

Social Personal

Next week is to be phenomenal even for holiday week in Scranton, where after a long dearth of social events they are hurried in three days. Every night and nearly every day will be filled with engagements and the dancing girl and the college man will be sure to have what they term "the time of their life."

The Bachelors' ball on Friday night is, of course, the great event of the week for which the most elaborate preparations are to be made. It will be by far the best attended in the series which date back for ten years and more. The committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Brooks, P. B. Bolin, M. E. Fuller, Worthington Scranton and F. C. Fuller, have been at work on the complicated details for months and consider that at this date they have matters so well in hand that nothing short of a general catastrophe can interfere with the unexampled success of the much talked of event.

It is certain that a very large number of guests from out of town will be present and that few regrets from the home people will be received. Arrangements have been so admirably perfected that even those who have declared all the balls to be alike and therefore somewhat of a bore, have decided to go this year and see the last triumph of that most popular organization which has perpetuated its name through these brilliant annual dances. It is a significant fact that the last two of the sixteen boxes have been sold.

Special effects in electric lights, flowers, draperies and decorations in general will be seen, and the first magnificent view as it strikes the gaze of the spectator will be of bewildering beauty.

The floor, which received enormous attention last year, has recently had considerable sum expended on it, thus improving its condition. It is expected that the music will be the finest yet engaged for these occasions and will consist of Bauer's full orchestra and Alexander's Military band, of Wilkes-Barre. The arrangements for the location of the musicians will be a novel feature. The supper menu will be more elaborate than on preceding years and the service by Caterer Holland, of Philadelphia, will be admirable. The invitations issued this week from the house of Reynolds Bros., this city, are pleasing in design and highly artistic.

On the night of the ball the Penn avenue entrance will be used, the other corridors and lobbies being fitted up in Oriental effects. As usual, the theater dressing rooms on the first floor will be used as cloak rooms.

This devoted city is certainly to have a visitation of Glee clubs next week at the rate of two a night for Wednesday at least. Just why all the college performers considered this particular week to be so desirable for a visit here is impossible to say, but everything possible is to be done to welcome the holiday guests. Monday night the Princeton Glee and Mandolin clubs will be here to give a concert in St. Luke's parish hall.

On Wednesday night both Columbia and Wesleyan clubs will give concerts. The young ladies of St. Luke's church seem to have selected the latter for particular attention on their part. The concert will be held in St. Luke's parish hall and will be followed by a dance at the Bicycle club. It will be a very handsome affair, and will be under the patronage of a number of prominent society ladies, among whom are the following:

Mrs. Rogers Israel, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mrs. H. B. Ware, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. Mary Throop Phelps, Mrs. John Sherer, Mrs. T. G. Wolfe, Mrs. P. H. Jernyn, Mrs. I. J. Lansing, Mrs. G. L. Dickson, Mrs. I. P. Megarzel, Mrs. F. W. Hazzard, Mrs. M. Norton, Mrs. Mary Keck, Mrs. S. B. Foote, Mrs. C. B. Derman, Mrs. H. H. Stevens, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. J. R. Sweet, Mrs. W. E. Thayer, Mrs. M. E. Saneton, Mrs. F. Hand, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. Thompson.

On the same evening the Columbia Glee club will have a concert in the Lyceum. It is a first-class organization, its leader being Mr. Leif Pillingham, who has many friends in this city by reason of a pleasant acquaintance made at Rock Island the last summer, where he spent the season. Mr. Pillingham is a wonderful musician, whose versatility is the admiration of all who know him.

The Princeton concert given by the Glee and Mandolin clubs and led by Harry Lathrop, of this city, will be the great event of the week aside from the Bachelors' ball. Never have such elaborate preparations been made for a college concert. An excellent company numbers fifty men and the fact that its leader is from Scranton stirs local

pride and spirit. The way those men are to be entertained while here is enough to appall anybody but a college man. They will arrive some time late Sunday night in their own special train, provided for this tour by alumni and friends. Every blessed man is invited out to eat a Christmas dinner in some luxurious Scranton home. In the afternoon a tea will be given in their honor at the Country club, when Mrs. F. J. Platt, Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., Mrs. A. C. Twitcheell and Mrs. G. G. Brooks will receive.

In the evening the concert will open at 8:15 in St. Luke's parish hall, and a brilliant scene will be presented, as most of those present will attend the dance later. The concert will be the jolliest affair imaginable, and will, of course, delight the audience. The dance which will follow at the Bicycle club will be an elaborate occasion, when Bauer's orchestra will furnish music and Handley will cater. Among the prominent members of the Glee club is the captain of this year's football team, and two representatives of Philadelphia's oldest families in the persons of Mr. Cadwallader and Mr. Biddle.

Among the other events of the week are the elegant dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton on Wednesday night, the cotillon by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sturges Tuesday night in honor of Miss Sturges, the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson Thursday night in honor of Miss Helen Sanderson, the usual Country club dance on Saturday night and Mrs. T. Cramer von Storch's reception on Saturday afternoon.

The reception and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hurley Wednesday afternoon and evening was among the most charming social affairs celebrated in Green Ridge in many a day. The guest of honor was Mrs. W. A. Drake, of Syracuse, N. Y. The ladies who assisted in entertaining were Mrs. E. B. Sturges, Mrs. W. D. Kennedy, Mrs. C. P. Davidson, Mrs. M. R. Kays, Mrs. VanHarcum, Mrs. J. W. Howarth. The house, which is a very handsome one, has just been newly decorated and presented a beautiful appearance.

There will be an endless number of house parties during holiday week. Mr. and Mrs. Brady will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Lett, of New York; Miss Waring, of Plainfield, N. J.; Miss Hall, of Morrisstown, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald will entertain the Misses Sterling, of Orange, N. J.; Miss Dann, of Buffalo; Mr. Kerr, of Englewood, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Sturges will entertain the Misses Waterman, of Southport, Conn., and Miss Fraine.

Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boies will have as guests Miss Simpson, of New York; Messrs. Jones, Baldwin, of Hawaii; Miss Welch and Mr. Ingham, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hallestead and many other townspeople will have house parties.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Godfrey will entertain during the holiday week Miss Katherine Parker, of North Adams, Mass.; Miss Haight, of New York; Miss Bess Dean, of Wilkes-Barre; Mr. Fred Fuller and Dr. Edgar Sturge, of New York; Mr. John Fassett, of Tunkhannock, and Mr. W. R. Pierce, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John U. Hopewell have issued invitations to a reception next Wednesday evening in honor of the twentieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richmond, Miss Richmond and Miss Clara Richmond will leave in February for several months' tour in the Holy Land.

Mr. T. Cramer von Storch has sent out cards for a reception, to take place Saturday afternoon, December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton have issued invitations for a dance on Wednesday night, December 27.

Miss Carrie Benckell gave a dinner party on Friday night, when covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. Chauncey Reynolds gave a tea on Monday in honor of her niece, Miss Helen Reynolds.

Mrs. Thomas Strague will give a reception January 2 at her home on Quincey avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Matthews will entertain a large family party at dinner on Christmas day.

A subscription dance will be given at the Bicycle club house Thursday evening under the patronage of Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Mrs. Timothy Burke and Mrs. J. W. Fitz Gibbon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hallestead will give a dinner on Thursday evening.

Mrs. G. B. Jernyn has issued invitations to a luncheon on Wednesday next.

The New Year's assembly will take place on New Year's night at the Bicycle club.

Mrs. Everett Warren has issued cards for a tea on New Year's day.

Movements of People

Mrs. N. Y. Leet was in Syracuse this week.

Mr. David Boies is at home from Lawrenceville.

The Misses Suto are visiting their sister in Baltimore.

Miss Katzenbach, of New York, is the guest of Miss Boies.

Mr. H. Simpson returned from New York on Wednesday.

Herbert Medway is at home from college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gardner will spend Christmas at Honesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vocum will spend Christmas at Harrisburg.

The Misses Jadin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of Miss Egan.

Miss Wilder, of Rochester, will be the guest of Miss Welles next week.

Miss Harris, of Germantown, will be the guest of Miss Hollin next week.

Miss Curtis, of Washington, D. C., will be the guest of Miss Anna Archibald next week.

Mrs. W. A. Drake, of Syracuse, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. E. Hurley.

Attorney A. J. Colborn, Jr., leaves today for his home in Somerset to spend Christmas.

Dr. Harry Dawson, North Main avenue, is convalescent after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. H. B. Hurlbut, of Putnam street, has returned from a visit with friends in New York state.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Friend, of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. J. R. Cohen, of Madison avenue.

Phillip J. Vetter, Jr., of the University of Bellevue hospital Medical college, is home for the holidays.

Judge Jessup and family will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodin, at Berwick.

Mrs. Bryce Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stewart, of Montrose, are among visitors to the city this week.

Miss Knapp, sister of Mrs. Uriah McDonnell, is seriously ill at the home of the latter, on North Main avenue.

Mr. C. F. Bryant and wife, of Philadelphia, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Decker, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord, of Waterville, N. Y., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. George F. Lord, of Jefferson avenue.

Francis Drinker, of Jefferson avenue, leaves tomorrow for his home in Bloomburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Speese, of Jefferson avenue, will spend Christmas at Bald Mount.

Miss Edith Allen and Mrs. Ramsey Allen, of Worcester, Mass., will be the guests of Miss E. J. Platt during the holidays.

Mr. Evan R. Williams, a theological student at Marietta college, Ohio, is spending the holiday season with his parents on the West Side.

Mr. Hilary Zehner is at home from Lawrenceville, and is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Zehner, on Quincey avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cross have gone to Albany, where they will spend the holidays with General Parsons and Agent Burdick, of the Delaware and Hudson railroad.

Mr. Carl Ziegler, of the Scranton High School, is a victim of scarlet fever in light form, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ziegler, North Main avenue.

A. J. Colborn, Jr., leaves the city today for his old home in Putnam. He will there spend the Christmas holidays with his father, and will return on the evening of Dec. 27.

By the order of his physician, Mr. Forbes V. Jarvis has been permitted to sever his connection with the Hardenbergh School of Music and Art, on account of the taxing journey from New York to this city each week. Mr. Jarvis made many warm friends and admirers while here, both as the man and the musician, who will regret to know this. He will be succeeded by the eminent musician, Mr. Sumner Salter.

HER POINT OF VIEW

She was a nice looking old lady with an ample figure and a cape of similar dimensions. How the shop keepers hate those voluminous capes. The old fashioned plush ones were just disappearing from the face of the earth and the merchants were beginning to look relieved, when the festive gold cape began to flourish. Now a gold cape is a trifle more dangerous than the other kind. In the first place it may have fringe and therefore extra facilities for dragging china off counters to its finish, and destroying valuable plants in the florist's shop, but it looks more prosperous and up-to-date and is therefore likely to allay any suspicion as to the intentions of the owner. There was a time when a gold cape, like a sable collar with a profusion of real tails which once ornamented an animal of some sort, was an undeniable certificate of character or more especially of probable honesty on the part of the owner. That time has gone by. A gold cape may cover a shabby bodice or the deep designing heart of a shoplifter, as well as the straight figure of the young woman who affects a pink coat on tournament days, and who would scorn to covet her neighbor's maid servant or the merchant's conveniently located handkerchiefs.

But this is wandering from the pleasant elderly lady in the capes. She was in a big store the other afternoon and was wandering about from one counter to another with apparently the utmost innocence of purpose. A hard hearted personage who was watching, invited her to go into the more secluded part of the store, and caused her to produce a doll from beneath the folds of that all pervading cape. Then she fell to weeping bitterly as she expostulated with injured pride, "And me it was that had the fifty cents right in my hand to pay for the blessed doll."

There is an unusual amount of shoplifting this season, say the merchants. Whether this results from the crowded condition of the shops, the extraordinary temptation by reason of the pretty things to be found on the counters or the increase of total depravity it is difficult to decide. Small children seem to

most adept in the crime. Men either in reason of their wantiness, or the fear of detection are seldom discovered in the act of shoplifting. Possibly one reason of their greater rectitude in this line of thievery is that large capes are not generally worn as a portion of masculine garb. When they do attempt to disappear with goods, it is shoes which seem to be their special weakness, and this is where the masculine intellect shows up to its vagarier with particular effect. A woman even with a very expansive gold cape is rather cautious about trying to conceal such a bulging and knobby parcel as a pair of shoes.

The other day a shopper saw another standing near slip a small gift picture frame under her cape. The first woman was shocked and showed it in her face, which was evident as the second suddenly looked up and realized that she had been detected. She hurriedly put the article back on the counter as the clerk walked away to get change. In a low tone she said defiantly, "I didn't take it. If you tell her I did, I'll say that you took one too, and then put it back." The first shopper was most speechless with amazed indignation as she answered, "You wouldn't dare. They know me here. I've a great notion to expose you just because of your threat." "They know me, too," replied the other one quietly, "and they wouldn't believe me any more if I could do any such thing before," she added. "I never would have thought of doing such a thing if I hadn't seen another woman stand right here a little while ago and take two of them right under the eyes of the clerk. I don't know what made me try to do it, but I never did such a thing before," she added. "I never would have thought of doing such a thing if I hadn't seen another woman stand right here a little while ago and take two of them right under the eyes of the clerk. I don't know what made me try to do it, but I never did such a thing before," she added.

The question of meum and tuum is one that is peculiarly observed according to our training, our heredity, our tone of mind and many other characteristics. The child who is brought up to recognize individual rights, who has never been allowed to even for a day wear an article of apparel belonging to his brother, who has never considered even the playthings of the two as to be held in common, who never has been permitted to borrow from others, will not develop into a shoplifter unless because of some phenomenal moral twist. The child who is trained at home to never read a letter addressed to some one else, whether sealed or not, to never leave any credit papers or curiosity into the desk or bureau drawers of other members of the family, in short to strictly recognize the difference between "mine and thine" is not the one who will in after years grow careless on these points. The child the woman, the man who becomes a shoplifter is usually the result of lax or pernicious home training, no matter what the station in life may be.

And so it is Christmastime, and everybody ought to be happy. I wish all the world could be there. There is the home where last year no vacant chair sat against the wall at the holiday feast. There is the home where a nameless dread worse than death sits at the side of every member of the family. You see the nervous start at a sudden ring at the door, and almost feel the heart throbs as a messenger seems to linger at the gate.

There is the lonely one who last year had a home and a merry family party—this Christmas the day is dreaded, because there is no place to which the wandering feet turn, so far and fast has the separation wrought its work. There is the fair little maid, whose youth and beauty and grace are swiftly passing, while she toils on in a life of self-sacrifice, unblissed by the joys which are the right of girlhood. There is the lonely boy, far from everyone who cares whether he live or die, whether he be merry or sad. There is the sunny, joyous little child, who in the wall hangs a cap with a bullet hole above the best view. There is no grave even in the family plot where loving hands can place a Christmas

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\$6.00 imitation stone marten scarf. Reduced price..... 3-98
\$10.00 electric seal and Persian lamb collarettes. Reduced price..... 6-68
\$10.00 electric seal collarettes. Reduced price..... 5-98
\$12.00 electric seal collarettes, the new "Zaza." Reduced price..... 6-98
\$12.00 marten collarettes, the new "Zaza." Reduced price..... 9-98
\$14.00 electric seal and Persian lamb collarettes. Reduced price..... 10-98
\$20.00 Persian lamb and sable collarettes, with marten tails. Reduced price..... 12-98
\$20.00 electric seal and Persian lamb collarettes, with stole front of electric seal and twelve marten tails. Reduced price..... 14-98

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