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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Julius Trantgart is visiting in New York city. Mrs. L. K. Stewart, of Stroudsburg, is visiting Scranton friends. L. B. Mosher, of the firm of Mosher & Coleman, is in the metropolis. Miss Welles, of Vine street, is entertaining Miss Newhall, of Buffalo. Mrs. C. C. Donovan, of Prospect avenue, is in Great Bend, where her mother is ill. Dr. S. P. Longstreet and John Denton will leave for Old Point Comfort in a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ketrick gave a birthday party to their daughter, Marjorie, a bright little miss of five years, at their residence, No. 311 Linden street, Thursday afternoon. She was the recipient of a number of pretty and appropriate presents. There were present Misses Kittle, O'Boyle, Florence, Swartzkopf, Mamie Brown, Lena Zang, Pearl Peterhoff, Perchie Moditt, Stella Rinsland, Pearl Hardy, Eleanor Dempsey and Eliza Welch. The following Scrantonians attended the reception which followed the marriage of Miss Florence Singermaster Edinger, daughter of Associate Justice Edinger, of Stroudsburg, to Rev. Henry S. Hibbard, pastor of the Newburg Reformed church, at Stroudsburg, Wednesday. Aaron B. and Mrs. Stillwell, Charles Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. John Troch, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Warman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wesley, John Edinger, Adam Edinger, Miss Mary Brock, Miss Jennie Kintz, A. C. Bragler, Mr. and Mrs. George Horn, and Charles Horn.

CARPET STORE CLOSED.

S. G. Kerr, Son & Co. Temporarily Embarrassed by Hard Times. Owing to temporary financial embarrassment the carpet store of S. G. Kerr, Son & Co. is closed. Judgments amounting to \$13,470.65 were yesterday filed against the firm. Sheriff Clemons is in possession of the store, but it is expected that the trouble will soon pass over and the store opened. It is quite certain there will be no sheriff's sale. Mr. Kerr, the senior member, says that the embarrassment is due to the hard times and the sharp competition in his line of trade.

\$15000.00 for \$7500.00 Distributed among shoe buyers. Read the Banister Shoe Co.'s ad. on page 5.

How They Go.

Those special values in ladies shoes. If the store was larger these shoes would cost you \$3.00 or \$3.50. That's what they're worth. But we must have room for the incoming goods. So away they go at

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GERMAN METHODISTS WILL GATHER HERE

Conference Begins March 21 in the Adams Avenue Church.

BISHOP WALDEN WILL PRESIDE

He Will Preach Sunday Night, the 28th, in Elm Park Church—Conference Extends Over All Territory East of the Alleghenies—About Seventy Ministers and Many Laymen Will Be in Attendance at the Conference.

There will gather in this city the latter part of this month, ministers from a large number of the German Methodist Episcopal churches east of the Allegheny mountains. They are members of the East German Methodist conference, which covers all the New England states and the Middle states north of the Mason and Dixon line.

The conference will be held in the German Methodist church, corner of Adams avenue and Vine street, and of which Rev. Philip Haendiges is pastor. It will be in session from Wednesday evening, March 24, until the following Monday.

Rev. Bishop John M. Walden, Ph. D., D. D., of Cincinnati, will preside. On Sunday evening he will deliver his address on "Africa," a discourse that has become known almost throughout

this country's Methodism. In Elm Park church, Bishop Walden will be the guest of William Connell's family while in the city. Another prominent divine who probably will be present is Rev. Dr. N. B. Leonard, of the Methodist Missionary headquarters in New York city.

About seventy German ministers and a large number of the laity will be present. All the proceedings will be conducted in the German language. The conference will be preceded on Wednesday evening by an Epworth league celebration which will include addresses by Revs. D. Pape and E. W. Feglow. The session will be followed by a reception in the lecture room in the basement.

On Thursday morning the conference proper will open with a service of worship and celebration of holy communion. That evening the conference sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. Vollberg. There will be a mission sermon Friday evening by Rev. G. H. Geiger. On Saturday evening Rev. John G. Lutz, the oldest former pastor of the church, will lead a love feast.

There will be several services Sunday. In the morning Bishop Walden will preach and conduct the ordination service. In the afternoon the Sunday school festival will contain addresses by Revs. G. Bibbeck and O. Mann. At 4:45 o'clock there will be an Epworth league gathering, and at the evening service Rev. H. Grentzenberg will preach. He is the publisher of the German church periodical, Guide to Holiness.

QUEEN OF WINTER RESORTS. Picturesque Lakewood, the Healthful Resting Place in the Pine Belt of New Jersey.

Lakewood, New Jersey, in the vast pine belt of Ocean county, is the acknowledged queen of all northern winter resorts. Located in a picturesque region where elegant roads lead in various directions, the most delightful drives are at the disposal of sojourners. Lake Carasallo is a romantic sheet of pure spring water that shimmering at the very southern border of the village. This winter it has afforded excellent skating and has added greatly to the popularity of the resort. The temperature of Lakewood averages 15 degrees higher than is registered on the coast, and the delicious air is dry, invigorating and balsam, inasmuch as it is strongly permeated with balsam from the vast area of pines, in the midst of which it is located. There are hotels of the very highest class at Lakewood and others well conducted whose rates make it possible for the person of modest income to share the pleasures of a visit and get all the enjoyment and benefit that the wealthy obtain. There are also cottages that take boarders.

Lakewood is on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, whose trains from all points make direct connections. The passenger department issue a list of hotels and boarding houses at Lakewood.

TONIGHT'S BOXING MATCH. Dan McDermott and Pat Murphy Will Spar Ten Rounds.

The boxing match between Dan McDermott, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Pat Murphy, of this city, which is to take place at Music hall tonight is awaited with a good deal of impatience by the lovers of the manly art. It will be a 10-round bout, and promises to be a good one. Murphy has long been looked upon as one of the cleverest amateurs hereabouts, and McDermott is a man with a number of victories to his credit. The men will weigh in this afternoon at 148 pounds. Murphy has been training in this city under Jack Stealy, the Brooklyn lights, and McDermott has been training at College Point, L. I. He will arrive in the

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There has been no contemplated production in the Academy of Music that has attracted the attention of theater-goers to so great an attempt as the forthcoming engagement on Tuesday next of DeKoven and Smith's delightful opera, "Roy Roy." Not only is it made important from the fact that DeKoven and Smith have given the American public the best comic opera now before them, but the fact that the theme is well chosen and will interest a great number of Scots and their descendants. The music is sparkling, original and buoyant, and the libretto is considered to be Mr. Smith's best efforts. It is up-to-date humor, of which there is an exceedingly liberal supply, and is aptly adapted to the Scotch character. The Whitney organization which present the opera is one of the best known of our latter year music-producing companies.

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As Mrs. Mead is a woman well advanced in years the mental strain and anxiety is having a severe effect on her. Any information as to his whereabouts will be gratefully received by his wife and family, 1537 Gardner avenue.

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