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**CITY NOTES.**

The choir of the Penn Avenue Baptist church will rehearse tonight.

A bunch of keys, found on Lackawanna avenue, awaits the owner at police headquarters.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the O. W. A. M., Nay-Ang council, No. 34, will hold a meeting next Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Edith Park Chautauque circle will meet this evening at 7:45 o'clock. G. F. Reynolds' division will have charge of the exercises. An interesting programme has been prepared.

One week from tonight F. L. Nolte, editor of the Scranton Journal, assisted by Carl Hopper, of New York city, and William Knicker, of this city, will give an entertainment in Music hall. The Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Theodore Humberger, will play.

Stewart Carter was seriously injured Friday night by some unknown person who struck him on the head with a sharp instrument as he was alighting from a Providence street car. The wound inflicted was a very painful one. It was dressed by Dr. Russell W. Chisney, of 203 Linden street.

The dance held at Excelsior hall on Saturday afternoon under supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, was one of the pleasant social events of Christmas day. One hundred and sixty guests were present and passed the time in an enjoyable manner tripping in the dance to music by the Lawrence orchestra. The affair was a success in a social and enjoyable way. Mrs. Lewis will give another social to her pupils on New Year's day.

**BEFORE BREAKFAST.**

The following letter was received by a little Scranton girl who had expressed the sentiment that she was proud she only half believed in Santa Claus:

Crystal Palace, North Pole, Christmas Time.

Miss Emily Hackett.

I have just heard by my Northern Lights and Sparrow telegraph line that you only just half believe in me this year. That settles it. I do not carry any half things in my sleigh so I think you will not hear my reindeers scratching on your roof this Christmas. A half stove would not do any good and how would a half doll look or how would you keep any money in a half pocket. You say you half believe in me. I don't believe in you. You half believe in me and I don't believe in you. I don't want to go down that old chimney in the other house if I can help it. It hasn't been closed for years and it is so full of soot I am afraid I will get my new plaid gopher all black. Unless I get word before my reindeers have finished their oats tomorrow evening that I am more than half a Santa Claus you need not be awake and wait for me. I am cross. I had a real nice duffle with a sealow hat coat for your aunt and when I wasn't looking old Helmut came in and painted yellow stripes across his coat tails and made a regular yellow jacket of him. I never have any luck in getting things for that girl.

Santa Claus.

**ANOTHER STILL ALARM.**

Phoenix Company Performs Some Very Curious Work.

The efficiency of the chemical engine and the efficiency of the 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 from the operations of the firemen.

A still alarm was sent in at 6 o'clock and in a twinkling the engine was in front of the house. A line of hose was carried through the basement window and played on the flames. In a short time the blaze was conquered and the beautiful residence saved. The fire was caused by a defective flue. So well pleased was Mr. Leonard with the work of the firemen that he gave them a very substantial Christmas gift.

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Mixed Nuts, lb., 9c  
Mixed Candies, lb., 9c  
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**SCRANTON CASH STORE**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES**

Congregations and Sunday Schools Observe the Festival.

**THE SPECIAL SERMONS AND MUSIC**

Services in Each Church in the City were Featured by a Special Observance of the Holy Day, and in Many Churches There were Services on Saturday--Several Sunday Schools Will Have Their Exercises This Week.

In all of Scranton's churches there was special Christmas service and music yesterday, although many of the churches on Saturday had church or Sunday school services or will have the latter during the week. Practically all of the vocal and instrumental talent of the city was pressed into service for song and chorus and wherever one happened to worship or at whatever service, some Christmas specialty or specialties more or less elaborate were heard and witnessed.

At no house of worship was there better selected or better rendered music than at St. Luke's church under the direction of J. Willis Conant by a choir of twenty-five men and boys. Sullivan's "Sing, O Sing" was sung for a procession. The Te Deum was by the choir. The school of the always impressive communion service was choral. The offertory solo "Lo, Our God Has Come" was sung by Philip Warren, Rev. Rogers Israel, the pastor, preached the sermon and the offertory service closed with Mendelssohn's Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The music is to be repeated next Sunday. Services were held in the church on Saturday.

The Sunday school exercises of Elm Park church were held Saturday evening. One of the largest audiences in the church's history packed the edifice. It was estimated that over 2,000 persons were present. Electric incandescent lights were used in the decorations of the church. Christmas trees, Superintendent May presided during a programme of song and recitation and which included an address by Thomas H. Dale.

**YESTERDAY'S SERVICES.**

The music at yesterday's two services was elaborate in choice and displayed the well known talent of the church quartette and J. Alfred Pennington, the organist. The evening service was almost wholly of music. Every seat in the church was occupied.

At the Penn Avenue Baptist church there were special services morning and evening and at 7 o'clock the Sunday school and congregation united. The pastor's choir, forty children; John T. Watkins, Miss Jones, Mrs. Brundage and a chorus participated in the music. "The Meaning of Bethlehem" was the evening topic of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Joseph K. Dixon.

The beautiful decorations of the church, the grandeur of the ceremonies and the superior quality of the music tended to make this year's Christmas celebration at the cathedral one of the most elaborate in its history. The beautiful and sturdy interior was a maze of evergreen and smilax, while the already beautiful altars of marble and onyx and the richly furnished sanctuary were veritably a dazzling sight. One hundred cut glass lights, with a back row of similar ones among the wealth of decorations on the main altar. At the gospel side of the sanctuary was a representation of the Stable of Bethlehem with life-size figures of the Infant Saviour, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, the shepherds and the angels and cattle. This and the decorations will remain in place during the holidays.

Ten masses were celebrated Christmas morning on the main altar, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly being celebrant at three, five, seven, nine, eleven, one, three, five, seven, nine and eleven o'clock. Bishop O'Hara at three, and Bishop O'Hara at one. The first mass at 5 o'clock was a solemn high mass, Rev. Father O'Reilly being celebrant; Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick, deacon; Rev. P. J. Gough, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. B. Feeley, master of ceremonies. Rev. Father O'Reilly preached a brief sermon on the significance of the day.

**PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS.**

The last mass at 10 o'clock was a solemn pontifical high mass, Bishop O'Hara participating in cope and mitre. His deacons of honor were Rev. P. McNally and Rev. B. A. Dunn. Bishop Hoban was celebrant; Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick, arch-priest; Rev. M. E. Loftus, deacon; Rev. P. J. Gough, sub-deacon and Rev. J. B. Feeley, master of ceremonies. Rev. Father MacGoldrick preached the sermon.

The full choir, under the direction of Prof. Schilling and accompanied by Bauer's orchestra, sang the sublime and inspiring Gilpin's military mass.

Yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock a solemn high mass was sung by the newly ordained Rev. Thomas Leonard of the West Side. Rev. Father Loftus was deacon; Rev. Father Gough, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Feeley, master of ceremonies. Rev. P. McNally preached the sermon.

A feature of the Christmas celebration at St. Patrick's church, Jackson street, was the music at the 9 o'clock or children's mass. It consisted of selected anthems in English and Latin, "Holy Night" and "Venite Adoremus" among them, rendered by a chorus of fifty young pupils of St. Patrick's Parochial school, accompanied by an orchestra of mandolins, zitaras and violins and the grand organ, the instrumentalists also being children from the school. A solemn high mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock, the celebrant being Rev. Thomas Leonard, and this being his first mass Rev. J. B. Whelan assisted him and preached the sermon. The choir sang Less' mass and at the offertory Miss Harris Ward, with organ accompaniment by Miss Anna Durkin, rendered a violin solo. At the conclusion of the mass the family and friends of the new priest received his special blessing at the altar railing.

At St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, there were five masses, the principal mass at 10 o'clock being a high mass at which the pastor, Rev. P. J. McNally was celebrant and preacher. The music was of exceptional merit and the church was beautifully decorated.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**

At the 10:30 o'clock mass in St. John's church, Fir street, the choir sang Jan. tholomeus' mass in E flat, under the direction of Prof. E. E. Southworth. Miss Kate Reardon presided at the organ and Gustav's orchestra also assisted. The solo parts were sustained by Misses Katie V. Donahoe, Kate Milla, Lizzie Durkin, Bessie Burns, Winifred C. Molvin, Mary Murray, Mary McTigue, Katie Durkin and John Troy, John Courtney, James Mangan, John

**RECORD BREAKING WEEK IN BUSINESS**

Unprecedented Trade is Reported From From All Sides.

**SIX CIRCUS DAYS IN SUCCESSION.**

Central City Streets Thronged and Money Was Spent With a Free Hand--Clearing House Business Does Not Show Up Well by Comparison, But Secretary Anderson Explained the Reason For This. Beneficent Result Will Be Felt For a Long Time to Come.

If any one doubts that prosperity is returning to this corner of the earth he has only to consult the Scranton merchants today to have his doubts removed. From every side comes the report of the most stupendous holiday business the city has even known, and the manner in which the masses spent money at Christmas is conceded to be an unflattering barometer of the financial condition of the time.

During recent years the merchants bought sparingly at Christmas time, and even at that in many cases there was a large dead stock to be carried over or sold at sacrifice prices. This year, with confidence born of the good times that have prevailed and promise to continue, they bought unusual large stocks, and true to their expectations got rid of them. The clearing house reports for last week showed a shrinkage of \$12,000 as compared with the corresponding week of last year, but this Secretary H. C. Anderson explained, was due to the fact that last year at this time the deposits were swollen abnormally by reason of several big speculative negotiations being out. A large water deal among them. Next week he expects will offer a fairer comparison.

There was no mistaking the fact that this was an unusually big Christmas week, taking any of the ordinary signs of trade for measure. For four days the clearing house had all it could do to care for the crowds that thronged into the central city from the suburbs and surrounding towns. The streets had a "circus day" appearance almost all week long. The theaters did a big business right along, and on Christmas Day there wasn't a vacant seat to be had at any of the houses. Thousands of dollars were sent to circulate in a thousand channels, and the beneficent result will be felt for a long time to come.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.**

Under the direction of Mrs. Kathryn Thiele, a splendid music programme was rendered by a double quartette and an orchestra at the First Presbyterian church. It included violin solos by F. Vanoverton and tenor solos by Edwin Bowen, soprano solos by Mrs. Thiele, a duet by Miss Joseph and Miss Thomas, baritone solo by John T. Watkins. Christmas sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. James McLeod, the pastor.

At the Second Presbyterian church there was a Christmas sermon by Rev. Dr. C. E. Robinson, the pastor, and Christmas music in the morning, and in the evening the quartette and choir under the leadership of J. M. Chance gave a sacred cantata "The Coming of the King" by Dudley Buck. There were solos morning and evening by Misses Hlack and Garagan and Messrs. Boynton and Morgan.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be given this evening beginning at 7 o'clock. There will be music by the orchestra and old traditional carols will be sung. Music of particular merit under the direction of E. R. Peabody, and special sermons by the pastor, Rev. Chas. G. Spickett, were heard morning and evening in Holy Trinity church on Saturday. The music was repeated yesterday. The solo was by Miss A. E. Schreiner, Miss Howland, and Miss D. J. Davies. The festival of the Sunday school will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

At the Green Ridge Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. Dr. I. J. Lansing, preached a special Christmas sermon in the morning, and the choir read an original Christmas story. The latter service began at 6:30 o'clock in order to permit the attendance of children. A choir of boy and male voices took part in the music which was conducted by J. B. Peabody. Fred H. Widmeyer, violinist, assisted in the evening music.

**GRACE LUTHERAN.**

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor, were held last evening. The pastor preached in the morning on the theme "The Man Who Gave Us Christmas." The festival of the Sunday school will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

All Souls' Universalist congregation observed Christmas yesterday morning and evening. The Sunday school festival will be held Wednesday evening.

The Sunday school of Calvary Reformed church observed Christmas last evening when gifts were distributed. "The Peculiar Saviour" was the sermon topic of the pastor, Rev. G. W. Welsh, in the evening.

In all the North End, Green Ridge, Dunmore and South Side churches there was the same attractiveness in sermon and song.

**OBITUARY.**

George G. Nelson, 57 years of age, was found dead in his bed Christmas morning. The deceased had retired about 11 o'clock the evening before, and when called by his wife about 10 o'clock in the morning he did not respond. Investigation followed with the obituary and recovery. His demise was probably due to heart failure. He has resided in this city for a number of years, and has since resided here. He was employed as a miner at No. 5, Dunmore, and did his days work as usual on Friday. His wife survives him. Worsener Longstreet viewed the remains Saturday afternoon, but deemed an inquest unnecessary and no jury was empanelled.

Miss Margaret Ruddy, daughter of Michael Ruddy, of 424 Phelps street, died Christmas morning at the age of 19 years. She was a very estimable young lady, and her death coming at so inopportune a time, has caused a deep sadness in the heart of every one who knew her. The funeral will take place this morning at 9 o'clock with a high mass of requiem at St. Peter's cathedral.


After a long and useful Christian life, and at the advanced age of 71 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts died yesterday afternoon about 14 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Philip H. Warren, 121 North Lincoln avenue. The deceased has been an invalid for nearly a year, and her advanced age prevented quick recuperation. She was born in Carmarthen, South Wales, and came to West Scranton in 1881, and has since resided here. She was an active member of the First Welsh Congregational church, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Anna Warren, and three sons, Peter Roberts, of Olyphant; John and Edward Roberts, of Pittsburg. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the residence at 2 o'clock.

Etta, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Everett, of 105 W. Locust street, died of scarlet fever yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Death was due to heart failure, superinduced by gripe. Funeral announcement will be 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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Upstairs Department.

**BASEMENT**

A few choice pickings of china overlooked in last week's rush must be disposed of now. Yours for about half their value.

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**Store Will Be Open....**

Tonight as long as you come to buy. We are grandly ready for the finish and still in the lead. This old store never saw such selling. For today several wind-up bargains:

**China Odds and Ends** from an overstocked China department, Toilet Sets, Dinner and Tea Sets at a promised saving. Space forbids mention of values, but they are here in profusion.

**Xmas Lamps** Nearly a hundred fine \$4 and \$5 lamps—gold plated base—central draft burners—large silk shades. All day we will pass them out at \$2.90. Only one to customer.

**For the Good News Boys** this. Another lot of Boys' Watches. Good timekeepers—warranted. They will last until noon at \$9c.

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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.

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600 pair Misses' Rubber Boots, at .....\$1.18

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