# Social and Personal.

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elaborate this year than at any previous, time. The members of the committee have been at work for weeks on the many details, which make such a great affair the success it is always, and with the experience of past years and undoubted individual cleverness of each member to aid in the huge task, it cannot but be the beautiful brilliant event which lasts many a day in the memory of every one who looks upon it. More than a ball, more a great reception is indescribably picturesque and splendid in conception and general effect, the fascination of this annual affair given under the direction of the leading society men of the city is something ever new and exhilirating. One has only to recall the splendid panorama of other years to feel renewed the intense desire to see it all over again, so like a rare, lovely picture it remains in the thought.

This season the decorations will be marked in originality and charm of design. It would seem that the ingenuity of the florist's art had been exhausted in previous years, but there is a wise look on George Clark's face when he is approached about the ball preparations that intimate something

The fact that for the first time it years the Bachelors' ball and the Wilkes-Barre assembly will not clash is another interesting feature in connec tion with these two elaborate events. Heretofore our young people have been unable to compare notes or enjoy the entertainment afforded in our sister city, and they intend to go down in full force on this occasion, while a large contingent is expected from that

Probably more house parties than ever before will be entertained here. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simpson will have as their guests Miss Waring, of Plainfield; Mr. and Miss Lefferts, of New York; Mr. and Miss Reynolds, of Orange, N. J.: Messes, Orville Hickock and Charles Brady, of Harrisburg; Mr. Chester Derr, of Wilkes-Barre. Miss Hunt will entertain Miss Linberg, of Trenton, and Mr. Everett Hunt will also have several men at his home. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs James Archbald, Miss Barber, of Englewood, N. J.; Miss Caldwell, of Troy, Y., and others will be guests, Miss Madeline Harris, of Germantown, and Miss Post, of New York, will be guests of Miss Belln; Miss Helmes, of Albany, will visit Miss Welles, Mr. Worth Scranton will entertain a number of friends, and thus throughout the city many young men and women from out of town will be present as guests at the great event of the year.

Mrs. James P. Dickson gave a pleasant thimble tea yesterday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, Among the guests were: Mrs. Williams, of New York; Mrs. Margaret Frothingham, Mrs. Chauncey Rey-nolds, Mrs. C. E. Robinson, Mrs. William Matthews, Mrs. A. H. Winton, Mrs. W. F. Hallstead, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. E. B. Franklin, Mrs. Bentey, Mrs. R. J. Matthews, Mrs. M. R.

Mrs. H. W. Cross gave a thimble tea on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Carnell, of Albany. Among those present were: Mrs. Walter M. Dickson, Mrs. Frank Silliman, Mrs. B. E. Watson, Mrs. Sidney Williams, Misses Diana Miss Augusta Archbald and Miss Cole

Mrs. Edward Dimmick entertained a few friends informally yesterday af-

The Otis Whist club gave an informal party at the Bicycle club Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Snyder, of Potisville, who is in the city giving whist lessons. Among the guests were: Mrs. Baird Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Hintermelster, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Struppler, Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall, Mrs. S. Page, Mrs. Katharine Wilcox, and Mrs. William Silkman, Mrs F. W. Fleitz, Miss Scranton, Messre, J. W. Dusenbury and C. R. Fuller,

Mrs. Snyder will give the last in her series of lessons this morning on the subject of the invitation game. The work she has taught has been advanced rather than elementary and her teaching is very much liked.

Mr. and Mrs. James S McAnulty will entertain at a dancing party in honor of their daughter at the holiday

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones will give dancing parties Monday afternoon and evening, Dec. 26, for their sons and daughter. The dances will be in held at the Bicycle club.

Mrs. H. F. Higgins, gave one of the largest receptions of the season at her home on Blakely street Thursday. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Mary A. Misener, Mrs. Edward Stanly Dolph and Mrs. George W. Hessler. About the rooms were Mrs. S. A. Nyc Mrs. W. Chamberlin, Mrs. Myron S. Knight. In the dining room, which tastefully decorated with palms and chrysanthemums, Mrs. Charles S. Lauer. Mrs. G. W. B. Allen, Mrs. Decker and Miss Chamberlin served. assisted by the Miss Bone, Miss Bry den and Miss Innes. Among the many guests were: Mrs. W. G. Hargis, of Chicago; Mrs. W. L. Anthony, of Chicago; Mrs. M. E. Van Loon, of Mooste Dr. Anna Law, Mrs. Henry Beyea, Mrs. C. Moffitt, Mrs. David E. Barton, Mrs. A. De Orville Blackinton, Mrs. J. Wilson Peck, Mrs. Penwick Peck, Miss Bronson, Mrs. J. D. Caryl, Miss King, Miss Jane King, Mrs. Thomas R Young, Mrs. ohn H. Taylor, Mrs. A. L. Bryden, Mrs. Albert N. Kerr, Mrs. Nettie E. Swarts, Mrs. F. M. Dolph Miss Dolph, Miss Becker, Miss John past month. Briegel, Mrs. Wilford V. Mathews, Mrs. F. A. Mudagh, Mrs. William Ferthey Gibbons, Mrs. Joseph Jeffrey, Artie A. Butler, Mrs. C. M. Potter, Mrs. R. N. Potter, Mrs. R. N. Davis. Mrs. Martin Luther Peck, Mrs. Everett Austin Bush, Miss Lillie A. Wardell, Mrs. J. Edward Close, Mrs. James Young, Mary L. Taft, Mrs. Farrer Mrs. John M. Moflitt, Miss Chamberlin, Mrs. James R. Mears, Mrs. Fow ler, Mrs. E. U. Wert, Mrs. Sudler Hop kins, Mrs. John A. Oswald, Mrs. P. J. Bronson, Mr. F. B. Sanders, Mrs. E. D. Boyard, Mrs. Robert Dickson, Mrs. Charles A. Howitz, Miss Moffatt, Mrs. M. C. Simson, Miss Green, Mrs. James C. Moffatt, Mrs. Lewis Mudge Smith, Mrs. Julius G. Bone, Mrs. Joseph S.

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The Bachelors' ball will be more | Chapman, Miss Hester Thomas, Mr. John Whittaker Fowler, Miss Youjng. Miss Elizabeth L. Young, Mrs. John E. O'Brien, Mrs. Elmer E. Vicker, Miss Bishop, Miss Wert, Miss Nora Raught, Miss Mary Raught, Mrs. Chamberlian, Mrs. S. D. King, Mr. J. B. Bronson, Miss Sadie N. Morgan, Mrs. Joseph Godfrey, Mr. William L. Boyd, Miss Anna Boyd, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. D. Swartz, Mrs. E. Simpson, Mrs. J. H. Warg, Mrs. E. Moss, Miss Julia Bishop, Mrs. Frederick Stevens.

department of the Delaware and Hudson

wick, and Mrs. Howe, of Ithaca, N. Y. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wolfe

George Lindsey, who has been attending the Ann Arbor Medical college, will re-turn home on the Dec. 22 to spend Christ-

nas with his parents. Rev. W. T. Davis has returned from Rev. W. T. Davis has returned from Wikes-Barre, where he attended the semi-annual convention of the Baptist Ministers' association.

elect P. E. Timlin, of Jermyn, to Miss Kathryn Mulianey, of Wyoming avenue,

Professor Robert J. Bauer is ill at his ome in West Scranton. The orchestra

at the Lyceum last night was led by Proessor Oppenheim, of Wilkes-Barre, Charles C. Swisher, son of District Pas

He was born at Tunkhannock twenty-three years ago and came to Scranton with his parents in 1897. During his rest-

dence here he has made many warm friends. While at present employed in the

usiness department of the Free Press, Mr.

Swisher has ability as a writer, showing a decided preference for dramatic criti-

ism, which he inherited from his father

who is an experienced theatrical mar and thoughtful critic. He is personally

equainted with the prominent actors of

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

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Dinner Last Night.

The final meeting of the New Eng-

land society prior to its annual dinner

ports of the committees and the re-

assembly hall on the evening of Thurs-

day, Dec. 22. From 6 to 7 o'clock there

steward, whose service on similar oc

The speakers will be George Sander-

on, president; Talcott Williams, of the

Philadelphia Press; Professor Charles

Mellen Tyler, of Cornell university; H

E. Dayton, member of congress, of

Charleston, W.Va., and Rev. L. J. Lans-

ing, D. D., of the Green Ridge Pres-

byterian church. Mr. Williams while

in Scranton will be the guest of James

H. Torrey; Professor Tyler will be en-

tertained by President Sanderson, and

Mr. Dayton by J. W. Howarth, This

talent, it is predicted, will prove to be

the strongest of its kind at any New

night given power to admit new appli-

cants to the society from now until the

were admitted to membership last

night: Lieutenant Frederick C. Ben-

Wilkes-Barre; James G. Shepherd, C.

S. Woolworth, James Gardner Sander

son, John Luce and Colonel L. A. Wat-

The Tribune has been requested to

The officers of the society are: Presi-

dent, George Sanderson: vice-president

Homer Green; secretary, J. H. Fisher;

treasurer, A. C. Fuller; historian, H. E.

Paine. The latter will have to chron

icle and report on the deaths during the

year of William T. Smith, J. H. Phelps,

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matter, Miss Florence Shook; muslin gar-ments, Miss Clara Hughes; bread, Lind-

ner's bakery; bread, Miss Maggie Zeid-

er; eight boxes candy, Mrs. D. E. Taylor

cake, Mrs. John Genter, sr.; quantity reading matter. Miss Jennie Hartley

brussels carpet, Mrs. John J. Wentz; two ladies' vests (new), a friend; bread and

neats, First Presbyterian church; firty

we caps, Mr. Ambrose Mulley; twenty-ight umbrellas (for the children), Mrs.

Carmalt's Sunday school class; doctors in attendance, Leet, Arndt, Rea and Heit-ner; dolls, Mrs. George D. Taylor; tea.

Mrs. M. Rollins; canned fruit, jellie

Shafer; clothing, Mrs. C. C. Rose;

sup and two bushels turnips, Mrs.

Langstaff; crib quilt and nursery articles

Mrs. Runk; clothing, Mrs. Van Blarcom nine dresses and one hat, Mrs. Hampton

Mrs. J. G. Hoffman; quantity sandwiches and baked beans, Nay Aug Hose com-

pany: papers and magazines. Miss Baffe

and Mrs. Mill; vegetables, Mrs. Katharine Sohnes; quantity literature, Mrs. J. E.

Carmalt; barrel cabbage, turnips and car-rots, Mrs. James P. Dickson; three pairs stockings, Mrs. H. H. Stoke; three barrels

apples, E. L. Fuller; four baskets grapes one bushel sweet potatoes, Mrs. James P.

offee, butter, sugar, celery, cranberrie

granges, one-half bushel sweet potatoes

homas Dickson; one dozen cans corn

two baskets grapes and apples, Mrs. Jas

McAnulty; turkey and cranberries, Mrs William T. mith; 12 bunches celery, Mrs

ee, squash, Mrs. H. H. Crane; hubbard quash, beets and quinces, P. P. Carter

and crullers, Mrs. C. P. Matthews; turkey Mrs. J. J. Williams; chicken, one head o

cabbage, Miss Clara Hughes; two chick

ens, Mrs. E. N. Willard; turkey, Mrs. A. Robertson; two chickens and sweet po

tatoes, Mrs. N. Y. Leet; 30-pound tur-key, crate of oranges, ex-Sheriff Robin-

key, crate of oranges, ex-Sheriff Robin-son; 25 pounds buckwheat, pickles, apples

cookies, Mrs. A. Van Cleef; \$1 worth sugar-one bushel potatoes, St. Luke's parish two turkeys, Mrs. W. D. Boyer; turkey

Mrs. D. E. Taylor; two boxes candy (1) pounds), J. D. Williams & Bro.; quilt

more: basket fruit, Penn Avenue Baptis church: 50 cents worth sugar, cranberries

mick; chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. T

fruits and nuts, Church of the Good Shepherd. Desserts were furnished by Mrs. C. B. Scott, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Mrs.

A Smooth Game.

Marble-Old Skinflint daily grows in

He passes the plate in church

McClintock; wagen load vegetable

Junior league Methodist church

bushel sweet potatoes, Mrs. J. B.

W. D. Kennedy, Mrs. Luther Keller

bushel Irish potatoes,

Dickson; cherries, Master Fred Martin

ickies, Mrs. John Genter, sr.;

R. A. Zimmerman; beans, tomato

barrels apples, W. W. Scranton;

R. W. Luce and F. C. Whittemore

The membership committee was last

England dinner in Scranton.

es, of Scranton,

by Mr. G. B. Dimmick.

itude gifts as follows:

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asions has been excellent.

for the annual spread.

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his city is announced.

ond, has returned from a visit at New York city.
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fairchild, of Ber-

A social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson on Thursday evening, by the members of Miss Margaret Lever's Sunday school

Mrs. W. G. Parke is at Newport News, whence she has gone to meet her son, Norman, on his return from

Cards were received yesterday to the asembly at Wilkes-Barre, on the night of Jan. 2

The studio teas given at the home of Miss Grace Norton on Mulberry street. Thursday and vesterday, were largely Yesterday afternoon Mrs. attended. Penman poured chocolate. Mrs. F. Megargel, Mrs. C. D. Jones, the Misses Kingsbury, Miss Margaret Han-Miss Pratt, Miss Anna Buck, Miss Elizabeth Jones Miss Edith Pierson, and Miss Gearhart assisted about the oms, Misses Nettle Schlager, Helen 'onnell and Helen Jones served in the

The wedding of Miss Bertha C. Klott to Mr. Adolph Heusner took place at the residence of Rev. Dr. Nordt, on Thursday evening. Miss Jennic J. James was maid of honor, Mr. Henry Klott was groomsman. At the reception which followed at the home of the newly married pair were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heusner, Mr. and Mrs. George Housner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heier, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Nordt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heusner. Mr. and Mrs Philip Hartman and fam-Hy, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rosar, sr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helm, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Terppe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Diesing, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weintz. Mr. and Mrs. George Kersler and family, Mr. and Mrs. August Heier, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fickus, Mrs. Elizabeth Heier, Misses Minnle Heier and Amelia Hartman, Henry Jacke, Peter Hartman and children, Fred Hartman, Fred Klott, Fred Kessler, Dr. Hand, F. W. Terppe and Charles Housner.

The announcement that Rev. J. W. Handolph will speak on Bismarck Monday evening at the Conservatory of Music, is of great interest to German students all over the city. The theme is one to attract many listeners and all are invited to be present.

Mrs. T. H. Dale entertained at lunch Thursday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Holman, of Salt Lake city. Among the guests were: Mrs. C. H. Zehnder, Mrs. R. W. Archbald, Mrs. H. A. Knapp, Mrs. C. M. Giffin, Mrs. M. H. Holgate, Mrs. Myron Kasson, Mrs. I. F. Megargel, Mrs. F. M. Spencer, Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. Theodore G. Wolfe, Mrs. B. H. Pratt. Mrs. Myron Kasson, Miss.

The marriage of Miss Lizzie Baumgartner to Mr. William C. Klein, took place at the home of the bride on Pittson avenue, Wednesday evening, Rev. E. J. Schmidt officiating. Miss Lillie Klein was maid of honor, Mr. John Schmidt was best man. A large reception was held at the conclusion of

Today is dongtion day at the Young Women's Christian association. Don't forget to send a remembrance in the shape of provisions of all sorts.

The young ladies of the First Presbyterian church have instituted an in novation in taking orders for all varietles of cake, from now until after the

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson will in troduce their eldest daughter, Miss Annie, to society in holiday week,

## Movements of People

J. H. Brooks is in Buffale

Miss Elizabeth Archbald is in German-

C. F. Bradbury, erq., is at St. Al-Attorney George D. Taylor is in Phil-Isanc Post is visiting friends in

Rev. I. J. Lansing has returned from Colonel George Sanderson was in Phila-

leiphia this week,
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller returned last night from New York. Bruce Fordham spent yesterday at Bird's Eye farm, Moscow. Mrs. W. S. Mulford, of Montrose, is the

uest of Scranton friends, Miss Gertrude Williams, of Price street, visiting in Willies-Barre Miss Fritz, of Doylestown, Pa., is the uest of Miss Emma Hanley.

Michael Shields, of Bentley Creek Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, of Carbondale, vis ited Mrs. H. T. Jackson yesterday Mrs. John Armstrong, of South Main has returned from Philadelphia, S. B. Price, W. H. Roe and C. R. Pitcher were in Wilkes-Barre yesterday on

Mrs. L. A. Watres has returned from Harrisburg, where she spent several days

Miss Emily Fielding, who has spent the past six months in St. Louis, has returned Mr. I. F Megargel has returned from Mt. Clements, Mich., where he spent the

Miss Harriet Goodwin, of Rutherford. N. J., is visiting Mrs. Minor Carr, of Dickson avenue. Miss Eleanor Gearbart, of Lock Haven,

will spend Sunday at the home of Miss Lillian Gearbart er home in Honesdale after a visit with cranton friends. Mrs. Carpenter, who spent several days

the guest of Mrs. C. S. Westen, has re urned to Minneapolis.
Private Otto Vackroth, of the Rough Riders, has returned to his regiment afor being home on sick leave.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wenke have re-

turned from their wedding journey and are at home on Marion street. Miss Wanner, who has been the guest Miss Gearbart, is visiting friends in he central part of the state. Mrs. William Walters, who has been isiting friends in this city, has returned to her home in Mauch Chunk.

Mrs. Carrie Briggs, who has been the guest of Mrs. P. W. Ripley in Green Ridge, has returned to her home in Hart-

Hart-Grace nothing! He doesn't want anybody to see him put a penny in that's all.-New York Journal. C. Rose, superintendent of the coal

# MUSICAL QUESTION BOX.

Professor J. Alfred Pennington, director of the Scranton Conservatory of Music and organist of Elm Park church, has consented to reply in the Saturday Tribune to questions concerning music and musical topics asked by Tribune readers. Every reader interested in music is at liberty to ask for information. Questions may be addressed to "Musical Question Box, care of Tribune," or they may be addressed to Professor Fennington. Only the writers' initials will appear in connection with the answers to their questions. They may sign fictitious initials if they desire to remain entirely unknown.

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Advanced Pupil. L-Will you please give in the Question Box the tempo in metronome marks) of different movesenger Agent Swisher, of the Central Railroad of New Jorsey, is one of the dis-criminating theatrical critics of the city. ments of Liszt's second Rhapsodie, as great planists take it, also the clowest tempo permissible?

As their name indicates, the Liszt Rhapsodies are pieces that are to be played capriciously according to the spirit of the wild, capricious Hungarian national airs, upon which they are founded. This fact leaves the interpretation largely to the fancy of player, and, as a matter of fact, the great players differ in their interpretation of the Rhapsodies.

The "lento a capriccio," or introduc tion to the second rhapsody, is, of course, not played in strict time. This is especially true of the small notes in the right hand. If I were to mention any prevailing tempo I should say that an eighth note equals about 56. The 'andante mesto' would be taken at was held last evening in the board of trade committee room. From the reabout 63 for every quarter note; the 'vivace" (Friska) at about marks of the officers it was gathered the "tempo giusto vivace" at 126, and that everything had been made ready the "piu mosso" at 132 for every quarnote. From the point where it is marked "sempre piano, e poco a poco The dinner will be the twelfth annual. It will be served in the board of trade | accelerando il tempo" the tempo becomes faster and faster until at prestissimo the highest possible speed is will be a reception and at 7 o'clock attained. In the hands of a great d'etre." sharp the dinner will begin. For guests' artist this last part works the audience up to the highest point of enthusiasm. tickets \$5 each will be charged. Based upon the number of members who have | Those who question Liszt's importance dready paid their dues, on applications as a composer, term his rhapsodies "fire-works" music; notwithstanding or guests' tickets, new members admitted, etc., it is probable that not less the opportunity for technical display than 110 persons and possibly 120 will they are tremendously effective under be seated at the tables. The catering the fingers of those who have mastered will be by O'Neill, the Scranton club | their technical difficulties.

2.-fs Sousa considered a good composer, and if so why don't teachers want their pupils to play his marches: What is the proper place and value of this kind of music in the musical Hterature?

Answer.-Sousa is a good composerof marches. From the standpoint of true music the compositions of Sousa have little value. Many of them none whatever. This question involves a dissertation upon the aesthetics of music, and I can only touch upon some of the points. The prime requisite of a good march

s a striking, definite march-rhythm, since it is intended to be marched to. If this rhythm be covered up or obscured the march ceases to have any value as a march. There can be no night of the dinner. The following variation in this rhythm; it must kept inflexible. Now, the fact that the rhythm is the chief thing, with a tempo ett, of West Pittston; E. H. Jones, of so inflexible that any music box or selfplaying instrument can play it as well as living persons, puts the march entirely outside the realm of artistic music. The same thing is true of the waltz or dances meant to be danced to innounce that members who intend to The regular, unrelenting rhythm is be present at the diner or who wish the chief thing and everything must lickets for guests will facilitate the be subservient to that. There have work of the officers by procuring tickbeen many fine compositions written which were music in the truest sense The menu cards have been designed that were based upon dance Chopin's waltzes are exexamples of this kind; but when properly played nobody on earth ould waltz to them, simply because the music has been so written as to idealize the waltz movement. movement varies and the waltz rhythm | 2. is simply the skeleton upon which have been draped beautiful and artistic nusical thoughts.

To conclude. Artistic music, that is, nusic in its truest sense, music which can express the varied emotions of the human heart, purifying and idealizing them, can not be tied down to any music box, mechanical rhythm and tempo. Any composition intended to be marched to or danced to will not permit of any departure from a rhythm and tempo which must dominate everything else. Music of this kind is practical and useful for the purpose intended, but, considered apart from the purpose intended, it occupies an unimportant place musically. Those whose ideas of music rise no higher than the popular marches, two-steps and other dances of the day have no more touched upon the domain of true music than have those whose only reading is the ephemeral novels of the day have touched upon the domain of literature. The "popular" things of the present are too often of a character as to make them the "forgotten" things of yesterday. To this category belongs the greater part if not all of Sousa's pro-

Plodder.-What is your opinion regarding the touch of planes? Do you prefer a heavy action to a light one? A friend of mine says that the action of my plane is too light. She says er teacher recommended a heavy tion to strengthen the fingers. I desire your opinion.

Answer.-My preference is decidedly n favor of light actions. The difficulties in learning to play the piano well are already sufficiently numerous without adding any unnecessary ones, and a heavy action puts a strain upon nuscles and nerves that is wholly useless. The planes of the classical composers had extremely light actions, and

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many passages that are quite difficult to perform on the heavy modern actions were perfectly easy of execution on the instruments of their time. The tendency in pianoforte manufacturing at the present time is toward a light action and I have no doubt that heavy actions will soon become things of the past in pianos, just as heavy actions in | large organs, thanks to electricity, are

becoming more and more obsolete. I have known of teachers who recmmended their pupils to purchase pianos with heavy actions that they might by assiduous practice upon them work up sufficient muscular strength to be able to play upon the heaviest actions when they were called upon to do so. This advice I consider dangerous. In practicing much upon an extremely heavy action there is a constant liability of straining one or more muscles of the hand and perhaps injuring them beyond all recovery. And then, too, there is another side to this. What would you think if some one would advise you to eat a tough beef steak every day in the privacy of your own home that you might gracefully dispose of one at a friend's house in case you should be called upon to do so? Moral: Neither heavy actions nor tough beefsteaks have any "raison

M. H. C .- I find in some editions of sacred music the terms Dec, and Con, printed at intervals over or under the music. I have not the least idea as to what they mean. I shall be obliged if you will enlighten me on the subject. I presume I ought to know their meaning but I really do not.

Dec. and Can, are abbreviations for 1 'Decani" and "Cantoris." In the Engcathedrals the dean's stall and half the choir stalls are on one side of that part of the church called the !! choir," the stall of the precentor, or | Cantor," and the remaining choir 1 stalls are on the opposite side. The I dean's side is called "Decani," and the precentor's side is called "Cantoris." According, as the composer desires one part of the choir or the other to sing alone he writes the abbreviation Dec. or Can. The same effects may, of course, be obtained in any divided choir. This answering of one part of the choir by the other is termed singing "antiphonally."

I am sorry that I can not answer 'Musician's' communication in the Question Box, but as some of it has personal bearing I think it would be unwise to reply to it publicly. I quite s agree with him that the city of Scranon is quite large enough and contains enough of singers with good voices to form an excellent permanent horal society. There are a large number of cities not as large as Scranton that have successful choral organizations.

#### MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The following is the programme to be rendered at the Abt mandolin recital at Perry Bros.' music store Tuesday even-Semirami de Overture ........Rossini Mazurka de Salon .... ... De Janoa Mr. Foote (a) Fantasia (b) Cradle Song, arr. Abt .Hauser Wieniuswkl alse de Concert Argelus, Spring Song Mr. Poote. Mendelssohn (a) Manganillo Rober Mascanni (b) Intermezzo (e) Impromptu ... Ab Mr. Abt. Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2...... Liszt Angelo, Orchestral.

A recent and very valuable addition o Scranton's coterie of musicians is Mr. Tom Cippel, tenor solosit at the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Gippel is a pupil of Miss Cordelia Freeman and his beautiful tone quality and sympathetic interpretation have won many admirers for him. He sings with excellent style and has, unquestionably, a brilliant future.

Miss Freeman's fortnightly studio eas are a delightful blending of the social and musical and are greatly enloyed by her pulls and their friends Last Saturday Miss Lily Joseph, the charming contralto, Miss Ellen Scranton Sliter, a violin pupil of Miss Allen's and Miss Meldrum, pianist, gave an informal programme while tea was

Miss Lily Joseph and Mr. Tom Gippet will sing this evening at the Y. W. C. A. musicale, under Mr. Southworth's

The mention of Mr. McAndrews most artistic playing at Thursday evening's band concert by the local papers could do this rising young player enough praise, owing to lack of space The young clarionet soloist has a bright future. A beautiful quality of quite a noticeable feature of Mr. McAndrew's playing.

Broken-Hearted is the title of a song and chorus just published by the Unon Music company, of Scrapton, which deserves popularity. The air was composed by Prof. Carl Schilling, of New York, nephew of Prof. W. P. Schilling. of this city, and was one of the gems of a Germon opera by Prof. Carl Schilling, which was recently brought out at the Grand Opera house of New York The English words are by George W Bowen, of Scranton. The New York Journal, the Sun and other metropolitan papers speak in glowing terms of the new song.

Henry Clay Barnabee, of comic opera fame, rises to remark that the stage the age." It is possible that Henry has been discovering empty benches recent-

The Scranton Magazine yesterday pubished a fine portrait and sketch of Miss Edith Bradford, the mezzo soprano who made her debut as the gypsy queen in the "Bohemian Girl" with Mil ton Aborn's Opera company at the Academy last week.

The opera season at the Metropolitan New York is now fully under way. The second of the old Italian opera revivals will occur on Saturday ev-'ll Trovatore"

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# Saturday sale of cloaks and millinery

The height of the season in both of these departments has been reached and we are now looking around for the best method by which to unload some of our surplus stock. The necessity of this is imminent. Holiday Goods are arriving daily; more room must be made for them.

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presented, with Henry Albers is Manrico and Mme. Nordica as Leonera. Albers is a Frenchman by birth but has studied mostly in the German school of music, and hence is well fitted for the Wagnerian roles; he is one of the new acquisitions to the company this season. Anton Van Rooy, the Dutch baritone, has arrived in New York and will make his first appearance next Wednesday evening in Walkine" and his second in "Siegfried" on Friday. The "Marriage of Figaro" and "Romeo and Juliet" will be repeated, filling out the bill for the week. Jean de Reszke will sail from Europe on the 14th inst. and will appear on the 26th, probably in "Siegfried." His brother, Edward, has been retail. with the company since the opening; the two brothers never sing in different companies. The "Niebelungen Ring" will shortly be given in its entirety, and some of the performances will last from 6.45 to 11.45 p. m. This is a new departure in opera in New York. Two

#### MORE ASSESSMENTS SET ASIDE. Judge Archbald Finds Flaws in City Assessors' Work.

works.

Americans girls in the company have

De Lussan and Suzanne Adams. One

of the features of the opera this winter

Two more city assessments enocked out by Judge Archbald yeserday

The Thomas Barrowman property at 17 Lackawanna avenue was assessed in 1897, \$10,350; land, \$5,500; improvements, \$4,850. In 1898, the assessors fixed the valuation of the land at \$11,-900 and the buildings at \$2,900. Barrowman complained that the buildings were rated too high and court thought the complaint well grounded. The assessment on the land was re uced to \$2,000.

William C. Connell's property at 421 Franklin avenue was assessed in 1897 at \$1,280 on land and \$1,300 on buildings. In 1898 land and improvements were assessed \$1,600 each. Judge Archbald cuts the land assessment down to is "agitated by the intense hysteria of \$1,200, and that on the improvements he fixes at \$1,300. Mr. Connell testified that the property was in Broker Jadwin's hands last year to be disposed of at \$5,000, but found no takers. It is still on the market for that price, he says.

## CONTRACTOR SUES THE CITY.

Contractor George McDonald, as was anticipated, has sued the city for damages because of its refusal to permit him to carry out the contract for paving North Main avenue and Providence

The praccipe in the case was filed yesterday by Hon. M. E. McDonald. No declaration accompanied it.

## COULD NOT CONTINUE.

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Look well before you enter. Our signs are large blue signs with white lettering and almost cover the whole building. A few doors from the St. Charles hotel, 124 Penn avenue, Scranton, Pa.

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