

Christmas Suggestions

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For artistic Christmas Goods. Our stock is fine and larger than ever before.

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

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

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EASTMAN'S KODAKS

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

Lackawanna Laundry

268 Penn Avenue. A. B. WARMAN. MAIL IS VERY HEAVY.

Said To Be the Largest Ever Handled at Local Office.

"It is the largest mail ever handled before in this city," said Superintendent of Mails Louis G. Schautz yesterday in response to a query as to how this year's Christmas mail compared with that of former years.

He stated that this was especially shown in the large number of large packages received for delivery, some of the mailmen being loaded down like an army mule as they leave the office. Two panes of glass next the stamp window have been removed and three clerks are kept busy from morning till night weighing matter and selling stamps.

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 Huntington's, 429 Spruce street.

The public schools will close Friday, Dec. 22, and re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2, George Howell, Superintendent.

Meerschmum Pipes for Xmas, at Landis', 297 Wyoming avenue.

Gold pens and pencils. Reynolds Bros.

THE LACKAWANNA HARDWARE COMPANY,

221 Lackawanna Avenue.

Open Evenings This Week.

ALDERMEN GET FORTY PER CENT

FIGURES SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL BY CONTROLLER.

They Show That Various Aldermen of the City Have Turned in Fines Aggregating \$813.45 and for the Collection of These They Have Been Allowed \$311 as Fees—Figures Were Furnished in Pursuance to a Recent Request Made by Select Council.

Select Councilman John E. Roche is determined that the ordinance passed during ex-Mayor John H. Fellows' term of office, providing that all fines from every part of the city be tried by the mayor and on the strength of which that official's salary was increased \$1,000 yearly, shall be enforced.

When the following communication and statement from the controller, in pursuance with a resolution introduced by Mr. Roche, were read last evening, he remarked that he would carefully examine the latter and would "have something to say later." The controller's communication is as follows:

December 11, 1899. To the Honorable, the Select Council. Gentlemen: Complying with the resolution of your honorable body approved December 7, 1899, "That the city controller be and he is hereby requested to furnish this council with the names of the aldermen who have paid the \$24.45 fines to the mayor, as shown in the communication of the controller dated December 7, 1899," I submit herewith a statement.

Very respectfully, E. Howell, City Controller.

The following are the names requested: Alderman J. Lentz, Alderman B. Davis, Alderman L. N. Roberts, Alderman Edward Fisher, Alderman Daniel Moses, Alderman C. C. Donovan, Alderman O. D. Johns, Alderman O. D. Meyers, Alderman C. Storr, Alderman G. F. Kellow.

The statement of the amounts collected in fines by the various aldermen and the fees received for such collections is given below:

Table with columns: Aldermen, Fines Collected, Fees Received. Total: \$813.45 / \$311.00

By a glance at the above statement it will be seen that the city for the collection of \$813.45 paid over \$311, or nearly 40 per cent, of the total amount.

The contention of Mr. Roche is that, as the salary of the mayor was increased for the purpose of avoiding this expense, that he is not now pursuing a right course in keeping the expense up.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by Boys' Industrial Association in St. Luke's Parish House.

Very interesting was the entertainment given last night by the Boys' Industrial Association of Scranton in the auditorium of St. Luke's Parish House. It was under the direction of Superintendent L. E. Brown and was very well carried out.

A marching song, given by the association's glee club, to open the programme, was very finely rendered by the following boys: Ernest Martin, Clifford Cockrill, Ellsworth Evans, Louis Edwards, Madell Gardella, Willie Stein, Chester Williams, William Smith, Joseph Saville.

Michael Durkin and Clarence Corby, two little fellows, then went through an acrobatic performance, in which they turned somersaults, hand springs, back springs and all sorts of springs in a way that elicited howls of approval from the audience, which was largely composed of members of the association.

Miss Ella Osland next gave a very clever exhibition of swinging Indian clubs. She was followed by the Glee club, which sang "The Wonderful Tree." Michael Durkin and Clarence Corby then gave another acrobatic performance, at the conclusion of which they were each presented with a handsome bouquet.

H. A. Osborne brought the evening's entertainment to a close by a stereoscopic display of various pictures taken by him while on a summer trip. He spoke on the different views as they were presented and picturesquely described the various objects of interest.

Dairies for 1899. Reynolds Bros.

PERSONAL

Miss Anna Archibald returns from college today.

Miss Augusta Archibald has returned from New York.

P. F. McLaughlin has accepted a position as clerk in the Mahon shoe store.

Miss Agnes Lynott, of 518 Pine street, is entertaining Miss Catherine Foote, of Archibald.

John Coulter Morris, county commissioner-elect, with wife and daughter, is in Washington, D. C.

Frank Flynn, of Jefferson avenue, a student at Georgetown college, Washington, D. C., is home for the holidays.

Rev. David Spencer, D. D., and wife of Dover, N. J., who have been visiting in this city, yesterday morning left for their home.

Mortimer W. Rice, student at Yale university, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents on Madison avenue.

Miss Hattie Green, buyer for certain departments of Jones Lonk's Sons, has resigned her position to accept a more lucrative one.

Mrs. John Webb and family of Glen Falls, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zenke, of Penn avenue.

Bert McGrath, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home on South Washington avenue.

James A. Kearney, a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the holiday vacation at his home on Wyoming avenue.

Miss Carrie Bennell entertained a number of her friends at cards Saturday last. Among those present were the Misses Beth Archibald, May Pennypacker, Helen Matthews, Amy Jessup, Grace Spencer, Mary Linn and Janet Dickson, and Messrs. Lawrence Bliss, Ed. Holland, Charles Sanderson, Jesse Jones, James Gearhart, Everett Hunt, Hubert Merrill and Langley.

Fancy pocketbooks. Reynolds Bros.

Try a "Hotel Jermy" cigar, 10c.

FOOT BALL CHRISTMAS DAY.

Two Teams Will Be Made Up of Local Gridiron Stars.

Admirers of foot ball will this year enjoy the novel spectacle of two eleven-a-side battling for victory on Christmas day. The weather, which has been so unusually fine for this time of the year, will favor a match. The two opposing teams will be made up of crack members of all the star teams of the county, and in view of better names we will dub them the "Irresistibles" and the "Immovables."

The Irresistibles will be captained by Left End Jack Forbes and the leader of the Immovables will be Clarence Be Bow, erstwhile captain of the eleven representing the Scranton High school.

On the Irresistibles will be Horan, Tropp and Brown, of the High school, McDonnell and Hannahan, of Lackawanna, and Langan, Kelliber, Manley, Kirkwood and O'Hara, of St. Thomas. Forbes played with both Lackawanna and St. Thomas.

The Immovables will be made up of Mallin, Vaughn and De Bow, of the High school, Vail, Kelliber, Walter, Ollendick, of Lackawanna, Cosgrove and McDonald, of Lackawanna, Hadgins, of the Carbonate Indians, and R. Gendall, who played a short while with Lackawanna.

REFORM IS CALLED OFF.

Detective Ike Seidman Has Abandoned His Crusade Against Nickel-in-Slot Machines.

A hearing in the case of Detective Ike Seidman against the owners of the slot machines, known as the "Owl," which is in a great many hotels in the central city, was scheduled for 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the office of Alderman John L. Roberts, of the South Side. It did not take place, however, owing to the fact that Wednesday night Seidman appeared in the office, together with Martin Clark, of Providence, who owns the machines, and withdrew the charges preferred.

Prior to this, however, another machine was confiscated by the detective and his cohorts, this time in Edward Horn's hotel on Franklin avenue.

Seidman had the costs in the case put on him, and paid \$12.25, which was the total amount. Yesterday the machines were taken back to a number of places. Altogether seven warrants had been issued and seven machines confiscated. Among the places from which they were taken are Cassese's, Callahan's, P. H. Durkin's and John J. Carroll's, on Lackawanna avenue, and the hotel of Ed. Horn, on Franklin avenue, and Ignatz Uram, on South Washington avenue.

THIS EVENING'S BANQUET.

An Unique and Novel Arrangement of Tables Perfected.

The tables for the annual banquet of the New England society, to be held this evening, were arranged yesterday in the assembly room of the Board of Trade, and this arrangement is to be a special feature of this evening's festivities.

The main table extends completely around the entire room about four feet from the walls, leaving a large open space in the center. There are to be three smaller tables within this space for the toastmaster and the prominent guests.

The guests seated at the main table will occupy only the outside, and a most unique feature will be the serving of the dinner from the inside by the waiters, an opening five feet wide opposite the door being left for their ingress and egress. This will greatly facilitate and hasten the serving of the viands.

The tables will all be elaborately and lavishly decorated with choice flowers and plants and one of the most enjoyable evenings in the history of the society is undoubtedly in store for those who attend tonight.

Cigars. Cigars. Cigars. Special prices for this week. Key West, \$2.50 box up; Domestic, \$1.25 box up; Imported at Park & Tilford's prices. E. G. Coursen.

Gold plated ink stands. Reynolds Bros.

Tonight. 500 Turkeys given away at Jack Sully's Cafe, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Lackawanna. Call and get one.

Calendars, booklets, etc. Reynolds Bros.

To the Voters of the 17th Ward. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for select council in the seventeenth ward. Phil. W. Roll.

Political Information. will be one of the features of The Tribune Year Book for 1900, which will be ready for distribution on Jan. 1.

Leather wallets, etc. Reynolds Bros.

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

Fancy office baskets. Reynolds Bros.

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

Candies

Pure Sugar, 10c per pound.

Fancy Bon Bons and Chocolates, 20c per pound.

Fancy Boxes, Bon Bons and Chocolates, 25c and 35c per box.

Huyler's, 40c to 80c.

Alligretti, 60c, best candy made.

Fruits, Fine Cigars, Champagne Cider And Fancy Groceries.

E. G. COURSEN 429 Lackawanna Avenue.

ARRANGING FOR BACHELOR'S BALL

IT WILL BE A VERY BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

J. H. Brooks is Chairman of the Committee That has Charge of the Preparations for the Ball—Among the Distinguished Persons to Whom Invitations Have Been Extended are Governor and Mrs. W. A. Stone, Bauer and Alexander Will Furnish the Music.

The Bachelors' ball this year will be held on the night of Dec. 29, at the Lyceum theater, and will be in charge of a committee consisting of J. H. Brooks, chairman; F. W. Babin, F. C. Fuller, Worthington Scranton and M. B. Fuller. It is confidently expected that the event this year will surpass all those in the previous ten years since the organization known under this distinguished name gave the first ball.

The list of invitations has been rather what more brief this season than usual, but it includes the leading society people of this region. Among the distinguished guests who may be present are Governor and Mrs. W. A. Stone, and a number of prominent people of New York and Chicago.

The floor is in superior condition this year the excellent one with its linoleum surface, used last season, having been still further improved. The floral decorations are in charge of Clark, who has devised several striking effects. Furniture will supply the perfection of interior decorations, while G. W. Watkins will superintend the arrangement of draperies in the elegantly fitted oriental rooms and the boxes.

The latter there will be eight additional ones built upon the stage and these have had a large advance sale.

The supper, which as in former years will be served in the upper rooms over the corridors and vestibule, will be in charge of Holland, of Philadelphia, whose fame in this direction and whose satisfactory service heretofore are well known to the patrons of detail which will be observed.

The music which is the chief feature of the success of the affair, will be by Bauer's orchestra of this city, and Alexander's Military band, of Wilkes-Barre. It promises to be the finest in history of the Bachelors' Ball.

The committee has been awarded an extraordinary amount of work this season, owing to many extra duties in connection with the ball, and the fact that such a brilliant success is now assured reflects great credit on the five gentlemen upon whom has fallen all the intricate details.

The invitations from the house of Reynolds Bros., this city, issued this week, include a list of the patronesses as follows: Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. T. H. Watkins, Mrs. James Archibald, Mrs. William F. Halliday, Mrs. C. H. Waller, Mrs. Henry Bell, Jr., Mrs. J. Benj. Dimmick, Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mrs. George Jermy, Mrs. George G. Brooks, Mrs. Clarence B. Sturges.

THE THIRD ENTERTAINMENT.

Will Be Given at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. This Evening.

The third monthly entertainment in the members' course will be given at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association on Friday evening, December 22, at 8 o'clock. The following programme will be given by the Philharmonic trio:

- Crimson Flush, Alexander Golden Rod, Wedding of the Winds, etc.

Members of the association and their friends are invited.

MARRIED AT PECKVILLE.

Miss Esther Sitgreaves and Curtis B. Flory Become Man and Wife.

Curtis B. Flory, superintendent of the sugar machinery at the Dickson Manufacturing company, was married Wednesday evening to Miss Esther Sitgreaves, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Sitgreaves, of Peckville.

The ceremony was of the simplest kind possible. There were no attendants and no formality. Rev. Mr. Thomas, of the Peckville Baptist church, officiated. Mr. Flory is a graduate of the class of '96 of Lehigh university, and for several years past has resided in Scranton. Mrs. Flory is a young woman of sweet and gentle character.

After Jan. 1 Mr. and Mrs. Flory will be at home at their residence on Washington avenue, Green Ridge.

Teachers' Oxford Bibles. Reynolds Bros.

SPORTING NOTES.

The Danville basket ball team will play the Knickerbocker basket ball team of this city at Danville on Christmas night. The contest will be at Tom Tilden and Tom Broderick, that was to take place in New York Saturday night, is postponed on account of Broderick spraining his arm.

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 Huntington's, 429 Spruce street.

Cigars in boxes of 25, at Landis', 297 Wyoming avenue.

Fancy boxes stationery. Reynolds Bros.

Smoking Sets, at Landis', 297 Wyoming avenue.

Waterman fountain pens. Reynolds Bros.

HANDSOME CHRISTMAS CALENDARS GIVEN AWAY FREE.

To all purchasers of TEAS, COFFEES, SPICES, EXTRACTS and BAKING POWDER, beginning Saturday, Dec. 16th, and continuing until Dec. 31st, Post Cards and Calendars given out after Dec. 31st. COME EARLY AND GET ONE

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Conducted at Masonic Hall, by Schiller Lodge, No. 345.

Schiller lodge, No. 345, Free and Accepted Order of Masons, conducted its installation of officers at Masonic hall, on Spruce street, last night, the ceremony being followed by a supper served by Caterer John Barnes.

Acting District Deputy E. P. Kingsbury presided over the services and installed the following officers: Worshipful master, George L. Briegel; senior warden, Isadore Goodman; junior warden, Peter Stipp; secretary, Charles S. Gelbert; treasurer, Joseph Gunster; trustees, Frank Leuthner, Henry Vockroth and N. B. Goodman.

DIED.

ACKER.—In Scranton, Dec. 21, 1899, Mary Acker, aged 29 years, wife of Edward Acker, 294 Linden street. Funeral announcement later.

BORN.

DALEY.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 17, 1899, to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Daley, a son.

KNOX.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 21, 1899, to Dr. and Mrs. George C. Knox, a daughter.

Holiday Slippers Reduced to \$1.00

Men's Seal Goat Tan Slippers Men's Seal Goat Wine Men's Chocolate and Black Slippers Men's Brown Goat Slippers Have always sold for \$2.

Ladies' Felt Romeo, Fur Trimmed, two color, \$1.00, Any size to be had.

SCHANK & SPENCER

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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.

PIERCE'S MARKET

110-112-114 PENN AVENUE.

"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

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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.

Fancy York State Turkeys 14c Per Pound.

Clarke Bros

The Popular House Furnishing Store.

Holiday Plated Ware.

We have so many goods in this line we only mention a few Nickel-Plated Chafing Dishes, Tea and Coffee Pots, Silver Plated Knives and Forks, Berry Spoons, Nut Picks and Cracks.

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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.

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Fine Cutlery

Scissor and Manicure Sets, Ice Skates and Flobert Rifles.

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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

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