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CITY NOTES

IN THE COURTS.—Judge Archbald will this morning charge the grand jury and tomorrow convene a week's session of equity court.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.—The Sons of St. George held a New Year's celebration in their rooms in the Windsor building Saturday night.

FIREMEN MEET.—The permanent firemen of the city held a meeting in police headquarters room in the city hall yesterday. Only routine business was considered.

BUCIARE AND SMOKER.—The Scranton Lodge of Elks will give a smoke, followed by a smoker, at their club rooms on Franklin avenue, on the evening of January 9.

ACE INJURED.—Dorcy Ace, of Forest court, was thrown from a wagon Saturday afternoon at the Von Storch store and was badly hurt, among other things, his skull being fractured. He will recover.

THE HOUR CHANGED.—Mr. and Mrs. Thiele have changed the hour of their musical programme to be given on New Year's day at the Young Women's Christian association. The hours is from 9 to 10 p. m.

WILL DELIVER SERMON.—Rev. O. L. Severance, Ph. D. of West Pittston, will deliver his popular lecture on the "Battle of Gettysburg" at the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church next Friday night.

FIRST LAWTON CONTRIBUTIONS.—Saturday morning Mayor Moir received the first contributions to the Lawton fund. T. H. Watkins was the premier contributor.

GRANDEST DISPLAY AT "THE MODEL," DELICATESSEN EMPORIUM.
Fresh Invoice of finest table delicacies. Imported Hares, Landjager Sausages, Nova Scotia Salmon, Pates of all kinds, Imported and California Fruits and Jellies, Nidmelted Delicacies, Herring in Wine Sauce, Italian Chestnuts, Leb Ruchen, Marzipan and Honey Cakes of all descriptions, and full line of fancy groceries for the holidays. Catering orders taken now for the holidays. Dinner Table Hotel, Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper a la carte. Oysters served in any style.
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MAHER-McCOY FIGHT.
Returns received by rounds this afternoon at 7 o'clock, by special Postal Telegraph company. The only direct wire from the ringside.

subscriber with \$5 and Victor Burschell soon later gave one dollar.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.—Frank Kardar, of Fell township, was yesterday committed to the county jail by Justice of the Peace Nicholas Glynn on the charge of larceny and receiving preferred by Mary Karaska.

AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.—A handicap golf match, open to men and women, will be held today at the Country club, weather permitting. The greens committee will give a silver cup. Cards may be handed in any time during the day.

CONSTABLE HURT.—While Constable John Tierney was descending the steps in front of Alderman Miller's office Saturday morning he slipped and fell to the bottom. He was given severe shaking up and his back was wrenched by the fall.

TURNPIKE HEARING.—A hearing was conducted on Saturday in the old Ridge turnpike case before Arbitrator Clarence Ballentine. J. W. Carpenter represented the petitioners while the company's representative was Everett Warren.

TIGER DINNERS.—Only a few people were in attendance at the Pelican Athletic club parties in Brooklyn, Saturday night, and all the bouts were declared off. Among the number was one which Jack Tigre, of Scranton, was to be a participant.

SMOKER TO BE GIVEN.—The Scranton Clerk's association will conduct their regular meeting Tuesday night at the New Carpenters' hall, Wyoming avenue. They will follow the routine business with a smoker, open to all members and friends of the association.

PRISON BOARD MEETS.—A meeting of the Lackawanna county prison board was held Saturday afternoon at Judge W. Archbald's office. Reports were read of the various kinds of machinery used in the different jails of the state for the employment of prisoners.

ENTERED PAIL.—Before Clerk of the Courts Daniels, Saturday, Hugh Winkler, of Carbonate, accused Seymour Purdy of stealing his bull dog, entered bail in the sum of \$300. Purdy claims that Winkler stole the animal, took it to Honesdale and then by express sent it to Scranton.

NOT YET LOCATED.—The site for the new soldiers' and sailors' monument has not yet been decided upon. Surveyors Bart and Smith have made surveys to locate rock and coal pillars under the court house square, upon which the monument will be built, but they have yet some more examinations to make.

PROBABLE POOL MATCH.—It is thought that Jerome Keogh, of this city, and Alfred De Ore will meet in Scranton next Saturday for the pool championship of the world. Keogh formerly held the medal but De Ore recently won it from him and if the latter holds in it next May it will become his permanent property.

AT Y. W. C. A.—A very fine musical programme has been arranged for New Year's evening at the Young Women's Christian association. The first hour will be in charge of Mrs. B. T. Jayne, and the hours following will be filled by Mr. John T. Watkins, Miss Florence Richmond and Miss Thiele. The musical exhibition will be given from 7 to 9.

McLAUGHLIN ARRESTED.—Late Saturday night Detective Foster and M. Walsh were called into a house on South Seventh street, where they found James McLaughlin, who lived at the place, in the act of smashing in the door. This was done in order to gain admittance to the premises. Yesterday morning Mayor Moir gave him a hearing in police court and fined him \$5. He paid.

EXCURSION TO HAWLEY.—A special train will be run from Scranton and Dunmore next Wednesday, January 2, on the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad. This train will start at 10 o'clock in the morning and will consist of a large number of people of the valley, who desire to visit the fair for the benefit of a new Catholic church in Hawley. The train will leave Scranton at 7 o'clock and return at a convenient hour the same night.

WEEK'S CLEARINGS.—Clearings at the Scranton Chamber of Commerce for the week ending December 29, are reported as follows by the Traders' National bank: Monday (Christmas), Tuesday, December 26, \$11,153; Wednesday, December 27, \$24,240.62; Thursday, December 28, \$100,918.81; Friday, December 29, \$22,332.11; Saturday, December 30, \$194,157.97; total, \$1,182,098.77. Total for the year, \$6,192,891.32.

ENGINES COLLIDED.—Saturday morning a "Mother Hubbard" engine on the Lackawanna railroad ran into a yard engine on the West Lackawanna avenue crossing. The large engine was on its way from Great Bend in charge of Engineer Eugene Bittenbender and Fireman James Denzinger while the small one was run by Engineer John Stone and Fireman Robertson. The yard engine was considerably damaged.

WORD FROM MAHANOV CITY.—Chief of Police Robling Saturday afternoon received a communication from Mahanov City which shows up considerably more of the "big boys" of the burglars arrested on Christmas day. Among the things found in their possession which so far are identified as Scranton property are articles of clothing, descriptions of which were immediately recognized by the Mahanov authorities as the plunder secured at the house of one of the town's physicians, Dr. Reilly, about two weeks ago. Crowe and Fitzgerald were identified by the chief who said that Fitzgerald was a man known as Salmon at Mahanov. Mrs. Crowe is not known to him.

POLITICAL NOTES.
John J. McAndrew, of the Twenty-first ward, was Saturday nominated for select council by the Democrats of that ward. Mr. McAndrew is the present select councilman for the Twenty-first.
At the coming Democratic primaries in Lackawanna township, Saturday, Tax Collector John J. Coyne, Supervisor Martin P. Judge, School Director Thomas P. Coyne, Treasurer John Walsh and Auditor James Morgan, of the South district, and School Director Patrick F. Leonard, of the West district, were all renominated. In the Southwest district Patrick Connolly defeated Patrick Healey for supervisor by 25 votes.
The Democratic primaries in the Eighteenth ward, Saturday, resulted in the nomination of P. J. Langran for school controller, Thomas Morris for common councilman, P. M. Sloas, judge of election, John Clark and Peter F. McLaughlin, inspectors; P. B. Duffy, register of voters. The vote on school controller was: Langran, 24; Finerty, 12. For common council, Morris received 24 votes and John M. Moran, 14. Langran and Morris are the present incumbents. The nomination is, usually, equivalent to an election.

A meeting of the Democratic city committee was called for Saturday night to consider the question of nominating candidates for school directors to be voted for at the coming election. All of the members of the committee were not present and an adjournment was taken until some night this week when the question will receive further consideration. The sentiment of the members of the committee informally expressed at the meeting Saturday night was against the nomination of candidates.

NEW YEAR WELCOMED IN VARIOUS WAYS

SOME WATCHED AND PRAYED, OTHERS JUST MADE NOISE.

The Usual Booming of Cannon and Blowing of Gongs Bade Adieu to the Departing Year and Greeted Old Father Time's New Addition to His Big Family—Large Throngs Attend the Midnight Services in the Churches—Street Cars Kept Running to Accommodate Worshipers.

The old year was given its usual noisy adieu hereabouts, and the new its equally noisy welcome. As early as 11:30 cannon began to boom and at 11:30 the church bells gave forth the first announcement of the midnight services. As 12 o'clock closely approached, the gongs started in with their tooting and shrieking and throughout the central city, where good-sized crowds were out of doors despite the cold, there was a blowing of fish-horns and loud and joyous shouting.

In the immediate heart of the city The Tribune's steam gong did heroic work in waking the echoes and lodging house occupants, but the engineer had a good time.

Never before were there such crowds out to welcome a new year. The midnight mass at the cathedral and other Catholic churches of the city, and the watch services at Elm Park and Penn Avenue Baptist churches were very largely attended, and for two hours following midnight the streets presented quite as lively an appearance as on a Sabbath night. Street cars were running till 1:30 a. m. to accommodate the worshippers.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES.
Special watch-night services ushered out the old and in the new year were conducted last evening in many of the city churches, and were in all cases very largely attended.

At the Elm Park church the services were conducted in the large Sunday school room in the rear of the main auditorium and began at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Griffin delivered a brief address and a consecration service was conducted, commencing in a few minutes before the midnight hour. Several selections were also rendered by the church quartette under the direction of Mr. Pennington.

At the Penn Avenue Baptist church after the regular evening service was conducted, Rev. W. W. Kellow and his entertaining choir talks in the lower temple touching especially upon the necessity of meeting the new year with a firmer determination to be stronger and truer Christians than ever before.

Appropriate watch night exercises were also conducted in the Ashbury Methodist Episcopal church, Green Ridge, last night. There was a praise service, led by the chorister, William H. Lanyon, followed by a prayer meeting conducted by the pastor, Adolphus, of the Wyoming conference, and L. S. Rowley, W. G. Kellow and Halsey Lathrop. The concluding feature was a consecration service, ushering in the new year, during the course of which the church bell rang out the old and in the new year.

AT RESCUE MISSION.
A watch-meeting was held last night at the Rescue mission on Franklin avenue. Last year this organization was the only religious institution in the city which conducted a meeting of this nature. The 140 people were present. A very large number were in attendance last night, also, and joined in a very impressive service.

The regular mission order of exercises was first given, testimony being given and prayer heard, Superintendent George Sanborn being in charge of the ceremony.
At 9:30 coffee was served to all present and an intermission of two hours then took place. At 11:30 the watch service was begun and lasted until midnight.

SERMON ON NEW YEAR.

Delivered by Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce in the Penn Avenue Baptist Church Last Night.

At the Penn Avenue church last evening, the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, preached a timely sermon, taking as his text a phrase from the parable of the fig tree, Luke, 13: "Cut it down; why cumberest thou it the ground?" He said, in part:

These words, spoken by our Lord, sounded the death knell of the fruitless tree, for they echo the destiny and doom of a fruitless life. There are many lessons to be drawn from this parable of the fig tree. Perhaps the first one is that the tree was taken in from the waste side by the owner of the vineyard and planted among his grape vines, and was given the same care as the other fruitage.

This represents the Jewish people who were at first taken up by the Lord and given the rights and opportunity of disseminating His blessed word. But the Jews rejected the Messiah and the message.

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that it was intended they should give to the world was given direct. They failed to bring forth fruit and as the tree were ordered cut down.

The record of Jesus in the earnest Christian of today who by a special favor has been planted in the church of God. He has the golden opportunity of bearing fruit for the glory and honor of the Master's name.

The third lesson is to the sinner, who like the tree is surrounded by the gifts and mercies of God and yet who bears no fruit. How many Christians there are today whose names are on the records of the churches and there only. I call these people "paper Christians." They are present on dress parade only or when some special occasion occurs at the church. They are of no real benefit to the church; they are hand-box Christians, and not fruit-bearing ones.

When the fig tree spoken of in the parable was planted its owner expected it to bear fruit and he came year after year in expectation of fruit, but there was nothing in the tree, only leaves on its lives for fruit, and when he comes we profess that we are living Christian lives but God doesn't want professions, he wants deeds.

On New Year's day, 1899, how many of us made promises for the coming year and how many of us broke the whole record before the first week was over. Oh, the record in this respect of our lives, promises, undone duties and unkept vows.

The souls of men are weighed on a scales posted on one little word "If." If the tree bears fruit, well and good, if not, cut it down. Suppose the clock of destiny should strike this night as we passed from one year to the other. If it would weigh the scales in which our lives are weighed, would we be able to stand heaven or towards hell? There will come a last day of all for each of us. The day of doom comes to individuals as well as to nations. As the old year is being closed, let us make our hearts write our earnest promises of amendment on the last pages of the old record. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

AT THE MIDNIGHT MASS.

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ANALYSIS OF TABLE.

The number of such instances is not in excess of previous years although the number beginning during the year has been considerably more than in 1898 or 1897. An analysis of the failures in the county outside of Scranton had fourteen less failures than in 1898, but they seem to have been of more importance for both debts and assets are about \$2,000 more, the percentage of assets to liabilities increasing from 41 to 42 1/2 per cent.

The bulk of the indebtedness was found in the failing traders, two mercantile and one manufacturing, among which the remainder is distributed among the different trades, with the saloons and hotels predominating.

The continued activity of the mines has bettered the conditions in the suburban towns very materially and without doubt the situation is very much better than one year ago, this applying particularly to the smaller traders among which there appears to be a decidedly stronger disposition to the "wash system."

In the city of Scranton the statistics present a somewhat different picture. An increase in the number of failures over last year, something not anticipated early in the year, and properly so by reason of the unusually in proved business conditions and the promise of a good crop of harvest volume of trade. Notwithstanding the development of such expectations the number of failures is increased 32 per cent, and the liabilities over 158 per cent, or \$250,000 greater, equal to more than 20 per cent. The proportion of assets to liabilities is also reduced from 45 to 42 1/2 per cent.

BULK OF INDEBTEDNESS.
As in the country the bulk of the indebtedness is provided by a few concerns, four cases showing a total of about \$275,000. Included in this estimate are two circumstances, among which the word "failure" but which are much better designated by terms to be found in the criminal category. These two represent the failures occurring early in the fall season, the failures of one of the city failures by nearly \$100,000. The effect of such on the general credit of the community is obvious, bringing as it surely does the fact and knowledge of the affairs of the legitimate seeker of customary trade favors in this city before usual and necessary accommodations will be granted by the great distributing centers.

The city failures include various classes of trade, but the saloon and hotel element furnish about 25 per cent of the whole, not to be taken into account the mercantile demise of places reported to be conducted illegally.

A notable and very satisfactory feature of the city is the fact that a manufacturing firm or organization of any importance whatever is included in the failure list for 1899.

The most conservative methods marked the beginning of the year just concluded by many business houses and the very satisfactory volume of trade done finds a majority in better condition than for some years past. The trading trade has largely gained over the past years and while there is always more or less complaint of slowness in collections, due largely to the method of payment in the valley, still on the whole the situation is much better than one year ago.

With the assured operation of the steel works, the starting of some new manufacturing projects, the increased output of the collieries and the general feeling of bettered conditions as seen in all branches of trade, the large increase of assets of a saving nature in local banks, the last year of the century looks to begin with the brightest of prospects for Scranton and Lackawanna county.

ENTERTAINMENT GIVER.

Scranton Liederkranz Joint Christmas and New Year Celebration.
A jovial crowd of both youngsters and grown people yesterday celebrated merrily by celebrating the dual events of Christmas and the New Year at Music Hall, where the Scranton Liederkranz gave its annual reception to the children of its members, and also held an excellent entertainment, welcoming in the New Year at midnight in a rousing fashion.

The afternoon belonged entirely to the children, who were given the freedom of the place, and also, after a grand march, led by J. D. Ferber, stockings full of candy and fruit and knives, mouth organs and other gifts.

At 7:15 o'clock in the evening an excellent entertainment was given. The Liederkranz itself opened the programme, by singing in fine voice Carl Schaus's, "Roslein 'im Rhein."

Charles Hartley and his two funny dolls then performed a most elaborate ventriloquical act. It made a big hit and Mr. Hartley received tremendous applause.

Ernst Gloor appeared on the rostrum and delivered a speech, which was very much appreciated by his hearers. The Liederkranz next rendered a pretty flourish, "Drumten via Waterland." Miss Turnbull, with a recitation, was the following number, and her elocutionary ability was immediately recognized and appreciated by the audience.

A series of tableaux were next given. They were finely executed, those participating carrying out their parts in excellent manner.

President Frank Hummer concluded the evening's exercises by a speech about the coming new year. At mid-

ANOMALY SHOWN BY TRADE REPORTS

MORE FAILURES IN SCRANTON LAST YEAR THAN IN 1898.

Annual Review of Local Business Conditions by R. G. Dun & Co.

While It Was a Prosperous Year in Almost Every Line, the Number of Failures and the Excess of Liabilities Over Assets Was Greater Than the Previous Year—Interesting Statistics and Comments.

The following review of the local trade conditions of the year just closed, prepared at the request of The Tribune by William H. Logan, Scranton manager for R. G. Dun & Co., contains some very interesting facts and comments:

Failures.	Liabilities.	Assets.
Lackawanna Co., 1898-99	\$2,425,525	\$1,047,745
Lackawanna Co., 1899-00	483,699	212,500
In city Scranton, 1898-99	127,725	62,215
In city Scranton, 1899-00	282,700	168,100
Outside of city, 1898-99	104,800	42,900
Outside of city, 1899-00	102,990	41,500
Proportion assets to liabilities, Scranton, 1898.	45%	
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Proportion assets to liabilities, outside city, 1898.	41%	
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The international committee preparing for the celebration of 1900 year recommended to Pope Leo that as a special observance of the holy year, the privilege of celebrating a midnight mass should be generally extended on the first day of the new century. The pope was well pleased with the idea and not only adopted it, but decreed that the holy year, which ushers in the new century, should itself be ushered in by a midnight mass. The holy father also granted the unprecedented privilege of giving communion at the midnight mass.

In concluding remarks Bishop Hoban directed attention to the great strides the Catholic church has made during the century now closing, citing as an instance that when the century opened this country and Canada had only 100,000 Catholics, while today they number 15,000,000.

The celebration of midnight masses was discontinued here by the Philadelphia synod of 1832, because of the fear that the privilege was liable to abuse. Midnight masses have been celebrated in this diocese since 13 Hungarian Catholic churches, but they were discontinued under the direction of Professor John T. Watkins.

At the First Presbyterian church today there will be a special New Year's praise service beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and lasting for one hour only. The pastor, Rev. James McAndrew, will preach from his recent illness and preached at both services yesterday. In the evening the special Christmas music was organized under the direction of Professor John T. Watkins.

FIELD SHOULD BE OCCUPIED.

Bishop Welles Sees a Great Future for the Northwest.

Bishop Welles, of the missionary jurisdiction of Spokane, preached yesterday at St. Luke's church in the place of the rector, Rev. Rogers Israel, who was in Baltimore in response to an invitation to preach the second of a series of sermons now in progress at the Church of the Ascension.

The bishop is on a tour of the East in the interests of his work in the West. He says the territory embraced by his jurisdiction is destined to become the great mining, manufacturing and exporting center of the West, through the new relations which this country is establishing with the Orient, and that hence there is evidence of an ever expanding hand that is becoming quite generally realized. The mission of occupying it at once with missionaries was pointed out.

Yesterday afternoon the bishop preached in Pittston, and in the evening at Wilkes-Barre. The evening sermon at St. Luke's was preached by the senior curate, Rev. E. J. Naughton on the theme, "The Unchangeableness of God, His Religion and the Church."

Try a "Hotel Jermyn" cigar, 10c. **
DIED.
COOK.—In Sayre, Pa., Dec. 31, 1899, Wellington Cook, age 84 years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Kear.

Now the year is almost over
Some of us have lived in misery
And none has had to be content
with his.
Leave just troubles far behind you
And just let us remind you
That time is slipping very fast
away.
Eighteen ninety-nine is history,
Nineteen hundred yet a mystery.
May the friendship of the past be
ever dear.
The best that we can wish you is a
bright and prosperous NEW
YEAR.

China Hall
134 Wyoming Ave.
"Walk in and look around."

See the Goods
And you will appreciate the values. The prices are way down and the styles and materials are good.

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All \$10.00 Jackets go for	7 50
All \$15.00 Jackets go for	10 00
All \$17.00 and 18.00 Jackets go for	12 00
All \$20.00 Jackets go for	14 50
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All \$25.00 Suits go for	18 00
All \$30.00 Suits go for	22 50
All \$35.00 Suits go for	25 00

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night supper was served by the ladies' section of the Liederkranz, following which a general dance was indulged in by all present, with Bauer's full orchestra providing the music.

The committee in charge of the Christmas arrangements consisted of Isadore Roos and J. D. Ferber, and those who conducted the other proceedings were Petri Palmado, August Hummer, George Wahl, Otto Stockel, Fred Widmayer and H. Schubert.

SHOT AT THE BARTENDER.
Murderous-Minded Individual Arrested by Patrolman Lona Day.
About 1:30 o'clock this morning a man started to celebrate the New Year in a very hilarious manner on Franklin Avenue. He was out out of Ed Horst's saloon, and immediately drew a revolver and fired at the bartender. Luckily his shot did not reach its mark, but instead lodged in the door.

Patrolman Lona Day immediately gave chase to the man, who started down Centre street. From there he ran out on Lackawanna avenue and sped down towards the lower portion. Near the Delaware and Hudson depot he slipped and the patrolman, who had kept tight on his heels, grabbed him. He was then taken to the Centre street police station, and this morning will be given a hearing by Mayor Moir.

SNEAK-THIEF ARRESTED.
Patrolman Peuster Took One in Charge Early This Morning.
About 2 o'clock this morning Patrolman Peuster arrested on Penn avenue, a man who had in his possession several articles, which are believed to have been stolen, including a pair of slippers and a belt. He will be given a hearing this morning, and will answer to the charge of larceny.

Brief History of Boer War
May be found in The Scranton Tribune year book for 1900. Interesting data concerning South African troubles.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that he will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1899.
A. W. GLEASON,
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