

EVENTS OF DAY IN WEST SCRANTON

EFFORTS TO LOCATE A BRANCH POSTOFFICE HERE.

Board of Trade Committee Working Along That Line—Electric City Wheelmen's New Year Reception. Opening of St. Patrick's Fair. Charles Acker a Candidate for School Controller in Fourteenth Ward—A. O. H. Reception—Continental Fund Officers—Other Minor News Notes.

An effort is being made to secure a branch post office for West Scranton to supplant the present sub-station. The idea is to have the collections and deliveries for this side conducted through a local branch, which will not only facilitate the delivery of the steadily increasing amount of mail matter, but will be a great convenience to the carriers, who now have to make three trips a day to the central city post office.

At present there are nearly a dozen carriers on the West Scranton routes, who go to the main office at 7 a. m., and make one delivery in the morning. They also make a similar trip in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and again about 5 o'clock with the return mail. If a branch office was located here all the mail for West Scranton would be received in bulk and distributed from this office. This plan would enable the carriers to make three deliveries daily. Another argument advanced in support of the branch office is that the evening mails could be secured from 6:30 to 7:30 o'clock, instead of the receiver going to the central office and mail now received late Saturday afternoon and evening could be secured Sunday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. The necessity for a branch post office will be made known to Congressmen Connell and the post office authorities by the committee of the board of trade appointed for that purpose.

The citizens of West Scranton are awakening to the realization that if they want anything they must work for it, and with such determination as the members of the board of trade expressed at their last meeting, they are bound to succeed in their efforts.

WILL KEEP OPEN HOUSE.

The members of the Electric City Wheelmen are nothing if not original, and they will surprise their friends on New Year's day with a programme of events that will hold them for awhile. They will keep open house all day and from 2 to 6 in the afternoon an elaborate course dinner will be served, which will include all the delicacies of the season.

Between 4 and 8 o'clock the "surprise party" will take place. What the programme will be is only a matter of conjecture, but it is safe to predict that it will be in keeping with previous events. It is understood, however, that a "continuous performance" will be given, which will be replete with up-to-date specialties by Guy Ralph, Billy Williams, Bunnell, Bertine and the rest of the comedians.

From 8 o'clock to midnight a rag-time dance will be given, which will be the society event of the evening in West Scranton. Rag-time music will be furnished and a rag-time lunch served at 11 o'clock. The affair will be for members and their friends and those who secure invitations can consider themselves fortunate.

A. O. H. ENTERTAINMENT.

Division No. 1, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, tendered a reception and social to the members of the Ladies' auxiliary, No. 4, in St. David's hall last evening. Previous to the entertainment the members of No. 1 enjoyed a smoker in Hari Gari hall. President Thomas Langan was chairman of the evening. The principal address was made by Miss Katherine O'Hara, county president of the Daughters of Erin, who spoke on the principles of the order. The programme consisted of a piano solo by Annie Sullivan; song, Joseph McPhillips; song, Laurence McHugh; instrumental selections, Drury and Kelly; song and dance, Henley and Tafe; duet, Deganal and Shaughnessy; song, Michael Donagan. Refreshments were served by Caterer Gilroy and a social was afterwards enjoyed. Mrs. Frank Malott furnished the music for dancing.

ST. PATRICK'S FAIR OPENING.

Everything will be in readiness for the opening of the fair in St. Patrick's church tomorrow evening. Rev. J. B. Whelan and his parishioners have worked unceasingly to perfect the many details incident to such an undertaking and they confidently expect their efforts will be crowned with success.

In addition to the attractive booths now being arranged and the disposal of the innumerable articles contributed, there will be several contests for valuable prizes. A magnificent blooded Kentucky horse will be chanced off and other useful articles contested for. A musical and literary programme will be furnished every evening during the fair and some of the best talent in the city will participate in the concerts.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Plymouth Congregational church the following officers were placed in nomination for the coming year: Recording clerk, Miss Lizzie A. Evans; financial clerk, William Watkins; deacons, A. B. Eynon, William James; music committee, Richard Owens; standing committee, John T. Jones, Thomas Roberts, Samuel Powell.

WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

Charles R. Acker, of Fairview avenue, has formally announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for school controller in the Fourteenth ward. Mr. Acker is one of the best known men in the city and would make an excellent representative. He is a student of political economy and is one of the best posted parliamentarians among the members of the West Scranton Republican club, of which he has been a member for many years. He is also identified with the Royal Arcanum, Simpson Methodist Episcopal church and other societies.

MISSIONARY FROM SYRIA.

The regular monthly missionary prayer meeting of the First Baptist church will be held in the basement of the First Baptist church this evening. L. D. Badgley, of Lebanon, Syria, will be present and make an address. Mr. Badgley is preparing for the Christian ministry and was compelled to leave his own country on account of government persecution at the time of his conversion. He united with a Baptist church in Tennessee and also engaged in business at that place, but was recently burned out. Having been raised in that historic region about Mount Lebanon and witnessed some of the cruelties endured by Christians in his country, it is expected he will give a very interesting talk. All are cordially invited to this meeting, which begins at 7:30 o'clock and lasts one hour.

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

The choirs of the various churches are busily engaged rehearsing what for the Christmas exercises will be held next Sunday. The choruses have been augmented by additional singers and the selections to be rendered are the latest compositions. Choristers desiring their programs published in the Tribune on Saturday should leave them at Jenkins' drug store not later than Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock to insure proper insertion in this department.

CONTINENTAL FUND OFFICERS.

The Continental Mine Accidental fund have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, M. S. Lavelle; secretary, Thomas Parry; treasurer, Richard Williams. Standing committee—William R. Jones, John Thomas, Patrick Dunne, Thomas McGlone, John McGlone, Thomas McGraw, Richard Williams, Richard H. Williams and Thomas Parry.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

A special meeting of St. Leo's battalion will be held tomorrow evening for the purpose of making arrangements to participate in St. Patrick's church fair.

The Bertha La Monte society of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, the Gleasons of Simpson Methodist Episcopal church and the Christian Endeavor society of the Plymouth Congregational church held their regular meetings last evening.

Joseph D. Lewis, of the United States census department, is spending the holiday vacation at his home on West Locust street.

Mrs. Walter Beck and son, Harold, of Towanda, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Reese, of Washburn street.

The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rusk's child were interred in the Cathedral cemetery yesterday afternoon. The pall-bearers were Jennie Hughes, Loretta Hughes, Belinda Dailey, Martha Hart.

Leonard E. Hermes, of New York, who has been visiting Oscar Oswald, returned home yesterday.

The committee of the various society members arranging for the safe contest at St. Patrick's fair will meet this evening in St. Brendan's rooms.

A Poleander, whose name could not be learned, was seriously injured in the Dodge mine yesterday by a fall of coal. He was employed as a laborer by Joseph Granger.

William Crawford, of North Hyde Park avenue, is home from Drew Theological seminary for the Christmas holidays.

Daniel Jay Reese, of South Pilmore avenue, will spend Christmas in New York.

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BOND ISSUES TODAY.

To Be Made for Clay Avenue Pave and North End Sewer.

Bonds will be issued today by the mayor for the payment of the balance due the Barber Asphalt company for the paving of Clay avenue.

The mayor will also issue bonds for \$735.04 to Donahue & O'Boyle, being the property-holders' share of the fourth partial estimate for the construction of the North Main avenue, Philo street and Providence road sewer. As is customary the contractors will enter suit for \$178.92, being the city's share of the estimate, and City Solicitor Vosburg will confess judgment for that amount against the city.

BOND ORDINANCE SIGNED.

Mayor Believes the People Will Vote in Favor of It.

Mayor Moir yesterday signed the ordinance providing for the submission to the vote of the people of the proposed bond issue of \$273,293.80 for sewer purposes. He stated that he had no doubt but that the people were alive to the necessity for better sewer facilities and that there would be hardly any opposition when the matter came up at election.

He also signed the ordinance providing for sidewalks in the Fourteenth ward and for the transfer of \$250 from the surplus of the board of health's appropriation for repairs on the West Mountain road.

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Of Interest to Sunday Schools and Sunday-School Teachers.

Of Interest to Day Schools and Every-Day Teachers.

In the last six days we have supplied upwards of fifty schools of both kinds with gift things, not counting the vast number of teachers who have made selections for their individual classes.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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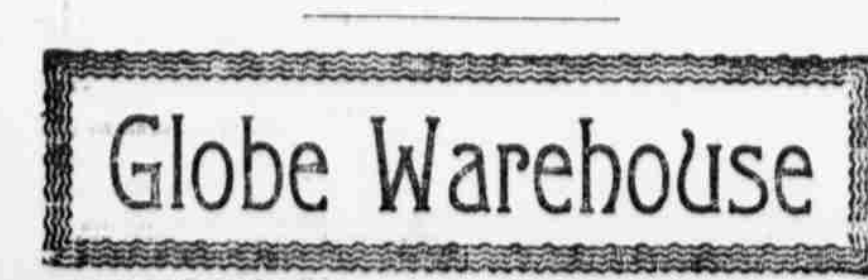
The Holiday Carnival

Is now at its height and the stream of visitors was never greater. The reason is plain. We thought the situation carefully over before we started to make provision for the Christmas trade, and our long experience has enabled us to hit the popular fancy just right in every detail. The little folks are provided for with Toys, Story Books, Games, Dolls, Doll Furniture, etc., while the variety of suitable gifts for their seniors is simply infinite.

- Gloves, Hosiery, Fancy Aprons, Notions, Neckwear, Underwear, Ribbons, Laces, Pictures, Sewing Machines, China, Toilet Requisites, Fans, Purses, Blankets, Bohemian Glass, Fine Furs, Smart Petticoats, Silk Waists, Cloaks, Men's' Furnishings, Silks, Underwear, and One Thousand Other Things

As usual, there are little lots here and there that are slower at moving than others. In these we've cut deeply at former prices and made buying easier than ever before.

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The funeral was attended by a large number of the friends and neighbors of the deceased.

The funeral of Conrad Staub was held yesterday afternoon from his late home on Stone avenue. Numerous relatives and friends came to pay their last respects to their old friend and the family residence was filled before the hour appointed for the funeral.

Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor of St. Luke's church, conducted the services at the