

THE LEADER

Scranton Store, 124-126 Wyoming Avenue.



There are more new gowns being made for the Bachelors' ball this season than ever before in the history of Scranton, so say the modistes, and it is a significant fact that a leading dry goods merchant advertises fine materials for the Bachelors' gown. Note that is not correctly expressed, but the meaning may be gathered from the context. This may seem a very frivolous statement to place at the head of such a grave and serious column, but it is significant as a prediction. It is understood that this is to be the most magnificent event of the series. The elaborate preparations, the good times, the more lively conditions of society, the social season, all these and many more influence will make up an exceptionally brilliant prospect for the great event of the year. The Tribune can now definitely announce the patronesses. They will be: Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. William F. Hallett, Mrs. C. H. Welles, Mrs. Henry Helin, Jr., Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmik, Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mrs. George Jermyn, Mrs. George G. Brooks, Mrs. C. S. Sturges.

Mrs. Christopher Moffat, Mrs. W. F. Gibbons.

The ladies who served coffee were: Mrs. John Fowler, Mrs. L. M. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Chase, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. H. S. Turner.

At the tea were Mrs. Myron Knight, Mrs. Albert Mowery, Mrs. Joseph Comstock acted as treasurer, assisted by Mr. Charles Bloss. The ladies who assisted at the booths were: Mrs. D. E. Barton, Mrs. M. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Nemger, Mrs. Warg, Mrs. George Allen, Miss King, Mrs. Charles Farrer, Mrs. Martha Chamberlain, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. W. F. Gibbons, Mrs. C. W. Wesley, Mrs. Wilson Decker, Mrs. Jack Taylor, Mrs. Elmer Vicker, Mrs. John Moffatt, Mrs. T. A. Nye, Mrs. J. E. Bone, Mrs. Archie Bryden, Mrs. Cardy.

Mrs. Clarence B. Sturges gave a tea yesterday at her home on Green Ridge street. She received with Mrs. E. B. Sturges. At the table in the dining room were Mrs. Gardner Sanborn and Mrs. James. About the rooms were Mrs. J. Benjamin Dimmik, Miss Sanderson, Mrs. George Sturges, Mrs. Ellen, Miss Helen Sanderson. In the dining room were Misses Hunt, Welles, Bell and Augusta Archibald.

The guilds of St. Margaret and St. Hilda of St. Luke's church will give an afternoon tea in their room, 502 Madison street, Thursday next, from 3 to 6 p. m., at which time all the articles remaining from their recent sale for the benefit of the South Side kindergarten will be offered at very moderate prices. At the sale about \$300 of the proceeds was received. This included money gifts from some members of the parish; also from other friends of the kindergarten. Mrs. Edger Connel, Mrs. James A. Manley, Colonel E. H. Ripple, Dr. A. J. Connell, Dr. C. L. Frey, Mrs. Hagen (of Meers & Hagen) and Mrs. Vatelina Blissett. In addition to these the gifts gratefully acknowledged generous gifts of the groceries needed for the refreshment tables from Messrs. E. G. Courson and A. M. Starr; of beef for ball-throwing from Mr. H. Armbust; of carpet work from Mr. J. Peck, and of linens from Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Peck. They are grateful for generous patronage on November 24 and 25, and earnestly hope for the same on Thursday next.

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We are at it again. For five years I've raised this doleful cry. We do make Christmas a burden. Even Mr. Bok, of the Ladies' Home Journal, says that the most distressing editorial comments, or scolds, equally denounce the iniquities of the modern day observance of the blessed holiday and the evils of the baby go-cart, which is not the correct term for the little peddler in which the baby has to sit upright and endure its poor little legs over the edge into space. No doubt he is right in both cases, aside from considering the vehicle a go-cart. There is no diminution in the struggle to outdo what we did last year in the way of celebrating Christmas. Somebody gives us something handsomer than we had any right to expect and we must go one better. Somebody we didn't know last Christmas has come into our life and we want to show our appreciation by an extravagant gift. Somebody we don't care much for has bestowed a present and we desire to forestall any possible reproaches in its value. We want to give something very beautiful to somebody we care very much for and, therefore, must make the expense total no heavier than last year. Oh, there is no end of excesses for making Christmas very hard.

Special attention is to be given to refreshments this year. Caterer J. W. Holland, Philadelphia, has been engaged and most elaborate details are being arranged. Bauer's orchestra and Alexander's Military band, of Wilkes-Barre, will provide the music. The invitations from the house of Reynolds Bros., this city, will be issued about the 15th.

There will be more out-of-town guests than ever before and many house parties are planned.

Holiday week will be gay in every respect. It is many a day since a Christmas night has promised so much activity. That will be the case with the Princeton Glee club concert, which will be held in St. Luke's parish hall, presenting a scene of great brilliancy as it is to be followed with a dance and all societies will be out in full costume. A tea will be given by one of the social groups on the afternoon of the day and it will thus be a very busy one.

The committee on arrangements consist of Messrs. M. B. Fuller, J. H. Brooks, James Blair, H. H. Brady, W. E. Gunster and J. H. Harris. The aggregate of the Glee club is about fifty-five members. As indicated by their names, many of them travel like princes and fare expensively every day in a train of special cars fitted up like a succession of palaces. The leader being Harry Lathrop, of this city, added to the fact that such a number of alumni are to be found here, assure a most enthusiastic reception. The parish hall will be unable to contain the audience is certain. The diagram will be open at Powell's music store a few days previous to the concert.

Mrs. F. S. Godfrey has returned from New York where she chaperoned a number of young ladies last week. They were Miss Margaret Torrey, Miss Pettigrew, Miss Penwarden, Miss Edith Jones and Miss Mary Dean, of Wilkes-Barre.

Feldom has anyone made a more pleasant impression in Scranton than Mr. Ernest Gamble, who sang at St. Luke's parish hall Tuesday evening. Mr. Gamble should be of interest to Pennsylvanians, as he is a native of Pittsburgh. That he has a great career before him is beyond a doubt. He never can hope to rival Bishop because of a narrower range and less possibility in the way of the marvelous versatility of the latter, he will achieve a great name as a concert singer alone. He found a voice in the public schools of Pittsburgh and he studied exclusively in London with Blooper. He was acquainted with Mrs. Timberman while there. He and Mrs. Pennington, Rev. and Mrs. Randolph entertained a company of guests Tuesday night in honor of Miss Rihl and Mr. Gamble.

It is a delightful thing to be able to go forth and buy for everybody the particular object of our choice, but sometimes there are compensations for those who cannot. Last winter a certain young couple had suffered reverses, making it in perspective a gloomy season, indeed. The two of them had considered the question with sorrowful care. They decided that it was impossible to attempt even the moderate gift-giving of other years and at first thought it best to serve no presents at all on Christmas. It was a colossal act of Christian love, the old way was out of the question and that no gifts could be bestowed and a sense of pride would be satisfied if none were received. This seemed such a worldy, ho-hum-and-fishes arrangement that it was finally abandoned and instead was substituted the gift of a bracelet of the limited Christmas fund into portions for each gift. The husband looked upon the scheme with disfavor. He had been in the habit of spending money rather liberally at this season and he was unwilling to curtail the great taste, had put an individuality of preference in the gifts sent out which had made impress on the minds of his friends and caused an unusual flutter when these remembrances were received.

Mrs. Frank E. Platt has issued cards to a reception on next Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. George Sanderson will give a tea next Thursday to introduce her daughter, Miss Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson will have a dance on December 23 in honor of Miss Sanderson.

In honor of the birthday of Mrs. Taylor, of Capouse avenue, a surprise party was tendered her Thursday night, at which were present a large number of her friends.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds gave a charming reception Monday night at her home in Green Ridge in honor of her grand-daughter, Miss Eleanor Reynolds, who recently came from San Mateo, Cal., to spend the winter. Mrs. Reynolds and the debutante were assisted in receiving by Mrs. George Rice, Mrs. H. B. Reynolds, Miss Reynolds and Miss Clara Reynolds. Among the ladies who assisted were Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmik, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. M. K. Kaysa, Miss Sharyo, Mrs. Helen Sanderson, Miss Dorothy Dimmik, Miss Helen Matthews, Miss Augusta Archibald, Mrs. Alice Matthews.

W. J. Goeckel, the well known vocalist and attorney, is down for a couple of numbers at the University of Pennsylvania banquet at Scranton on the 27th. Few singers can equal Mr. Goeckel in the prevailing popular ragtime melodies, and his songs invariably inspire his auditors to demand several encores. His latest is "You Told Me You Had More to Say" and every one who admires this character of composition should hear it.—Wilkes-Barre Times.

In a private suit at Sherry's at noon on Wednesday, Miss Laura B. Newhouse, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, and Henry I. Irwin, of Pittsburgh, were united in marriage by Rev. M. A. Mitchell. The bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her brother, Samuel Newhouse, who gave her away. They were met at the alcove, which was banked with palms, under an arch of American Beauties and lilies of the valley, by the groom and his best man, Fred North, of Pittsburgh. Immediately after the ceremony the wedding breakfast was served. The bride had with her a large center piece of orchids, lilies of the valley, American Beauties and ferns. An interesting feature of the breakfast was the wedding cake, containing a souvenir for each guest present.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Dunmore Presbyterian church is about the most enterprising body in this region. Of course it is unfortunate that every aid society cannot have as popular and efficient a president as Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, but she has many able helpers.

Together they held a fair Monday and Tuesday of this week, the first evening a fine series of tableaux was given, Tuesday evening an excellent musical programme was arranged by Miss Annie Bryden. The results of the fair were most encouraging, a pleasing feature being the fact that through the kindness of friends no bills are to be paid. The society desires to thank all who assisted. The gifts amounted to \$328, sales \$412.02, total \$740.02. The following were the committees:

Mrs. A. M. Decker gave a luncheon yesterday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Wright, of Plainfield, N. J. Among the guests were Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmik, Mrs. H. E. Watson, Mrs. Walter J. Dickson, Mrs. G. D. Murray.

Miss Mabel Schlager has returned from New York.

R. A. Lyons, of New York, was in the city this week.

Benjamin Battersman left for New Mexico Thursday.

Miss Richardson, of Maryland, is visiting Miss Comery.

Mrs. Leonard Wright is visiting her daughter in West Philadelphia, Pa.

Ex-Senator M. E. McDonald has gone for a few days to New York.

Attorney William Yokolek returned from Philadelphia this evening.

Mrs. Richard Huron is confined to her bed with a severe attack of influenza.

Miss Lizzie Easterline, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting Mrs. Shaver, of Platt place.

Mrs. Mary Tracy, of Honesdale, was the guest of Miss Helen Hunt, of Platt place.

Mrs. Charles Shafter, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. Charles Shafter, at Platt place.

P. B. Higgins, the Lackawanna avenue liquor dealer, is in New York on business.

Mr. Theodore Straub, of the Scranton Savings Bank, will go to New York this afternoon.

The engagement of the Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, spent Sunday in this city.

Miss Hamilton, of Englewood, and Miss Detwiler, of Easton, are guests of Mrs. Melrose.

Everett Warren is in Honesdale, engaged in the trial of a suit for the Erie Railroad company.

Mrs. H. P. Atherton has been entertaining the past week, her sister, Mrs. Weston, of Honesdale.

Rev. F. B. Hammond, of Olyphant, has been spending a portion of the past week in New York city.

Mrs. William Bauman, of Honesdale, who was the guest of Mrs. Wesley Gardner, has returned home.

General Manager J. Frank Stillman, of the Scranton Traction company, left yesterday for New York.

The engagement of Miss Irma Entwischer, of New York, to Adolf Glassehler, of Scranton.

Dr. F. C. Friedel has returned from White Valley, where he was usher at the marriage of Dr. Leroy Perkins.

Mrs. D. W. Wagner and Dorothy, her

daughter, are spending a few days in Honesdale with Mrs. Wagner's mother. Judge and Mrs. Jessup, Miss Louise Jessup, Mrs. W. H. Woodin, of Berwick, and Mrs. Leisner are in New York.

Basil McKeeffe and Miss Watson attended a card party at the residence of Mrs. D. U. Bannister, at West Pittston, last evening.

Mr. James Niland, who has been the past five years with ex-Mayor Bailey, has taken a position as bookkeeper with the Scranton Dairy company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Medway announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine, to William Arthur Mandeville, of Berwick, Pa.

Colonel L. A. Watros, accompanied by several of his staff officers, attended an editorial performance given by Company I, Easton, last evening.

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Fine Silks
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Dress Goods
For the Holiday Trade.

China Silks, new bright colors for fancy work..... 25c
Bright Roman Stripe Satin..... 19c
Fancy Silks for Waists, very best quality..... 75c
Black Spot and Brocade Taffeta Silks, fine goods, 24 inches wide—will wear..... 69c
High-class Silks in Checks and Plaids..... 59c

Elegant New Assortment of Silks and Satins
For Fine Dresses and Waists.

Peau de Soie, 21 inches wide..... 79c
Peau de Soie, 24 inches wide, soft and pliable..... 95c
Satin Duchesse Pure Silk 22 inches wide..... 75c
Satin Duchesse Pure Silk, 27 inches wide..... 95c
Haskell's Black Silks—guaranteed. From \$1.00 to \$2.00

Dress Goods.

Fine Black Crepons..... 25c
Very Fine Black Crepons..... \$1.25
Highest Grade Black Crepons..... \$1.75
Fine assortments of Armures, Plaids, Cheviots, Etc., very desirable at..... 75c
Whip Cord's, Pebles, Cheviots, Etc..... From 50c to \$2.00
A new Fabric—Worsted Granite—in black, royal, dahlia, russet and myrtle, 45 inches wide..... 75c

MEARS & HAGEN, 415-417 LACKAWANNA AVE.

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First complete exhibit of holiday goods

Several of the most spacious sections in the store have been given over to the selling of holiday merchandise in the last few days. Prominent among these are Books, Dolls, Glassware, Bibles, Prayer Books, Confectionery, Calendars and Novelties of every kind.

Saturday will be children's day

We want to see all the children in Scranton here on Saturday. Such that will be accompanied by their parents will receive a handsome Color & Picture Book FREE. In addition to this there will be thousands of attractions here. The Dolls and the Toy Books particularly. Thousands of these and in every variety.

79c for women's \$1.25 lamb skin gloves, Saturday

A very special bargain for one day only. 500 pairs of very fine quality lamb skin gloves, in all shades, tan, brown, pearl, red, mode, black or white —with two patent clasps—all sizes; value \$1.25. **79c**

Teachers' Bibles

We shall have for the present holiday demands, in the neighborhood of seventy-five styles, publications and bindings of teachers' Bibles, including the Oxford University Press, the famous Bagster Edition, Holman's, Nelson's, and a number of other less prominent publications, ranging in price from 50c up.

in a quantity sufficient to last throughout the day. These books are bound very substantially in cloth, have stampings in colors and gold, and are printed on good paper, very clear type, and were published at 40c. Special price on Saturday, while they last..... **11c**

Saturday bargains in millinery

One lot of children's school hats, price has been 50c..... **19c**

One lot of golf hats, \$1 grade. Special..... **49c**

All our \$1, \$1.75 and \$2 trimmed golf and waking hats, in one lot..... **75c**

Copyright books

A new edition of copyright books, by the best authors, in fact the only cloth edition at this low price; all the others will cost you \$1.10. The regular price of this popular edition in this store is 45c and the titles are as follows: Phroso, Prisoner of Zenda, The Forest Lovers, The Choir Invisible, Young Mistle, The Soul of Lith, The Sorrows of Satan, The Adventures of Francois, and The Christian by Hall Caine. Special price on Saturday..... **33c**

Clo'h 12 mos

Of 1,200 cloth 12 mos., remaining from the lot we placed on sale last Saturday, and these will go on sale again today at a famous price. The list of titles has been re-checked and revised, and every title mentioned here is on hand at the present time

Pillow shams and dresser covers

One lot of Irish point dresser covers, 39c grade. Special..... **25c**

One lot of 54-inch Irish point dresser covers, 69c grade. Special **39c**

25 dozen Irish point shams, regular price per pair \$1.00. Special..... **59c**

Cut price on fancy ribbons

Special sale of all silk ribbon, in both satin and fancy, in the following numbers—22, 40, 60 and 80, real value 20c. Special..... **12c**

One lot of all silk satin ribbon, No. 40, in black only, real value 29c. Saturday only..... **19c**

Children's cotton and wool underwear

15c underwear for 9c—A special lot of children's ribbed vests, with high neck and long sleeves; real value 15c. Special Saturday..... **9c**

Children's wool underwear—Extra good quality natural wool underwear, in shirts, pants and drawers, at the following special prices: 18, 20 and 22, worth from 19c to 29c. Special Saturday price..... **17c**

Sizes 24, 26 and 28, worth from 31c to 43c. Special Saturday price **29c**

Sizes 30, 32 and 34, worth from 43c to 50c. Special Saturday price **39c**

Cut prices on underwear

35c jersey ribbed undershirts at 18c—These are made with crocheted edge, and are of the quality that ordinarily sells for 35c. Special for one day at half price..... **18c**

39c ladies' union suits at 18c—Jersey ribbed union suits of the 39c quality in ecru only. Very special **18c**

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Captain C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Ghalibe. Under date of November 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and have given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by all druggists, Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agts.

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CLARK'S GREEN.

Miss Carrie Wells returned from Taylor on Wednesday from an extended visit among her many friends and relatives.

The third quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held in the church at Waverly on Sunday morning next. Love feast at 10 o'clock and sacrament at 10:30 o'clock. Presiding Elder Griffin will be present and preach. Quarterly conference will be

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