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CITY NOTES. A regular meeting of the Central Women's Christian Temperance union will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The officers-elect of Peter Williamson Lodge, No. 223, P. and A. M., will be installed at Masonic hall tonight.

MR. KELLER NAMED FOR PRESIDENT.

Board of Trade Nominates Officers and Transacts Much Other Business. REPORTS OF NATIONAL DELEGATES. Scranton Members Were Honored With Appointments on Several Important Committees of the National Board of Trade.

At its final 1897 meeting last night the board of trade had a very well attended and busy session. Officers were nominated, important reports were read by committee and the delegates to the national board of trade presented a very interesting report.

MANUFACTURERS' COMMITTEE. The following report from the manufacturers' committee was read and adopted: To the President and Members of the Scranton Board of Trade.

There were thirty-nine deaths from all causes and twelve new cases of diphtheria in the city last week, according to reports made to the board of health.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21, at 2:30 o'clock the Women's Christian Temperance union, of Green Ridge, will hold an evangelistic meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Miller, corner of Penn avenue and Delaware street, it being crusade day of prayer.

The annual Christmas number of the Free Press was issued Sunday. It consisted of twenty-four pages enclosed in a handsome lithographed cover the entire piece of which was a well-illustrated picture of the late F. A. Beahm, founder of the Free Press.

Books at a discount, Reynolds Bros. ALL Fresh and Good. Mixed Nuts, lb., 9c. Mixed Candies, lb., 9c. Citrons, lb., 10c. Raisins, lb., 6c.

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NEW SCHEME IN MONEY ORDERS

Uncle Sam Makes A Concession to Financial Patrons. GOOD FOR DEPOSIT IN BANKS. Holders of Postal Orders Need Not in Future go to the Trouble of Presenting Them for Payment at the Post Office—They May Be Deposited on Account at Any Clearing House Bank.

Postoffice, Scranton, Pa., Dec. 20, 1897. Gentlemen: Your attention is invited to the fact that what is known as the "Clearing House System" of payment of postal money orders has been put into operation at this postoffice, an arrangement having been made with the banks forming the Clearing House association.

Under the present arrangement money orders drawn upon this postoffice are received on deposit for collection by the several banks the same as ordinary drafts or checks, and at once credited to the account of the depositor, who is spared the necessity of presenting them at the postoffice.

Money orders deposited in bank for this purpose need not be indorsed to the bank, but simply received on the face of the postoffice by the owner at the postoffice.

TRIED ELSEWHERE. The following extracts from reports received at the postoffice department show how this system, which like the letter carrier service, promotes public convenience, while it tends to relieve pressure at the postoffice, is appreciated where it has been tried; and it is suggested that you may find it to your advantage to

Ever since the Chicago Combination Clothing Co. of 211 Washington ave., had the selling of this stock of clothing which the court has ordered the executors of the estate of the deceased wholesale clothing to be closed out at retail prices have wondered and marvelled at the bargains they have seen offering. A single suit in double but the thousands who have been buying and telling their friends are now fully satisfied that it is so and they now realize it.

There are thousands of other bargains to mention to mention, so call and see for yourself. We call your special attention that this stock is all tailor made and we have a special line of extra new suits for large men. Suits have only ten days to wind up this state. Chicago Combination Clothing Company, 211 Washington Avenue, next to Connolly & Wallace's old stand, directly opposite the court house, Scranton, Pa.

On Thursday there will be a unique sporting event at the ball park which will be a crow shoot and for the occasion 500 crows have been imported from the state of Kentucky. The shoot will last all day and promise to furnish some rare sport and no little excitement.

Take Horsford's Acid Phosphate. It removes the cause by stimulating the action of the stomach, promoting digestion and quieting the nerves.

ARCHITECT WILLIAMS BRINGS SUIT

Says a Big Balance is Due Him for Designing Mears Building. Architect L. L. Williams instituted a suit through Attorney E. C. Newcomb yesterday to recover on a disputed bill for designing and inspection of the work on the Mears building.

In his declaration Mr. Williams relates that Mr. Mears first engaged him to design a \$70,000 building. He did this and just about the time the plans were completed Mr. Mears abandoned his design and concluded to erect a larger and costlier building, the Mears building as it now stands, with the exception of a \$4,000 roof house.

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WILL FIGHT TWENTY ROUNDS CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON IN MUSIC HALL.

Ellenwood McCluskey, of Philadelphia, will meet Billy Jerome, of Scranton, in a 20-round contest Christmas afternoon in Music Hall, under the auspices of the Excelsior Athletic club. Both men have been in this city before and their record is well known.

McCluskey has fought more battles than any man of his weight in the business and has met the best of them, such men as Dickson, Jack Skelly, Kentucky Rosebud, McMahon, and he met McManus out in one round in this city last October.

Relative to the matter of cheaper water rates to manufacturers, we are getting further data on the subject and hope by our next meeting to be able to present a complete report.

As to the armor plate, from information received we believe that the possibility of the government erecting such a works is very remote. We have, however, referred the matter to certain parties in this city, with a request that they submit proposals to the navy department for the erection and completion of the plant in this vicinity.

Col. F. L. Hitchcock, in reference to the matter of an armor plate plant, said that while in Washington he met a representative of the Carnegie company and was told by him that there was little hope of the government doing anything in the matter.

The report of the delegates to the national board of trade meeting in Washington, President W. A. May and Col. F. L. Hitchcock, was read by Mr. Hitchcock. It was an interesting and valuable document. The meeting, the report went on to say, far exceeded all preceding ones in the matter of attendance and interest, one hundred delegates representing forty commercial organizations being present and fifty-eight subjects being offered for consideration.

Mr. Kemmerer took occasion during the discussion which followed to take issue with Mr. Dunning on this statement. He began the work of repairing the "cents" made by telephone company and other corporations before the board of trade stirred him up, said Mr. Kemmerer, but it was even some weeks after our committee was called upon him that he started to repair worn out pavements.

Mr. Watkins brought up the subject of having central city courts, which he introduced earlier in the year and it engendered a lively and lively discussion. Colonel Hitchcock said that the allies in the business portion of Scranton were a standing menace to the health of the community and a lasting discredit to the government of the city.

At the suggestion of Mr. Kemmerer the committee on legislation was directed to move for the adoption of an amendment to the building ordinance, which would regulate the erection of party-walls. At present if a man wants to dig a ten-foot cellar next door to a building having an eight-foot cellar there is no end of unnecessary labor and expense over the construction of the foundation walls.

THE GREAT 4C STORE

310 Lackawanna Ave. J. H. LADWIG. 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 betow 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.

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Useful Christmas Gifts. JUST ONE BARGAIN CUSTOMERS. Ladies' new \$10.00 Cheviot, Boucle or Beaver Coats, Storm Collars, perfect fitting, \$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.

KID GLOVES ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE. Our M. & H. Gloves at \$1.00, are unsurpassed in fit and quality. Jouvin Kid Gloves, \$1.59. 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, Gent's Fine Neckwear, Purses, Boston Bags.

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

CHRISTMAS 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, stay reduced to 2 for 5c. Our regular 5c. Tinsel Ornaments reduced today to 5c.

CHRISTMAS 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 10c a Dozen. Full assortment of Tinsel in all colors, by the yard. 1,000 DOZEN MOFFO HANDKERCHIEFS, motto worked in colors, worth 5c.; reduced today to 3 for 10c.

500 dozen SILK FLOWER EMBROIDERED HANDBKERCHIEFS, 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 2 1/2c Ounce. Large bottles, good Perfumes at 10c Bottle. JEWELRY, Stone set rings warranted to wear well for 3 years. 10c. HAND RINGS, STONE SET GILT BAT PINS. 10c. Pin set, 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 2,500 copies to select from only 6c a Copy. MUSIC FOLIOS, large regular 20c. Books, reduced to 30c. Regular 25c. Books reduced to 19c.

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