

SCRANTON SOCIAL NEWS AND GOSSIP

Brief Mention of What is Doing in the Pleasure Way.

OPENING OF THE SCRANTON CLUB

Will Take Place Some Evening in the Week Following the Annual Election on Saturday, Feb. 20--Members Will Invite Their Families and Friends--News of a Personal Kind.

Arrangements for the opening of the rooms of the Scranton club were forwarded at a meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon at the office of Colonel H. M. Boies. On Saturday evening, February 20, the annual meeting and election will be held in the club rooms. A lunch will follow. The formal opening, however, will not take place until one of the evenings of the week following when a reception will be held for members and their friends and families. A supper will be served. On that occasion the board of trade rooms on the eighth floor will be utilized. George O'Neill, the steward, is here and in charge of the work of arranging the rooms. The steward of the Scranton yacht club, of New York city. There is no doubt that everything will be in place on the opening night. The house committee is being complimented on all sides for its splendid work and good taste displayed in providing the decorations and furniture. The club membership numbers 125, or within twenty-five of the allotted limit.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Clara Griffiths at her home, 1109 Hampton street, Tuesday night. Mrs. Charles Schlager entertained a number of friends at her home on Clay avenue yesterday.

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Mrs. Everett Warren entertained a large number of friends at her home on Madison avenue Thursday afternoon with a progressive euchre party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Watkins will give a supper Monday evening at the Country club for Miss Downs, of Germantown.

Mrs. William Field, of Thompson street, entertained a party of friends on Wednesday. Those present were: Mrs. H. H. Galt, Mrs. W. H. Galt, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. William Myers, Mrs. Harry Highfield, Mrs. Frank Powell, Mrs. Albert Evans, Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Casper Bircher, Mrs. Henry Gault, Mrs. Dora Hall, Miss Ruth Meyers.

PERSONAL MENTION: William Connell was in New York on Wednesday. Mrs. E. A. Fish has returned from a visit in New York.

On the evening of Feb. 22, Enterprise lodge, No. 21, Loyal Knights of America, will celebrate its twenty-second anniversary with a smoker in the lodge rooms on the West Side.

Arrangements are being perfected for a concert in St. David's hall on the West Side on Feb. 13, for the benefit of the West Side hospital. The patroness of the event are: Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. Charles E. Burr, Mrs. E. G. Reddick, Mrs. L. M. Blair, Mrs. E. A. Crutten, Mrs. E. A. Clark, Mrs. J. A. Crutten, Mrs. D. J. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Dunlop, Mrs. M. Edwards, Mrs. W. H. Freeman, Mrs. W. H. Frink, Mrs. E. D. Fellows, Mrs. L. H. Gibbs, Mrs. George Howell, Mrs. George W. Jenkins, Mrs. Cora Morrill, Mrs. C. W. Phillips, Mrs. G. L. Peck, Mrs. William Payne, Mrs. J. J. Robinson, Mrs. T. E. Palmer, Mrs. J. J. Roberts, Mrs. G. Reynolds, Mrs. J. T. Richards, Mrs. C. M. Richards, Mrs. P. E. Struppel, Mrs. C. E. Shryver, Mrs. W. E. Thayer, Mrs. C. Taylor, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Bryan Wade, Mrs. C. H. Wallace, Mrs. B. R. Walker, Jr., Mrs. R. W. Walker, Mrs. T. J. Luce, Mrs. William Luce, and Mrs. R. W. Luce, Jr.

Rachel Callaway, Olive Heath, Annie Collins, Ida Heath, Minnie Edwards, Maude Dazger, Mrs. James, Nettie Edwards, Rena Heath, Gertrude Dazger, Frank Gallagher, Tommie Wilson and Elmer Collins, all little folks, tendered a surprise party to Miss Annie Collins, at her parents' home on Corbett avenue Monday evening.

Reeve Jones entertained his pupils at a 5 o'clock tea Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jones received, assisted by Mrs. T. J. Price, Miss Edith Jones, Mrs. Thoreson and Miss Elizabeth Thomas. Those present were: Mrs. E. H. Handmet, Miss Belle Duane, Miss Bone, Miss Goodman, Miss Garies, Miss Nellie Fulton, Miss Healey, Miss Lillie Morris and Miss Anna Jones.

The "Club of '95," Olyphant's popular social organization, gave a dinner and dance at their rooms on Lackawanna street Wednesday evening in honor of one of its members, Frank Farrell, and his bride, when they returned from Chicago, where they were married last week. J. M. Lally was toastmaster. Mr. James Jordan, Jr., responded to the toast, "The Groom." Frank Parry spoke of "The Club," G. J. Ferguson praised "The Ladies," Bart Lynch told of "The Cause of It All," D. Voyle spoke of the influence of "The Press," and M. P. O'Malley toasted "The Host." After the dinner was over, dancing was indulged in. Only the members of the club and lady friends attended. Those present were: Miss Maggie Ferguson, Katie Lally, of Archbald; Laura Neaton, B. Norton,

CHURCH DOINGS AND RELIGIOUS TALK

Chronicles of Particular Interest to Church-Going People.

HAYDN EVANS' NEW APPOINTMENT

Will Not Cause a Complete Severance With St. Patrick's Choir--Will Continue to Be Music Instructor, Church News in Short Paragraphs, Tomorrow's Services in the Various Churches of the City.

Though Professor Haydn Evans will, beginning tomorrow, take charge of the choir at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, yet he will not wholly sever his connection with the choir of St. Patrick's church, West Side. Father Whelan states that Professor Evans will be retained as instructor of the church music for the choir. This will not conflict with Professor Evans' engagements at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, which will be organized at St. Patrick's church, West Side, Professor Evans.

R. L. Foster, of Auburn Theological seminary, will preach tomorrow evening at the Washington Street Presbyterian church. Mr. Foster is a probable pastor of the joint Sumner Avenue and Taylor churches. Meetings of these churches will be held on Feb. 18 and 19 respectively to select a pastor. Mr. Foster will preach at the Taylor church in the morning and in the Sumner Avenue church in the evening before the Washington Street church's service.

Rev. J. G. Eckman, presiding elder of the Wyoming conference, preached Wednesday evening at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, where a nightly series of meetings are being held. Rev. F. P. Doty, of the Hampton Street church, preached last evening. Every other meeting was addressed by Rev. J. G. Eckman, pastor of the church. The revival meetings will be continued next week and so long as interest warrants, Mr. Sweet has made arrangements for outside assistance in his work. Good results have been successively obtained through the series of services.

Three Welsh speaking churches, the First Welsh Baptist, First Congregational and First Calvinistic Methodist, will hold English services tomorrow evening. Rev. W. S. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church, has but one Sunday left for another sermon in English before he leaves the church for the pastorate he has accepted at Carmarthen, Wales. Rev. D. Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, will preach in the evening on "A Decisive Choice Necessary." Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor of the Calvinistic Methodist church, will preach in the evening on "The Lord's Table, let him come out boldly." Ecclesiastes, xxxii, 26. All three services begin at 6 o'clock.

Haydn Evans will begin his duties as chorister and organist at the Penn Avenue Baptist church tomorrow when the following programme will be rendered: Organ Prelude, "Hark! Hark! Hark!," Frank Offertory, solo, "Nevin." Handel, "Close, organ, Pastoral." Evening: Prelude, organ and violin, Intermzzo, Violin, Miss Harriet Ward, Quartette, "Savior, When Night," Shelley Offertory, solo, "Brundage." Closing, organ, "Gullmist."

RELIGIOUS NOTES. The First Welsh Congregational church is rehearsing the cantata "David." Rev. J. B. Sweet and Rev. Thomas De Gruchy are suffering from severe colds. Baptist services will be held at the First Welsh Baptist church tomorrow morning. Rev. M. H. Jones, of Parsons, and Miss Jennie Bevan, of the West Side, will be wedded Feb. 17 at the First Welsh Baptist church.

Professor Lewis Davis, chorister of the Jackson Street Baptist church, last Wednesday evening organized a singing class from the members of his choir. The fact that the Salvation Army band is a disturber of the nightly praise services of less enthusiastic denominations, having been actively discussed by West Side ministers with the idea of softening the troublesome melody.

The Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church will celebrate "Christian Endeavor Day" tomorrow evening. A specially interesting programme has been prepared. All are invited to be present. Rev. James McLeod, of the First Presbyterian church, will tomorrow evening deliver the first of a series of popular Sunday evening sermons. His topic will be "The Prophet of the Future." Mr. Theley, the well-known soprano, will sing morning and evening.

The pastor, Rev. G. W. Welsh, will begin his class in catechetics on Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. The following officers were elected for the Sunday school: Superintendent, F. H. Smith; assistant superintendent, C. E. Weidow; treasurer, Emory Young; librarian, Bert Brink.

Rev. Mr. Irwin, of the Shiloh Baptist church, this city, will preach tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Scranton Street Baptist church. At the evening the pastor, Rev. E. F. Matthews, will preach an evangelical sermon. Revival services are being held at the church.

The Union English Mission has been started on Chestnut street. Suitable rooms have been fitted up to house the German Presbyterian church. Services will be held Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock and evening service at 7:30; also prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30. A Sunday school will be started in the near future. Everybody welcome.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES. St. Luke's parish--Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor, 10:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner Madison and Mulberry streets--Rev. J. A. L. Raker, pastor, 10:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. St. George's Episcopal church, corner Madison and Mulberry streets--Rev. J. A. L. Raker, pastor, 10:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

For all effects of over eating--BEECHAM'S PILLS

The Whist Club's Trumps and Tricks

T. E. Otis, of East Orange, N. J., was elected an honorary member of the club this week. It was thought possible that he would take part in the game at Binghamton last night on his way to Albany, where his team of four from the New Jersey Whist club, will play a match with the Albany Whist club tonight for the annual Wisconsin League "challenge trophy." The many Scranton friends of Mr. Otis will all "pull hard" for New Jersey.

The pair games on Friday evenings have been discontinued, but contests for "stamps of four" will hereafter be the Friday evening feature. This is the best form of duplicate whist, and affords valuable training to the whist players. It is expected that four or five teams will be formed for this contest.

Dale and Broadhead had a long lead in the Friday pair match and were declared the winners. Thursday evening, Feb. 4, will be ladies' night at the Scranton Whist Club. Compass whist for pairs will be the feature. A large attendance of women whistlers is hoped for. These games are proving very popular.

The Newark Evening News of Feb. 3, speaks kindly of the local club of Scranton, Pa., was organized about two years ago, and has now a membership of about seventy members. It has a commodious suite of rooms in a central part of the city, with accommodations to play from sixty to eighty players. There are many of the members who have a high grade of natural whist talent, and they are cultivating this art industriously and successfully. A good whist library is owned by the club, and the whist papers, including the Newark News, are on file in the rooms. Ladies' nights are held twice each month and are well attended. The members are desirous of playing a series of match games with the New Jersey Whist club, the first game to be held in Newark, and a return game in Scranton, and if each club wins a game, the place where the third game will be played to be decided by lot. Scranton has defeated Easton, Pa., Elmira and Binghamton, N. Y., and doubtless wants to add some New Jersey scalps to their belt, but New Jersey would not object to hanging a Scranton banner upon the walls of the club in Newark. New Jersey's whist is all right, but if the Scranton club should place a wide black border on that banner, it would not prove to be a desirable ornament.

MUSICAL GOSSIP. The Tribune takes pleasure in presenting today a portrait of one of the latest additions to its roster of musicians, Miss Elizabeth Thomas, who arrived in America a few weeks ago, and has since been admirably filling the position of solo soprano at the First Congregational church choir. Miss Elizabeth Thomas was born in Maesteg, South Wales, and began at an early age as a singer. Her first debut was at a concert at her home when she was but 10 years of age. She was heard at this concert by Miss Hughes, Augustin Daly will receive "The Tempest," Ada Rohan will act "Miranda" and George Clarke will be the "Prospero."

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THE BICYCLE CLUB SMOKER

Enjoyable Event in the Washington Avenue Club House.

The Bicycle club gave one of its enjoyable smokers last evening at the club house on Washington avenue. About 150 persons were present. The smoker was arranged for and played in the early part of the evening and playing was indulged in. Afterwards the following entertainment: Con Corbin, of Wilkes-Barre, with a monologue and songs; Mr. Jones, pianist; Hotel Jermyn quartette, and club members F. Whelan, Charles Crohamel, George Gardner, and others. At midnight a lunch was served.

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MOTHER'S BRUTAL CRIME.

Mrs. Martin Ellsworth Accused of Having Murdered Her Baby.

Confession Made Feb. 5--The evidence adduced before the coroner's jury in the case of the five months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ellsworth, of Geneva Forks, reveals a condition of affairs more brutal than was at first reported. The coroner's jury in the case of the child's mother, Emma Ellsworth, guilty of wilful and deliberate murder, while the father of the babe is held as an accessory. They will be placed on trial at the March term of court.

It was shown by the evidence in the story of Mrs. Ellsworth that she killed her baby because they were starving, it is utterly untrue. The Ellsworth home contained abundant supplies. Mrs. Ellsworth had expressed a desire to leave her husband, and her father, Warren Keyton, told her that if she would get rid of Flossie, the baby, he would permit her and the two elder children to come there and live with him. Last Monday Mrs. Ellsworth told her husband that she was first going to put Flossie out of the way, and then she would leave him. She turned the baby's clothing in the kitchen stove, and a ruse about the little one being kidnapped was spread abroad.

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DRAMATIC GOSSIP. Corinne will play "Excelsior, Jr." Clara Throp is setting in London. Frank Bangs is sailing in "Jim the Penman."

L. Sullivan will take up his theatrical tour next month. Rossini's opera, "Cenerentola," has been revived in Florence. Philip Sousa is writing a new opera, "The Erie Canal."

Boyd's "Contented Woman" will probably be given in London. Boucicault is the chief personage in a forthcoming Paris production. Burr McIntosh will be seen in "Alfred and Wheeler's" new play, "New York."

Rome attractions include "Round the World in Eighty Days" and "Miss Hyllet." Giovanni Salvini has recently been acting in other European countries than Italy. Max Nordau's play, "The Right to Love," has lately been acted in Russia with success.

Dr. Schiller is reported as having succeeded in curing Mlle. Svette Guilbert to star in "Duo" parts. Stuart Robson produced Dan Hart's new play, "The Judkins," at Louisville, last week.

Marie Dressler is still out of the east of the "Lady Slavey" company owing to ill health. The "Edwin Stranahan" has lately completed a new opera, to be known as "The Goddess of Reason."

M. R. Curtis has given up his position as chief comedian with the Lillian Russell company. Miss Martha Morton will dramatize the novel by John Strange Winter entitled "The Two Bellairs."

Calve has purchased an old castle with some thousands of surrounding acres, in the heart of the Cevennes, in the south of France. The castle is Belle Holme in "A Contented Woman" is a sister of Caroline Mitchell-Roy.

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Fanny Bulkeley, who was a d-bante in "Lost Strayed or Stolen," will leave that musical farce to appear in a regular drama.

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