeting and election was held Wednesday evening, when the following officers were chosen to serve one year: Simon Lauer, president; Samuel Morris, vice-president; William Morris, sec-retary; Sol Octtinger, trensurer; board of trustees, William Stern, Isadore Goodman, Morris Schwartzkopff, H. Rees and William Morris,

The annual ball of the Excelsior Social club Monday night in the club rooms in Excelsior hall, was a delightful affair, attended by the best known of the city's Jewish circle and by many from out of town. The committee were Sol Octtinger, chairman; Samuel Kramer, William Moses and William Mor-

A progressive euchre party was given on Tuesday evening by Miss Effle Lewis, of the North End. X 14 6

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice Undegraff, formerly of this city, and Matthew Arnold, both of Elmira. Their wedding will take place next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Vidaver, of Gibson street, entertained a number their friends at their home Thursday evening.

The second Country club german will be danced at the lodge Tuesday night. The chaperones will be Mrs. Everett Warren and Mrs. H. P. Kingsbury.

Miss Smith, of Monroe avenue, entertained a small party of friends Wednesday evening at her home in bonor of her friend, Miss Graber, of Shamokin.

The board of trade banquet will be given Friday evening, Jan, 28, at the Hotel Jermyn.

John Ladwig, proprietor of the Lackawanna avenue Four-cent store, and Miss Louise Davies were wedded Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's father, D. M. Davies, on South Hyde Park avenue, by Rev. H. H. Harris, D. D., paster of the Taylor Baptist church. Upon their return from their wed-

ding journey they will reside at 924 Olive, street. Among the out-ofwn guests were: Rev. and Mrs. Frank Schmidte Mr. and Mrs. William Nisewenter, of Shenandoah; Carl Heller, of New York: W. G. Davis, of Shamokin; and Evan M. Thomas, of Kingston.

8 8 16 A tea was given Thursday by Miss Hattie Cooper, of South Hyde Park avenue, for Miss Hosa Williams, of Middle Granville, N. Y., the guest of Mrs. J. J. Roberts, Mrs. Cooper received with the young ladies,

The list of patronesses of the concert of the Railroad department Young Men's Christian association to be given by Kathrin Hilke, soprano; Mary Louise Clary, contraito; J. Henry Mc-Kinley, tenor, and Carl E. Dufft, bassbaritone, in the Frothingham theater Monday evening, February 1, has been partially completed. The list in part is an follows: Mrs. Alfred Hand, Mrs. C. L. Frey, Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. Robert Eldred, Mrs. Henry Belin, Jr., Mrs. William Connell, Mrs. W. H. Freeman Miss Jennie Andrews, Mrs. R. W. Archbald, Mrs. E. B. Sturges, George DuB. Dimmick, Mrs. William Frink, Mrs. E. K. Crothamel, Mrs. G. M. Hallstead, Mrs. James Archbald W. F. Hallstead, Mrs. Horace E. Mrs. George B. Smith, Mrs. Frank M. Spencer, Mrs. George L. Dickson, Mrs. N. Y. Leet, Mrs. John Loomis, Mrs. Robert McKenna, Mrs. Lahn. T. H. Dale, Mrs. A. D. Blankington,

Mrs. W. H. Tayler, Mrs. E. B. Jermyn Mrs. E. M. Francis, Mrs. I. F. Megargel, Mrs. C. H. Zehnder, Mrs. J. S. Mc-Anulty, Mrs. J. L. Connell, Mrs. Chas. Schlager, Mrs. C. C. Rose and Mrs. Thomas Dickson.

The first members' social and dance this serson of the Scranton Bicycle club was attended last night by nearly fifty couples. The socials will be given once a month; the final one will be in May Last night's affair was arranged by James C. Knapp, Charles P. Kreig and Wallace M. Ruth. Five of Bauer's musicians furnished the music. Lunch was served at midnight.

The Youngstown Daily Vindicator of Wednesday contained the following: Youngstown chapter, No. 93, of Royal Arch Masons, tendered a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold D. Thomas at Masonic hall last night. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, with red incandescent lights, the effect being very beautiful. The affair was a spec ial compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who have just returned from their wedding trip. Cards and dancing were the even more spirited than those of the attractions of the evening, the music for the occasion being furnished by the Mahoning orchestra. The affair proved a trele and so is the practical-charity most enjoyable occasion, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were the recipients of the congratulations and heartiest good wishes of all present. The reception was largely attended and was in every spect one of the most successful so ials ever held by the local chapter, and in thorough keeping with the reputation of the local Masons for hospitality and good cheer." Mrs. Thomas was formerly Miss Lizzie Gabriel of the North End, and was wedded to Mr. Thomas there at the home of her par-

PERSONAL MENTION:

ents about two weeks ago.

W. S. Mears has returned from Nev City Solicitor Torrey was in Wilkes-Barre yesterday. Frank B. Squires is ill at his home, on

Jefferson avenue. Miss Mamie Spencer is attending school

in New York city.

Bolton G. Coons, of Kingston, was here on husiness yesterday.

E. D. Hughes spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Binghamton.

J. W. Guernsey left Thursday morning for New York are husiness. or New York on business. Mrs. John R. Raynsford, of Montrose, is

the guest of relatives here.

H. M. Cole is entertaining his sister,
Mrs. Atkinson, of Albany, N. Y.
Rev. P. J. Golden, of Williamsport,
called on Scranton friends Thursday.
Miss Edith Woodling, of Olive street,
has been visiting felonic in Waterle as been visiting friends in Waverly. Miss Genevleve McCinin has resume ier studies at Manhattanville convent. Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Repport, of Birch

Charles E. Daniels returned to the Dickinson Law school Monday morning. Attorney J. Alton Davis left Monday for he south, where he will spend the winter Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Hobertson left yes terday for a trip to New York and Balti-

President Judge Charles E. Rice is deained at home by the serious illness of Mrs. William Chappell, of North Main venue, has been visiting friends in New-Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Miller, of Washburn treet, have been visiting friends in Wil-

Miss Cahaney, of Jermyn, has been the quest of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Clark, of William street, Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Canada, is visiting als son, Dr. F. E. Taylor, the North Main

als son, Dr. F. L. Laylo, avenue dentist. Miss Florence Falloway, of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting John J. Marshall, of Vebster avenue. Miss Georgia Hunt, of Square Top,

Wyoming county, has been visiting Scranton friends.

ity this evening. Miss Sarah Campbell, of Bloom avenue as returned from a visit with relatives n Washington, D. C. Miss Estelle Loomis, of this city, visited

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Streeter, of Dalton the forepart of the weex. Miss Leah Pardee, of Scranton, is vis-iting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham, on Hickory street.

William Bowen and sister, Eva, of War-en street, were the guests of relatives in Nanticoke during the week.

Miss Clara Jones, of North Lincoln avenue, has resumed her studies in the State

Normal school in Bloomsburg Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis, of Nanti oke, have returned from a visit with Mr.

and Mrs. Hayard, of Eynon street.
Dr. William Pepper, of Philadelphia,
was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, of Green Ridge, last Sunday, Attorney A. J. Colborn returned Wed esday morning from Towanda, whither e had been called by legal business. Mrs. I. Bannister and son, Walter, have

sturned from a several weeks' visit with lends and relatives in New Jersey, Miss Daisy M. Washburn, of Maple treet,, has returned home from a visit at he home of her sister in Hadley, N. Y. Arthur Atherton, of Plymouth, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Atherton, of North Main ave-

Miss Alice Pease, of Cohoes, N. Y., to urned home last Saturday, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morse, of Jackson

Philip Schener, of the firm of Schene fros., of South Scranton, will wed Miss Sate Neuls, of Alder street, next Wed-Thomas Dolan, of Easton, and his sister, liss Minnie Dolan, of Philadelphia, are

guests of Attorney and Mrs. John Marie Donahoe, of New York, and Miss Alice Walker, of Pittston, spent the early part of the week with friends in

William York, of Jackson street, left sterday for Philadelphia, where he will tend the Pennsylvania State Labo nvention Katle and Hannah Thornton, of

West Market street, have returned from several weeks' stay with friends in Edward James, who visited his brother

n Tenth street during the holiday vacu-ion, resumed his studies Monday morning E. J. Barthold, C. W. Houser, W. A. callard and E. J. Barthold, of this city,

ere guests at the St. Denis, in New York Mrs. O. J. Pickering, of Binghamton, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Revnolds, of Eynon street, during the early part of the week.

Fred, Jones and Miss Katle Jones, of Wilkes-Barre, have returned home, after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, of Brook street, Mrs. John Harding, of Barton, N. Y., has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs.

 P. Doty, at the Hampton Street Metho-list church parsonage. D. Farnham and daughter, cone, of Breaker street, left Wednesda or Windsor, N. Y., where they will spend short time with friends.

The Misses Waterman, of Southport. 'onn., who have for several weeks been uses at the home of E. B. Sturges, will eturn to Southport today. Colonel H. A. Coursen is in Washing-on arranging for the accommodation of

the Thirteenth regiment during the Mc Kinley inauguration on March 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Kirk, of Boulder, Cel. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fulton, of Mulberry street. Mr. Kirk is clerk of the district court of Colorado. Mrs. Charles Loucks and son Clifford, of Sharon, Ct., were the guests of her laughter, Mrs. C. J. Helmes, of 1411 Price

treet, during the early part of the week, S. J. Chapman, traveling salesman for Goldsmith Bros,' zhoe store, leaves this morning for New York, and will start for Europe next Tuesday on the steamer Miss Helen Mead, of East Market street, | Monday.

and Miss Mable Mallery, of Sunset avenue, returned this week from Wilkes-Barro, where they had been visiting

Misse Annie and Etta Ehial, of New York, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Fowler, of Cherry street, for several days past, have re-

Major Everett Warren was in Harris-urg last Monday attending the meeting of the Pennsylvania electors, which took place at the state capital, Mr. Warren was the Republican elector of this congressional district.

W. G. Hannaway left Wednesday night to resume his studies in St. Michael's col-lege, Toronto. He had been spending toe holiday vacation at the home of his pa-rents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hannaway, n Franklin avenue.

Miss Helen A. Brooks, formerly of Bos-ton, who became traveling secretary of the Pennsylvania State College department of the Young Women's Christian association, has entered upon the duties of her new office. She will have her headquarters in the Young Women's Christian association rooms in this city.

"Billy" Barry, the Irish comedian who ept a large audience convulsed with nughter at the Academy of Music last night in "The Rising Generation," is prowing intensely weary of the character McShane and within two months will have his new comedy, "John Bradley's Money" on the boards. It is a little more embitious than anything Barry has yet attempted, but he believes that it will be a success. He said yesterday that he was nimost ashamed to come before a Scranton audience again in "The Rising Genera-ion," but the reception he received last night did not indicate that he had any reason to be ashamed of the comedy in which he is starring. On the contrary, I ould seem to indicate that, judged solely rom a business point of view, Barry will make a mistake in shelving "The Rising Jeneration," which seems to increase in Irawing powers the oftener it is seen Barry has been enacting the role of Mc Shane so long, however, that the very monotony of it is distracting to him. It is of that class of characters, too, that will not admit of varying or "freshening up," as the profession calls it. It has to be given night after night with the same care and faithfulness to the most minute details. It is this attention to details probably more than anything else that has made the character of McShane so copular with theater-goers and caused the dollars to flow in steady stream into Barry's pockets. Three of his children are members of his company and one of his sons is with Pete Daley's company emy next Friday night.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

It is now strongly suspected that the eport of the death of Ellen Beach Yaw, the phenomenal soprano, was simply an advertising dodge, and that Binghamton was selected by the singer's friends as a proper out of the way place in which to die. The scheme was good one, for it took the outside world nearly a week to get news from the "Parlor City." The Binghamton Herald gives official information on the subject as follows:

"We observe that out of town contemporaries have been publishing the report that Ellen Beach Yaw "burst a blood vessel in her throat while singing in Binghamton and died almost instantly." This would be highly important information if it were true, which fortunately it is not. Miss Yaw has not been in Binghamton in about eight nonths. It has been reported that she died early in December in Los Angeles. California, but she was billed to sing n Seattle December 26, and it is only fair to presume that if she sang there on that date, she could not have died earlier in the month at Los Angeles. Miss Yaw is probably alive and in spite of reports to the contrary, may be en-joying excellent health. We trust that

An effort is being made to secure the Myer Davidow, the Lackawanna ave-use shoe merchant, leaves for New York recital in Scranton. recital in Scranton.

> Jennie Yeamans has adopted a negro laby and Lillian Russell has an Indian squaw in her chorus.

most beautiful costumes, but I am frank enough to say that I cannot attempt the part. I have not the power to sing the music. I am very sorry, but I think it better for my reputation to give up the part now than to appear in a role in which I could not succeed. I have worked over the role as earnest ly as I ever did over any in my repertoire, and I give it up simply because I know that I cannot sing it. I have the quality of voice, but not the strength. It seems to me largely a question of muscle and physical force, and I admit that I am not equal to it."

The praise service in the Second Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was one of unusual merit. The cantata, "The Holy Child," by Thomas Adams, is a short work of rare and beautiful harmonies, which were artistic ally brought out by the large and well trained choir. The phrasing and shading showed thorough understanding of the composition. The composer has given quite a little work for the organist to do in this selection and Mr. Chance's tasteful style and varied beautiful registration was one of the delights of the service.

A. J. Harber, who has been engaged at the Dunmore Presbyterian church as bass soloist, has a wonderful voice of rich quality, which has rapidly brought him into prominence in our city. Mr. Harber came here three years ago from Troy, N. Y., where he vas also well known in musical circles. being a member of the Troy Operaompany and Troy Choral union, at the same time studying under Professor Mohlan, of Albany, N. Y. Since residing in this city he has been very successful, singing in the First Presbyterian church, Washburn Street Presby terian church and during December of church. Mr. Harber is also a whistling coloist of rare ability.

Miss Emma Morey, the prima donna of the Bluebeard company, now filling an engagement at Davis' theater, is one of the most pleasing vocalists that as been heard in light opera and burlesque in this city this season. Miss Morey is bright, handsome and posesses a fine soprano voice which, aside from the occasional tremolo, seems under excellent control.

Professor Tallie Morgan, of Ocean Grove, paid the city a flying visit this Professor Morgan is engaged in musical work in New York and Brook yn, where he has large sight-reading lusses. He expects to produce "The Fall of Babylon" at Ocean Grove next summer, with a chorus of 500 voices.

Children's Dresses.

A large assortment or remnants of Fine Dress Goods for sale at half price

CHURCH DOINGS AND RELIGIOUS TALK

Happenings of Particular Interest to Church-Going People.

WILL SCRANTON LOSE DR. DIXON

New York Tribune Says the First Baptist Church Still Wants the Eloquent Preacher, but Dr. Dixon Declines to Talk About It -- First Presbyterians Want a Parsonage. Religious News Notes -- Tomorrow's Church Services.

Rcv. Joseph K. Dixon is evidently in urgent demand by the First Baptist congregation of Brooklyn, The New York Tribune of recent date says:

"The First Baptist church of the Eastern district, formerly in charge of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Eddy, has sent an ultimatum to the Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church in Scranton, Pa., giving until February 1 next for Dr. Dixon to accept or decline the call recently extended to him. This places Dr. Dixon in a peculiar position. His friends say that he was in hopes of having the time extended for several months, in order to make It easier for him to sever his relations with the Scranton church. Dr. Dixon accepted a call to the church in Scranton shortly after the death of Dr. Eddy last year, going there on September I. Before he left he was informally told that the vacant pulpit in the First church was his if he would accept it. He wanted to accept, but as he had already accepted the Scranton call, he could not see his way clear. Then he tried as delicately as possible to get a release from the Scranton people, but they were apparently steadfast in the belief that Dr. Dixon was an acceptable preacher, and would not release him. Now comes the imperative demand from the Brooklyn church for a decisive answer. It is likely that Dr. Dixon will repeat his request to the Scranton church to release him. The First church pulpit is a desirable one. The church is at Lee avenue and Keap street. It was organized in 1839, and its present membership is about five hundred. The Sunday school has a membership of 388. The church has 800 sittings and the

chapel 700. Dr. Dixon declines to be interviewed. In response to a reporter's inquiry he assumed the evasive and would neither affirm or deny the truth of the New York Tribune's article.

There will be a special meeting of the First Presbyterian church congregation Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, for the purpose of planing to secure a parsonage. A committee is now at work pre paring to present the matter in detail at the meeting. It is possible that any one of three plans, the purchase of a house and lot, the buying of a lot and the building of a structure or the erection of a parsonage on the church site corner of Madison avenue and Olive street, may be adopted.

This week there began a series of Bible class study meetings for Sabbath school teachers and Bible students of the Young Men's Christian association in the association parlors. meetings will be held each alternate Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The leader is James McConkey, a Princeton graduate, of Wrightsville. He is teach-Ing twelve similar classes in Eastern Pennsylvania. The idea is commendable and calculated to materially benefit those persons for whom the study is arranged.

Recognition services of Rev. Thomas te Gruchey, pastor of the Tackson Street Baptist church, were held Monday Mile. Calve is not, after all, to sing evening at the church. The order of Suleika in the forthcoming revival of service included special singing and "L'Africaine" at the Metropolitan addresses by Revs. W. J. Ford, Dr. Opera house, New York. She was to Joseph K. Dixon, Dr. H. H. Harris, S. have appeared with Jean de Reszke as F. Mathews, W. S. Jones, Thomas Bell, Vasco di Gama and Jean Lassalle as J. B. Sweet and J. P. Moffat. The pre-Nelusco. But she decided not to sing siding officer was Rev. W. G. Watkins, the role, "I have studied it and re- of the North End. Tuesday night a roll hearsed it carefully," Mile. Calve said call of the members of the church was to a Sun reporter, "and bought the together the members of the church

Refreshments were served. The arrangements have been pleted for the interdenominational missionary rally. It will take place next Wednesday evening in Elm church, beginning at 7.45 o'clock. Similar meetings are to be held throughout the United States and Canada.

At the recognition service tendered him Monday evening Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, said something of interest to ministers of the Gospel. After alluding to the easy way the Methodists use in "getting rid" of a pastor Mr. de Gruchy haid about as follows: don't know how long I'll stay here." referring to his church; "but I do know that at other places where I have been some people have said, 'We'll give him three months.' I stayed the three months and then they'd say, 'Well, lets give him three months of grace; he won't hold out long.' And so it went on until nine and twelve months were passed and I was still there."

One of the opening meetings of the state convention Young Women's Christian association at Harrisburg, Pa., was an "Expectation Meeting." one said, "Our Gospel service on Sunday afternoon is always an expectation eting." We who have been attending them have not been disappointed. Now, we desire that very many of the young women of the city will avail themselves of this opportunity and come Sunday efternoon January 17 at 3.45. All young women will be welcome.

The regular meeting of the Scranton Primary Sunday School Teachers' union will be held this afternoon at the First Preabyterian church at 4 o'clock. The last year, at the Dunmore Presbyterian lesson for Sunday, "A Multitude Converted' will be taught by Miss Della. P. Evans. The topic will be given by Miss Grace Peck. Teachers of primary and intermediate classes are cordially invited to attend.

> Mr. Chance has arranged the follow ing musical prelude to the evening services at he Second Presbyterian church: Organ voluntary, Salome; song prelude, hymn tune, Stebbins; organ response, Rink; anthem for full choir, Rubinstein; offertory, made quartette; organ postlude, DuBois,

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The ladies of Grace Lutheran church served refreshments on Thursday even-The auditorium of the Jackson Street

Baptist church will be lighted by electricity. Ladies' Aid society of the Elm Park church served supper Thursday evening.

Thursday evening at the First Congregational church.
Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor of the

Scranton Street Baptist church, was indisposed this week. Prayer services were conducted every night his week at the Tabernacle Con-

gregational church. An entertainment was conducted last evening by a Sunday school class at the Scranton Street Baptist church. Rev. W. S. Jones, pastor of the First Welsh Baptist church, will preach an English sermon at tomorrow evening

service, beginning at 6 o'clock In his address on "Unused Forces of the Church," at the Jackson Street Baptist church service Monday night, Dr. Joseph K. Dixon made many ad-

The semi-monthly supper of the Ladies' Ald society of Elm Park church was given Thursday evening. Mrs. William Connell was chairman of the committee.

The Free Methodists will have preaching in Beers' hall, corner Lafayette street and Main avenue Sunday at 3 p. m. All are welcome. John Cavnough, pastor.

Rev. Fester U. Gift will speak at the Rescue Mission this (Saturday) evening and on Sunday evening Secretary Pearsall, assisted by the Yoke-fellows band, will conduct the service.

Communion will be observed at to

morrow morning's service in the Tabernacle Congregational church. In the evening the pastor, Rev. D. P. Jones, will preach an English sermon Zion United Evangelical church of Green Ridge will hold its third anniver-

sary service tomorrow. Rev. J.W. Mes-

singer, of Carlisle, Pa., will deliver the anniversary sermon in the morning. He will also preach in the evening.
In the last issue of the American Messenger, a Welsh religious magazine. Rev. D. P. Jones, pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational church, contributes an article on "The Bible and Science." It has created a great deal of

favorable discussion. Rev. W. S. Jones has not yet announced when he will conclude his pastorate at the First Welsh Baptist church and says he will not make a statement tomorrow. He intends to give a month's warning.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the First Weish Baptist congregation Tuesday evening: Corresponding secretary, B. Flughes; financial secretary, Evan P. Davis; trustees for one year, Joseph D. Reynolds and H. P. Davis: organist, Mrs. D. B. Thomas, and chorister, W. W. Evans.

The Plymouth Congregational church held its annual meeting Monday evening. Reports of the different officers were received. A. B. Eynon was reelected superintendent of the Sunday school; John Richards, assistant. Gomer Reese was elected chorister of devotional meetings, George F. Eynon, Mr. Stover, W. A. Jones, Eleazer Evans were elected trustees for three

years. The Second Presbyterian church augmented choir, which sang the special music during and after the holidays, was entertained Thursday evening by J. M. Chance, the music director, at the Young Men's Christian association building. He was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. Mahy and Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Brew-Refreshments were served by Hanley

Prof. H. D. Buck's class of the Elm Park Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, will hold their annual election of officers, under their new constitution and by-laws on Sunday afternoon. A full attendance of the class is desired. as matters of vital interest are to b considered and arrangements for their first monthly reception, to be held the first Monday evening in February, are to be made.

At the Salvation Army barrs Wednesday evening special welcome sumed command of the corps here on Captain Hunter, of Wilkes-Barre. Thursday evening there were special services in charge of Captain Hunter, assited by Ensign Wiseman.

enurch, corner Gibson street and Monroe avenue, gave a book social Thursday evening in the church. The following programme was rendered: Selection, graphophone: recitation, two littie girls; piano solo, Mrs. Brillinger; recitation, Mr. Bush; solo, Rev. George Welsh; selection, graphaphone; duet, vocal; recitation, Mr. Brombright; piano solo, Mrs. Brombright.

On Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.35 p. m. the dedicatory services of Grace Lutheran church will take place, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. H. H. Weber, secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Lutheran church (General Synod), will be present. The services will consist of special music by the quartette, addresses, etc. It is less than a year ago since Grace congregation left the Young Men's Christian association, where they worshipped for some time and entered their own home.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

Saint Luke's Parish, Rev. Rogers Is-tnel, rector; Rev. Sitward J. Haughton, curate—Second Sunday after Epiphany. Saint Luke's church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. The offering at morning and evening prayer will be for foreign missions.

Saint Mark's, Dunmore-10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and

Saint George's, Olyphant-3 p. m., Sunday school; 4 b. m., evening prayer and sermon. Elm Park church-Preaching at 19,39 a m, and 7.30 p. m. by the paster, C. M. Giffin, D. D. Sunday school at 2 and Ep-

worth League at 6.30 p. in. Second Presbyterian church, Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastervices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Five minute sermon to children in the morning, also sermon on "The New Man in the New Year." In the evening, "The Heart's Cry After God." All seats froe at night. All welcome at all services.

Green Ridge Baptist church, Rev. W. Ford, pastor-Services at 10,30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "Our Father." The evening service will be under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society. Mrs. L. M. Gates will deliver an address.

First Baptist church, Scranton street, Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor-Theme for Sabbath morning, 'Without God in the World,' Eph., 2:12; theme for Sabbath evening, 'What Then Shall I Do, When God Riscth Up? And When He Visiteth What Shall I Answer Him?" Job. 31:11 Prayer meeting before the morning ser-vice, commencing at 19 a. m., Deacor Ashleman, leader. Sunday school at 2 p m. Young people's prayer meeting at p. m., Dr. Beldoe, leader, All are cor-dially invited.

All Souls' Universalist church, Rev. F. W. Whippen, pastor-Morning subject, "No Change After Death;" evening sub-"From the Crowning of David to the Habylonian Captivity."

Grace Reformed Episcopal church Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street -Divine worship at 10.20 a. m. and 7.30 p.

Rev., 16:17-21. Sabbath school at 12 m Young People's Society of Christian En-deavor at 6.30 p. m. Seats all free. Strangers cordially welcome. Thursday, 7.45 p. m., Union Bible class for the study of the lesson. All welcome.

Trinity Lutheran church, Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, pastor Second Sunday after Epiphany. Services at 10.30 and 7.30, Grace Lutheran church, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. Poster U. Gift, pastor—Services at 10.39 a, m, and at 7.39 p, m. Rev. H. H. Weber, secre-tary of the Board of Church Extension, will be present. The dedicatory services will continue at morning and evening

hours. Special music and addresses, Penn Avenue Baptist Church-Rev. Joseph K. Dixon, D. D., will preach at 10.3 and 7.30 o'clock. Morning theme, "Through the Mists," and in the evening, "Job's Three Daughters," A short inspiring ser-vice of song precedes the evening sermon

First Presbyterian church, Rev. James McLeod, D. D., pastor-Services at 19.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach both morning and evening. First Church of Christ (Scientist), No. 519 Adams avenue-Sunday service at 10.5 a. m. Testimonial meeting Friday even-ing at 8 o'clock. All welcome. Seats free

The Yokefellows' Band of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. will conduct the services at the Rescue Mission Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All are welcome. Jackson Street Baptist church-Rev. Thomas De Gruchy will preach at 10.30 a m., topic, "Our Greatest Need," At co'clock Bible school; at 3 o'clock preach ing at the Continental Mission; at o'clock praise and song service, for whi hymn card No. I will be provided. Mrs. William Humpstowe will sing the solo, "Why Not Tonight?" A short practical

sermon, topic, "Pleasures That Kill." Washburn Street Presbyterian Church. Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10.39 a. m. and 7.39 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Senior Christian Endeavor at p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor at 6.20 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morn-ing on 'He of Good Cheer;' in the evening Rev. Robert Bramutt will preach. The funeral of the late John H. Smith will be held in the church at 2.30 p. m.

Howard Place African Methodist Epis-copal Church-Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor, 19.30 a.m., subject of sermon, "The Power of the Gospell" 2.39, Sunday school; 7 p. m., Christian Endesyor; 8 p. m., subject, "The Fatal Night," Continuation of revival service every night dur-ing the week except Saturday night. In order to give all an opportunity to attend these services they will commence at 8

Green Ridge Presbyterlan Church-Rev J. B. Worrall, D. D. will preach at 10.39 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 o'clock and the Endeavor society at 6.30. Court Street Methodist Episcopa Church—George T. Price, pastor. Preach-ing at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The morn-ing subject, "The Builder and the Build-ing." The evening subject, "Christ's Spiritual Manifestation Makes Glad Epworth League prayer meet ing, 6.20 p m.

Green Ridge United Evangelical Church -G. L. Malco, pastor. Preaching by Rev. J. W. Messinger, of Carnele, Pa., at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 9.30 m.; K. L. C. E., at 6.20 p. m. The pub lie is cordially invited to this anniversary Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church-

J. B. Sweet, paster. Paster will preach at morning and evening services. Morning service at 10.30. Evening service, 7 o'clock Providence Methodist Episcopal Church

- Bey, William Edgar, pastor, Regular
services will be held. The pastor will
preach: morning subject, "Grieving the Holy Ghost;" evening subject, "Why Should I Be a Christian?" Sunday school Holy at 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6.45.

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AMUSEMENTS. The people of Pottsville were so well pleased with "The Sporting Craze" two weeks ago that the opera house manservices were held in honor of Ensign | return and it will be repeated there on and Mrs. Edward Wiseman, who as- Thursday evening. It was the same at the Columbia. The Pottsville Miners Saturday last. The praise and song Journal says: "Two weeks ago this service was held, and was led by Staff | company demonstrated their worth in the amusement field by as creditable a production of farce as Pottsville has ever had the pleasure of witnessing All will remember the interesting work The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Calvary Reformed cialty, also the work of Interest done by clever George Adams and Courtwright. The work of the female members was also firstclass." "The Sportinc Craze" will be seen at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon and even-

ing of this week. On Monday and Tuesday evenings and Tuesday afternoon the Vitascope company will be seen at the Academy of Music. An exchange says: "Among the best pictures shown last night were Shooting the Chutes at Coney Island and a bathing scene at the same place a busy corner in New York city; a barnyard scene, where the doves and chickens are being fed by a woman and a little girl; a charge of the mount ed police in Central Park and numer ous other scenes of a humorous charneter." Besides the vitascope a fine vaudeville performance is given.

4 4 0 Twenty handsome and beautiful girls form one of the many features with Rose Hill's English Folly company. which will appear at Davis' theater Jan. 18 for three days. The young wolesque, "Wicked Paris," introducing their various specialties, which includes the zig zag dances, the Cladoche high klokers, the living art pictures and the wonderful grass widows.

The management of the Frothingham do not hesitate in promising their patrons one of the best comedy performances ever offered in Scranton in the production this afternoon and evening of "The Guy Parisians," which has been more talked of than any of recent comedy successes and will be premented by Charles Frohman, who has the same excellent company con cerned in its interpretation that kept Hoyt's theater, New York, crowded every one of the 200 nights during which the comedy ran there. Manager Frohman is noted for the splendid companies he selects for new productions, The usual excellence of the cast of "The Cay Parisians," caused comment however, as of special merit in comparison with other Frohman organizations. It includes W. J. Ferguson, considered one of the greatest character actors on the American stage; charming Sadie Martinot, whose many successes in stellar roles are too numerous to enumerate and othes equally well known.

bush and a night with Mark Murphy of Murray and Murphy's comedians in 'O'Dowd's Neighbors," which comes to the Frothingham next Wednesday evening, is a bird in the hand and while you will gather no moss you will laugh until you forget your debts, the blues or the next visit of your mother-inlaw. For this season's tour the management has secured a most excellent company and every thing from grand opera to farce comedy will be rendered. An evening with Murray and Murphy's comedians in this most laughauble of

A rolling stone is worth two in the

124-126 Wyoming Ava.

This Is the Bargain Week of Our Annual Clearance Sale.

The values we have been offering since January 2, are proof to the fact that we have reached the extreme in bargain offerings and this coming week will cap the climax. The enormous reductions we have made do not only affect the departments given below, but our entire business, and moneysaving people will do well to investi-

SILKS AND DRESS GOODS.

32 pieces double fold plaid dress goods,

Clearance Sale Price, 5c 75 pieces fine wool dress goods, 45c, and Clearance Sale Price, 29c

75 pieces black and colored sliks, 65c. quality. Clearance Sale Price, 39e 0 pieces black and colored silks, 75c.

Clearance Sale Price, 49c

White Goods and House Furnishings 0 pieces yard-wide printed cambric, 19c, kind,

Clearance Sale Price, 5c pieces extra quality Canton flannel,

Clearance Sale Price, 44c 00 dozen pure linen towels, regular 121/2c, quality. Clearance Sale Price, 9e 500 pair white and colored blankets from

5 bales bed comforts from 89c. up Special sale of two dozen extra quality comforts, worth \$5,00. Clearance Sale Price,

\$2.98 and \$3.49

refer to as a night of hilarity and en-

joyment. Few of the thousands who have witnessed the American drama, "The Powr of the Press," which will be the Academy of Music on Wednesday and Thursday, January 20 and 21, have realized that the play is but a reproduction of actual events which happened in New York city a few years ago, and that its characters and scenes are the result of life studies by the authors, Manager Augustus Piton and George H. Jessop. The life like character of the scenes is thus easily explained, and the stage settings are equally true to life, as they have been made and built from photographic reproductions of the localities visited by Mr. Pitou in searches for the material used in the play. The services of Mr. George Jessop were made use of by Mr. Pitou only after the play was carefully outlined, and it is a singular fact that, after the two authors had completed their work, the name of the "Power of the Press" was written out by both, as the individual choice of each gentleman, without previous consultation or discussion,

CLARK'S GREEN.

The following officers were installed into their respective offices in Epworth League chapter, No. 11,281, on Sunday evening of last week. The Rev. F. H. Parsons and President A. A. Davis ofdelated: Mrs. Ella M. Chapman, president; Mrs. Lillian Mullenix, first vicepresident; Mrs. Nellie Wilson, second vice-president; Miss N. Maud Mutterix. men will be seen in the spectacular bur- third vice-president; E. J. Chapman. fourth vice-president; Miss Carrie Wells, secretary; Miss Edith Wilson, treasurer; Miss N. Maud Mullenix, organist; E. J. Chapman, chorister,

Samuel Smith is now convalescing from his recent severe Hiness. J. W. Mullenix was re-elected superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school: J. W. Rhodes, assistant superintendent; Miss Carrie Wells, secretary, and W. S. Frace, treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Davis and niece, aties Belle F. Stanton, of Bozeman, called on friends in Scranton on Laursday

and Friday of this week. Electric Star lodge, No. 490, Independ nt Order of Odd Fellows, will confer the initiatory and first and second des

grees on Saturday evening next. The first annual meeting of the Abington Mutual Fire association was held in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday atternoon last to listen to reports, which were highly gratifying to .a large assemblage of members, following were then elected as officers for the ensuing year: Freeman Leach, president; A. I. Ackerly, vice-president; N. S. Davis, trensurer; John L. Stone, secretary, and R. P. Parker, W. M. Swallow, M. H. Coons, J. W. Miller, E. G. Carpenter, Horace Seamam, George W. Elesecker and W. S.

Frace were elected as directors. Miss Libbie Deersam and Anna Van Nort, of Scranton, were guests of the ousins of the latter. Misses Lucia and Angie Brigham.

By consent of J. D. Knight, our place is now made complete by the erection of a dam, of a very fine skating place, Miss Mary Carlin returned from her some on Saturday, whither she had been summoned so suddenly to attend the funeral obsequies of her mother,

who died Monday of last week. Mrs. Lizzie Wells attended the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of her brother-in-law, Thos. Wells.