

NORTON'S BULLETIN
December Magazines.
received at Norton's:
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Woman's Home Companion,
Woman's World,
Scribner, St. Nicholas, Puritan,
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ALL THE NEW BOOKS
at cut prices
ATLAS OF THE WORLD
from \$1. upward.
GLOBES from 25c. to \$6.00.
MAP OF SOUTH AFRICA.
Price 25 cents.
25 and 50-cent paper books
10 cents each.
The London Illustrated Papers for
Christmas, are here.
Subscriptions received for all Period-
icals at publishers rates.

M. NORTON,
322 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton.

Christmas Goods
larger stock, finer goods than
ever before at
THE GRIFFIN ART CO.
The Rembrandt Photos are
the latest. Mr. Griffin gives per-
sonal attention to all orders.

King Miller TAILOR
London and New York
Fine Merchant and Ladies' Tailoring.
435 SPRUCE STREET.
PHONE 3774.

Lace Curtains Cleaned
Entirely by Hand. Returned Same
Size and Shape as New.

LACKAWANNA, THE LAUNDRY
208 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, of Chicago, are at
present in the city.
Mrs. Robert M. Scranton has returned
from Hartford, Conn.
T. C. Melvin, of the St. Charles hotel
proprietor, is in New York.
Controller Howell and son, Lewis, are
in Danville on business.
Attorney William Yokolek yesterday
left for Philadelphia to attend to busi-
ness in the Supreme court.
Henry Armstrong, who has been making
a hunting trip in Susquehanna county,
has returned after a very successful ex-
pedition.
P. F. Hofson, of Franklin avenue, has
gone to Milwaukee to attend the Painters'
convention to be held next week in
that city.
Colonel and Mrs. G. M. Halstead,
Charles Schinger, Mr. and Mrs. John T.
Porter, Mrs. William F. Halstead, Mr.
and Mrs. W. L. Schlager leave for New
York this morning to attend at the Hotel
Mastic the wedding of Miss Clara
Tootle to J. De Sme Masoure.
R. S. Kaufman, an amateur photog-
rapher, of this city, was fortunate
enough to have some pictures accepted
at the American Institute Photographic
Salon of New York. An acceptance in
the salon is considered a very high honor
that all artists work for. The exhibit
contains 300 pictures, and the best am-
ateur and professional photographic work-
ers of this country and abroad are rep-
resented. It is believed to be the finest
collection of modern photographs ever ex-
hibited in this country. Mr. Kaufman
was present at a private view in the gal-
lery of the institute last Saturday night.

LETTER CARRIERS ARE BUSY.

Recording Unmarked Streets and Un-
numbered Buildings in the City.
The local force of mail carriers have
been engaged during the past two days
in making a record of all the street
corners marked and unmarked, in pur-
sueance with instructions received from
the department at Washington.
Commencing today they will make a
record of all dwelling houses and build-
ing numbered, unnumbered or unprop-
erly numbered.
Should the department decide to shut
off free delivery on those streets un-
marked and unnumbered, as has been
done in other cities, the result would
be keenly felt, as it is es-
timated that only about one quarter
of the street corners are marked and
a very large percentage of houses either
unnumbered or not properly num-
bered.

Palmistry.
Martini, who created such talk the
past few weeks by reading the palms
of Scrantonians, announces his second
last week. 259 Washington avenue.

Finest wines and cigars at Lane's,
229 Spruce street.

Try a "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c.

Universal
Food Choppers
Price \$1.25
Each.

THE
LACKAWANNA HARDWARE
COMPANY,
221 Lackawanna Avenue.

GAMBLE-RHILL CONCERT.
Those who attended the Gamble-Rhill
concert last evening enjoyed one of the
most delightful evenings which music
has brought to this city in many a day.
So many favorable comments have been
made of these two artists that the audi-
ence was prepared to receive with en-
thusiasm the entertainment afforded by
those who have created such an impres-
sion in Philadelphia and elsewhere. There
was a big house and the listeners who
went away entranced with the first num-
ber of the series, Godowsky's piano rec-
ital, were no less charmed with this pro-
gramme so entirely different in charac-
ter.

Mr. Ernest Gamble made a hit before he
sang a note. His is the sort of person-
nel that would win a fortune as a matinee
favorite. He has a strong, handsome
face with the figure belonging to that
particular type, and more than all, he
has the poise and carriage of one who is
a leader in a chosen sphere. When to
these advantages is added a magnificent bar-
itone voice with the subtlest of effects,
the result is not surprising that the audi-
ence could not keep him on the stage
continuously enough to suit the insistent
demands.

He is uniformly a dramatic singer and
so unmistakable is this gift that to his
listeners he seems to unconsciously sur-
round himself with the subtlest of effects
for his theme—the camp, the field, the
trumpet call, the echo of conflict and the
rich parody of medieval courts. He
sings many numbers but was at his best
in the interpretations of valor and dar-
ing such as "The Bandolero," Handel's
"Honour at Arms," "I Am King," and
Armeure's song from "Roberto." He
has facility in adapting his powerful
tones to the grace and gentleness of love
songs such as "The Bonnie Banks of
Loch Lomond" and "Swing," and he
was especially happy in the "Sands of
O'Dee," but his great success lies in
the dramatic. He is by far the best
singer of ballads who has visited this
city since Elphinstone, two of whose well
known ballads he sang superbly last
night.

Nothing so exemplified his peculiar
resonance of voice as the little old gray
hued "Monotonie," by Cornelius.
Miss Maud Rhill, who in face reminds
one of Queen Wilhelmina, was most sat-
isfying in a difficult role that of accom-
panist and soloist, in the latter giving
several difficult selections. She has a
virtu, accurate touch, and exceedingly
brilliant execution. Her best work last
night was in the Last Rhapsodie and the
Leschetzky number. She received
many encores. The most enthusiastic fol-
lowing the Chopin Scherzo in which her
excellent technique was a feature. The
plans used was a concert grand, Mason
& Hamlin, from the warehouses of Firth
& Phillips.

This morning a reception will be given
at the Conservatory of Music in honor of
Miss Rhill and Mr. Gamble.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS VISITED.

Permanent Firemen to Become Fa-
miliar with City Edifices.
Chief Walker, of the fire department,
yesterday morning, together with West
Scranton's permanent firemen, paid a
visit to the West Scranton hospital and
St. Patrick's orphanage. They
went through the buildings from cellar
to roof to familiarize themselves
with every nook and cranny. Yester-
day the men who visited these build-
ings were from the Hook and Ladder,
Franklin, Columbia and Eagle com-
panies. It is the chief's object to make
the permanent men familiar with all
the public edifices, to know their plan
of construction, location of the doors,
windows, etc., and with this in view
will institute a series of visits to city
buildings.
Chief Walker is distributing new hy-
drant pumps to the city's fire com-
panies to be used after fire. After the
hydrants have been used in a fire a
small quantity of water generally
lodges in that part of it called the
bell. The water freezes and makes it
a necessity to have a having out pres-
sure. This must often be done when it
is necessary to use the pumps immedi-
ately and it causes a great deal of
trouble. With the new pumps this will
be entirely done away with, as they
will pump the hydrants dry.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Members of Associated Charities Did
Not Put in an Appearance.
The annual meeting of the directors
and members of the board of associ-
ated charities, which was to have been
held last evening in the Albright li-
brary, did not take place, a sufficient
number of members failing to appear.
This was said to be due to a mis-
understanding regarding the date and
it was accordingly decided by the
four members present to hold the meet-
ing next Tuesday evening, Dec. 12,
and to inform all members by
postal of this fact.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Final Arrangements for Annual
Banquet Made Last Night.
A meeting of the New England soci-
ety was held last evening in the as-
sembly rooms of the board of trade
for the purpose of making final ar-
rangements for the annual dinner of
the society to be held on Dec. 22. In
the absence of President Homer Green,
Secretary Dolph B. Atherton presided.
It was decided to have the banquet
served in the rooms of the Scranton
club by Stewart O'Neil. All of the
prominent invited guests have signi-
fied their intention of being present.

VERY USEFUL CALENDAR.

Is Being Distributed by Hackett, the
Real Estate Man.
W. T. Hackett, the real estate man,
is distributing calendars for the year
1900 that are unique and valuable.
The calendar combines three things,
any one of which is useful: First, a
calendar of each month; second, the
fire alarms; third, a map of the city,
showing the streets and principal build-
ings, churches, etc., with a key by the
aid of which they can be instantly
located. The map feature is, of course,
the most useful.

OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN.

Elected by the Members of Peter
Williamson Lodge, F. A. M.
The following officers were elected
last evening by Peter Williamson lodge,
No. 223, Free and Accepted Masons:
Worshipful master, Charles W. Daw-
son; senior warden, Alfred E. Connell;
junior warden, Joseph J. Taylor; treas-
urer, C. L. Van Buskirk; treasurer,
Thomas E. Lyndon; trustees, B. A.
Hill, William L. Connell and L. A.
Watres, representative to grand lodge,
Frank M. Moyer.

DIED.

KEEGH—Mrs. Michael Keegh, at her
residence, 121 Fourth street. Funeral
announcement later.
LOHD—At her home, North Washing-
ton avenue, December 5, 1899, Kate,
wife of C. W. Lord, age 44 years, 39
months, 22 days. Funeral Thursday af-
ternoon at 1 o'clock at the house. In-
terment in the Forest Hill cemetery.

MASS MEETING
AT GREEN RIDGE

WATER SUPPLY WAS UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

Report Was Read from the Secre-
tary of Household Economics
Section of the Green Ridge Womans'
Club, Showing the Actual Condi-
tion of the Reservoirs of the Provi-
dence Gas and Water Company.
Sample of Water Furnished Was
Offered in Evidence.

The mass meeting of Green Ridge
citizens, held last night in the Green
Ridge library, to discuss the question
of the water supply furnished by the
Providence Gas and Water company,
was a very enthusiastic one. In fact
it had probably more interest taken
in it than any gathering of the like
ever held in Green Ridge. One of the
most important features of the even-
ing was the reading of the report of
the secretary of the Household Econ-
omics section of the Green Ridge
Womans' club, which organization has
started the agitation concerning the
question. Short addresses were made
by many of the ladies present, and
Aaron Goldsmith brought along with
him a bottle of water, which came
from the faucet in his bath-room. The
liquid was certainly a bad looking
fluid.
The closing event of the evening was
by no means the least important, a
contribution was taken up to raise a
fund for the purpose of pushing the
water crusade through, and to be
placed in the hands of that section of
the Womans' club, which had been
making such vigorous efforts to carry
the thing along. \$10.65, in cash and
pledges, being collected.

DR. LANSING PRESIDED.

The meeting was called to order at
8 o'clock by Rev. J. Lansing, D.
D., of the Green Ridge Presbyterian
church, who acted as chairman, with
Charles L. Hawley as secretary. The
hall was crowded with enthusiastic
Green Ridge people who listened at-
tentively to the secretary's report, as
read by Miss Amy Von Sallis Gerecke.
It described in detail a visit to the
reservoirs of the Providence company
and the unwholesome conditions they
found.
She was followed by Attorney S. B.
Price, who gave a hearty, enthusiastic
address, in which he substantiated the
territory mentioned. He expressed his
opinion that another analysis should
be made of the water, and concluded
by stating that the ladies'
association was deserving of all credit
for their industrious effort.

Colonel F. L. Hitchcock was the fol-
lowing speaker, and in a few short,
 terse remarks expressed his approval
of all that had been done by the ladies'
association, and added that he believed
the directors of the company were
really ignorant of the great danger in-
curred in using the water from their
reservoir. He also suggested the ad-
visability of getting a good filtering sys-
tem. Professor Hawker next spoke,
and, like the other speakers, thorough-
ly endorsed the measures taken by the
Ladies' club.

E. B. Sturges was called upon for
some remarks, and suggested three
courses of solving the difficulty, first,
by sending a committee to the Provi-
dence Gas and Water company to con-
fer with them and come to an agree-
ment, if possible; second, to apply to
W. W. Scranton to supply Green Ridge
from his reservoir; and, third, if all
measures failed, to indict the Provi-
dence company on account of the dele-
terious condition of the water. Among
the other speakers of the evening were
J. H. Rittenhouse, George B. Davidson,
Professor H. L. Burdick, Rev. W. J.
Ford and Dr. G. E. Dean, all of whom
spoke shortly and to the point.

MR. STURGES' MOTION.

It was then suggested by Dr. Lansing
that a collection be made to defray the
expense of having a Cornell expert
come here and give the water a thor-
ough test. Mr. Sturges, however, made
a motion, which was carried, that a
committee of six, four to be members
of the Ladies' society and the other
two gentlemen appointed by the chair-
man, should confer with the Providence
Water company, and unless their griev-
ances were given immediate attention,
to present an indictment at the next
meeting of the grand jury.

IMPROVEMENT AT THE PARK.

What It Is Proposed to Do with the
\$30,000.
A meeting of the park commissioners
is being arranged for the latter end
of the week for the purpose of decid-
ing to whom the bond issue of \$30,000
will be given. It is very probable that
the city will itself take up the bonds
and place them in the sinking fund.
The question as to what work is to
be done at Nay Aug park and how
much is to be done this winter will also
be discussed. It is the intention of the
commissioners to use, as far as possi-
ble, the plans prepared by Architect
R. A. Edgerton, of Philadelphia, with
modifications necessitated by the
amount expended. Mr. Edgerton has
been requested to come to this city and
be present at the meeting.
The only work which will probably
be done this winter will be the removal
of the menagerie from its present loca-
tion to some place not yet decided upon
and the grading off of the ground along
Arthur avenue from there to Olive
street. A band stand is to be erected
in the center of this, with surrounding
driveways and walks.
The other improvements which will
be commenced in the early spring are
the artificial lake and perhaps the one
most generally anticipated and likely
to be most thoroughly enjoyed, the
swimming pool.
The commissioners are all anxious to
commence work as soon as possible.

COFFEE

Some people who were laughing at
our advertising Fancy Golden Rio at
10c, are now sorry they paid 15c, so
long. Others are buying our O. G.
Java at 25c, or with Arabian Mocha
at 28c, and wondering why some peo-
ple are foolish enough to pay 35c.
Coursen's BEST COFFEE is our lead-
ing coffee. It is not Mocha and Java
but the finest Coffee in America.
OUR idea of a fine coffee, 35c, 3 lbs.,
90c. We sell genuine Mandheling
at 40c.

E. G. Coursen
429 Lackawanna Ave.

CORONER'S JURY
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Third prize of \$5.00 to Mrs. John
R. Thomas, 137 S. Lincoln Ave., City.
Fourth prize of \$5.00 to Mr. C. R.
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