

Holiday Announcement.

Christmas Slippers

All the newest shapes and best grades and colors for Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fancy Holiday Slippers.

Prices to meet all. Look us over before you buy. Our store is packed full of goods.

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.

Store Open Evenings.

CITY NOTES.

Pay your gas bills today and save the discount. The ladies of Grace Lutheran church will give a supper on Thursday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Persons receiving aid from the Scranton poor district will this week be paid their January allowances.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was produced before good sized audiences at the Lyceum Saturday afternoon and evening.

As intimated by The Tribune, City Engineer Phillips has announced that the repairs of the Pine Brook sewer will cost about \$50.

A horse belonging to Paul Pausani, of Washington avenue, was restored to the owner by the police yesterday. The horse ran away Saturday night.

The annual ball of the Ladies' Hebrew association will be given tomorrow evening in Music hall. The music will be played by Guth's orchestra.

The Delaware and Hudson company paid its employees at the Nos. 4 and 5 mines at Plymouth Saturday, and thus completed the November payments.

The reception of the Union College alumni in honor of the president of the church, Rev. Dr. A. V. Raymond, will be given at the Hotel Jersey on Saturday.

The directors of the Hahnemann hospital have discontinued their weekly meetings and, beginning with January 1, will meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

Russell Goral, arrested Friday for theft of goods from Cassese, the Roma hotel proprietor, was given a hearing before Alderman Millar Saturday afternoon and held in jail.

Edward Cassidy was committed to the county jail yesterday for ten days by Alderman Storr, of South Scranton. Cassidy was inebriated on Cedar avenue Saturday night.

Last week's exchanges through the Scranton Clearing House association were as follows: Monday, \$12,988.20; Tuesday, \$12,750.00; Wednesday, \$12,225.00; Thursday, \$10,485.51; Friday, \$12,277.89; Saturday, \$13,952.89; total, \$88,862.41.

A pocketbook containing several checks and a railway ticket, was found Saturday evening on Lancaster avenue, near Wyoming. The owner can receive same by asking for G. W. Fiske at the post-office at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The pupils of St. Cecilia's academy will give a Christmas entertainment at St. Thomas' College hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. The programme gives promise of an enjoyable evening, and the patrons and friends of the institution will be amply repaid for the expenditure of the small admission fee of 25 cents.

Michael Kennedy, an employee of the M. Pleasant shaft, lost his pay envelope Saturday evening between the shaft and Lackawanna avenue. The envelope contained \$23. Upon discovering his loss he immediately retraced his steps, only to find his envelope in the shaft.

The funeral of the late R. Emmet Collins will take place this morning at 9.30 o'clock from the family residence, 249 North Main avenue. Interment to be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Clarence Becker, of Garney, Brown & Co., has been secured as stenographer and bookkeeper with the new Brock Silk mills, through P. A. Brandt & Co.'s office, and not through the Scranton Business college, as stated in Saturday's Tribune.

In buying diamonds buy them from a jeweler of experience. I have 31 years of experience in handling diamonds and guarantee them all to be as represented. C. Luther, 167 Wyoming avenue.

Books at a discount, Reynolds Bros. Lewis, Reilly & Davies' Busy Shoe Store, will be open evenings during December.

DIED.

DARTON.—In West Scranton, Dec. 11, 1897, Mrs. Mary Boston, 75 years of age, at her residence, 514 North Main avenue. Funeral services this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Jackson Street Baptist church. Interment at the Washburn street cemetery.

JAMES.—In West Scranton, Dec. 18, 1897, John James, about 30 years of age, at his residence, 126 Luzerne street. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at the residence at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Washburn street cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—In West Scranton, Dec. 18, 1897, David J. Williams, 47 years of age, at his residence, 528 North Hyde avenue. Funeral announcement later.

ALL Fresh and Good.

- Mixed Nuts, lb., 9c
Mixed Candies, lb., 9c
Citrons, lb., 10c
Raisins, lb., 8c

SCRANTON CASH STORE

SERMON OF THE REV. W. J. WATKINS

It Was Delivered Particularly for the Benefit of Young Men.

THE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

It Was the Topic Upon Which Mr. Watkins Built His Sermon—Indifference is One of the Most Marked Reasons for the Downward Career of Young Men—No Excuse for Being Ignorant of the Means of Being Noble.

A sermon of the popular type and especially for young men was preached by Rev. W. J. Watkins last evening in the North Main Avenue Baptist church. There was a generous sprinkling of young men in the audience, and they heard a discourse which had evidently been constructed to hold their attention as well as to benefit them.

"The Sure word of Prophecy," was Mr. Watkins' sermon topic. He aimed to convince young men that their future, which might be neither wholly bad nor wholly good, depended largely upon their willingness to study the Bible and profit and spiritually.

The age of boyhood and youth was the mould of manhood, he said. Like the inclination of a tree, according to its bending when a twig, so would a man's character be according to his habits as a boy. The period of boyhood and youth was a period for laying the foundation of intellectual strength. If this period be not improved it were better that one had bitten been born old, or not born at all.

The food that one eats has much to do with one's health, physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually. This same applies to the kind of books a young man reads. When a boy attains the age of youth his future may be outlined in a general way by the kind of reading matter he absorbs. If he feeds spiritually he will grow spiritually.

WAY CHARACTER IS BUILT.

Strength of mind and of character is built upon the word of God. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who possessed one of the brightest of the ages, an Italian, but not a man who accepted the word of God in its entirety, and an authority on account of his literary acumen, said, in reply to three questions from a young man:

First, What are the three best and greatest books? The Bible, Shakespeare and a good dictionary. Second, How can I obtain real success? By real work and the perseverance to accomplish a definite object. Three, Shall a young man smoke? Certainly not. It is liable to injure your eyesight; it renders the nervous system; it enfeebls the power of resisting, and it enslaves the nature to a serious habit. This was from a man who we do not term wholly a Christian.

Professor Huxley, the agnostic, said he had favored education just on the edge of his death, and there gave his testimony that the Bible, without which everything is nothing, was God's revelation to all who would search it for Him. If it cannot be understood it will do no harm; that if it which can be understood does a great deal of good. If you would have the milk of God's word you must get it from His word; if you would have it pure, sincere and unadulterated.

Nobility, true strength and character comes with a study of the work. Readiness of mind is necessary, or rather a purpose to willfully disbelieve should be put aside.

WHAT INVESTIGATION SHOWS.

Investigation among 700 young men under 20 years of age in a southern reformatory showed that practically all of them when younger has been indifferent to their surroundings and habits and nearly as many had been without religious instruction. It would not be difficult to appreciate this fact as a weighty argument in favor of a youth fortifying himself both as to his character and his spirituality.

Indifference is one of the most marked reasons for the downward career of young men. It does not take that great power of penetration to see that those who permit themselves to be carried hither and thither by the current should eventually find themselves among the refuse, the corrupt, the morally dirty. With churches plenty and religious direction on every hand there is no excuse for being ignorant of the means of being noble.

Lying is developed by non-attendance at church; if persons didn't think they ought to go they would not make so many excuses for not going. A boy who not only refuses to go to church but declines to stay at home as well, can be banked upon for having a disposition to acquire the tobacco habit and then the liquor habit, only a step removed, each found in the vestibule of error and mis-spent lives. Jerry McAuley fell five times after his conversion, but finally gave up the use of tobacco and afterward remained steadfast in the faith. The narcotic is not in itself sinful, but it is frequently an aid in that direction. Edison says he always thought he had a use for his brain other than to have it befogged by alcohol. Either habit can be overcome through the Lord Jesus Christ and in His strength.

MR. WATKINS' EXPERIENCE.

Superintendent Hadley, of the McAuley institution, at Water street, New York city, relates an incident in connection with the power of God on a forger. The latter stopped in the mission while enroute to a rendezvous in Brooklyn, where he was to meet an accomplice. He had in his pockets several hundred spurious railway tickets and the plate from which they were made. The mission services awakened his conscience and he left the meeting. He came again during the evening, but left in the midst of the service, boarded a ferry boat and when in the mid-stream threw tickets and plate in the water and returned to the mission, where his conversion was eventually completed.

SABBATH NEWS NOTES.

The afternoon gospel meeting of the

Young Women's Christian association was conducted by Mrs. Frank Watts, Rev. J. P. Sweet, pastor of the Hampton Street Methodist church, occupied his pulpit at 8 o'clock last evening. The topic of his edifying sermon was "The Glory of the Son of God." "The theme of the sermon preached by Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., at the evening service of the Sons of Atonement Presbyterian church. There was a large attendance and good congregational singing. John J. Jones also sang a solo.

HE WANTED REVENGE.

Because He Was Put Off a Car He Tried to Kill Occupants.

An unknown Italian, giving his residence as Wilkes-Barre, will be given a hearing this morning in police court on a charge of attempted wholesale shooting of the occupants of street car No. 122, Pittston bound, and in charge of Conductor L. B. Lyon and Motorman Jordan, last night about 10.30 o'clock.

The unknown boarded the car somewhere along Pittston avenue, and when the conductor asked for his fare he tendered a revolver. It was refused on account of its being an hour and more overdue. He said it would have to do then, anyhow. He was put off. He remained standing for a few moments, deep in thought, and then started on a full run after the car, brandishing a revolver in true western style and made attempts to discharge the weapon. The occupants, men and women, indiscriminately and hurriedly sought the floor and crouched behind others in their attempt to miss being shot.

The car, however, outdistanced the would-be avenger and a few blocks further ahead stopped to allow a passenger to alight. This was none other than Chief Holding. Calling to Patrolman Fishery they ran back and arrested the fellow. He was then taken to the Alder street station house and searched. The revolver was found to be a five chambered weapon. One chamber was empty, two contained blank cartridges, and the remaining two loaded ones. He said he wanted to go to Wilkes-Barre, but refused to give his name.

NEW BREWERY FIRM.

Distiller Plant at Hawley Bought Out by a Company.

The distiller brewery at Hawley will today pass into the control of a company composed of C. Gorman (Councilman Morgan J. Sweeney, of this city; Thomas McDonald, of Dunmore; and M. J. Lynn, of Hawley. The particulars of the transfer have not been made public, but it is understood that it is an out and out sale and that the consideration is in the neighborhood of \$20,000. An offer of \$18,000 for the property was refused by Mr. Distler, some years ago.

The brewery is not controlled by the combine. It has been established for about twelve years and has a large patronage. The members of the new firm are all wide awake young business men. Mr. Sweeney is too well known in this city to need identification. Mr. McDonald and M. J. Lynn are also young men and have been in business in Hawley for a number of years.

CANDY GIVEN AWAY.

Samter Bros. Have a Treat in Store for Their Patrons. Samter Brothers have prepared a Christmas treat for their customers. Beginning today they will give to every purchaser of fifty cents worth of goods or over a pound box of Christmas cream mixture. Only one box will be presented to each purchaser. The candy is of a superior quality and is neatly packed in boxes. It is one of the cherished customs of the Samters to give their customers the best goods for the money the market affords during the season of Christmas at the close of a successful year, they feel they can be not only just but generous to their patrons.

GEORGE B. KIRBY DEAD.

Expired Suddenly of Heart Trouble at His Home Last Evening. George B. Kirby, the well-known Erie-tract agent, died suddenly last night at his home, 514 Lee court. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Eglinton, who was in the house at the time, says that he came home about 9 o'clock, and stretched out on a sofa to take a nap. He was in this position only a short time when he gave a sudden start, rolled to the floor and inside of five minutes was dead. Heart disease was the cause.

The deceased was 52 years of age. He came to this city from Towanda fifteen years ago and during his residence here made hosts of friends. He was a Knight Templar, being connected with the commandery at Towanda, a member of the Scranton Lodge of Elks and the Electric City Conclave of Biontas.

Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.

announces that beginning Dec. 15 tickets will be sold to Cincinnati, Chicago, and the West and South via Philadelphia, the famous Royal Blue Line and Washington at low rates, with privilege of ten days' stop-over in Washington. This opportunity to visit the National Capital without extra outlay of railroad fare will doubtless be appreciated by the traveling public, which, it should be remembered, that by the southern route the extreme cold and disagreeable weather of the north is avoided.

Finest stock of Gold and Silver Watches in the city at C. Luther's.

Nobody's troubled on wash day if FELS-NAPTHA soap is used—not even yourself. Use with lukewarm water in winter.

FELS & CO., Philadelphia.

CRACKSMEN ARE EXTREMELY ACTIVE

They Entered a Number of Places on Friday Night.

TWO POSTOFFICES ARE INVADED

One Was Located at Avoca and the Other at Dapont--In the Avoca Postoffice the Safe Was Blown Open and Considerable Booty Secured--Work Done by the Marauders in the Central City, Bellevue and Elmhurst.

The city and its suburbs are very nearly in the power of several gangs of burglars, snooks and all that class of crooks who eke out an existence through the deftness of their fingers, and their night-time derring. Within the last four days and nights there has been a series of robbery of a kind which stamps the guilt on persons who earn their living solely by thievery.

Expert cracksmen looted the post-offices at Avoca and Dapont Friday night and took part in an exchange of revolver shots after being interrupted in their work in the former town. On the same night entrance was forced into the Beck tailoring establishment and secured a supply of tools. Early Friday morning the occupants of the home of Fred W. Barnhart, at 124 Mulberry street, near Webster avenue, were awakened by the noise of someone trying to enter the house from the rear. The crook or crooks were frightened away.

An account of the attempted North End burglaries was published in Thursday's Tribune. The operations of the several gangs have been confined to no particular part of the city. In Bellevue on Friday night pikeon thieves made a raid on the loft of Thomas Delaney, Frank Gerry, Walter Lynn and Frank Dodd. They also attempted to enter M. W. Ruddy's barn but were frightened away.

AVOCA BURGLARY.

While three burglars were at work in the Avoca postoffice Friday night P. T. McGowan who lives opposite the office discovered them but the alarm was given by a fourth member of the gang who was acting as a "lookout." McGowan opened fire with a revolver and a fusillade of shots were exchanged.

Many citizens soon appeared but the gang had disappeared in the direction of Moosic. The safe door had been drilled and blown to pieces after being wrapped with carpet to deaden the explosion. Several hundred dollars in stamps, registered mail matter and cash were taken.

WORK AT ELMHURST.

The visit of burglars to Elmhurst was directed against the stores of E. J. Hildebrand and L. W. Partridge. They were frightened away by Richard Kearney. Earlier in the night they had forced their way into W. B. Edwards' undertaking establishment and secured a supply of tools.

BUY THAT PIANO

Here today, chance of a lifetime. A slightly used Upright Piano, magnificent mahogany case, used so little it looks like new. Cost short time ago, \$400. To sell at once the price is

\$118.

Another New J. & C. Fischer Bargain Upright, French walnut case, large size, lists at \$1,000. The retail price the world over is \$475. Complete with scarf and stool.

\$368.

Rexford Company

303 Lacka. Ave.

Piano Department.

Useful Christmas Gifts.

JUST ONE BARGAIN CUSTOMERS We Have Others. Ladies' new \$10.00 Cheviot, Boucle or Beaver Coats, Storm Collars, perfect fitting, at \$5.95

This is the greatest bargain of the season.

At Reduced Prices Ladies' Capes, Ladies' Coats, Children's Coats, Ladies' Suits and Silk Waists.

Black and Colored Silks, Black Dress Goods, Fine Dress Suitings, Fine Table Linen Sets, Napkins and Table Covers.

MEARS & HAGEN 415 and 417 Lackawanna Avenue Scranton, Pa.

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The Dupont postoffice was cleaned of stamps, registered mail and other valuable plunder the same night, presumably by the same gang. A postoffice inspector is now in that vicinity and working on the two jobs.

Entrance to Beck's tailoring establishment was gained by forcing open a rear window. Nearly a hundred dollars worth were taken. An overcoat stolen from the place was found by the police in a Lackawanna avenue pawnshop. Mr. Beck has posted this notice in his store: "All persons having goods in this store had better call for them, if they consider them valuable."

BUY DIAMONDS FROM THE OLD RELIABLE HOUSE.

C. Luther.

STEAM HEATING AND PLUMBING.

P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE IN WATCHES, DIAMONDS AND FINE JEWELRY AT LOWEST PRICES.

C. Luther, 167 Wyoming ave.

DYSPEPSIA.

Heartburn, Gas, Stomach Distress, indigestion, all ailments arising from indigestion, are cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It is a powerful, yet gentle, and permanent cure of the most chronic and severe cases. It is guaranteed. Do not suffer! A 30-cent bottle will cure the most sleepless. Williams' Pink Pills, Druggists, 320 Lackawanna avenue.

THE KLINE SHOE CO

In making presents nothing could be more thoughtful in the giver or bring more solid comfort to the receiver, whether man, woman or child, than good shoes. We make these suggestions to our patrons in full confidence that they will derive and bestow more pleasure in making presents of shoes and slippers than in giving other and less useful things.

Did you ever notice the look of pleasure on a boy's face when he receives his first pair of boots. We will make it easy for you to gratify your little ones' wishes.

- We offer for this week: 500 pair Children's Rubber Boots, at97c 600 pair Misses' Rubber Boots, at\$1.18 250 pair Ladies' Rubber Boots, at\$1.21

THE KLINE SHOE CO

326 Lackawanna Avenue.

"Famous Old Stand."

A Few Days

More before Xmas day. Don't neglect the opportunity to get some of the good things in store for you at CHINA HALL.

Never has Scranton had so beautiful a collection of Fine China, Silverware, Cut Glass, Lamps, etc. at such temptingly low prices.

China Hall

MILLAR & PECK, 134 Wyoming Ave.

Walk in and look around.

THE GREAT 4C STORE

310 Lackawanna Ave. J. H. LADWIG.

BROWN'S BEE HIVE

Coats, Furs, Millinery.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS DURING DECEMBER.

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224 LACK. AVENUE.

XMAS TREE TRIMMINGS

Our assortment is yet quite complete but a little too heavy on candy ornaments. Monday we cut them deep; regular 4 and 5c, size, reduced to

2 for 5c

Our regular 10c. Tinsel Ornaments reduced today to

5c

XMAS TREE CANDLES, any size, 48 in box, 36 in box and 24 in box; best wax make. Reduced to

10c a Box

SPRING CANDLE HOLDERS reduced today to

10c a Dozen

Full assortment of Tinsel in all colors, by the yard. 1,000 DOZEN MOTTO HAND-KEICHIERS, motto worked in colors, worth 5c.; reduced today to

3 for 10c

500 dozen SILK FLOWER EMBROIDERED HAN D K E R C H I E P S, scalloped edge, worth 10c.; reduced today to

3 for 10c

INITIAL GENTS' JAPANESE HANDKERCHIEFS, worth 25c. reduced to

14c

Exceptional Values in Ladies' White and Colored Border Handkerchiefs.

PERFUMERY, Cotton's Triple Extract, by the ounce, sold everywhere at 50c. ounce; our price

24c Ounce

Large bottles, good Perfumes at 10c Bottle

JEWELRY, Stone set rings warranted to wear well for 3 years.

10c

BAND RINGS, STONE SET GILT HAT PINS

10c

Pin sets, Brooch Pins, Childs' Rings, Pocket Books at

25c

Ladies' Combination Pocket Books sterling silver corners, worth 50c.; our price

25c

SHEET MUSIC, catalogue free. Over 3,500 copies to select from only

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MUSIC FOLIOS, large regular 20c. Books, reduced to

39c

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19c

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ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE.

Our M. & H. Gloves at \$1.00, are unsurpassed in fit and quality. Jouvin Kid Gloves, \$1.50. The most flexible, best fitting glove made. Gloves for evening wear.

Handkerchiefs

Splendid assortment of Hem-stitched, Fine Embroidered and Real Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs, Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Ladies' and Gents' Lined Gloves, Irish Point Pillow Shams and Scarfs, Gents' Fine Neckwear, Purses, Boston Bags.