

Christmas Suggestions

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

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PERSONAL

Robert Peck and family, of Clay avenue, leave today to spend the holidays at Viola, Delaware. James C. Denlinger, of the secretary of the commonwealth's office of Harrisburg, was in this city yesterday. Mrs. Frank Stevens, of Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Laura Courtright, of West Pittston, are the guests of Mrs. C. P. Kenyon, of New York street. Mr. and Mrs. M. Edward Venig have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to J. Frank Richards on Thursday, Dec. 28, at noon in the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. Mrs. George Heldenauer, who has been seriously ill for the last two months, has been taken to the Lackawanna hospital, where she will go through a very serious operation in a few days. Dr. J. M. Gates is attending.

Three Through Trains to Chicago. Under the Lackawanna's new time schedule, effective Dec. 17, three through trains are run daily to Chicago. Passengers may catch these trains at all large stations. Ask your agent for further information.

"Buy the Box." O'Hara Cigars, 431 Spruce street.

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.

MEN'S UNION DISCUSS BETTER POLITICS

CRAWFORD COUNTY SYSTEM WARMLY ENDORSED.

Committees Appointed to Urge Its Adoption by All Political Parties. Fred W. Fleitz Spoke on the Advantages of the System—Stirring Address by Rev. I. J. Lansing, D. D., on the Necessity of Purifying City's Legislative Bodies—"Registration of Voters" Discussed by C. E. Chittenden.

The purifying of the municipal politics of this county by the general adoption of the Crawford county system of conducting primary elections were the topics considered at last evening's meeting of the Men's union of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. A short business meeting preceded the regular evening's programme and a new constitution was adopted, which, among other features, changed the name of the association to that of the Men's Union of Green Ridge, it having outgrown the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. Probably the feature of the evening was a brief but stirring address by the president of the union, Rev. I. J. Lansing, D. D., urging aggressive action on the part of all honest citizens toward a purification of the city politics of Scranton. Mr. Lansing said in part: "These matters are generally known throughout the city and there is no reason for silence regarding them. For instance, it is the popular belief and common gossip that there are school controllers who have no other means of livelihood, that bribes are paid others by certain publishers of text books to vote for them; that teachers obtain positions by receiving stipulated amount to a school controller and certainly the number of incompetent teachers to be found in our schools bear out this latter charge.

COUNCILMEN BRIBED. "It has also been charged that some of our councilmen have been paid large bribes to retard the passage of the new telephone measure. All of these matters deserve immediate attention and it seems to me that the proper thing to do is for us to object to the board of control and to the councilmen who, if these alleged practices prevail, will dare to stand up publicly against them and who can keep their constituents posted on the true state of affairs existing in our city legislative bodies."

An interesting address on the Crawford county system was delivered by Hon. Fred W. Fleitz. He emphasized the point that, though the Crawford system is an excellent one, no system of party rules will ever bring about a reform until the individual voter is educated as to what are his best interests and the best interests of the community at large.

He stated that the great difficulty with the old convention system was that it interposed between the wishes of the people and the candidate, the personality of a delegate who was generally elected on account of his popularity and voted just as he pleased. Referring to the recent controversy in this county over the continuance of the Crawford system, Mr. Fleitz stated the main objection was a very feasible one, namely, that the vote of the party could not be got out by it.

A general discussion followed his remarks and upon motion of E. B. Sturges it was decided to appoint a committee of three from both the Second and Thirteenth wards to arouse the public generally, without regard to political faith, to the great advantages to be derived from the Crawford county system and to get the voters out to the primaries conducted under the system.

THE COMMITTEEMEN. The following were chosen as the Second ward committee: C. B. Shoemaker, F. M. Loomis and B. T. Lacey. From the Thirteenth ward the following committee was selected: George Dimmick, George B. Davidson and A. T. Hunt.

An interesting address was also delivered by C. E. Chittenden, select councilman from the Ninth ward, on the "Registration of Voters." Mr. Chittenden stated that he believed the only possible method of controlling the present, as he termed it, fraudulent violation and abuse of the elective franchise is the registration of voters at a specially elected official and the refusal to register those whose names do not appear on the assessment books of the city.

THE COMING BANQUET.

Members of U. P. Alumni Meet to Arrange for It. The University of Pennsylvania alumni of this city came together last night and conducted a meeting preparatory to the annual banquet, which will be held in the Board of Trade rooms December 27.

A large number of students will come up to the banquet from Philadelphia, and guests are also expected from Wilkes-Barre and several other places. Judge Starnes, J. Woodward, Dr. Weaver and Harry Fuller will be among the number who will represent Wilkes-Barre, and answer toasts. Among the prominent Scrantonians who will speak are Mayor James Moler, Rev. C. M. Griffin, Dr. D. H. Y. Logan and ex-Lieutenant Governor H. A. Wadsworth. Bishop M. J. Hoban will probably ask the blessing.

Among the students who will come up from the university will be William Sampson. He is from Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

New Time Cards on the Lackawanna. The new time cards on the Lackawanna Railroad, effective Dec. 15, add greatly to the convenience of persons on living on the line. A new train leaving New York at 11:49 at night makes it possible for people to attend the theatres and still reach their homes in time for business the next day. Sleeping cars for Chicago, Buffalo, Oswego and Scranton and intermediate points are carried on this train. Other important changes improve the former good service.

Smokers' Specialties. Meerschaum and Briar Pipes in all styles and at all prices at O'Hara's cigar store, 431 Spruce street. Finest wines and cigars at Lane's, 320 Spruce street. Try a "Hotel Jermya" cigar, 10c.

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENTS.

Given by Mrs. Frank E. Platt and Bradford A. Hill.

There were two delightful social events yesterday which interested a large number of ladies. One was the afternoon reception given by Mrs. Frank E. Platt, the other the debutante tea for Miss Edith Hill. At Mrs. Platt's home, which is one of the most artistic and charming in the city, the floral decorations, by Clarke, were exceedingly elaborate. The fine staircase, whose perfect curves give such a unique beauty to the hall, had a balustrade covered by Florida smilax. Quantities of green, in palms and ferns, were employed. The dining room presented a brilliant color study, with its mahogany paneling and fittings, with the vivid red of candle-shades and a rich center-piece of poinsettia plants. The flame like "flora pasquale" of Mexico. Mrs. Platt was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Skinner, of Hartford, Conn. About the rooms were Mrs. J. Benf. Dimmick, Mrs. R. W. Archbald, Mrs. R. M. Scranton, Mrs. A. H. Storr, Mrs. D. J. Tate and Miss Manness. Mrs. Frederick J. Platt served frappe. Mrs. C. H. Welles and Miss Platt presided at the table. The four little maids who assisted in the refreshment room were Miss Marjorie Platt, Miss Helen Boies, Miss Louisa Smith and Miss Janet Storrs. Mrs. Bradford A. Hill gave a beautiful reception in her handsome home on Clay avenue, introducing her daughter to society. The two ladies were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Wayland, of Wilkes-Barre, Miss Hill, who is also a particularly pretty girl, wore a lovely gown of embroidered mousseline de soie over white silk and carried Marchal Neil roses. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Wayland were attired in spangled black net over black silk. Mrs. George M. Halstead and Mrs. E. D. McGowan served frappe. Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. T. G. Wolfe and Mrs. Landy were about the rooms. At the table in the dining room were Mrs. Annie Watson and Miss Annie Hand. They were assisted in serving refreshments by Miss Carrie Bennell, Miss Bierhaus, of Vincennes, Ind., and Miss Mabel Schlager. The house was very elaborately decorated by Clarke. Hanley catered.

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JOHN BISBEE KILLED.

Runaway Horse Dragged Him for Some Distance Along Adams Avenue—Injury Caused Death.

John Bisbee, of 622 North Washington avenue, came to a violent death yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The dead man, a hatter, and was well known in the city. He was driving home for his dinner at the time the accident occurred. On Adams avenue, near Vine street, his horse took fright and started up the avenue at a furious rate. Near Olive street Bisbee was jostled from his seat and fell between the wagon's wheel and his horse's hind legs. In this position he was dragged for a considerable distance and received the injuries which resulted in his death. At Adams avenue and Pine street the horse collided with a wagon belonging to H. A. Pierce's store, which is located at that point. A little further down the street the runaway was brought to a stop, with the wagon a complete wreck. Bisbee was removed from between the horse and wagon, and Dr. Capwell and the Lackawanna hospital ambulance were summoned. Just as the latter arrived Bisbee expired.

Bisbee was a man of 61, but was of strong and robust physique. He received a number of injuries from his contact with the pavement, his right leg being fractured, his hands cut and severe wounds inflicted on the head. One of those on the right temple was probably the cause of his demise.

He is survived by a wife and three sons, John and Lorenzo, of this city, and M. S. Bisbee, of Chicago. Two brothers and three sisters also mourn his loss. They are Mrs. Lydia Backus, of Vine street, Mrs. James E. Howe, of Great Bend, Noah Bisbee, of Ringhamton, M. V. Bisbee and Mrs. J. W. Chapman, of Montrose.

The funeral will probably take place in New Milford, Susquehanna county, but no arrangements will be made until word is received from the son in Chicago, who was immediately notified of his father's death.

Call for a Primary Election.

The Republican voters of the Sixteenth ward of the city of Scranton will please take notice that, by order of the vigilance committee of the first and second districts of said ward, there will be a primary election held in the said districts of said ward, on Saturday, December 16, between the hours of 4 and 7 p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination Republican candidates for the following offices: One candidate for the office of common council; one candidate for the office of school controller; and one assessor of voters in each of the said districts. Joseph Danner, Walter E. Davis, Return Judges of First and Second Districts Respectively.

O. E. Schreiber is a candidate for school controller in the Fourteenth ward. The primaries will be held from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Our store will be open every evening until Christmas, Pinksy's.

Candy Opening Today

10c to 80c. Large lines at 20c and 25c. We also are showing a new line of Glass 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.

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THEY ENTERTAINED THE GRAND REGENT

JOINT SESSION OF THE LOCAL ARCANUM COUNCILS.

Hon. Webster C. Welles, of Easton, the Highest Officer of the Royal Arcanum in Pennsylvania, Addresses the Scranton Members of That Organization and Is Afterwards Banqueted—Session Was Held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Wyoming Avenue.

Hon. Webster C. Welles, of Easton, grand regent of the Royal Arcanum, the highest officer in the state of Pennsylvania, last night addressed a joint session of the three local branches, Scranton, Lackawanna and Elletts City councils. The session was held in Odd Fellows' hall, on Wyoming avenue, and was followed by a banquet given in honor of the grand regent. Before the session was conducted, a meeting of Scranton council for the election of officers was held. It resulted as follows: Regent, Thomas Russell; vice-regent, W. R. Dugan; orator, J. E. Hawker; secretary, C. S. Cooper; Evans; treasurer, W. S. Blanchard; collector, F. J. Cooper; warder, John Volkman; sentinel, Charles Brown; chaplain, Frank Sturdevant. The joint session was then held of Electric City council, Lackawanna council and Scranton council. It was opened by an address of welcome made by Jacob Kirkpatrick, who gave a graceful and well-voiced speech. Dr. Doolittle, of Easton, another illustrious guest of the order and past grand regent, then spoke of the lodge, its purposes and accomplishments and general work. Other addresses were delivered by Attorney C. S. Cooper, of Lackawanna council; John F. Murphy, of Electric City council; M. Coleman, of Scranton; Victor Lauer, of Lackawanna, and Mr. Armstrong, of New Jersey. All of these gentlemen spoke in high and unqualified terms of the Arcanum and its noble work.

Chairman Ruger next introduced Mr. Welles, who stepped forward and spoke briefly and interestingly on topics of general interest to the members of the organization. He demonstrated the prosperity and welfare of the Arcanum by circulars which were distributed. They showed that the membership for 1899 was 190,727, and gave the following statistics: Last report shows cash on hand, after paid liabilities; \$75,000.00. Widows and orphans fund ... \$24,000.00. Emergency fund ... \$22,750.70. General fund ... \$5,230.00. Total ... \$1,202,065.00. Paid death claims in 1888 ... \$5,270,242. Paid death claims from 1877 to Sept. 30, 1888 ... \$1,600,000.00. After this, all present adjourned to the banqueting room, where a splendid supper was served by Cater McQuae, of White's home bakery.

The committee which had charge of the affair was made up of District Deputy J. F. Burden, chairman; D. E. Need, Frank Sturdevant, Edward Evans, of Scranton council; District Deputy Hewitt, John F. Murphy, Emil Bonn, of Electric City council; Michael Walton, Victor Lauer and Charles Langgan, of Lackawanna council.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Thorough Revision of List of Key Holders to Be Made. William Tanner, clerk of the fire department, is revising the official list of fire-alarm boxes and the holders of keys thereto. The permanent men throughout the city will be given lists containing the names of those holding keys in their various districts and they will ascertain if these parties really have the keys or not. A number of those holding keys have moved to new places of residence without transferring their keys, and in some places the keys have been lost. Several instances have been noted during the past year where delay in turning in an alarm of fire was traceable to either of these reasons, and it is for the purpose of remedying this that the present revision is being made.

FALSE BUTTER BEING SOLD.

Food Inspector Widmayer says that he believes there is a large amount of oleomargarine being sold in the city at the present time. He states that he has no jurisdiction in the matter, as his duty consists of discovering and condemning unwholesome and adulterated food, and oleomargarine has been proved to be not unwholesome nor adulterated. The oleo may, of course, be sold providing it is sold as such, but as soon as it is passed off as butter then the selling becomes a misdemeanor. The food inspector says that there are very few places indeed where it is openly sold as imitation butter. The general low price of the article, which is usually about five cents less than the market price of first-class butter, is what generally causes suspicion. A fire caused by a defective fue broke out last evening about 6:30 o'clock in a two-story frame dwelling owned by Horoz Grimes and located on Nay Aug avenue, near the Park Place bridge, and before the blaze was extinguished about \$1,000 damage was done. An alarm was turned in from box 63, at the corner of Albright avenue and on Spruce street. The General Phinney's and Liberty's responded. The blaze was confined to the rear portion of the house and was soon under control. The larger portion of the furniture was removed, but that which remained was badly damaged by water. The loss is placed at \$1,000, partly covered by insurance.

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Rosebud Calendars

Children and Flowers, exquisitely illustrated in twelve-inch old colors; 21x27, 20x12 inches. GIVEN AWAY FREE. To all purchasers of TEAS, COFFEES, SPICES, EXTRACTS AND BAKING POWDER, beginning Saturday, Dec. 16th, and continuing to Dec. 30th, 1900. One Calendar given out after Dec. 20th. COME EARLY AND GET ONE.

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LECTURE ON LIQUID AIR.

Wonders of This New Product of Science Illustrated.

The wonders of that truly marvelous substance, liquidified air, were shown for the first time in this city last evening, when Professor Arthur L. Rice, of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, delivered an intensely interesting lecture in the board of trade rooms before the Scranton Engineers' club on "The Compression and Liquefaction of Gases with Especial Reference to Liquid Air." A five-gallon measure of the liquid was used in giving practical experiments, showing its wonderful properties. The vessels were rendered so brittle by immersion in the liquid that they shattered to pieces when dropped on the floor. The heretofore considered impossible process of freezing mercury into a solid mass was shown, and the explosive quality of the liquid was also illustrated. The lecture was largely attended and thoroughly fascinated those present.

OBITUARY

Anthony Walsh died at his residence, 632 Mineral street, Archbald, about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, about 41 years ago. He was a man devoted to his family and kind and obliging to his friends and neighbors. He is survived by his wife and four children, John, Anthony, Anna and Katie, and also two sisters, Mrs. Bridget Kenny and Mrs. Ann Brennan. The funeral announcement will be made later. Carbonate and Archbald papers please copy.

Miss Rosa I. Shilde died yesterday morning at the home of her father, John Shilde, 429 Pine street. She was a graduate of the High school and up to the beginning of the illness which terminated in her death, was a teacher in No. 9 public school. She was a young woman of strong intellect and much force of character, and much beloved by all who knew her. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been perfected.

After a short illness Mrs. Joseph Joyce died yesterday morning at her home on Gibson street. She is survived by her husband and three children, Richard, John and Elizabeth. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. A reunion mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's cathedral and interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Patrik Collins, an aged resident of West Scranton, died yesterday at his home, 124 Washburn street. Deceased is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Mary Allen Hughes, the 14-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hughes, of Wyoming avenue, died on Wednesday. The funeral will be held this morning, and interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Higgins, of 429 Luzerne street, died early yesterday morning. Deceased is survived by three children. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Smoke the Pocomo 6c. cigar. When dizzy or drowsy, take Beecham's Pills.

Men's Comfortable House Boots, \$1.50

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Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Gospel service Sunday, 3:45 p. m. All women invited. Special music. Mrs. Jayne's choral class. Tuesday evening at 7:30. Free to any girl in the city. Sight reading and chorus singing taught. Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, secretary's Bible class; subject, "Great Truths Taught by Study Tabernacle." Friday noon, the advanced Bible class will meet. Bible classes are all open to any girl and all are welcome. Lessons in embroidery will be given by Miss Clara Potter on Wednesdays, from 3 to 5. Free nominal.

These Beautiful Prizes will be given AWAY FREE to the Children.

12 GRAND CHRISTMAS PRIZES

Six for the Girls as follows: First Prize—Beautiful Large Doll, Dressed in Pink. Second Prize—Beautiful Large Doll, Dressed in Blue. Third Prize—Beautiful Large Doll, Dressed in Yellow. Fourth Prize—Handsome Doll Carriage, Rubber Tires. Fifth Prize—Elegant Doll Go Cart. Sixth Prize—Large Toy Piano.

Also Six Handsome Prizes for the Boys.

First—Large Patent Swing Hobby Horse. Second—Large Silver Drum. Third—Handsome New Patent Sled. Fourth—Elegant Large Sleigh. Fifth—Complete Set of Tools in Chest. Sixth—White Enamel Toy Dresser. In order for the Children to get a chance they need to be accompanied by a grown person. You do not have to buy any goods. The chances are absolutely free. The more times you come here the more chances you will get.

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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.

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