

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 Wagon, Velocipedes, Dolls' Gigs, Chairs and Rocking and Galloping Horses. Large Variety and Popular Prices. Three floors, 100x50 feet, for showing goods. Customers say our display this year is the best we have made for many years. Come in early and see the show. Goods reserved and delivered when wanted. Open evenings until after Christmas. Early callers can have better attention than its possible to give them in such days. Now is the time to make selections, while stock is full and fresh.

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"THE"
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PERSONAL

Miss Marie E. DeLong is ill of nervous prostration.
Mrs. Thomas Dickson returned home yesterday from New York.
Mrs. E. R. Ward, of Bald Mount, is the guest of friends in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Richards, of Tenth street, went to New York yesterday.
District Attorney and Mrs. John R. Jones will leave today for a short trip to New York.
William H. Scranton, a Princeton student, is at his home on Monroe avenue, spending the holidays with his parents.
Colonel H. M. Bolen left yesterday afternoon on the 1:22 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train for New York.
Deputy Sheriff J. R. Forber and Mrs. Hermann will be married Wednesday at Miss Hermann's home on Madison avenue.
Hiram B. De Vol, treasurer at the Gateway, and Miss Ella McDonald, of the Hotel Rudolph, will be married this morning at 9 o'clock.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harley will give a reception at their home, in North Park, Wednesday evening of this week instead of on Thursday evening, as was announced in The Tribune Saturday. Mrs. Harley will receive on Wednesday afternoon.

THE LACKAWANNA HARDWARE COMPANY,
221 Lackawanna Avenue.

Open
Evenings
This
Week.

**ARGUMENTS OVER
SOME INSURANCE**

ENLIVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Rearrangement of Lines with Reference to the Pupils Who Will Be Allowed to Attend No. 27 School Ordered—It Will Make an Argument for Another School in the First Ward—Contract for Grading at No. 39 School Awarded—Miss Gertrude McGee Appointed.

The continuing of an insurance policy for \$10,000 on No. 9 school building was the cause of much discussion and debate at last evening's special meeting of the board of control. The argument began when the report of the insurance committee was read according to which the committee, they would forfeit this \$10,000, which, if he again took up the policy, would be applied to it.

On motion of Mr. Barker it was decided that \$4,000 of the old policy be continued on No. 9, the limit on that building being \$10,000, and that the remaining \$6,000 be transferred to No. 28 school, which has not sufficient insurance at present.

GRADING AT NO. 28.
The building committee recommended that the contract for the grading of the grounds around No. 28 school be awarded to Conrad Schroeder and that the other two propositions included in the specifications, namely, the grading of the street and the construction of a retaining wall, be left till next spring. Mr. Gibbons stated that Mr. Schroeder would not do this portion of the work unless he was assured of obtaining the entire contract. He was in favor of awarding the whole contract to him with the understanding that only the grading of the grounds be done at present.

This proposition caused much argument and a motion finally made by Mr. Barker was carried awarding the contract to the grading of the grounds to the next highest bidder.

A resolution which Mr. Shires, of the First ward, has been desirous of having passed for a long time finally went through despite most vigorous objection on the part of Mr. Francois, of the Second ward. It re-establishes the limits of children attending No. 27 school, which is in the Second ward.

It was hinted by several of the members last evening that the re-arrangement will send a large number of scholars formerly attending No. 27 school into the First ward schools, overcrowding the latter.

On motion of Mr. Schriever an order was ordered drawn for the payment of a claim for cleaning presented to the board by Max Phillips, the deposed janitor of No. 2 school.

EXEMPT FROM TAXES.
A resolution introduced by Mr. Jennings was adopted, entirely exempting the Y.M.C.A. Christian association property from school taxes for the year 1899 and from one-half of the taxes for the year 1898.

A bill of \$1,367.37 from the board's attorney, D. J. Reedy, for the year's work was ordered paid. On motion of Mr. Schriever the superintendent of repairs was ordered to fit up a room in No. 10 building for the use of a magic lantern to be used for educational purposes.

Upon a recommendation by the teachers' committee, Miss Gertrude McGee was appointed Primary A teacher in No. 9 school to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Rosa Shields.

A communication from Superintendent Bovard, of the Dunmore schools, was read, in which it was stated that the number of Scranton pupils attending the Dunmore schools was far greater than the number of Dunmore pupils attending the city schools. The matter was referred to the teachers' committee for investigation.

On motion of Mr. Williams, 1,000 dictionaries now at the supply rooms were ordered to be distributed by the superintendent at his discretion. The Training school, on motion of Mr. Gibbons, were granted permission to go through one of the mines today, as a part of their regular work.

MISS M'GINNIS' FUNERAL.
She is the young woman who was burned at Hotel Jermyn.

From her home on French street yesterday morning the funeral of Miss Nellie McGinnis was held. Miss McGinnis is the young woman who was fatally burned at the Hotel Jermyn last Wednesday morning, and died subsequently in the Lackawanna hospital.

At 10 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. John J. Loughran in St. Peter's cathedral. Interment was made in the cathedral cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Thomas Osborne, Morris Riebert, Michael Jordan, Joseph O'Donnell, Joseph McAndrew and Robert Neale.

There were some very pretty floral tributes from the employees of the Hotel Jermyn.

A Card.
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money of the patient of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 5-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

Notice.
The Scranton Bedding Company disinfected your bedding and contents of infected rooms on your premises only.

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Japanese goods and Chinese flowers sell at cost. 217 Spruce street.
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SALE OF SUNDAY PAPERS.

Subject Again Discussed by Christian Endeavor Union.

The executive committee of the city Christian Endeavor union held their regular monthly meeting last evening in the Grace Reformed church. In the absence of President J. W. Browning, W. T. Haecott presided at the meeting. The committee appointed to wait on the mayor to inform him of the action of the union in condemning the selling and crying of Sunday papers reported having done so, but that no action in the premises had been taken by his honor. The matter was accordingly referred to the committee on good citizenship, of which A. H. Dunning is the chairman, with instructions to take immediate action in formulating ways and means for doing away with the Sunday paper traffic.

CONSTABLE JONES APPOINTED.

Will Act as County Detective During Mr. Leyshon's Absence.

District Appointed Constable Timothy Jones, of the Fifth ward, as acting county detective during Detective Leyshon's absence. The latter is now on his way to Italy to bring back Angelo Peolzi, who murdered Antonio Spiniello on Sunday evening, Oct. 29, at Old Forge.

THEY FAVOR THE VIADUCT

West Side Board of Trade Committee Interviews D., L. & W. and Scranton Railway Officials.

That the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad company and the Scranton Railway company are most emphatically in favor of a viaduct over the West Lackawanna avenue railroad crossing was added from an interview yesterday with Division Superintendent A. C. Salisbury, of the former, and General Manager Frank Stillman, Jr., of the latter company, by W. T. Haecott, president of the board of the West Side Board of Trade.

The last named gentlemen were appointed a special committee at the board meeting a week ago to visit the officials of both companies and "to talk viaduct" to them. They were very cordially received and were thoroughly pleased with the reception they received.

When seen by a Tribune man last evening Mr. Farr stated that Superintendent Salisbury assured the committee that the unnecessary delays at the crossing would be remedied as far as possible, and that he would be in question of a viaduct to the other officials of the company at an early date. They favor a viaduct that would go away with the dangerous grade crossing and prevent the loss of life.

Mr. Salisbury stated that he was apprised of the dangers existing daily at the crossing yesterday morning when he was riding on an engine which was backing into the yard. The gates were down and a little child ran over the crossing and narrowly escaped being run down and killed.

His attention was also called to the necessity for the removal of the western gates from their present location to a point beyond the tracks now used for switching purposes. The superintendent promised to give the matter his personal attention. Several other matters were discussed and will be acted upon at the proper time.

General Manager Stillman reiterated the position of the company in regard to a viaduct and stated that as soon as some feasible plan was submitted the officials would take cognizance of them. He suggested that plans and specifications should be made, showing what will be done in the matter, and in that way some definite action can be taken. The company wants the viaduct and will do its share towards building it.

An ordinance was introduced in common council last Thursday evening by Mr. Colpin, of the Sixth ward, for the bonding of the city in the sum of \$100,000 to build the viaduct, and it is now in the hands of a committee.

HER THIRD VENTURE.

A Duryea Woman Who Is Not Discouraged by Hard Luck.
Frank McMarkey, aged 47 years, and Annie Blakeley, aged 29 years, both of Duryea, appeared before Alderman Kason yesterday, presented a marriage license and were wedded by that magistrate.

The bride, who is twelve years older than the groom, has twice before entered the matrimonial state, her first husband having secured a divorce and her second husband dying last March.

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

DIED.

DUFFY—In Scranton, Dec. 18, 1899, Patrick Duffy, aged 29 years, at his home, 137 Keiser avenue. Funeral announcement later.

Fine Candies

5 lb Boxes Fine Bon Bons and Chocolates 90c.
Bon Bons and Chocolates, 1 lb boxes 25c.
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**ONE OFFICER DEAD,
THE OTHER DYING**

PATRICK RAFFERTY SUCCEEDS TO LUDDEN'S BULLET.

Died Yesterday Afternoon, After Hours of Excruciating Agony—At Midnight, McKenna Was Sinking Slowly but Surely, with Little or No Hope of His Recovery—The Jail Physician Falls to Find Any Very Serious Wounds on Ludden's Body—Belief That He Is Afflicted with Rabies.

One death has resulted from Watchman Thomas Ludden's mad rampage at Old Forge, Sunday night, and another is hourly expected to be charged to the account of that miserable wretch, now lying at the county jail more dead than alive from his own excesses and the terrible beating he received at the hands of the infuriated neighbors of his two victims.

Patrick Rafferty, the elder of the two officers and the first to go down before Ludden's frenzied, reckless fire, passed away at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after twenty hours of the most agonizing suffering. Thomas McKenna, the other officer, was reported at midnight to be slowly but surely dying.

Crowds congregated about the homes of the afflicted families last evening, and between the expressions of sympathy aroused by the contemplation of the widow and ten orphans and a probable second widow and four more orphans, there were no end of self-accusations and condemnations that the opportunity for summary vengeance had been allowed to escape.

Ludden was heard to speak only once yesterday. Dr. Danne, the jail physician, examined him yesterday morning and while feeling over his body for injuries encountered a fractured rib. The twang of pain that accompanied the pressure on the injured rib raised Ludden from his stupor for a brief time and he declared to the doctor "They certainly came near killing him." Ludden muttered, "Wah they bad."

LUDDEN'S INJURIES.
The only injuries the doctor could find on him besides the fractured rib was a broken finger and the cuts and bruises about the head and face. One of his eyebrows appears to have been kicked entirely away and the eye is closed so tight the ball cannot be discerned. In the struggle in the engine room one of the men who came to Fireman Thomas Moran's assistance fastened a hold on Ludden by jabbing a finger in the eye socket and his thumb under his lip, thus is the eye that is swollen shut and there is a possibility that the sight is injured, if not entirely destroyed.

Several times during the day he raved and raged about his cell. Early in the morning he tore off his chains and under his doctor's hands he ripped the bandages from his body and broken finger. During the afternoon he was again in deep stupor and appeared more dead than alive. There is no thought yet of giving him a hearing.

In Minooka, where Ludden has lived most of his days, the amazement is not so great as elsewhere at his apparently crazy actions.

HARMLESS WHEN SOBER.
When sober, he is a harmless, good-for-nothing fellow, but when drinking heavily, he was more of a beast than a human being, it is said. There is a well-founded belief among the people of that town that he is afflicted with rabies, invariably when under the excitement of drink he would go about with his chin down, his teeth firmly set, growling continuously like a dog and foaming at the mouth. Whether or not he was ever bitten by a dog no one has ever heard him say, but it is a generally accepted fact in Minooka that he must have been.

This story reached Old Forge, yesterday, and caused no end of alarm to Fireman Moran, whose arm was bitten by Ludden during the struggle in the engine room. His arm has swollen slightly in the immediate vicinity of the wound and is growing more painful all the time.

Ludden, it appears, started on his rampage Friday night, by beating his wife and turning her and his four children out of doors. He then went to Old Forge and did not return again.

His record, if it be hardly necessary to say, is a bad one. He has been arrested at various times for minor offenses and spent a term in the county jail for larceny.

It is also said that he nearly killed a man in Old Forge about six years ago. The affair occurred, so the story goes, at the very spot, alongside the trestle opposite Fallon's, where he inveigled and murderously assailed John Lynch, Sunday night.

OF SAVAGE DISPOSITION.
Ludden's mother was found dead in a deserted shanty in Greenwood and while it was generally accepted that she died from exposure, there were whispers that several youths of the neighborhood were the ones responsible for her death, and whenever Ludden would come across one of these he would invariably pummel him. One of them was encountered by Ludden at Old Forge when he was crazy drunk and, dragging him into the second floor of the engine house, was beating the life out of him when assistance arrived and he was prevented from carrying out his murderous purpose.

Coroner Roberts will go to Old Forge today to hold an inquest in the Rafferty case.

FIRE IN STORE WINDOW.

Destroyed Some Shoes in the Lester Shoe Store.
About 10:15 o'clock last night fire broke out in the show window of the Lester shoe store, 305 Lackawanna avenue. The window contained about fifty pairs of shoes, placed in cotton. In some unaccountable manner the

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cotton was set on fire and before the blaze could be checked the whole windowful of shoes was on fire.
George Seale and Isaac Davis, who are interested in the store, were luckily at hand and put the blaze out before more damage was done.

EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS.

Is Being Conducted in the Law Library This Week.

The semi-annual law examinations are being conducted this week in the law library by Examiners John M. Harris, J. W. Oakford and John P. Kelly. Those who are undergoing the examinations are: W. N. Leach, Palmer Williams, J. H. Van Dusen, F. E. Killcullen, Frank L. Phillips, Thomas Hanley, Rev. John T. Dunn and B. E. Watson.

ORIGIN AND DESTINY.

Subject of Elder John M. Whitaker's Discourse in Co-operative Hall, West Scranton, Last Night.

"Man's Origin and Destiny" was the subject of Elder John M. Whitaker's lecture last night in the Co-operative hall, West Scranton. There was a good audience of most attentive hearers, and typical Mormon hymns were sung. Elder Joseph Finlinson presided and introduced Elder Whitaker, who said in part:

"Man's origin and destiny from the Mormon standpoint, from the standpoint of the Bible, reason and judgment is a theme of vast importance to humanity. The uncertainty of speculation has never been able to solve the mystery of life—where man came from, why he is here and when death overtakes him, where he goes. Serious questions these, yet reason alone only knows he is here and goes to a somewhere unknown, as he leaves this world.

Speculation has failed to throw any light on these questions. Through the years have contended for supremacy, one, that holding life was "spontaneous"; the other, "life springs only from pre-existent life," still remains, but offers no solution.

"Revelation from the fountain-head of knowledge is the only hope of solving this question and the Master hand has not been unmindful to His children, nor left them without considerable light, on these points. Through this avenue, revelation, and in full harmony with the written word contained in the Bible the Latter-Day Saints teach that man's spirit is the offspring of heavenly parents whom they worship as God; that the spirit grew up from infancy to man and womanhood, being instructed in the things pertaining to that world, having every opportunity to acquire knowledge, grow in wisdom, secure progress. That it knew full well the great plan of salvation, had the exercise of its agency to study and labor for advancement, or through neglect, failed to grow in wisdom, knowledge and attain that progress secured by more faithful and devoted spirits. That some spirits improved every opportunity, secured every right and became master spirits. These are they who kept their first estate," such as Jesus, Noah, Enoch, Abraham, Jeremiah, Job and those who, when they came to earth, were honored as prophets, because they proved themselves worthy of those positions. Others fought against the great plan contemplated, discussed and accepted by so many, became ambitious, and, like Lucifer, the son of the morning, fell with him from lost opportunities because his own agency refused to accept conditions making for eternal progress."

PRINCETON GLEE CLUB.

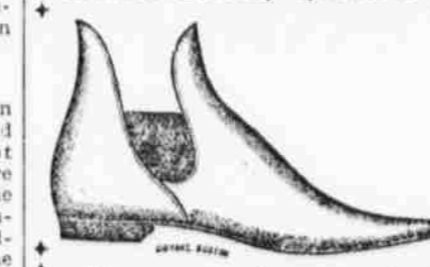
The Tour Will Include Scranton on Christmas.

Princeton, Dec. 18.—The University Glee, Mandolin and Banjo club left here this morning on their Christmas trip, which promises to be more successful than any given in former years. The club will travel in special cars, loaned by Mrs. Garrett, of Baltimore, and Thomas King.

The schedule of the club follows: December 18, Wilmington; December 19, Baltimore; December 20, Washington; December 21, Pittsburgh; December 22, Erie; December 23, Buffalo; December 25, Scranton.

Men's Comfortable

House Boots, \$1.50



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- 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.

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- PAJAMA,
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- UMBRELLA,
- DENT OR FOUNDS GLOVES,
- SILK SUSPENDERS,
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- Bath Robes, Neckwear,
- House Coats, H'dkerchiefs,
- Mufflers, Gloves,
- Suit Cases, Night Robes,
- Umbrellas, Canes,
- Silk Suspenders,
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