

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 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 rush days. Now is the time to make selections, while stock is full and fresh.

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 personal attention to sitters.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

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

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

Brown & M'Conn 109 Wyoming Ave.

EASTMAN'S KODAKS

At Greatly Reduced Rates at the KEMP STUDIO, 103 Wyoming Ave.

Lackawanna "THE" Laundry. 208 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN.

WILLIAM MATTHEWS BURIED.

Services in St. Luke's Church Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late William Matthews, who was killed in the Pine Brook shaft last Saturday, was conducted from his late home on Monroe avenue yesterday afternoon. Services were held in St. Luke's Episcopal church and were in charge of the rector, Rev. Rogers Israel.

The pall-bearers were John Holmes, James Bawn, William Devine, James Roberts, James Gilligly and Harry Driscoll. The flower-bearers were Mary Kelly, Gerie Hamilton, Esther Holmes and Lillie Price. Burial was made in the Washburn street cemetery.

PAY POOR TAX.

And Save Additional Costs. Only a few days more remain before penalty is attached.

DIED.

BRADY.—In Scranton, Dec. 19, Katherine Brady, aged 5 years, at home of her father, Hugh Brady, 1011 Pittston avenue. Funeral today; interment in Cathedral cemetery.

THE LACKAWANNA HARDWARE COMPANY, 221 Lackawanna Avenue.

Open Evenings This Week.

WHAT THE CITY MARKETS AFFORD

PRICES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER ESSENTIALS.

Turkeys Are Fourteen and Sixteen Cents a Pound—Game Is Very Plentiful and Prices Are About the Average—Especially Large Assortment of Vegetables To Be Had. Large Variety of Fruits Also on Sale—Cost of Greenery for Decorative Purposes.

The Scranton markets offer this week an unending variety of good things for the Christmas dinner, with prices on all food articles averaging about the same as they have for several years past.

Turkey, the piece de resistance of every Christmas dinner, is selling at 14 and 16 cents a pound, the latter price being for the choicer kinds. Real spring chickens are selling at 12 1/2 and 14 cents a pound. Game of all kinds, except venison, is very plentiful.

Ducks are selling at 16 cents a pound while geese are continuing at 22 a pair. Pheasants, and they're coming in by the hundreds, are going for \$1.50 a pair, while quail, those small but toothsome little birds, may be had for \$2 a dozen. English pheasants, a very rare fowl, are bringing \$2 to \$3 a pair, according to the size. Venison by the half or quarter is scarce at 25 cents a pound, while in smaller quantities 30 cents must be paid.

Almost every vegetable that can be bought in the warmer weather except green corn is now on sale. New potatoes may be had for \$1 a peck or \$1 a bushel. Large red tomatoes cost 25 cents a peck, and smaller ones are 5 cents a bushel and cucumbers, a great rarity at this time of the year, even in these days of hot house vegetation, are selling at 10 cents a piece. Lettuce is 15 to 16 cents a head and green and wax beans are selling for 20 cents a quart, the same price which must be paid for fresh green peas. The old standby, cabbage, is high, at 10 cents a head.

CELERY IS HIGH. Celery is rather high, at 10 and 15 cents a bunch, and Bermuda onions are obtainable at 15 cents a quart. Cranberries are as usual, 10 to 15 cents a quart. Young tender mushrooms, the delight of an epicure's heart, are cheap at 75 cents a pound, as they generally bring at this time of the year about \$1 a pound.

All of the mushrooms for Scranton consumption are grown in an abandoned vein of the Greenwood mine by an old man named Williams. These peculiar vegetables thrive in dark, damp places, and the old subterranean caves underneath the city of Paris are almost entirely devoted to their cultivation.

Oranges range from the smaller varieties at twenty-five cents a dozen to the delicious navel at sixty cents a dozen. Concord, Malaga and Crawford grapes may be had in any quantity at twenty cents for a five-pound basket, which is particularly cheap at this season. The choicer varieties of apples are bringing \$1.50 a box, while cheaper ones are obtainable at \$2 a barrel.

Eggs range in price this year from fifteen to thirty cents a pound, the latter being the choicer Turkish variety. All varieties of nuts are a little higher priced this year, mixed nuts selling at fifteen cents a pound, instead of twelve and one-half cents, as usual. English walnuts are the dearest of all at eighteen cents a pound, while paper shell walnuts bring twenty cents a pound.

PRICE OF RAISINS. Raisins range in price from twelve and one-half cents to thirty cents a pound, while maple sugar is selling at fifteen cents a pound. The choicest kind of mince meat sells for seventy-five cents for a five-pound jar, but cheaper kinds are obtainable. Pumpkins, large, round and reminiscent of the steaming hot pies, are ten to twenty-five cents a piece, according to size, and cheap for this time of the year.

And then the greenery, the wreaths and strings, with which to decorate the home. The wreaths are various priced, from ten to twenty-five cents, according to size, and the roping sells for six and eight cents a yard. Just a little of the real, genuine mistletoe, without which Christmas wouldn't be Christmas in the lands across the sea, is on sale, but it is expensive, costing twenty-five cents for a small sprig.

PERSONAL

Pay your gas bills today and save the discount.

Mrs. Thomas Dickson has returned from a visit to New York.

S. W. Fenner was called to Rochester yesterday by the death of his mother.

Miss Aida Barrett, of Ninth street, is entertaining Miss Minnie O'Connell, of Honesdale.

Miss Carrie Williams, of Brooklyn, Pa., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Palmer, of North Main avenue.

Clarence E. Brown, of Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Jennette Cunningham, of this city, were married Monday evening in the presence of Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. George E. Guild, D. D.

At a meeting of the Wilkes-Barre battalion of the Ninth regiment held in that city Monday evening, Adjutant Sharpe was elected major of the battalion to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major John Harding.

Ex-County Treasurer John S. McGroarty, who has been in Montana for two years past, arrived in town yesterday and will remain until after the holidays. Mr. McGroarty has been very successful in the west, but still retains a love for the Wyoming valley, which in all probability will induce him to locate here again within a few years—Wilkes-Barre News.

The friends of Captain J. C. Delaney will be glad to learn that though his business as general manager of the Chelsea Heights Investment and Development company of Atlantic City will require him to spend most of his time there, he will, nevertheless, retain his residence here, where his family will remain. It is also an interesting fact that the company with which Captain Delaney is associated is composed of some of the leading business men of Philadelphia. Among the conspicuous shareholders are Dr. Filbert, Senator Porter, J. Lauder Welsh, W. J. Latta and A. Loudon Snowden. The company owns some of the most valuable property in Atlantic City—Harrisburg Star.

A kodak makes a fine Xmas gift. We have them at \$3.24 and up. Griffin Art company.

Japanese goods and Chinese flowers sell at cost. 217 Spruce street.

Try a "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c.

ENTERTAINMENT J. O. U. A. M.

Mrs. George Hughes Wins the Bed Room Suit Offered as Prize.

Moses Taylor council, No. 151, Junior Order United American Mechanics, last night gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Guernsey hall.

Before the programme of the evening it was announced that the largest number of tickets sold in the contest for the bed room suit offered as a prize had been sold by Mrs. George Hughes, of Jefferson avenue, with over 900 to her credit. Miss Edith Warman, of 1307 Wyoming avenue, was next, with over 200, and won the gold watch offered.

Several selections were then given by the Orpheus club, which played in its usual finished style.

The Green Ridge quartette rendered "America" in good fashion, and Miss Susan Black and Miss Elizabeth Caragan sang solos. The two ladies then sang a duet, "Merry, Merry, Are We." Fred Wildmayer, with a violin solo, materially strengthened the program, as did also Clarence E. Knowles' clarinet solo. The "Declaration of Independence" was recited with much fervor and dramatic force by Daniel Williams. The committee in charge of the affair was made up of: C. B. Schweirs, chairman; H. H. Barnes, secretary; Nelson Edgar treasurer; W. S. Foote, George Hughes, Hartley Fuller.

M'KENNA STILL ALIVE.

No Hope of His Recovery, However, Is Entertained—Inquest Begun in the Rafferty Case.

Thomas McKenna, the Old Forge police officer, who was wounded by Watchman Thomas Ludden, was alive at midnight, but rapidly growing weaker. His attending physician, Dr. J. J. Timlin, thought he might linger for some time, but feared it would not be many hours before he must succumb.

Coroner Roberts went to Old Forge yesterday and performed an autopsy on the remains of Officer Patrick Rafferty. He found that two bullets entered the body. One went between the third and fourth ribs on the right side and punctured the lung. The hemorrhage resulting from this caused the death. The other bullet passed through the fleshy part of the right arm in a line towards the heart, but after entering the body was deflected by striking a rib and taking a downward course passed out of the body again.

A jury consisting of John Koch, T. M. Lynch, Richard Joyce, James P. Conway, Edward P. Mason and William Kerr was empaneled and viewed the remains, after which they adjourned. The date for taking testimony has not as yet been fixed. Ludden is improving, both physically and mentally. It is not quite certain that he is not seriously injured and that his mental derangement is not chronic. He learned yesterday of the death of Rafferty, but made no demonstration of his feelings in the matter. A warrant charging him with murder was issued yesterday by Alderman Miller. The information was sworn to by Deputy Sheriff Henry F. Ferber. No time has been set yet for his hearing.

CONSUMER'S ICE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Consumers' Ice company was held yesterday morning in the offices of the company, at the corner of Adams avenue and Ash street.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, I. F. Megargel; vice-president, William Connell; treasurer, A. D. Blackington; secretary, John A. Schadt; general manager, Charles H. Schadt; directors, William Connell, I. F. Megargel, C. D. Jones, Robert Reeves, A. D. Blackington, Reese G. Brooks, J. H. Steele, F. E. Schwartz and P. J. Horan.

WILL NOT ATTACK THE PAPERS

The officers of the Christian Endeavor union wish to correct the false impression that seems to have gained circulation, that the union proposes to conduct a crusade against Sunday newspapers.

What they do propose to do, they say, is to suppress the nuisances that accompany the sale of Sunday papers, such as shouting and blocking up the sidewalks in front of churches by the newsboys.

THE TRIBUNE YEAR BOOK.

The Scranton Tribune Year Book for 1900 is now in press and will be ready for delivery on Jan. 1. The contents will be up to the standard of the past, having been compiled with a view to brevity and accuracy, and will be enclosed in a handsome illuminated cover designed especially for the book by Mrs. Jessie C. Harger, a well known artist and designer, of New Haven, Connecticut.

News agents and others desiring copies are advised to send in orders as early as possible.

Ice Cream and Fancy Cakes.

Place orders now for Christmas. The choicest fancy cakes and purest ice cream in the city will be found at Hamilton's, 420 Spruce street.

"Buy the Box."

O'Hara Cigars, 431 Spruce street.

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

A peculiar fact that you can buy

Huyler's Candy from 40c. to 80c. Malliard's, 25c. to 50c. Whitman's Candy from 20c. to 35c. Coursen's Finest Bon Bons and Fruits at 50c. California Navel Oranges 25c. to 40c. Florida Oranges, 35c. to 60c. Pink Tinted Malaga Grapes, 20c. to 30c.

And many other items lower than elsewhere. Order early.

E. G. Coursen 429 Lackawanna Avenue

TOKIO ENGINEERS VISITING SCRANTON

SPENDING A WEEK INSPECTING MINING MACHINERY.

One of Them Is the Chief Engineer of the Kaseka Mining Company and Is Looking About with a View of Placing Orders as Well as Acquainting Himself with American Ideas—The Dickson Works Are Just Now Claiming Their Attention—Both Speak English.

Two eminent young Japanese, K. Takeda, of Kikuchi, and T. Tsuno, of Tokyo, as they speak it, are at the Jermyn, being en route around the world on an educational and commercial tour. Both are graduates of the Tokio university, and that they received a pretty good article of learning in that institution can be guessed when it is stated that they speak not only correct but elegant English, pronouncing like a native, and even going to the extent of correctly applying idioms, practically all of which was taught them in their Japanese school, for they were never beyond the shores of Japan until ninety days ago, and a good part of those ninety days has been on the go. "By no means" is an expression that came unhesitatingly from Mr. Tsuno, and "Several miscellaneous appliances" was one of the phrases the reporter recalls having heard Mr. Takeda use.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

The latter is chief engineer of the Kaseka Copper and Silver Mining company, of Kikuchi. Mr. Tsuno is studying engineering, and is accompanying Mr. Takeda to further his education by observing the methods of other countries. This is also a part of Mr. Takeda's purpose, but the primary object of his mission is to examine mining machinery with a view of placing orders for his employers, Messrs Tunita & Co.

They have completed a tour of the west, examining the mining methods employed there and acquainting themselves with the relative value and prices of the machinery. Then they came east and are now visiting the manufacturing centers. At present they are being shown through the Dickson works and later they will look into the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western shops and the coal mines. They expect to stay about a week and will go from here to Schenectady—and they could pronounce it easily—with a view of buying some machinery from the General Electric company.

TO INCREASE PLANT.

The Kaseka Mining company is now using some of the General Electric company's machinery in its power transmitting system, which covers a distance of nine miles. The company now operates a smelting plant comprised of four furnaces. It proposes to increase the size of the plant and also its electrical plant.

Mr. Takeda says they will stop in England, France and Germany, but intimated that their stay there would not be very long. He shares the preference of most of his countrymen for American mechanical methods and American machinery.

SECRET SOCIETIES IN FRANCE.

Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick's Second Paper Before the Newman Club.

At the Newman Magazine club last night the speaker was Rev. D. J. MacGoldrick on the subject "The Work of Secret Societies in France During the Last Thirty Years." He explained the choice of title for his paper by the fact that in the paper on the Dreyfus trial some weeks ago he went more than merely casual reference to the work of the secret societies in France, and so he took this opportunity to show what he meant by this expression.

He said that by the work of secret societies in France he meant the laws forged by the secret societies in their codes and through the houses of legislature by their misdeeds. These laws were directed against the exercise of religion in the army, in the public offices of civil life, in the schools and wherever legislation could attack the influence of the Catholic Church and the teaching of the Catholic church.

In illustration of this disposition on the part of the secret societies he recited a long list of enactments from 1870 to 1892 which he averred were direct attacks on the Catholic church and the religious orders. He also made a number of statements and documents, from which he quoted directly, and on this point of quoting from authorities he said: "What I state as fact is so to the last syllable; my deductions are my own, but yet so drawn that the contradictions cannot be denied. A public teacher ought to be constantly under the influence of a right conscience, and a student of history ought to have sufficient self-respect to prevent his asserting as of knowledge more than he really knew."

He said he was source of exquisite pleasure to him to find a friend refer in the public press to statements made in the paper on the Dreyfus trial in almost these very words, with this difference, he added, that the idea as expressed by his critical friend had "all the charm of epigram." A reception followed the literary exercises. Miss Anna Scanlon entertained with a contralto solo and dancing was enjoyed to music by Bauer's orchestra.

Rosebud Calendars

Children and Flowers, exquisitely lithographed in twelve-inch oil colors; size, 2 1/2x3 1/2 inches. GIVEN AWAY FREE. To all purchasers of TEAR COFFERS, SPICES, EXTRACTS and BAKING POWDER, beginning Saturday, Dec. 16th, and continuing to Dec. 31st. Postively no calendars given out after Dec. 31st. COME EARLY AND GET ONE

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. 41 Lackawanna avenue, 131 South Main avenue. Phone 722. Prompt deliveries.

SAUL IS AN OFFICER AGAIN.

Has Been Appointed a Member of the D. L. & W. Detective Force.

Patrolman James Saul started to work last night as a member of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company's detective force. His appointment was made by the head of that bureau, Mr. O'Keefe.

Mr. Saul has not as yet been assigned to any regular position, but it is likely he will be stationed at the Scranton depot.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WAGON.

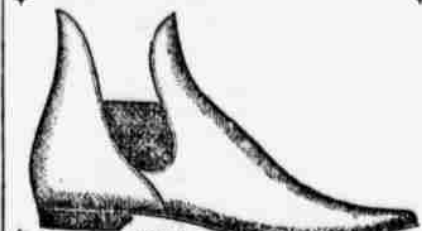
Contract for Its Construction Awarded to Wm. E. Gilhoel.

The joint fire department committee met last evening and awarded the contract for the new hose wagon to William E. Gilhoel, whose bid was \$675, the wagon to be delivered in ninety days.

The wagon when completed will be placed in either the Crystal or Nay Aug house, this to be determined later, however.

We are headquarters for artistic Xmas goods. Our stock is fine and larger than ever before. The Griffin Art company.

Men's Comfortable House Boots, \$1.50



We carry these popular "Romeos" or House Boots in the newest shades, Brown and Black, Vici Kid, high cut to keep the ankle warm. Prices, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50. All sizes now. Also Felt Romeos, very neat and warm.

Our line of Holiday Slippers in all shades of leather, styles and prices, Boys' and Youth's in same patterns.

SCHANK & SPENCER 410 SPRUCE STREET. STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

KNOCK

Their knuckles sore—that is what your friends do when your ELECTRIC BELLS Are out of Repair.

WE REPAIR THEM.

Chas. B. Scott 119 Franklin Ave. TELEPHONE 222.

"What Shall I Give?"

Waited till the last days, and still undecided, aren't you? It's one of the bugaboo tasks of the whole year, to pick out the Christmas things, isn't it? But why should it be? You want to remember father or brother with a useful gift; why not select some article from our large and well selected line of Holiday Furnishings.

- House Coats.....\$5.00 to \$10.00
Bath Robes.....\$3.00 to \$10.00
Umbrellas.....\$2.00 to \$10.00
Mufflers.....50c to \$6.00
Neckwear.....50c to \$3.50
Suspenders.....50c to \$1.50
Canes.....50c to \$4.00
Gloves.....\$1.00 to \$2.50
Silk Handkerchiefs.....25c to \$1.00
Linen Handkerchiefs.....15c to \$1.50
Suit Cases.....\$5.00 to \$7.50
Fancy Half Hose.....25c to \$1.00
Night Robes.....50c to \$2.00
Dress Shirt Shields.....\$1.00 to \$2.00

HAND & PAYNE, 203 Washington Avenue. ON THE SQUARE.

C. F. BECKWITH & CO.,

DEALERS IN Mine and Mill Supplies, Machinery, Etc.

OFFICE—Dime Bank Building. WAREHOUSE—Green Ridge.

Bring the Children

to see the Living Santa Claus now on exhibition in our large Dry Goods room. Every child who is accompanied by a grown person gets a ticket on the following beautiful prizes which are 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.
You do not have to buy goods. The chances are absolutely free. The more times you come here the more chances you will get.

Clarke Bros

The Popular House Furnishing Store.

Table Cutlery

and for all that you need in knives, forks and carving sets in steel or silver. We have best makers. Knives and forks as low as 50 cents a set. Carving sets for \$12. Our nicked chafing dishes and cooking utensils keep bright without scouring, and cost about as little as good granite ware.

Foot & Fuller Co., Nears Building, 140-142 Washington Ave.

Pierce's Market

Receiving daily—Turkeys, Fowls, Springers, Ducks and Squabs; also Rockaway, Maurice River and Blue Point Oysters. Everything the market affords in fruits and vegetables. Your orders will be filled promptly with best goods at reasonable prices.

PIERCE'S MARKET 110-112-114 PENN AVENUE.



The quality of the oils used in mixing colors determines the durability of the paints.

Oils 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.

BELL & SKINNER, Hotel Jermyn Building.

Christmas Cutlery.....

Fine Razors. Manicure Sets. Scissors and Shears. Shaving Sets. Penknives. Safety Sets. Table Cutlery. Razor Sets. Carvers. Safety Razor Sets.

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—

- 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 Cases \$8.00 to \$75.00
Turkish Chairs and Rockers \$15.00 to \$48.00
Couches and Lounges \$5.00 to \$40.00
Bric-a-brac, Vases, Etc. 69c to \$17.00
Palms and Jardiniere 55c to \$4.98.

THE ECONOMY

221-223-225-227 Wyoming Ave.