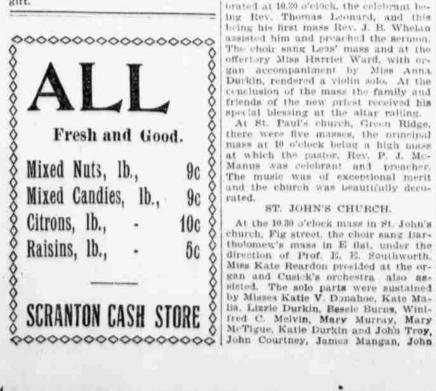


Lights and Sparrow telegraph line that would not do any good and how would a half doll look or how would you keep any money in a half bank. A set of half dishes would look very queer. Your half a doll would have to sit on a half a chair or lie on a half bed with a half handkerwould you like it? If I give you half nuts which half would you prefer, the shell or the kernel? I don't believe I have any mus present. Anyhow I don't want to go down that old chimney in the other house if I can help it. It hisse't been cleaned for years and it is so full of sort I am afraid I will get my new plaud golfer all black. Unless I get word be-fore my reinforces have finished their

awake and wait for me. 1 am cross, 1 had a real nice dude with a swallow tail coat for your aunt and when 1 wasn't Icoking old Beltznickie came in and paint-ed yellow stripes across his coal tails and made a regular yellow jacket of him. I

and the efficiency of the permanent men of the Phoenix company was attested again Saturday evening when a threatening blaze in the basement of B. E. Leonard's, 127 Adams avenue, was extinguished without as much as a dollar's worth of damage resulting preached the sermon. from the operations of the firemen.

A still alarm was sent in at 6 o'clock and in a twinkling the engine was in street, was the music at the 9 o'clock front of the house. A line of hose was carried through the basement window and played on the flames. In a "Holy Night" and "Venite Adoremus" short time the blaze was conquered among them, rendered by a chorus of and the beautiful residence saved. The fire was in the woodwork of the celling and was caused by a defective flue, So well pleased was Mr. Leonard with the work of the firemen that he gave them a yery substantial Christmas Rift.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.



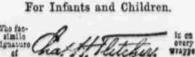
cessary and no jury was empannewly ordained Rev. Thomas Leonard olled. of the West Side. Rev. Father Loftus, Miss Margaret Ruddy, daughter of Michael Ruddy, of 434 Phelps street, died Christmas morning at the age of 19 years. She was a very estimable young lady, was deacon; Rev. Father Cough, subdeacon; Rev. Father Feeley, master of cersmonies. Rev. F. P. McNally and her death coming at so inappro-priate a time, has caused a deep sad-ness in the heart of every one who knew A feature of the Christmas celebration at St. Patrick's church, Jackson

her. The funeral will take place this morning at 9.39 o'clock with a high mass of requiem at St. Peter's cathedral. or chillfren's mass. It consisted of selected anthons in English and Latin. After a long and useful Christian life. among them, rendered by a chorus of After a long and usered christian are, and at the allotted are of 71 years. Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts died yesterday after-noon about 1.45 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Philip H. Warren, 12) North Lincoln avenue. The deceased has been an invalid for nearly a year, and her advanced are prevented quick fifty young pupils of St. Patrick's Parechtal school, accompanied by an orchestra of mandolins, guitars and violins and the grand organ, the instrumentalists also being children from the and her advanced age prevented quick recuperation. She was born in Carmir-then. South Wules, and came to West Scranton in 1886, and has since resided school. A solution high mass was cele-Scranton in 1885, and has since resided here. She was an active member of the First Weish Congregational church, and is survived by one daughter. Mrs. Anna Warren, and three sons, Rev. Peter Roberts, of Olyphant; John and Edward Roberts, of Pittsburg. The funeral ser-vices will be held Wednesday afternoon at the residence at 2 o'clock.

Etta, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Everett, of 1105 West Locest At St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, there were five masses, the acincipal mass at 10 o'clock being a high mass at which the paster, Rev. P. J. Mcstreet, died at the parental home yes-terday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Death was due to heart failure, superinduced by Funeral announcement will be grippe. F made later,

William Gilmore, an old and respected resident of Dunmore, died last evening at his home, on Elm street. Funeral notice will be given later.

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