Announcement.

Christmas Slippers

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

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A regular neeting of the Central Wohe held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The officers-elect of Peter Williamson odge, No. 323, P. and A. M., will be installed at Masonic hall tonight.

Conrad & Sons, agents for Germania Life insurance company, are distribut-ing a beautiful pad calendar for less, Julius Hopewell was yesterday dis-charged from the county full after serv-ing a thirty-lay term for assault and

Mr. F. C. Gilbert, traveling salesman for the Pope Manufacturing company, is calling on their agents, Messrs, Kellum

Sunday's Philadelphia Press contained well-executed pictures of Chief of the Pire Department Hickey and the assist-

John A. Meurs has atmostaced his car Sixteenth ward, subject to the decision

of the Republican electors. A horse owned by the proprietor of the Linden market, on Mulberry street, ran

away yesterday morning. It was stopped near Adams avenue by E. H. Bird. 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. Luggi Marucci, charged by Joseph Calabrese with embezzlement, was yester-

day released on \$300 bail, furnished be-fore Judge Archbald by James Costa. There will be a fifteen-round go between Squirrel Finnerty, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Fred J. Duggan, of Olymant, at Company H armary, Thursday eve-ning, Dec. 22. In addition to the above bout there will be several other minor

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21, at 2,35 o'clock the Woman'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 attent it have crossed. Delaware street, it being crusade

The parishlever, and friends of St. their donations of boultry, meat and pro- | Col. ton avenue, instead of Thursday,

the alleged illegal possessors of the dis-puted land.

evening to nominate a school control-ler and district officers. B. T. Jayne and C. S. Jacobs are candidates for the school controllership. The cancus will be held between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m., at the regular polling place.

Gabriel Murphy blew the horn of riot yesterday morning, and began his campaign by kicking in a plate glass winsdaw in P. R. Hugins' hotel, on Lackawanna avenue. He was afterward arrested by Patrolman George Jones on a warrant swarn out before Alderman John T. Howe charging malleious mischier. In default of \$200 bail. Gabriel was placed within the walks of the contral police. within the walls of the central police station until he wakes up.

The unusal Christmas number of the Free Press was issued Sunday. It con-Free Press was issued Sunday. It consisted of twenty-four pages enclosed in a handsome lithographed cover the centre piece of which was a well-executed meture of the late F. A. Beamish, founder of the Free Press. The Curetions number contained the news of the day in attactive form and many stories and poems apprepriate to the senson, its advertising columns fairly brighted with the announcements of the lass business. announcements of the best business houses of the city.

Marriage because were yesterday granted to Abert E. Morran, of Minooka, and Elvira Richards, of Seranton, John Hopkins and Margaret Howe is of Seranton, James McBonnell and Mary Flanaghan of Danmore Arthur E. Faller and Mary Griffith, of Seranton, James L. Carl and Mary E. Cardner, of Scott, William H. Cardner, of Scott, and Mathel Robinson, of Jernyn, Gibert H. Marynard and Bertha C. Schel, of Seranton; William Gennell, of Moosie, and Mary Reveroef Jernyn; Alfred Taylor and Lily Hill, of Old Forze; William Sheldon, of Taylor, and Anale Jones, of Minooka; Lairy Moran and Mary Kearney, of Seranton. Moran and Mary Kearney, of Scranton.

Lewis, Reilly & Davies?

Busy Shoe Store, will be open evenings during December.

Books at a discount, Reynolds Bros.

Fresh and Good.

Mixed Nuts, Ib., Mixed Candies, Ib., Citrons, Ib., -Raisins, Ib., -

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 .- Mr. Dunning and His Open Letter .- Paving of Atleys is Again Under Discussion -- Re-

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

Captain W. A. May declined a redected as president, and J. A. Lansng made the announcement, nominatd Luther Keller, the present vice president, to succeed him. There were any number of seconders to the nomination, and the nominations were closed with Mr. Keller the only nomince in the field. Unanimous nominations were also tendered John T. Porter for vice president, named by T. H. Dale; D. B. Atherton for secretary, suggested by the manufacturers' committee, formally nominated by Walter Henwood; A. W. Dickson for treasurer, named by Luther Keller, and J. A. Lansing to succeed himself on the board of trustees, Mr. Dale making the

T. H. Dale was later henored with unanimous re-election as the board's representative on the board of of the Scranton Public It-

MANUFACTURERS' COMMITTEE. The following report from the manufacturers' committee was read and

Co the President and Members of the Scrunton Board of Trade. Gentlemen: Your manufacturing committee respectfully recommend the nomination and election of Mr. D. B. Atherton as secretary of the board of trade for the sing year, and we further recommend didacy for comomic convenience in the that the salary is the same as last year Relative to the matter of cheaper water rates to manufactures, we are getting further data on the subject and hope by our next meeing to be able to present a

complete report. As to the armor plate, from information at hand 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 his city, with a request that they sub-nit proposals to the navy department for the crection and completion of the plant in this vicinity. Respectfully, (Signed) Luther Keller, Chairman,

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 hopes of the government doing anything in the matter. Both the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies had effered their plants to the government for less than their actual cost, the

Carnegle man said. The report of the delegates to the national board of trade meeting in Washington Prosident W A May and L. Hitchcock, was read by visions for the pair of Wednesday, the 22d inst, at the parish room, 122 Washins and valuable document. The meeting, the report went on to say, far exceeded. An ejectment suit for a parcel of land all preceding ones in the matter of aton Brook street. Dunmers was begun pesterday by Altorney J. W. Oakford, acting for William J. Simpson, devised of Goorge W. Simpson, devessed, James E. Ketchum and Thomas Munros are cration. The body of the report was a concise and well presented resume of The Republican causes of the Thir-the transactions of the meeting. Col-toeuth ward, will hold their causes this onel Hitchcock was made a member of the committees on banking and finance and bankruptcy, and Captain May was chosen a member of the standing committee on reciprocal trade relations, the new department of commerce and man- | Fine Silk Ties, worth 59c.—sale price ufacture and the tariff committee.

PAVEMENT REPAIRS.

For the committee on highways, to which was entrusted the task of stirring up the street commissioner with regard to the repairing of asphalt payements, T. H. Watkins reported having conferred with Mr. Dunning and that Mr. Dunning stated he had begun the work before the board of trade's awakener came.

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

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

Messrs, Lansing and Keller in their capacity as city fathers were called to task by President May for not having induced councils to bring about the paving of the alleys as recommended by the board at the beginning of the

The two members referred to made a defence to the effect that the councilmen from the outlying wards take such a deep interest in the affairs of the entral city wards that it is not always the ensiest matter in the world for a central city councilman to carry out his ideas or these of his constituents, agitate these and like matters as it had

a good effect.

BUILDING AMENDMENT. 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 cellur there is no end of unnecessary bother and expense over the construction of the foundation walls. If the depth to which all walls must be built was made uniform it would do away with much inconvenience and expense

Mr. Kemmerer argued,
A letter was received from the Binghamton board of trade calling attention to the fact that the Chicago mail which leaves this city on Delaware, Lacka-wanna and Western train No. 1 for the West, is not distributed until after lustness hours the next day, instead of 000000000000000000 the next morning as heretofore. The

ommittee on postal affairs was instructed to join with the Binghamten board in entering formal complaint with R. C. Jackson, superintendent of the railway mail service, against the change which brought about this delay. An application for membership was received from Peter Stipp.

ARCHITECT WILLIAMS BRINGS SUIT

Designing Mears Building. Architect L. L. Williamss instituted a suit through Attorney E. C. Newcomb yesterday to recover on a disputed bill for the designing and inspection of the work on the Mears

Says a Big Balance is Due Him for

building. In his declaration Mr. Williams relates that Mr. Mears first engaged him to design a \$70,000 building. He did port on the Armor Plate Plant 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 \$4,600 roof house.

Architect Williams, in consideration of the original design being abandoned, reduced his price on the first set of plans from 5 per cent, of the total extimated cost to one and one-quarter per cent, and on the roof house, which was to have cost \$4,000, and which was abandoned after being designed, he reduced the charge from five per cent. to one per cent.

The total cost of the Mears building was \$295,205.96. A commission of five per cent, on this amount added to rge for the abandoned plans for the originally designed \$70,000 building and the abadoned \$4,000 roof house, sums to \$11,350,24. Of this amount \$4,-548,40 only has been paid. Mr. Williams alleges, and he claims \$6,401,84 is still

M'CLUSKY AND JEROME TO MEET.

Will Fight Twenty Rounds Christmas

Afternoon in Nusic Hall. Ellenwood McCluskey, of Philadelphia, will meet Billy Jerome, of Syracuse, in a 29-round contest Christmas afternoon in Music Hall, under the auspices of the Excelsior Athletic club. Both men have been in this city before their record is well known. Me-Cluskey has fought more battles than any man of his age today in the business and has met the best of them, such men as Dickson, Jack Skelly, Kentucky Rosebud, McMahon, and he

Jerome defeated Prof. Beck, of the Schuylkill Navy Athletic club, in this city last March and showed himself a very clever boxer. He has won several battles since that time. Both men will reach this city Thursday morning and do their final training Two preliminary bouts have been arranged between local boxers.

A BIG SENSATION.

People Hardly Thought it Was Possible But New Light Seems to Dawn Upon Them and They at Last Realize it So .. Thousands Benefited

Ever since the Chicago Combination Clothing Co., of 2H Washington ave. had the selling of this great stock of clothing which the court has ordered the executors of the estate of the deceased wholesale clothlers to be closed out at retail people have wondered and nurveled at the bargains they have been offering. A great many were in doubt but the thousands who have been fully satisfied that it is so and they These low prices for high grade clothing have been causing a sensation; ten days more to wind up this estate is all toat's allowed, so be quick and don't get left if you need any clothing.

Wool Pants, all sizes, regular \$2.50 Men's Neat Pants, all sizes, cost \$2.00 to manufacture-sale price, 98c. buys a pair of Men's Cotton Socks, worth 17c. a pair—sale price. 3c. each Men's Red Handkerchiefs, Ic. 98c. buys Men's All Wool Sweaters, worth \$1.75-sale price, 98c. Men's Fine White Laundried Shirts, 49c. and 62c. Men's Men's Blue Overalls and Jackets, worth 50c,-sale price, 37c. Men's Good Suspenders, worth Tie.-sale price, 7c. Men's Fine Fedora or Alpine Hats,98c. \$1.24, \$1.49, and \$1.98. Men's Fine Stiff Hats, 75c., 98c., \$1.24, \$1.35. Extra Covert Cloth Overcoats from \$5 to \$15.00. Men's Overcoats in Beavers. Chinchil-Ins and Stormers, worth from \$8.00 to \$20.00—sale price, \$3.65 to \$9.00. dren's Cape Overcoats, worth from \$3.00 to \$6.00-sale price, 79c. to \$2.75. Over 5,000 different Overcoats will be slaughtered. Children's Reefers in all

clors for less than one-half of their There are thousands of other bargains too numerous to mention, so call and see for yourself. We call your special attention that this stock is all taller made and we have a special line of extra new suits for large mon. Sale lasts only ten days to wind up this estate. Chicago Combination Clothing Company, 211 Washington Avenue, next to Connoily & Wallace's old ctand, directly opposite the court

house, Scrauton, Pa. P. S.-During this sale the store will he kept open evenings until 9 p. m.

saturdays until 11 p. m. Railroad fares of all out of town cus-omers buying \$5.00 and over, will be raid by showing return ticket. If you live 5 miles, come to this great sale; if you live 25 miles, come to this great sale; if you live 50 miles, come to this great sale.

CROW SHOOT AT BALL PARK.

ive Bundred Birds Have Been Secured in Kentucky For It. On Thursday there will be a unique sporting event at the ball park. It will be a crow shoot and for the occa-sion 500 crows have been imported from the state of Kentucky.
The shoot will last all day and promes to furnish some rare sport and no little excitement.

For Sick Hendache

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

To hurry up housework and

make every kind of washing and cleaning quick and easy in cold weather, use FELS-NAPTHA soap with lukewarm

FELS & CO., Phila delphia.

NEW SCHEME IN MONEY ORDERS

Uncle Sam Makes A Concession to Financial Patrons.

FOR DEPOSIT IN BANKS.

Bolders of Postal Orders Need Not in I nture go to the Trouble of Presenting Them for Payment at the Post Office -- They May Be Deposited on Account at Any Clearing House Bank.

Holders of postal money orders can in future save themselves the trouble of going to the postoffice. An arrangement has been made whereby the orders may be deposited in the banks for collection.

The following circular letter presents the plan in detail;

Postoffice, Scranton, Pa., Dec. 20, 1897. Gentlemen: Your attention is lavited 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 this 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 acthe necessity of presenting them at the

The postoffice department, desirous of accommodating the business houses which are the payers of some millions of these orders, has recently modified cor-tain of its regulations, for the conven-ience of banks and the business public, and under the method above describ prompt payment of orders will be greatly facilitated.

Money orders deposited in bank for this purpose need not be indersed to the bank, but simply receipted on the face as when presented by the owner at the

TRIED ELSEWHERE.

The following extracts from reports to how this system, which, like the letter carrier service, promotes public conven-ience, while it tends to relieve pressure put McManus out in one round in this at the postoffice, is appreciated where it city last October. you may find it to your advantage to

the bank at which you keep your account, instead of presenting them at the post-office for payment. At times the number of applicants in line at the mency order division prevents that expeditious payment which is desirable, hence the absuggestion is made in the belief that it will be more convenient to you to de posit your orders. Respectfully.
Ezra H. Ripple, Postmaster.

From other cities reports regarding the money order "Clearing house system" have been made as follows: Pittsburg. The system gives entire satisfaction; Chattanooga, It is absolutely a good thing; Providence, The system has given complete satisfaction; Atlanta, The system works very satisfactorily, and we do not see could get along without it: Minneapolis. It works very satisfactorily, and is of great convenience to the banks and business men; Atlanta, The plan works to the entire satisfaction of the business public, and I do not see how we could get along without it; San Francisco, The business community is very much interested in the introduction of the Clearing House system. There has been no feature of my administration of the office which has been received with more favor by the public than the system of paying money orders through the banks.

City and School Taxes For 1897. A penalty of 7 per cent, will be added on all taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 31, 1897, and an additional penalty of 1 per cent, on the first of each and every month thereafter un-

til paid. Taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 31, 1897, will be placed in the hands of collectors, as provided by an Act of Assembly, approved May 28, 1889. C. G. Boland. City Treasurer.

City Hall. Washington avenue. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Saturdays, 9 to 12 noon.

A Piensant And popular resort, Beidleman's Holi-day store, Board of Trade building. **

Sterling Silver Hat Pins 25 cents. Davidow Bros.

Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Gas-ders positively cureit. Grover Grecham's Dys-pepsia Remedy is a succific. One dose re-moves all distress, and a permanent cure of the most chronic and saver chases is guaran-

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REXFORD'S.

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

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.

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.

such temptingly low prices.

China Wall. MILLAR & PECK,

134 Wyoming Ave., Walk in and look around.

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In making presents nothing could be more thoughtful in the giver or bring more solid comfort to the receiver, whether man, woman or child, ian good shoes. We make lese suggestions to our atrons in full confidence hat they will derive and betow more pleasure in makng presents of shoes and lippers than in giving other and less useful things.

Did you ever notice the ook 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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XMAS TREE TRIMMINGS

plete but a little too heavy on candy ornaments. Monday we cut them deep; regular 4 and

Se, size, reduced to 2 for 5a Our regular foc. Tinsel Ornaments reduced today to

XMAS TREE CANDLES, any size, 48 in box, 36 in box and 24 in box; best wax make, Re-

duced to 10c a Box SPRING CANDLE HOLDERS reduced today

10c a Dozen Full assortment of Tinsell in all colors, by the yard.
1,000 DOZEN MOTTO HAND-KERCHIEFS, motto worked in colors, worth 5c.; reduced today

to reconstruction and accommission

3 for 10c 00 dozen SILK FLOWER EM-BROIDERED HANDKER-CHIEFS, scalleped edge, worth 19c.; reduced today to

3 for 10a NITIAL GENTS JAPANETTE HANDKERCHIEFS, worth 25c. reduced to

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 arge bottles, good Perfumes at 10c Bottle JEWELRY, Stone set rings war-

ranted to wear well for 3 years. BAND RINGS, STONE SET GILT HAT PINS

sets, Brooch Pins, Childs' Rings, Pocket Books at Ladies Combination Pocket Books sterling silver corners, worth

50c.; our price SHEET MUSIC, catalogue free. Over 3,500 copies to select from only 6c a Copy

50c. Books, reduced to Regular 25c. Books reduced to A.

MUSIC FOLIOS, large regular

310 Lackawanna Ave.

J. H. LADWIG.

BROWN'S BEE HIVE

Coats, Furs, Millinery.

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BROWN'S BEE HIVE

224 LACK. AVENUE.

Useful Christmas Gifts.

JUST ONE BARGAIN

We Have Others.

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.

Will find our store a pleasant place to shop, as we give all our attention to the Dry Goods business. Persons desiring to give useful presents will find on our counters large assortments of

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 Gent's Lined Gloves, Irish Point Pillow Shams and Scarfs, Gent's Fine Neck-

415 and 417 Avenue

wear, Purses, Boston Bags.