If you can't keep under cover at this season, you can at least keep your feet under cover. Then feet under cover. you are comparatively

Rubbers, Overshoes, Arctic Shoes,

> We have them in all kinds that are good, and all prices good for the purchaser.

SCHANK & SPENCER, 410 SPRUCE STREET.

CITY NOTES.

The Jefferson dancing class held forth in Excelsior hall last night. Professor Muller furnished the music for dancing. All singers who took part in the last performance of "The Messiah" are re-quested to meet at the Penn Avenue Baptist church at 8 o'clock this evening. Don't forget the praise and prayer meeting this morning, from 9 until 10 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

It is a good way to begin the New Year, Everybody welcome. The Yoke Fellows band will conduct the meeting at the Railroad Young Men s Christian association Sunday afternoon, January 2, at 2.45 o'clock. All railroad men and their families are cordially in-

Bauer's band of forty-five pieces will give a popular concert at the Lyceum on Friday evening, January 21. An excellent The band programme will be rendered. will be assisted by John T. Watkins, who will sing several seriel solos to the band's

The Young Women's Christian association announces that all classes will resume their regular work Monday even-ing at 7.20 o'clock. Now is the time to enter the B.ble classes, elementary de-partment, German and French classes, also the gymnasium. Call at the rootas, 205 Washington avenue, for information.

EVENING OF ART AND MUSIC.

Arranged For Next Thursday Night at Penn Avenue Church.

An evening of art and music will be given by the ladies of Penn Avenue Septist church next Thursday. A. L. follins, a local poet and pleasing, peaker, will give a lecturetie on "Artand their work." Some of the nest clers of the city will render se-

tures and curios will be on exon and some of them will be They are pronounced by those who have seen them to be really fine pictures and marked at a very low figure.

This premises to be an unique and enjoyable entertainment. The committee having it in charge includes the names of Mrs. A. Stelle, Mrs. L. Keller, Mrs. William McClave, Mrs. M. W. Lowry, Mrs. L. Northup, Mrs. Amerman, Mrs. H. J. Carr, Mrs. Warman, rs. Whittemore, Mrs. W. Pierce and

DR. O'MALLEY ON DANTE.

Will Be Heard at College Hat Next Tuesday Evening.

The fourth of the St. Thomas' college course of lectures will take place Tuesday evening next, when Dr. Austin Q'Malley, of the University of Notre Dame, will deliver an illustrated lecture on Dante's "Il Paradiso."

Dr. O'Malley, in addition to his many other attainments, is concededly the greatest Dantean scholar in America. With this fact known and a reminder given that he is a native of this region, having been born in Wilkes Barre, there is an assurance that he will have a crowded house.

TWENTIETH WARD CAUCUS.

Coyne and Cusick Nominated for Councils Without Opposition.

The fight for the Democratic nominations for select and common council n the Twentieth ward did not eventu-ate as expected yesterday.

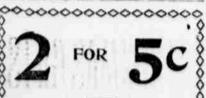
Martin F. Cablin and M. J. Langan. who were opposed to Selectman Thos. J. Coyne and his running mate, M. J. Cusick, did not go into the caucus and the latter two were consequently nominated unanimously. There were 280 votes cast, Cahlin and Langan, it is said, will run independent.

NO MORE BANK BURGLARIES.

Beginning Last Night Five of the City Banks Are Protected.

The Holmes Electrical Protective appliance is now in use in five banks in this city. Yesterday afternoon Electrician Marks, for the company, formally announced to Henry Belin, president of the bankers' committee, that the system was in perfect running or-

The two watchmen, Messrs. Thompon and Brishell, began work at the bolice station last night. They will work twelve hour shifts for a time.



We will sell all cigars in our case, including Imported, Key West and Domestic, at the above price for a few days. There are cigars worth \$125.00 a thousand in the O

PASSING OF THE OLD. WELCOME OF THE NEW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1898.

Royal Reception Given to the Year Eighteen Ninety-Eight.

THERE WAS PLENTY OF NOISE

The Tribene's Gong Started the Chorus Which Continued Long and Loud For an Hour--Earth was Mantled in White in Honor of the Coming of the New Year -- Watch flat. Services Were Held in Many Churches.

The year '98 came in with the bidtime annual greeting from all the loud mouthed things of this part of earth at

It was the same old chorus, perhaps a little louder than in former debuts -as in truth it should be with every moving, hustling, whistle-collecting

city like this, The fast toot to be sounded was from The Tribune's gong. It was on exclusive tool-as in all things else The Tribune led. The man who tends the boilers, which makes the power, which puts the presses going, pulled the rope of the gong at precisely 11.30 o'clock Dec. 31, 1897, and held it down until long into 1898. No expense was spared; ********** it's The Tribune's way of doing things.

After this the other noisy things in

the city began to blow, and by 12 o'clock the whole town was tooting in behind The Tribune's pace-maker. As the gongs began to make themselves heard and felt crowds of noisy serenaders appeared upon the streets

and added their voices to the general

chorus. The storm made their numbers less than those of former years. Old earth seemed to care nothing for the old-everything was bedecked in the white welcome of the bridegroom oming. The blizzard through the night had been a great one, most of the Traction company hands were sleeping and the cars were stretched along the several lines when the whistles

were sounding. At 12.30 o'clock, Saturday, Jan. 1. 1898, the only sound left from the manyvoiced welcome was the clanging of the bells in Elm Park church, as the bellringer plays "While the Days are Go-

In many of the churches of the city watch-night services were conducted.

WILL RESUME PRACTICE.

Judge Willard Goes Back Into His

Former Pactnership. Hon, E. N. Willard will today resume his former place in the law firm of Willard, Warren & Knapp, from which he withdrew to take a seat on the superior beach. The following formal notice is being sent out to the chents of the

Law Offices of Willard, Warren &

& Knapp, Republican Building.
Scranton, Pa. Jam. 1-188.

Judge Willard having retired from the Superior court of Pennsylvania resumes the general practice of law as a member of the firm of Willard, Warren & Knapp

Edward N. Willard, Everett Warren, Henry A. Knapo, Charles F. O'Mulley, Roscoe Dale.

THE SUNDAY NEWS.

o Full of Interesting Topics. Exclusive Matter.

Mexico. His Opinion of the Electric Constable Black's Hair-whitening Experience While in Pursuit of a Runaway Couple. Scranton's New Been Turned. A Youth Absent From Home for Many Months. A Pather's Grief. Troubles of Ellsworth Friez, the Green Ridge "Rougher." His Marriage to Jennie Emory. Picture of Hon. A. B. Dunning Taken One Week Before His Death. A Shady Green Ridge Romance. The Shoplifters. Bob Fitzsimmons Sends His Photo to the Sunday News. W. J. Bryan to Visit Scranton.

See the Sunday News

DROPPED DEAD IN HER YARD. Mrs. Pauline Herbster Stricken With

Heart Failure.

Mrs. Pauline Herbster, of 306 Alder street, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 3.20 o'clock. She was in the yard back of her home when stricken with heart failure. She fell to the ground unconscious and died soon after being carried into the house.

The deceased was born in Germany fifty-seven years ago, and lived on the South Side for a quarter of a century. She is survived by a husband and the following children: Mrs. Jacob Schriber, Mrs. Louis Schoen, Miss Pauline Albert, L., Anthony J., Ernie A. and Ferdinand F. Herbster.

The funeral will take place Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with a mass at St. Mary's Catholic church.

WATCHING THE OLD YEAR OUT.

Services Conducted at Elm Park Church at the Hour of Midnight. At the Elm Park church the impressive ceremony of a church "watch" meeting was conducted from 10 o'clock

until after 12 o'clock Devotional service occupied the time until the moment of the passing when Dr. C. M. Giffin prayed for the ings of the Almighty upon his church and all humanity during the new year, The service was largely attended.

MESSIAH WILL BE REPEATED.

Performance of the Cantata at Pers Avenue Baptist Church Tonight. The cantata, "Messiah," given reently at the Penn Avenue Baptist

church, will be repeated this evening. A large crowd gives promise of attending, judging from the success of the first presentation. The soloists for tonight will be: Mrs.

Frank Brundage, Miss Margaret Jones Thomas Beynon and Richard Thomas.

CANDY AND DISEASE.

The Two Lurk Together in a Small Bellevae Store.

A small "candy store" on Third avenue, Bellevue, will be brought to the attention of the board of health was discovered last night by Mrs. W. B. Duggan in her rounds as agent for the board of associated charities.

The house is a small building, and is occupied by two families. In the basement in the candy store kept by John R. Kelly. Mrs. Duggan learned of the destitute condition of the famfly through the little daughter. Mamle

When Mrs. Duggan visited the place last night the father and two children were at home. In the dirt covered window were the candles-for sale. The array could certainly not be called inviting but to the children of the weigh-

borhood it was learned the store at-tracts many an odd penny. Inside the basement a horrible spectacle was shown. The father sat at a table eating a crude meal of potatoes. In a chair sat the little girl. She is half blind and she was doing her best to wrap a bandage around the diseased left arm of her brother. The arm is covered with the most repulsive sores. He was discharged from the Moses Taylor hospital as incurable. His nose has been eaten away, leaving the face

The girl is afflicted with the same discase. Her left leg is almost fleshless, The only support of the family is begging and the candy in the window Mrs. Duggan stated that she would inform the board of health of the condition of the place.

GUARDIAN ABUSED HIM.

Young Hagen's Story Turned the

Tables When He Was Arrested. John Hagen, a 14-year-old boy, was arrested yesterday by a relative on the charge of incorrigibility. When taken before Alderman Howe the boy's story turned the tables on his prosecutor. Hagen is an orphan. When his parents died he was placed in care of a relative living in North Scranton. Hagen finally left his guardians and could not be located until yesterday, when he was found in the house in South Scranton of a man who had befriended him,

Hagen refused to return to his old home and the warrant for his arrest resulted. Before the alderman he said that his relatives abused him so that he was compelled to leave for safety. A member of the Board of Charities went the boy's ball and Hagen was taken in charge by Mrs. Duggan, pending the trial of the case in court.

BIG RUSH OF TAX PAYERS. Kept the Clerks in the City

Treasurers Office Busy. The belated tax payers of the city alone.

made a rush for the city hall yester-day, and the office of the treasurer fairly besieged all day and until after office hours at night. Early in the day City Treasurer Boland saw that his regular force of clerks would not be able to cope with the rush, and secured reinforcements from his insurance office, Poor Tax Collector Finn remained at the office all day, actively assisting his clerk in receiving the taxes of the late comers. Yesterday was the last opportunity for paying axes before a penalty is imposed. City Treasurer Boland received \$57 .-481.24 yesterday besides a number of checks. This was the largest day's receipts since the time for receiving taxes began. As most of this was paid in amounts of less than \$1.00, the work done yesterday may be surmised. The cierks had no time to go to supper,

private office. The 1896 city tax duplicate amounted \$227,210.84, and the school duplicate to \$249,607.05, making a total of \$526,-817.89. On this duplicate up to the last day for collecting taxes in 1896, which was Nov. 25, \$248.542.19 was received on the city duplicate, and \$220,554.28 on the school duplicate, making a total of \$469,096.47.

and through the kindness of the city

was served to them in the treasurer's

treasurer and poor tax collector, lunch

The city duplicate for 1897 was \$269. 781.94, and the school duplicate \$297,-561.30, making a total of \$569,343.24. The following amounts were received by the city treasurer on these duplicates up A Scrantonian meets W. J. Pryan in to the hour of closing the office last night: City, \$232,969.43; school, \$252,-\$13,30; total, \$485,782,73.

The collections up to yesterday ex-ceeded the collections to Nov. 25, 1896, Irish A. P. A. Association. Promi-nent Young Catholic Men Who Have the amount of delinquent taxes that will have to be collected of \$23,779,09

Collector Finn received about \$11,000 in poor tax yesterday, which was the largest amount received any day this

DISSOLVING THE TRACTION COMPANY.

Stockholders Met Yesterday and Decrease the Capital Stock.

A formal step in the dissolution of the Scranton Traction company, which was swallowed up by the Scranton Railway company Jan, 1 last, took place yesterday at noon, when the Traction company stockholders met at the general office and voted to decrease the capital stock. It will be further decreased again

next year, and so on until it is finally wiped out, when the company will be formally dissolved.

WORK OF THE CLEARING HOUSE.

More Money Handled During December Than Any Month of Year.

The exchanges at the Scranton Clearing house during the week just closed amounted to \$1,004,741.25, divided as follows: Monday, \$190,349.54; Tuesday, \$171,722.94; Wednesday, \$186,113.15; Thursday, \$208,207.72; Friday, \$248,347,-90. The clearances for the month of December were \$5,212,517.43, the highest of the year. The clearances for the last week of December, 1896, were \$558,795.99.

The second second FORMAL OPENING OF BUILDING.

New No. 15 School is to Be Visited

on Monday Afternoon. Monday the formal opening of new No. 15 public school building, of the Twentieth ward, will take place. In the morning the teachers and pupils will take possession of it, and during the afternoon it will be inspected by members of the board of control, the architect and builder. The building contains eight rooms but all of them will not be opened at this time.

Ball in Music Hall.

Division No. 22, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of South Scranton, held their second annual ball in Music hall last vening. Hayes Brothers furnished the music. The officers of the ball were: Daniel Galvin, chairman: John T. Mc-Grath, secretary; John Guy, master of ceremonies; James Collins, assistant master of ceremonies.

MARRIED.

TOMS-JENNINGS,-in Scranton, Dec 20, 1857, by Rev. Richard Hiorus, at his residence, 520 Pine street, Joseph B. Toms, of Cherry Ridge, and Miss Flor-ence Jennings, of Hawley, Wayne county.

DIED.

M'DONOUGH.-In West Scranton, Dec. 30. 1897. John McDonough, about 65 years of age, at his residence, 2215 Jackson street. Funeral announcement later.

YEAR'S RECORD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Number of improvements and Innovations Introduced.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE BIG FIRE

The year just passed will be memorable in the history of the Scranton fire department. Many improvements and innovations have been introduced during the last twelve months.

Of the innovations the still alarm system introduced for the first time in Scranton has proved very succesaful. Where previously the smallest fire would startle the whole city by the blowing of a number of disagreeable whistles, now the alarm known to be 106 years old. It was brought is sounded from the court house bell from Virginia to Indiana at an early day and only under certain conditions are the gongs used. The public alarms would be done away with entirely if it were not for the volunteer contingent of fire fighters in this city. As it is, as Chief P. J. Hickey stated recently, the city can only look forward for '98 to bring about a paid department in the Third district-central city-at least. Of the notable improvements were the building and tenanting of the Nay Aug company's house, the new combi-nation and chemical wagon for the Columbias. The efficacy of the chemi-cal method of fighting fires has been demonstrated during the year by the

control by the Chemical company THE STILL ALARMS.

great work done by the one engine in

the central city in charge of the Phoenix company's three permanent

men, Campbell, George and Tillman.

The records show that one-sixth of the

fires during the year were kept under

The number of still glarms sent in by telephone to the company has increased remarkably during the year. Four were responded to during the last month-December. During the year there were in all 16 still alarms. Added to the 11 false alarms, 1 tests, and 99 regular calls, the total is 130 respenses by the department for the

The biggest fire was the destruction of the Illuminating Heat and Power ompany's plant on January 31. The damage was \$35,000. In this case the firemen met with great difficulty owing to the peculiar location of the burning building. The next largest fire was that at Alex. Dunn's gent's furnishing store on Wyoming avenue, May 2. The damage was estimated at The destruction of Rarrick's bottling establishment in Green Ridge, August 2, created a loss of \$3,000.

The most exciting configgration occurred at Olchefski's store on the South Side, after it was blown up with dynamite In not a single instance was any fire-

man seriously injured. The nearest approach to a terrible catastrophe was when Chief Hickey and a dozen men were caught in the smoke filled slope of the Van Storch mine last October. The discipline of the department has

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.

For the new year Chief Hickey contemplates a host of improvements. Among these is the introduction of a paid department in the Third district, and the establishment of a fire and headquarters in the rear of the city hall. The increase of wages for the permanent men is already under way; also the framing of a firemen's relief association ordinance that will enable them to receive the record:

Bells-January, 11; February, 12; March, 9; April, 12; May, 10; June, 10; July, 7; August, 9; September, 4; October, 5; No-vember, 4; December, 5, Total, 98, Tests-June, 1; August, 1; November, 2,

Total, 4.

False-May, 3; June, 2; July, 4; August,
1; October, 1. Total, 11.

Stills-February, 2; March, 2; June, 2;
July, 1; August, 1; September, 1; October,
3; December, 4. Total, 16.

Last Night's Fire.

The last fire of the year 1897 was the burning of a single dwelling in West Scranton last night. By it Mrs. Chomas Phillips, who occupied the ionise on Lafayette street, was left

homeless. The fire started by the accidental overburning of a lighted lamp. Mrs. Phillips in her fright opened the door to escape and the strong wind fanued the flame in the house to uncontrollable

portions. When the Columbia and Franklin empanies reached the fire in response to an alarm from box 37 the building vas a mass of flames. Most of the furniture was saved but the building

was totally destroyed. The building was owned by out of town persons. The loss is about \$2,000. THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Eight Bells Today.

An unique and amusing piece of stage mechanism is the ship scene in "Eight Bells," which opens at the Lyceum New Year's day, afternoon and evening. The scene shows a cross section of a ship w the passengers on deck and in the stat rooms. Presently a storm arises and t ships rocks and rolls with increasing fol until finally it turns completely over several times. This sort of thing might bunwelcome to ordinary travellers, but is not especially troublesome to the Brothers Byrne, who, being born acrobats, seem much at home on the walls of ceiling as on the floor. Their agility shows also in a trick carriage accept. shown, also in a trick carriage scene, it which they tumble in, out and through the vehicle in a most surprising manner There are other interesting scenes and songs and speciaties of various sorts add to the entertainment, which finishes with nerobatic quadrille.

Why I Am An Agnostic.

Colonel R. G. Ingersoll will lecture the Lyceum Monday evening on "Wh Am an Agnostic." In this lecture Colon Am an Agnostic. In this fecture Colone; Ingersoil gives a description of the peo-ple among whom he was raised and by whom he was educated. He tells what he was taught and the arguments used. He shows what first attracted his attention to the cruelties and absurdities orthodox religion—tells the books he re-and the road he traveled from the sup-stitions of his fathers to the science. day. He tells the story and tells it ithout prejudice, without bitterness—tells with clearness and cander, and gives his reasons for the conclusions he hiveached. In this lecture he justifies him self and pays a glowing tribute to the mental heroes of the world. It is full of wit, pathos, reason and philosophy.

Three Star Company. The Three Star Comedy will be at the Academy all of next week, the three stars being Inez Mecusker, Willard Lee and

Miss Ella Warren Harmon, all known as first class people in the theatrical world. They play during the week all New York successes, and will open Monday night in "Dorcas." a three-act musical comedy. In addition they carry a lady symphony orchestra, which will give a free concert Monday afternoon in the opera house at 3 o'clock. Matinee afternoons. Ladies admitted free on Monday night when accompanied by one paid 20-cent ticket.

Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

Mrs. Fiske, who is universally recog Mrs. Fiske, who is universally recognized as a new stage force and a very potent one, is to appear here next Wednesday at the Lyceum in "Tess of the D'Urbevilles." The novel has been skillfully dramatized by Lorimer Stodard, who has aparently succeeded admirably in transferring the theme of Thomas Hardy to the stage without any cheapening or weakening of the original potentiality. Many critics who saw the play at its original production at the Fifth Avenue, New York, went so far as to pronounce it a more loying and powerful nounce it a more loving and powerful work than the novel. Mrs. Fiske's in-tense portrayal of the heroine is undoubt-edly a chief cause of the great success

which the play has achieved

Has Rocked 40 Rabies. From the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Mordecai Hardesty, the first while child oorn in Indianapolis, was rocked through infancy in a cradle in the possession of Mrs. Brandt, wife of the Rev. J. L. Brandt, paster of the Christian Taber-nacle, of Valparaiso, Ind. The cradle is and was bought by Mrs. Brandt's grandmother, Mrs. George Marquis, from a wo-man who was the mother of ten children rocked in this cradle. Mrs. Marquis had ourteen children, who were rocked to leep in it. Mrs. Brandt's father, one of the fourteen, is 82 years old. Altogether, forty sons of Indiana have been rocked in this same relic, it is still doing service in the home of the Rev. Brandt.

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New Year's.

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The cradle was hewn from the logs, is three feet two inches long, and from its long continuous use closely resembles abony. The Indiana Commission of the World's Fair wished to exhibit it at the World's fair, but Mrs. Brandt declined, fearing something would happen to it.

"This morning the doctor ordered me to drink warm water an hour before every meal; and here I ve been drinking for the last forty minutes but I'll be gizgered if I can swallow another drop."—Humor-istische Blaetter.

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cial standing.

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W. S. FOOTE, Local Agent.

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