

Social and Personal.

The Bachelors' ball will be more 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 execution, it cannot but be the most 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 decorations will be arranged under the direction of the leading society men of the city is something ever new and exhilarating. 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 florists' 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 unique.

The fact that for the first time in years the Bachelors' ball and the Wilkes-Barre assembly will not clash is another interesting feature in connection 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 town.

Probably more house parties than ever before will be entertained here, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simpson will have as their guests Miss Warring, of Plainfield; Mr. and Miss Lefferts, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of Orange, N. J.; Messrs. Orville Hickock and Charles Brady, of Harrisburg; Mr. Chester Dyer, of Wilkes-Barre; Miss Hunt will entertain Miss Lumberg, of Trenton, and Mr. Everett Hunt will also have several men at his home. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Archbold, Miss Barber, of Englewood, N. J.; Miss Caldwell, of Troy, N. Y.; and others will be guests. Miss Madeline Harris, of Germantown, and Miss Post, of New York, will be guests of Miss Bell; Miss Holmes, of Albany, will visit Miss Welles. Mr. Worth Scranton will entertain a number of friends, and also 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 Prothman, Mrs. Chauncey Reynolds, Mrs. C. E. Robinson, Mrs. William Matthews, Mrs. A. H. Winton, Mrs. W. F. Hester, Mrs. C. H. Messers, Mrs. E. B. Franklin, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. R. J. Matthews, Mrs. M. R. Kays.

Mrs. H. W. Cross gave a thimble tea on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Carrell, of Albany. Among those present were: Mrs. Walter M. Dickson, Mrs. Frank Sullivan, Mrs. R. E. Watson, Mrs. Sidney Williams, Misses Diana and Chauncey Reynolds, Miss Hunt, Miss Augusta Archbold and Miss Coleman.

Mrs. Edward Dimmick entertained a few friends informally yesterday afternoon.

The Otis Whist club gave an informal party at the Bicycle club Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Snyder, of Pottsville, who is in the city giving visiting lessons. Among the guests were: Mrs. Edith Snyder, Mrs. and Mrs. L. G. LaBar, Mr. and Mrs. Hintermeister, Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Strupler, Mr. and Mrs. Tunstall, Mrs. P. S. Page, Mrs. Katharine Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. William Siliman, Mrs. F. W. Fleitz, Miss Scranton, Messrs. J. W. Dusenbury and C. B. 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. McNulty will entertain at a dancing party in honor of their daughter at the holiday season.

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 Miesner. Mrs. Edward W. Desales, Dolph and Mrs. George W. Desales. About the rooms were Mrs. S. A. Nye, Mrs. W. Chamberlin, Mrs. Myron S. Knight. In the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with palms and chrysanthemums, Mrs. Charles S. Lauer, Mrs. G. W. H. Allen, Mrs. Decker and Miss Chamberlin served, assisted by the Miss Bone, Miss Bryant and Miss Linn. Among the many guests were: Mrs. W. G. Hargis, of Chicago; Mrs. W. L. Anthony, of Chicago; Mrs. E. Van Loan, of Monticello; Dr. Anna Law, Mrs. Henry Beyson, Mrs. C. Moffitt, Mrs. David E. Barton, Mrs. A. De Orville Blackinton, Mrs. J. Wilson Peck, Mrs. Fenwick Peck, Miss Bronson, Mrs. J. D. Garry, Miss King, Miss Jane King, Mrs. Thomas H. Young, Mrs. John H. Taylor, Mrs. A. L. Bryden, Mrs. Albert N. Kerr, Mrs. Nettie E. Swartz, Mrs. F. M. Dolph, Miss Dolph, Miss Becker, Miss John Briegel, Mrs. Wilford V. Matthews, Mrs. F. A. Mudgett, Mrs. William Fortney 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, Mrs. L. T. Farr, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. John M. Moffitt, Miss Chamberlin, Mrs. James R. Mearns, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. E. U. Wert, Mrs. Sudler Hopkins, Mrs. John A. Oswald, Mrs. P. J. Bronson, Mr. F. B. Sanders, Mrs. E. D. Boyard, Mrs. Robert W. 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.

Chapman, Miss Heister Thomas, Mr. John Whittaker Fowler, Miss Young, Miss Elizabeth L. Young, Mrs. John B. O'Brien, Mrs. Elmer E. Vicker, Miss Bishop, Miss Wert, Miss Nora Raught, Miss Mary Raught, Mrs. G. J. Chamberlain, Mrs. S. D. King, Mr. J. B. Bronson, Miss Sadie N. Morgan, Mrs. Joseph Godfrey, Mr. Willard L. Boyd, Miss Anna Boyd, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. D. Swartz, Mrs. E. Simpson, Mrs. J. H. Ward, Mrs. E. Moss, Miss Julia Bishop, Mrs. Frederick Stevens.

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

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

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

The studio was given at the home of Miss Grace Norton on Mulberry street, Thursday and yesterday, were largely attended. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. P. F. Penman poured chocolate. Mrs. J. F. Megarrel, Mrs. C. D. Jones, the Misses Kingsbury, Miss Margaret Hanley, Miss Pratt, Miss Anna Buck, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Edith Pierson, and Miss George, assisted about the rooms. Miss Nettie Schlager, Helen Connel and Helen Jones served in the dining room.

The wedding of Miss Bertha C. Klott to Mr. Adolph Heuser took place at the residence of Rev. Dr. Nordli, on Thursday evening, Miss Jennie J. James was maid of honor, Mr. Henry Klott was groomsmen. At the reception which followed at the home of the newly married pair were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heuser, Mr. and Mrs. George Heuser, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heier, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Nordli, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuser, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hartman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Raser, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heiser, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Terpe, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Klott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dising, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weitz, Mr. and Mrs. George Kersler and family, Mr. and Mrs. August Heier, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fickus, Mrs. Elizabeth Heier, Misses Minnie Heier and Amelia Hartman, Henry Jacke, Peter Hartman and children, Fred Hartman, Fred Klott, Fred Kessler, Dr. Hand, F. W. Terpe and Charles Heuser.

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 church is expected 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. H. W. Archbold, Mrs. H. A. Knapp, Mrs. C. M. Gillin, Mrs. M. H. Holgar, Mrs. Myron Kassin, Mrs. L. F. Megarrel, Mrs. F. M. Spencer, Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. Theodore G. Wolfe, Mrs. H. Pratt, Mrs. Myron Kassin, Miss Dale.

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

Today is donation 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 innovation in taking orders for all varieties of cake, from now until after the holidays.

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

Movements of People

J. H. Brooks is in Buffalo.

Homeer Green, of Honesdale, is in this city.

Miss Elizabeth Archbold is in Germantown.

C. E. Bradbury, esq., is at St. Albans.

Attorney George D. Taylor is in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Isaac Post is visiting friends in New York.

Rev. J. J. Lansing has returned from Williamsport.

Colonel George Sanderson was in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller returned last night from New York.

Grace Northman spent yesterday at the home of Mrs. John A. Nye.

Mrs. W. S. Mulford, of Montrose, is the guest of Scranton friends.

Miss Gertrude Williams, of Price street, is visiting in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Fritz, of Doylestown, Pa., is the guest of Miss Emma Hanley.

Miss John Armstrong, of South Creek, called on friends here yesterday.

Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, of Carbondale, visited Mrs. H. T. Jackson yesterday.

Mrs. John Armstrong, of South Main avenue, has returned from Philadelphia.

S. B. Price, W. H. Roe and C. R. Pitcher were in Wilkes-Barre yesterday on business.

Mrs. L. A. Wares has returned from Harrisburg, where she spent several days this week.

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department of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, has returned from a visit at New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fairchild, of Berwick, and Mrs. Howe, of Ithaca, N. Y., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wolfe, of Church street.

George Lindsey, who has been attending the Ann Arbor Medical college, will return home on the Dec. 22 to spend Christmas with his parents.

Rev. W. T. Davis has returned from Wilkes-Barre, where he attended the annual convention of the Baptist Ministers' association.

The engagement of Representative-elect P. E. Fritlin, of Jersey, to Miss Kathryn Mullany, of Wyoming avenue, this city is announced.

Professor Robert J. Bauer is ill at his home in West Scranton. The orchestra at the grand opera was led by Professor Oppenheim, of Wilkes-Barre.

Charles C. Swisher, son of District Postmaster Andrew Swisher, of Central Railroad of New Jersey, is one of the discriminating theatrical critics of the city. He was born at Tunkhannock twenty-three years ago.

His parents in 1875. During his residence here he has made many warm friends. While at present employed in the business department of the Erie Press, Mr. Swisher has ability as a writer, showing a decided preference for dramatic criticism, which he inherited from his father, who is a well-known theatrical man and thoughtful critic. He is personally acquainted with the prominent actors of the day.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Made Final Arrangements for Their Dinner Last Night.

The final meeting of the New England society prior to its annual dinner was held last evening in the board of trade committee room. From the reports of the committees and the remarks of the officers it was gathered that the dinner had been made ready for the annual affair.

The dinner will be the twelfth annual. It will be served in the board of trade assembly hall on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 22. From 6 to 7 o'clock there will be a reception and at 7 o'clock sharp the dinner will begin. For guests' tickets \$5 each will be charged. Based upon the number of members who have already paid their dues, on applications for guests' tickets, new members admitted, it is estimated that not less than 110 persons and possibly 120 will be seated at the tables. The catering will be by O'Neil, the Scranton club steward, whose service on similar occasions has been excellent.

The speakers will be George Sanderson, president; Talbot Williams, of the Philadelphia Press; Professor Charles Mollen Tyler, of Cornell university; H. E. Dayton, member of congress, of Charleston, W. Va.; and Rev. J. J. Lansing, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Williams while in Scranton will be the guest of James H. Torrey; Professor Tyler will be entertained by President Sanderson, and Mr. Dayton by J. W. Howarth. This dinner is the grandest of any kind to be the strongest of its kind at any New England dinner in Scranton.

The membership committee was last night given power to admit new applicants to the society from now until the night of the dinner. In memory of those who were admitted to membership last night: Lieutenant Frederick C. Bennett, of West Pittston; E. H. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre; James G. Shepherd, C. E. Woodworth, James Gardner Sanderson, John Lunt and Colonel L. A. Waters, of Scranton.

The Tribune has been requested to announce that members who intend to be present at the dinner or who wish tickets for guests will facilitate the work of the officers by procuring tickets early.

The menu cards have been designed by Mr. G. B. Dimmick.

The officers of the society are: President, George Sanderson; vice-president, Homer Grosvenor; secretary, J. H. Fisher; treasurer, A. C. Fuller; and clerk, H. E. Paine. The latter will have to chronicle and report on the deaths during the year of William T. Smith, J. H. Phelps, R. W. Luce and F. C. Whittemore.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOME.

Acknowledged by the Managers of That Institution.

The managers of the Home for the Friendless acknowledge with deep gratitude gifts as follows:

One dozen umbrellas (for the children), Mrs. L. M. Williams; school class; six misses' coats and two dozen ladies' coats; Mr. Ambrose Mulley; jam, Mrs. E. H. Rippe; clothing, Mrs. S. Morris; two oak chairs, Mrs. John Kessler; in memory of her mother, Mrs. Messer; quilt, Mrs. Dalton Baptist church; milk (two a week), Mrs. Fred M. Koehler; reading matter, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; bread, Mrs. Clara Hughes; bread, Mrs. Maggie Zehler; eight boxes candy, Mrs. E. Taylor; cake, Mrs. John Kessler; reading matter, Miss Jennie Hartley; Brussels carpet, Mrs. John J. Brent; two ladies' vests (new), a friend; woad and woad, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; two caps, Mr. Ambrose Mulley; twenty-eight umbrellas (for the children), Mrs. J. H. Taylor; school class; doctors in attendance, Mrs. George D. Taylor; dolls, Mrs. George D. Taylor; Mrs. M. Rollins; canned fruit, jellies, cut-up and vegetable, Mrs. D. P. Carter; Langstaff; crib quilt and nursery articles; Mrs. Dreck; clothing, Mrs. Van Barcom; blue dress and one hat, Mrs. Hampton; blue cloth, Mrs. C. C. Rose; jelly, Mrs. J. G. Hoffman; quantity, sugar, lard and baked beans, Nay Ann Howe company; papers and magazines, Miss Bailey and Mrs. Mill; vegetable, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; quantity literature, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; Mrs. James P. Dickson, three pairs stockings; Mrs. C. C. Rose; apples, E. L. Fuller; four baskets grapes, one bushel sweet potatoes, Mrs. James P. Dickson; cherries, Master Fred Martin; pickles, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; turkey, coffee, butter, sugar, celery, cranberries, oranges, one-half bushel sweet potatoes, one-half bushel Irish potatoes, Mrs. Thomas Dickson; one dozen candy corn, two baskets grapes and apples, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; turkey and cranberries, Mrs. William Smith; H. bunches celery, Mrs. H. Zimmerman; beans, tomatoes, coffee, squash, Mrs. H. H. Crane; Hubbard squash, beets and quinces, P. C. Carter; 2 barrels apples, W. W. Scranton; cokes and crullers, Mrs. C. P. Matthews; turkey, Mrs. J. J. Williams; chicken, one head of cabbage, Miss Clara Hughes; two chickens, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; turkey, Mrs. J. A. Robertson; two chickens and sweet potatoes, Mrs. N. Y. Leek; 30-pound turkey, crate of oranges, ex-Sheffield Rolling mill; 20 pounds pickles, apples, apples, cookies, Mrs. A. Van Cleef; 30 worth sugar, one bushel potatoes, St. Luke's parish; two turkeys, Mrs. W. D. Boyer; turkey, Mrs. E. K. Taylor; turkey, Mrs. J. H. Taylor; 50 cents worth sugar, cranberries, bushel sweet potatoes, Mrs. J. B. Dimmick; chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McClintock; season loaf vegetables, fruits and nuts, Church of the Good Shepherd. Desserts were furnished by Mrs. C. B. Scott, Mrs. E. N. Willard, Mr. W. D. Kennedy, Mrs. Luther Keller.

A Skinful Game.

Marble—Old Skinfist daily grows in grace. He passes the plate in church now.

Hart—Grace nothing! He doesn't want anybody to see him put a penny in, that's all.—New York Journal.

MUSICAL QUESTION BOX.

Professor J. Alfred Pennington, director of the Scranton Conservatory of Music and organist of Elm Park church, has answered the questions asked in the Saturday Tribune to questions concerning music and musical topics asked in the Saturday Tribune. Questions are invited in music in the Liberty to ask for information. Questions may be addressed to "Musical Question Box, care of Tribune," or they may be addressed to Professor Pennington. 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.

Advanced Publ. 1.—Will you please give in the Question Box the tempo in Liszt's second Rhapsody, as great pianists take it, also the slowest 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 the player, and, as a matter of fact, the great players differ in their interpretation of the Rhapsodies.

The "lento a capriccio," or introduction 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 about 63 for every quarter note; the "vivo" (Friska) at about 108, the "tempo giusto vivace" at 126, and the "piu mosso" at 132 for every quarter note. From the point where it is marked "sempre piano, e poco a poco accelerando il tempo" the tempo becomes faster and