HOLIDAY SLIPPERS



MEN'S SLIPPERS.

Fine Russet Gont Opera at Slippers and Stamped forocco Slippers in brown, aroon and black, Light \$1.00

Brown and Black Viet Kid Opera and Straight Foxed Suppors, also High Front Russin Caif Slippers, kid Incd, hand-turned soles
\$1.50

Stylish Green, Brown and Black Glace Kidand Alliga-gator Slippers, white kid \$2.00 lined, hand-turned soles...

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.

CITY NOTES.

John Sheehan was committed to the county jail last night by Abserman Millar on a charge of assault and battery pre-ferred by his wife.

A special service conducted by Captain Mary Thompson, of New York, and of Scranton's pioneer Volunteers, will be held in their armory, 513 Lackawanna avenue, this evening.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union, of Green Ridge, will hold its week-ty meeting at the home of Ars. Clifford, 1714 Penn avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28, at 239 o'clock.

Tonight at the St. Paul's church feir has been set apart for the St. Cecilia alumni and a special programme has been prepared. The fan for this night will take the form of a reunion of the former pupils of the academy.

The condition of John Alexander and John O'Brien, two of the men injured in the Bellevia mine Monday, and now at the Moses Taylor hospital, has not mate-rially changed for better or for worse yesterday. O'Brien's Injuries are the more

The board of directors of the Concumera' Ice company have elected the following officers: I. F. Megarget, president; William Connell, vice president; A. D. Plackinton, treasurer, John A. Schadt, secretary; Churles H. Schadt, general manager.

Sheriff Clemons has his deputies scouring the county with caplases for parties in recent trials who have falled to pay the costs imposed upon them. Yesterday alone twenty-five of the persons so ar-rested escaped by means of an insolv-

Yesterday moraling the funeral of Miss-Maggie Ruddy took place from the home of her parents, 43 Phelps street, A. St. Peter's cathedral a requiem mass was celebrated and interment was made in Hyde Park Catholic cemeters, The pall-bearers were: Thomas Harrison, John Dempsey, Martin Welr, Joseph Cligation John Globons and Robert Blackledge.

James M. Thompson and Robert Bushoff, two Dummor men, have been appointed special officers to watch the indicator of the Holmes bank burglar alarm in the sergeant's office at police headquarters. The men called yesterday to familiarize themselves with the lay of the city and. The burglar alarm has been the bject of extended mention before in The

mother still atarm yesterday. This time rean drawers. Mrs. Thomas half de-leved issuing from the transom in the said she want-d to look pice, Lackawanna pharmacy, at the corner of Luckawanna and Franklin avenues. This store was closed by the sheriff Monday. After breaking in the door the chemical oys discovered that the smoke came from furnace in the Valley House.

The next United States civil service - xaminations for cierks and carriers will be held between March 15 and April 25, 1898. The exact date for next examination can not be fixed at this time, appli-cation blanks can be had at any time by making application to Louis G. Schamz secretary. No application for these examinations will be accepted unless filed in proper form by March 1, 1898.

Martiage licenses were yesterday granted to George Carrell and Maggie Me-Adams, of Hazieton: Thomas Webb, of Scrapton, and Mrs. Elvira Sooby, of Wilkes-Barre; Benjamin F. Williams and Dora Coates, of Edwardsville: Hiram J. Cole and Alice Sensenstine, of Clinton, Wayne county: Charles Louis Kaufman of New York, and Miss Ida Hazlett, of Scranton: Frank W. Marcy, of Schultzville, and Emily Brown, of Peckville; William J. Walsh and Mary F. Carlin, of

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE.

Tonight Will Determine the Estimated Expenses for 1898.

The board of fire engineers and the joint fire department committee of uncils have been requested by Chief Hickey to meet with him at the city hall tonight. They will confer on the estimates to be made for the 1898 department appropriation.

The preliminary estimate has al-eady been made by Chief Hickey. Duplicate copies will be distributed among the committeemen and engineers tonight. The items will, if ressible, be revised and reduced. The result of the conference will be a final estimate to be submitted to the city ontroller for presentation to the estimates committee of councils early

Chief Hickey's total estimate is \$11. 425, or \$5,000 more than last year. Much of the increase is wanted for additional permanent man in the central city district.

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at the

WOMEN ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

They Carried on the Practice in a Very Systematic Manner.

One of the Women Showed That She The Goods Found in Her House were Given to Her by Her Sister as Christmas Gifts -- Other Arrests Are to Be Made Today .- Most of the Goods Identified.

During the weeks preceding Christticed in the stores of this city in a nost systematic manner. As a direct result of this, eight warrants were issued for as many women and three arrests were made yesterday by the police. Those taken into custody were Evan Thomas, married, two children, lives on North Main avenue, near West Linden street; Mrs. Ellen Randall, married, three children, flyes on Pette-

part of the city carried out a co-operative plan to steal. Every woman wore a long cape, similar in material and construction. Under these the articles were secreted.

The three women arrested yesterday appeared before Alderman John T. Thomas pleaded guilty forthwith.

The latter stated that she had stolen

the goods found in Mrs. Thomas them to her as Christmas presents. The pils, and the church choir, and addresstwo women are sisters.

to at least \$200, including two silk skirts. and B. J. Neville. The last named will several feather boas, children's hats. fancy bonnets, underwear, fur bons, perfumery and other articles. These were identified by representatives of the following central city concerns: Connolly & Wallace, Goldsmith's Bazaar, Jonas Long's Sons, The Pashion, The Paris, Globe store, The Leader and the Four-Cent store.

IN PROGRESS FOR WEEKS.

The work of stealing has been in progress for four weeks preceding Christmas. During this time the police have been notified time and time again, but no clue to the perpetrators could be discovered until the day preceding Christmas, when two women were de- Year ected in the act of "lifting" in one of the stores.

The women were at once handed over the police on suspicion. Chief of Police Robling and Detective John Moir took the women before Alderman Howe and charged them with breeny. in the threat of punishment the prisoners acknowledged their guilt, told just where the goods were and gave to the police the names of six other women whom they knew had stolen goods from the stores.

Acting on this information Chief of Police Robling took out search warrants for a visit to each of the bomes. All day Monday and Monday night Licutement of Police John Davis, Detective John Moir and Officer Stephen Dyer were busy collecting the stolen goods. The greater part were found in the homes of the West Scranton we-reau drawers. Mrs. Thomas half de- Sixth ward. Third district..., nied, half acknowledged her guilt. She Seventh ward. First district.

Her busband is an invalid and has been confined to his bed for two years. At the home of Mrs. Thomas, of Pettebone street, the police had little trouble. The officers knocked at the house door and were greeted by Mrs.

RECEIVED PRESENTS.

'Have you anything in the bouse that was given to you as a present?" "Why yes," said Mrs. Thomas and she showed the officers the articles given to her as Christmas presents by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Thomas. The goods were seized.

The police also visited the other houses but in each instance the woneen were not at home. Whatever goods were found were taken in tow, At the alderman's office last evening the goods were piled upon two tables and were inspected by the representatives of the dozen firms that had been victimized. A few articles remain unclaimed and none were return-

Five o'clock was the hour arranged for the hearing. The police had not really arrested the women, Chief Robng permitting them to remain at ome to take care of their children. At 5.30 o'clock when none of the women had appeared Chief Robling began to think of sending for them with the patrol wagon. Finally, close upon 6 o'clock the two Mrs. Thomas' and Mrs. Randall entered the office. Mrs. Thomas Thomas was accompanied by

It was the first time she had met her erring sister face to face since her liscovery that the Christmas presents given her were stolen goods. She was weeping and never once looked at the ventan whom she had only a few days before thanked for her kindness.

The women took seats in the court oom. The crowd of men in the room were gazing steadily at them. telen goods confronted them on the Alderman Howe repeated the set phrase: "What say you, guilty or not guilty?"

SHE PLEADED GUILTY.

Mrs. Evan Thomas was the first to "Guilty!" she said quickly. Mrs. Randall said guilty and Mrs. Thomas Thomas in turn began to cry out that she was innocent. "They were given to me, they were given to me"she was saying. "No, no, sir," interrupted Mrs. Evan Thomas. "No, this woman did not steal; I gave her all hat was found. She knew nothing about it. She is innocent; she is my

The woman spoke hysterically. She feared that her sins would fall upon her sister. In her wild denial of her sister's guilt, Mrs. Thomas was interrupted by her attorney, John R. Edwards, who advised her to attend to

Alderman Howe then called upon John McConnell, an employe of Cieland, Simpson & Taylor, proprietors of the Globe Warchouse, and asked him to identify a child's bonnet found in Mrs. Thomas Thomas' house.

Mr. McConnell did so. By the ticket in the bonnet he could say it came rom his stere. That was all that was necessary and, at the suggestion of Chief Robling the three women were onnocoooooooooooo given until this afternoon to obtain Liver ills.

As Mrs. Thomas Thomas rose to take the oath for her re-appearance with security she began to tell of her sick husband at home. Alderman

Howe said sternly: Mrs. Thomas, this is not the time to think of that; you should have remembered your husband when you were stealing. It is no pallation of your offense; don't try to work that ympathy dodge now "

WERE GIVEN A HEARING. Mrs. Thomas went out of the office ith her face blood-red and her head bowed down.

The goods were left at the alder-Had No Knowledge of the Stealing. man's office until today when it is exrected that the other arrests will be nade. One of the women who will be given a hearing today lives in the North End. She gives as her excuse or the offense-"They place the nice things on the counter so tempting-I couldn't help taking them." Mrs. Thomas said she wanted to look nice on the street.

mas, shoplifting was extensively prac- PATHER WHELAN'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Is to Be Celebrated Next Saturday at

St. Patrick's Church. On Saturday next, New Year's day. Rev. James B. Whelan, pastor of St. Mrs. Thomas Thomas, married, four Patrick's Catholic church, Jackson children, lives in Keiser Valley: Mrs. street, will celebrate the silver Jubilee street, will celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. He rad arranged to have the affair pass off quietly, a solemn high mass being the only celebration he contemplated. Warrants will be served today on the His parishioners however decided to five other women. It is said that two seize upon the opportunity to show more of these are from West Scranton and that the four women from that admired pastor and unknown to him prepared an additional celebration to take place tomerrow

In the afternoon in the basement of ity. the church the children will tender him that the Polish people there were not a reception, a specially arranged pro- in sympathy with the scism and would gramme of literary and musical exer- not contribute. Howe last evening and were given a cises to be the principal feature. In hearing. Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Evan the evening the adults of the congregation will pay their respects.

There will be musical selections by possession and had given Miss Harriet Ward and her violin pu- church and to induce his neighbors to The goods recovered amount in value derly, P. J. McCann, J. C. Gallagher present to Father Whelan a good sized purse contributed by the congregation.

REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION.

In pursuance of a resolution of the Republican city committee adopted at a regular meeting, held on Tuesday, Dec 21, 1897, a city convention will be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1898, at 16 o'clock a m., in Music hall, Scranton, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following lees to be voted for at the next munihad election, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1898. Two (2) school directors to serve one

Two (2) school directors to serve two

ears. Two (2) school directors to serve three Election district are entitled to repreentation as follows:

First ward, First district. First ward, Second district First ward, Third district. First ward, Fourth district First word. Fifth district. Second ward, Second district Second ward, Third district,... Second ward, Fourth district Second ward. Fifth district. Third ward, Second district Fourth ward. First district... Fourth ward. Second district Fourth ward, Third discreet Fifth ward. First district. Fifth ward. Fourth district Seventh ward. Second district Seventh ward, Third district Eighth ward. First district. Eighth ward. Second district. Ninth ward. First district . Ninth ward, Second district. Ninth ward, Third district. Tenth ward, First district... Tenth ward, Second district. Eleventh ward, First district Eleventh ward, Second district, Eleventh ward, Third district.

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Twenty-first ward, Second district. Vigilance committees will hold delegate elections on Saturday. Jan. 8, 1888, between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock p. m. They will give at least two days' public notice of the time and place for holding said election.

A. B. Stevens,

David J. Davis. Secretaries

Requiescat in Pace. [Communicated.] On Sunday night at a quarter after f

o'clock the soul of Mr. Gilmore entered into the rest of Paradise after a long life of scruoulous uprightness and honor.

life of scruoulous uprightness and honor.
All who knew him loved him for his gental disposition, his kindly courtesy and true Christian gentlemanliness, while they thoroughly respected him for his right-eous dealing in all business relations.

Mr. Gilmore was a native of that home of the saints and cradle of heroes, old freland, whence he came to this country in 1810 when 19 years of age. He settled first in Honesdale with an uncle. There he lived an honored and useful life till some lifteen years ago, when he entered some lifteen years ago, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Coal com-pany and became their auditor and genral freight agent, a position which he dowed with conspicuous honesty and in-egrity till two years ago, when he retired

from active service.

The deceased died in the Catholic faith, being a devout communicant of St. Mark's church. Dunmore, and an earnest helper in all good works. He is survived by several children and his second wife Jane (Hamilne). The funeral will be from his late residence on Elm street, Dunmore, Wednesday Dec. 29, at 1.15 p.m. Interment will be at Honesdale and the services will be in charge of Rev. Edward J. Haughton, of St. Mark's. rom active service

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Nolan Bros., 515 Linden Street. Plumbing, Steam and Gas-fitting, **

Steam Heating and Plumbing. P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave. BEECHAM'S PILLS for Stomach and

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE BY TALASZ

Says That Rev. Frank Hudor and Others Tried to Extort Money.

HE WANTS TO SECURE DAMAGES

An Action Was Brought by Him Yesterday, Asking for Damages in the Sum of \$5,000 -- Allegations That Are Set Forth in His Declaration Filed Yesterday by Attorneys Ward & Horn for the Plaintiff.

Frank Talasz, of Stroudsburg, yesterday instituted a \$5,000 trespass suit against Rev. Frank Hudor, Z. Lopaty-ner, Leon Olchefski and C. Balucinski

for false imprisonment. Hudor is pastor of the Independent Polish church which was formed at the time of the disgraceful riots at the old church on Prospect avenue. Lopaty-ner is a Polish editor: Olchefski. the central figure in the thrilling explosion and fire at Olchefski's building on Pittston avenue last summer, and Balucinski, one of the leaders in the trouble between the two congregations, are pillars of Hudor's church.

Talasz alleges through his attorneys, Ward & Horn, that these men tried to extort money from him. He received a letter from Pastor Hudor, he says, asking him to take up a collection for the independent church among the Polish people of Strondsburg and vicin-Talasz after a time wrote back

He received another letter from Pastor Hudor asking him to come to Scranton and he did. They tried to reason with him that it was to his advantage to contribute to the new do likewise. He could not be talked es by T. J. Jennings, Hon. T. V. Pow- into enlisting his sympathies with their project and told them so,

To show that there were no hard feelings, however, he staid over night at the Rev. Mr. Hudor's house. The next day in the central city he was arrested on a warrant issued by Alderman Millett charging him with having stolen \$75 from the house of Hudor. When arraigned before the alderman there was a sort of hearing, he says, and he was held for court. The aldermen stated to Talasz, he alleges, that he might settle the case by contributing \$40 to the church and paying \$15 costs. It is probable that the alderman will be also sued by Talasz.

ON MR. GÖDFREV'S DEATH.

Resolution Passed By the Scianton Gas and Water Company.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Scranton Gas and Water company, held on the 28th day of December, 1897, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Joseph Godfrey, one of the early stockholders of this company, and its oldest director both in age and length of service, has been removed by denth, therefore.

Resolved, That this board, of which he has been for thirty years a member, desires to express its sense of the loss which the company has sustained, as well as

its deen sympathy with Mr. Godfrey's family and friends. Resolved. That this board recognizes and desires to place upon its minutes its appreciation of the many services ren-dered to the company by the deceased. lent judgment and sagacity that marked his career as a successful business man. Resolved, That a copy of these minutes be furnished to the daily papers of this city for publication, and to the family of

THEY CAME FROM WIKES-BARRE.

John F. Williams and Miss Dora Contes Married Here.

The relatives of John F. Williams and Miss Dora Coales, both of South Wilkes-Barre, will no doubt be very much surprised when they learn of their marriage. The ceremony was performed yester-

day afternoon by Alderman Moses, The two were unaccompanied save by smiles and a license.

WILL OF JOSEPH GODFREY.

His Wife Made Personal Heir and Executrix.

The will of the late Joseph Godfrey was vesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to his widow, Jennie V. Godfrey. He bequeaths \$1,000 to his sister, Sabra Carter, of Waverly, and the rest of his estate goes to his wife. The will is dated Dec. 9, 1895, and is witnessed by C. H. Welles and John Taylor.

The will of John Raedl, late of West Abington, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to

In the estate of Thomas J. Davis, late

of Scranton, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Jane Davis. In the estate of James M. James late of Scranton, the widow, Emma M. James, was granted letters of admin-

istration.
The will of William Penry, late of Scranton, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to the widow, Mary Penry.

CHRISTMAS SEASON EXERCISES. Observed at Grace Reformed Church

Last Evening. Sunday school of Grace Reormed church conducted its annual Christmas entertainment and festival last evening. Superintendent William T. Hackett presided over the affair, A large Christmas tree, lavishly decorated, stood in the main auditorium of the

The walls and ceilings bore pretty festoonings of Christmas green. Altogether the picture was quite charming. After the exercises the children were given gifts of nuts and confectionery. Prizes for attendance during the year vere awarded to Pearl Murray, Lillie Murray, Phoebe Kane, William Kleinschrodt, George Morgan, Hattle Kane, Julu Wolfe and Nellie Harkness.

shooting Match for Cow and Chick-

ens. There will be a shooting match at Dalton, Pa., next Saturday, at 10 clock a. m., or a valuable cow, worth shotgun to be used, the distance o be decided by the shooters, at tarcet and glass balls. Entry, 50 cents. There will also be 100 of the finest White Buff and Barred Plymouth Rocks, also White and Brown Leghorns and Black Minoreas chickens, one year old, to be shot and raffled for.

It is better to take Hood's Sarsaparilla than to experiment with unknown and untried preparations. We know Hood's Sarsaparilla actually and

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Full size decorated toilet set—nine pieces, desirable shape and light weight. Made to sell at \$2.50. This offer for today only.

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Bric-a-Brac, Etc.

China Wall.

134 Wyoming Ave.

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Walk in and look around.

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

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"Famous Old Stand."

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Are still the prettiest and warmestlooking decoration for a parlor. We have 18 left over from our Christmas stock, values \$2.00 to \$5.00. They go at two prices:

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Furs. We've got a large stock and must reduce it. If you intend purchasing,

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