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PERSONALS.

Thomas Cawley, of Pittston, was in the city yesterday. Joseph A. Mears, of Meara & Hagen, is indisposed at his home on South Main avenue. Miss Maudie Ford, of Wanamie, is the guest of Miss Mattie Thomas, of North Hyde Park avenue. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Haynes, of Money avenue, have gone south for a few weeks visit in North Carolina. Arthur Davis, of North Sumner avenue, is home for the holidays from Bloomsburg State Normal school. Walter Jones, of North Hyde Park avenue, is at home for the holidays from Bloomsburg State Normal school. Miss Mary Ford, of Linden street, and Michael McCormack, of Millin avenue, will be married this morning in St. Peter's cathedral. A. C. Twitchel, formerly of New Haven,

Comm. has taken up his residence in this city and will be engaged in the coal business in connection with the Mount Pleasant mines.

First Sergeant George I. Daley, of Company B, Thirtieth regiment, who has been home for the past two months on sick furlough, has completely recovered his health and left yesterday for Camp MacKensie.

Jack Hedges, of Philadelphia, right tackle of the University of Pennsylvania eleven, is the guest of Ernest Ketzel, of Lackawanna avenue, who is also a student at the university. Dr. William P. Kingsbury, of this city, has accepted the position of senior resident physician under Dr. Estes at St. Luke's hospital, South Bethlehem. His duties will commence January 1. Dr. Kingsbury recently passed the state examination before the medical board at Philadelphia.

At the close of the lesson on Sunday afternoon Professor H. D. Huck was presented by the members of his Sunday school class with a handsome watch fob. The chain, buckle and locket are of solid gold. On one side of the locket is a small diamond and on the other a beautifully engraved monogram. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Logan.

Captain Kambeck, of Company B, Thirtieth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, is on duty at Fort Mifflin. The captain has had a serious case of typhoid and after his recovery his wife was stricken by the fever. In regard to the regiment's being mustered out, the captain said yesterday: "I know a great many people think that if congress passes the standing army bill, the volunteers will be mustered out. But they don't stop to think that there must be an army in readiness for any emergency while this standing army is being formed, which will take some time. The report that the regiment would be mustered out in February is unfounded as every preparation has been made to keep the soldiers throughout the winter. With wooden buildings, baths, electric lights, stoves and modern improvements the camp is built for use and it is most improbable that we will be mustered out."

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by Students of the Scranton Business College.

The fifth annual entertainment and social of the Scranton Business college was held Friday night. During the evening student Paul Harmon, of Bloomsburg, on behalf of the students, presented Professors Buck and Whitmore with handsome revolving office chairs. Prof. Taylor with a locket set and Prof. Tompkins with Mrs. Browning's poems. The following programme was rendered:

Piano Solo.....Miss Florence Weiss Recitation.....Patrick Ducon Vocal Solo.....Richard Watkins Recitation.....Mrs. A. R. Whitmore Mandolin and Violin.....Messrs. Gibbe and Emblem Piano Solo.....Miss Edith Miller Descriptive Ballad.....Masters Delroy Tierney, Robert Gardner, Violin Solo.....Miss Mae Murphy Recitation.....Master John Nallin Vocal Solo.....Miss Martha Matthews Recitation.....Thomas Handley Piano Solo.....George Martin

HELD IN HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN Church Last Night.

The Christmas celebration of the Sunday school of Holy Trinity Lutheran church was celebrated last evening. Superintendent Richard Brader conducted the exercises, which included a number of recitations, solos, chorus singing, etc. The exercises began with an anthem by the choir, an address by Charles Schoen and a Scripture lesson and prayer. There were recitations by Jennie Seaman, Etta Wetzel, Laura and May Lutz, Ellen Bernhard, Grace Brown and Lottie Blackens; solos by Florence Warner and Miss E. Garagan, and other exercises which included singing by the school, exercises by the infant class and a dialogue by nine young girls. The different classes presented their offerings and gifts were distributed.

ATHLETIC CLUB'S ANNUAL.

It was held in Music Hall Last Night. In music hall last night the Excelsior Athletic club held its annual ball. It was attended by about 100 couples and was one of the most enjoyable events of the kind conducted by the Athletic boys for several years.

CORONER WILL INVESTIGATE.

Evidence to be Heard in the D. & H. Crossing Accident. At Pockville yesterday a jury was empaneled to investigate the death of Peter Waszok and Joseph Walsh, who were killed Saturday on the Ontario and Western crossing. A day for hearing testimony has not been announced.

Coroner Longstreet made inquiries about another fatality at Pockville Saturday—the death of Anthony Kilduff on the Delaware and Hudson tracks—and decided that no inquiry was warranted by the facts in the case. To the Republican Voters of the City As stated in a previous communication in the morning papers, I announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of mayor at the coming primaries. If you see fit to nominate me and I am elected I pledge myself to a clean, conservative and business-like administration. George Sanderson.

BRILLIANT WEEK OF DYING YEAR.

INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR MANY IMPORTANT EVENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones Entertained at the Bicycle Club House Afternoon and Evening—Dancing Party Given Last Evening by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hull—Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Y. Pierce Celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Their Marriage.

Holiday week opens with the usual gay anticipations of the Bachelors' ball and other events of more or less importance. The city will be unusually full of visitors and many informal entertainments will be arranged at short notice whenever opportunities can be found for such affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Linen are entertaining a house party this week, the members of which will attend the Bachelors' ball. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson also have a house party of young people at their home.

PREVALENCE OF GRIP.

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If a more conclusive proof of the fact that la grippe and its many kindred ailments had the right of way within the city limits was wanted other than that the physicians are working almost beyond the point of endurance, it could be found by a skirmish around among employed labor of all kinds.

NEW NUMBERS GIVEN OUT.

Has Caused a Thrashing Over of Police History. The police officers have received their new numbers according to the system devised some time ago by Chief of Police Curran and explained at length in The Tribune at the time.

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TO THE VOTERS OF THE NINTH WARD.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the office of common councilman. Yours respectfully, M. Tewkesbury.

Smoke the Pocono cigar, 5c.

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MINES, MILLS AND FACTORIES OF THE CITY IDLE.

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