

Christmas Suggestions

Books, Bibles, Prayer Books, Art Calendars, Booklets, Diaries, Toilet Cases, Dressing Cases, Albums, Scrap Books, Scrap Baskets, Framed Pictures, Fancy Art Articles, Toys, Dolls, Games, Express Wagons, Velocipedes, Dolls' Gigs, Chairs and Beds.

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Christmas Goods

larger stock, finer goods than ever before at THE GRIFFIN ART CO.

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FOR CHRISTMAS Gloves, Canes, Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas, Mufflers.

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EASTMAN'S KODAKS At Greatly Reduced Rates at the KEMP STUDIO, 103 Wyoming Ave.

Lace Curtains Cleaned Entirely by Hand. Returns 4 days size and shape as new. LACKAWANNA, THE LAUNDRY 268 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith leave today for New York and Philadelphia. Attorney A. J. Colburn, Jr., has returned from a trip to Baltimore.

AN ARTISTIC DISPLAY.

In Reynolds Brothers' Show Windows. A handsome display of holiday novelties and stationery is shown in the display windows of Reynolds Brothers, Hotel Jermyn building.

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

Gold pens and pencils. Reynolds Bros. Try a "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c.

The Pied Piper of Merlin

Is not needed now-a-days to charm away a pest of rats and mice, the

French Wire Rat Trap Answers the purpose.

THE LACKAWANNA HARDWARE COMPANY, 221 Lackawanna Avenue

PERMIT WAS TAKEN OUT.

Charge Against Gas and Water Employees Then Withdrawn.

Street Commissioner Roland Thomas yesterday succeeded in getting the Gas and Water company to take out a permit for opening up one of the city streets for the purpose of getting at their mains.

MATTER OF POLICE FINES.

Report in Full of the City Controller to Councils in This Important Matter—Mayor's Statement.

It would seem that the city should have an auditor to audit the audits. If it would prevent a repetition of the financial entanglements which caused no little scandal during, or rather following, the last administration.

There have been frequent violations of this law, yet councils have never heard of them, at least not until a resolution passed by select council at a recent meeting calling for a statement of the mayor's fines account disclosed the fact that the law was most flagrantly ignored.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 7, 1899. To the Honorable Council. Gentlemen: Replying to your resolution approved November 23, 1899, directing that the city controller be and is hereby directed to submit to this council at its next meeting a detailed statement showing the amount of fines collected by the mayor for each month, and also the amount to the treasurer, each month from April to October inclusive.

In addition to the amounts credited as payments to the city treasurer, there has (in November) been paid the sum of \$1,002, by the mayor, which would reduce the debit balance to November 1, to \$573.40, to which should be added the fines received in November (not now ready in record for audit).

Table with columns: Month, Mayor's fines, From net fines, Aldermen (less fees), Total. Rows for April, May, June, July, August, September, October.

Amounts paid treasurer by mayor: June \$473.50, July \$359.00, October \$153.90. Total \$986.40.

Amount collected \$3,246.60. Amount paid \$2,260.20. Balance due city \$986.40.

Following is the statement handed in by the mayor, referred to in the city controller's communication: Fines collected from April 3, 1899, up to October 31, 1899.

Legislation is under way to prevent aldermen from conducting police court and save the fees for the city. During Mayor Fellows' term the salary of the chief executive was increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and one of the chief conditions was that he should hear all police cases.

GRAND REGENT TO SPEAK.

Will Address Joint Meeting of Royal Arcanum Members Tonight.

The members of the Electric City, Scranton and Lackawanna councils of the Royal Arcanum, comprising the entire city membership of this organization, will hold a joint meeting of special interest this evening at 7.15 o'clock in Odd Fellows' hall, on Wyoming avenue.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MORRISON.

Requiem Mass was Celebrated in St. John's Catholic Church. The funeral of Mrs. Ann Morrison, of 223 South Wyoming avenue, took place yesterday morning, at 8 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated in St. John's Catholic church, on the South Side, by Rev. E. J. Melley.

ON TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF QUINN

CARBONDALE TOWNSHIP MURDER CASE CALLED.

Grandmother, Daughter and Two Grandsons Arraigned as the Defendants—Nearly the Whole Day Was Occupied in Selecting a Jury.

The trial of Mrs. Bridget Dempsey, Mrs. Annie Gallagher, her daughter, and Thomas and Joseph Gallagher, her grandsons, for the killing of James Quinn, sr., in Carbondale township, Sunday, Aug. 14, last, is now under way before Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield county, specially presiding in court room No. 2.

The jury was drawn in the main court room before Judge Archbald and after being sworn the jury was sent in to No. 2. The jurors are: N. G. Love, postmaster, Greenfield; John Pittinger, laborer, Dalton; William J. Robbins, company hand, Taylor; George W. Hess, merchant, Scranton; W. W. Dimmock, farmer, Carbondale; Thomas Vail, farmer, Dalton; T. Ellsworth Davis, insurance agent, Scranton; John Douglas, miner, Scranton; John Langston, farmer, Cowbottom; John E. Moran, engineer, Scranton; Felix McNeely, brakeman, Dunmore; William Scanlon, laborer, Scranton.

WORKED FOR DIMMOCK.

It was 3.30 o'clock when the work of selecting the jury was completed. A long delay was caused by the commonwealth calling Jures Dimmock for further examination after he had been accepted and sent into the box. One of the defendants, Thomas Gallagher, worked under Mr. Dimmock in 1898 as switchman on the gravity, and the prosecution thought it best to substitute some other juror for him.

Judge Archbald allowed the juror to be recalled, but overruled the commonwealth's peremptory challenge, saying to Mr. Jones that when the commonwealth accepted the juror it waived the right to peremptory challenge and could only challenge for cause.

Mr. Jones endeavored to have the witness make some answer that would subject him to challenge for cause, but failing in this, he renewed his peremptory challenge, at the same time contending that Judge Gunter had permitted it under exactly similar circumstances in the Noll case.

WOULD BE INJUST.

Messrs. O'Brien & Kelly argued to show the injustice that could result from such a proceeding. The prosecution could accept a jury trusting that the defense would challenge him, and if the defense also accepted him, the prosecution could recall him and make its challenge. If this sort of experimenting was permitted the commonwealth could be very saving of its peremptory challenges.

Judge Archbald sustained the objection to the peremptory challenge and Mr. Jones accepted the juror and he resumed his seat in the box. Judge Archbald said that hereafter, when he is trying an ever and terminator case the jurors will be sworn separately as they are accepted and sent to the box.

There was a general exodus from the main court room to No. 2 when the case was transferred to Judge Gordon's court. The four defendants, accompanied by Mrs. Gallagher's husband, walked in a group behind their attorneys, and took seats in a row behind the defendants' table.

THE DEFENDANTS.

The oldest of the defendants, Mrs. Paul Dempsey, is 70 years of age, but appears to be a very active woman. She is tall and spare and of very swarthy complexion. Her daughter resembles her in general appearance, but kept her face veiled during all the time she was in public.

The two Gallagher boys are heavy-built, robust looking fellows, with faces that betray no indication of anything vicious in their nature. They were neatly attired and on the whole presented an appearance that must have made a good impression on the jury.

Assistant District Attorney W. Gaylord Thomas, who was given direction of the case by Mr. Jones, opened for the commonwealth with a brief review of the story the prosecution proposed to prove and a statement of the law bearing on the case.

Candy Opening Today

Large lines at 20c and 25c. We also are showing a new line of Glace Fruits, with nuts, packed at Los Angeles, California. We make a specialty of Confections and Fruits. We have several tons of candy and can save you money.

E. G. Coursen 429 Lackawanna Ave.

TROLLEY COMPANY WILL DO ITS SHARE

PRESIDENT CLARK TALKS ON THE VIADUCT QUESTION.

The Scranton Railway Company Stands Ready to Renew Its Offer to Help Build a Viaduct for General Traffic, or if Given Permission, Will at Once Construct a Viaduct for Taking Car Traffic Above the Tracks—Believes Lackawanna Company Will Be Liberal.

"Outline something practicable and you will find us ready to assist in every way in our power." This is the declaration of C. M. Clark, president of the Scranton Railway company, made to a Tribune reporter who sought from him an expression as to his company's present position in the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct project.

"We want the viaduct," said Mr. Clark. "We appreciate the necessity of it in giving the West Side a satisfactory service, and we are willing to do our share in carrying the project to a successful issue."

"I don't see how you can contribute \$10,000 to the construction of the viaduct still hold good?" the reporter asked. "Certainly. We will renew the offer any time the project assumes tangible shape, and I am quite confident the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will likewise renew the offer it made when the viaduct agitation was on three years ago.

"Our company has spent in the neighborhood of \$125,000 this year improving its service in and around Scranton and we propose to keep on improving it until we are as perfect a trolley car system as the best conditions will permit. We fully realize that the West Side lines can never be what they ought to be while that crossing exists."

"It is not our fault that the service is not better. Give us the authority, and we will commence work tomorrow on a viaduct to carry our tracks above the crossing. If the city will not build a viaduct for general traffic, we stand ready to alleviate three-fourths of the evil by relieving car travel from the delays and dangers of the crossing. Such a viaduct would not take up any more space than a double track and would neither be a hindrance to other traffic or damage to the abutting properties. If the people want their car service bettered in this way we stand ready to better it."

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company officials now have the viaduct proposition under consideration and the fact that the building of a viaduct would give the company exclusive use of the crossing, and do

SWALLOWED THE OPIUM.

Two-Year-Old Son of Louis Ackerson Took an Odd Drink.

Louis Ackerson, a junk dealer, lives at 422 Raymond court and has among other children a son, Henry, 2 years and 3 months old. Yesterday morning the little fellow was playing around the house and he picked up a bottle half full of some fluid. He seized the bottle and with masterful effort downed its contents.

A few minutes later the mother learned that her son had taken a large quantity of opium and hurried Henry over to the Lackawanna hospital and there stated the case to the hospital doctors.

Antidotes were administered, but the principal object was to keep the boy from going to sleep. With this object in view, various stimulants were applied and the youngster was hurried and jostled around the place in the most animated fashion possible so as to keep him awake.

It is probable that he took one or two drachms of the poison, but the vigorous course of treatment given counteracted all ill effects.

Solid Trains to Northern Michigan.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway is now running solid trains of palace sleeping cars, dining cars (serving meals a la carte) and first-class day coaches, through from Chicago to Calumet, Houghton, Hancock and other points in the Copper Country without changing cars, with direct connection for Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming, etc., and passengers from the East, South and Southwest will find this a most desirable route.

All coupon ticket agents sell tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

A Card. We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Green's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough, cold, etc. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

Mulberry Street Lot, \$975. Ridiculously cheap: 40x90; sewer; sidewalk. Tell your friends. See signs. Mulberry street, near Prescott.

STANDARD OF THE WORLD.

Elgin Creamery Butter, 27c Per Pound Direct from Elgin, Illinois.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. 411 Lackawanna avenue, 121 South Main avenue. Phone 122. Prompt delivery.

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CARVING SETS.

Suppose you come and see ours. They're the best you can buy—blades are made from high-grade steel—handles of celluloid and genuine stag.

We have sets for 75c. Others as high as \$15.00. Any way you'll be interested in the display.

Foote & Shear Co. 119 N. Washington Ave.

The DeLery Incandescent Gas Burner

NO MANTLE. NO CHIMNEY. NO EXPLOSION. CHAS. B. SCOTT, 119 Franklin Ave.

ALL OUR Holiday Goods ARE READY

Ladies', Misses' and Children's. Our line of Holiday Slippers are as plentiful in styles, colors and prices.

Our Great Sellers: Women's all-felt Romeo, all colors, \$1. Misses' All-felt Romeo, all colors, 90c. Children's All-felt Romeo, all colors, 60c. With or without Fur Trimmings.

A Good Razor.

It is always a source of satisfaction, and we would like to fit you up with a good outfit. Razor, Strop, Brush and Mug. We sell the celebrated H. Baker's brand. Razors, the best and most reliable on the market. They are sold under a strong guarantee and you are sure of satisfaction.

No. 125 Razor, only \$1.00. No. 173 Torrey Strop, only 65c. No. 719 Shaving Brush, only 50c.

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Our line of these garments is complete in every detail. See them and you will be a buyer.

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away with the necessity of maintaining gates and watchmen there, day and night, besides doing away with the ever existing danger of an accident that may cost it many times what its reasonable share in the expense of a viaduct would be, gives rise to the belief that a liberal offer can be looked for.

The Canadian Tunnel.

The same capitalists who compose The Niagara Falls Power Company, own the franchise to develop 250,000 horse-power upon the Canadian side, the preliminary work on which has been commenced. For this right they pay the Canadian Park Commission \$25,000 per year. By the terms and conditions of the franchise they are obliged to have 10,000 horse-power ready for delivery by November 1st, 1898. One half of the power generated in Canada can be brought across and utilized at the Falls.

Latest card engraving, Reynolds Bros.

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such as we offer will make paint of great smoothness and durability. A large surface can be covered and the coating will not peel, crack or wear off until it has done its full duty.

These prices will show that good oils are not expensive.

MATTHEWS BROS., 320 Lackawanna Avenue.

GIFT TIME IS COMING.

See our line of Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, Bath Robes, etc.

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Joys for Boys.

Foot Balls, Striking Bags, Boxing Gloves, Ice Skates, Roller Skates, Flobert Rifles, Air Rifles, Pocket Knives, Fencing Goods, Base Ball Goods.

FELTON'S 119 PENN AVENUE.

What Will He Put

In each stocking is the all important question now. Whatever Santa Claus gives, no more appropriate gift can be found than one of our specialties—a

LEATHER SUIT CASE

NIGHT ROBE, PAJAMA, MUFFLER, ELEGANT TIE, UMBRELLA, DENT OR FOUNDS GLOVES, SILK SUSPENDERS, ETC., ETC.

CONRAD'S, 305 Lackawanna Avenue.

OPEN EVENINGS NOW.

The Christmas Store

Where Trying to Please Is Not "Trouble."

More than 25,000 square feet of show room devoted to the display of Holiday Furnishings.

Morris Chairs

\$3.00 to \$30.00. Ladies' Desks \$3.29 to \$35.00. Music and Curio Cabinets \$4.50 to \$48.00. Combination Case \$8.00 to \$25.00. Turkish Chairs and Rockers \$15.00 to \$48.00. Couches and Lounges \$5.00 to \$40.00. Brie-a-Brac, Vases, Etc. 69c to \$17.00. Palms and Jardinières 55c to \$4.98.

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