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CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

All the Schools Hold Them Before the Vacation—Some of the Programmes.

All the public schools of the city held special exercises yesterday afternoon in commemoration of the Yuletide. At the central school building the feature of the afternoon was an address given by Rev. Dr. Whalen, peculiarly appropriate to the spirit of the occasion. The clergyman described the conditions which existed in the Roman world at the time of the birth of Christ, the governmental and civil phases, the different religions, and the conditions of life, morally and physically. He gave a detailed general description of this period of the world's history. His address was listened to with the very closest attention and was keenly enjoyed by all present. A quartette composed of Miss Anna Brown, Miss Pearl Olver, Charles Cavanaugh and William Swigert gave a vocal selection, Miss Brown taking the solo part with fine expression and well-modulated voice. Prof. Bryden, the principal, gave the teachers and pupils a delightful surprise by presenting the former with boutonniers of roses and the latter with ones of pink carnations.

The schools of the city will now all be closed until Wednesday, January 2, 1901. At the other schools of the city some excellent programmes were presented for the edification of the pupils and their friends. A few of them follow:

SCHOOL NO. 8—MISS RASHLEIGH'S ROOM.

Chorus, "Ring the Bells" .....School
Recitation, "The Children's Message," Elizabeth Morgan
Recitation, "Grandma's Mistake"....Ruth Knapp
Double Quartette, "Chime On," Misses Oliver, Dimock, Reirdon, Clune, Brandow, Milligan, Huddy, Sampson.
Recitation, "Blue Eyes and His Christmas," Olive Sampson.
Girls' Chorus .....''O Holy Night''
Recitation, "What Ted Found in His Stocking" .....Leo Sullivan
Recitation, "Christmas Children"...Mabel Oliver
Chorus, "Awake to Joy" .....School
Recitation, "The Mistletoe" .....Madolin Mills
Recitation, "Christmas Treasures"..Alice Collins
Recitation, "Song of the Stocking," Arthur Gilby
Recitation, "Why Santa Claus Is Troubled," Ina Tingley
Trio, "The Dearest Boy," Misses Griswold, Huddy and Knapp
Recitation, "Long 'Fore I Knowed," Lena Brandow
Recitation, "Jes 'Fore Christmas," Lily Griswold
Quartette, "Glory to God," Mabel Oliver, George Nicholson, Anna Milligan, John Harvey.
Recitation, "Early Christmas Morning," Bessie Dimock
Recitation, "Santa Claus" .....John Harvey
Recitation, "I Wonder if Santa Is Coming," Maud Price
Selections on the Graphophone.
Chorus, "Do You Know the Song?" .....School

SCHOOL NO. 8—MISS VANDERMARK'S ROOM.

Song, "Do You Know the Song" .....School
Reading, "An Old, Sweet Story"..Cora Goodwin
Recitation, "Christmas Carol"....Edith Hubbard
Dialogue, "Christmas in Foreign Lands," Two Boys and Two Girls
Recitation, "An Eastern Legend," Edward Kenworthy
Recitation, "Snow Fairies".....Agnes McDonald
Song, "O, Land of Judea" .....School
Recitation, "By Zinder Zee".....Emma Aldrich
Recitation, "Christmas" .....Hyla Briggs
Dialogue, "Our Pets," Three Little Girls and One Boy
Recitation, "Charity" .....Florence Garr
Recitation, "Polly's Plan".....Florence Miners
Recitation, "If You're Good".....Lillian Hyatt
Song, "The Child Jesus" .....School
Recitation, "Little Blue Eyes".....Rena Murray
Recitation, "Oh, Dear!" .....Ira Millard
Recitation, "Memory Poem" .....Harold Masters
Dialogue, "What the Mother Goose Children Want' .....Twelve Boys and Girls
Song, "Santa Claus Is Coming,"
Rex Meyers, V. Reirdon, Hyla Briggs, Lottie Histed.
Recitation, "Letter to Santa Claus," Martha Carrel and Veronica Rierdon
Recitation, "James's Christmas Present," Edna Holles
Recitation, "Christmas Carol"..Mabel Campbell
Recitation, "Santa Claus on the Train," Isabel Harvey
Recitation, "Grandma's Mistake"....Stella Peck
Recitation, "Santa Claus and the Mouse," Rexford Myers
Song, "In the Field" .....School

SCHOOL NO. 8—MISS JAY'S ROOM.

Singing, Selection from Mendelssohn.....School
Recitation, "A Quarrelsome Place"....F. McCabe
Recitation, "A Christmas Carol"....M. Bryant
Singing, "Glad Christmas Bells" .....School
Recitation, "The Plural of James"..F. Nicholson
Recitation, "The Mistletoe Bough" ....M. Coon
Singing, "Christ Was Born in Bethlehem."
Recitation, "The Russian Santa Claus," M. Holgate
Singing, "Santa Claus Has Come to Town."
Recitation, "Jes' 'Fore Christmas"....M. Lesher
Recitation, "Santa Claus".....S. Rounds
Singing, "Chiming Bells."
Recitation, "Christmas Twice a Year," Bess Burrell
Recitation, "Santa Claus on the Train," M. Arthur
Recitation, "Christmas Day"..L. Roemmelmeyer
Singing, "Glory to God."
Recitation, "The Man in the Moon," M. Thompson
Reading, from "The Birds' Christmas Carol," Miss Jay.

SCHOOL NO. 2—MISS BRYDEN'S ROOM.

Chorus, "Hark! A Song."
Recitation, "The Magic Pillow"...Frances Dolph
Recitation, "Tom's Conundrum," Joseph Hessling
Chorus, "Hozannah."
Recitation, "What the Mother Goose Children Want for Christmas."
Recitation, "When Daddy Lights the Tree," Duane Pethick
Drill.
Recitation, "Santa Claus and the Mouse," Charles Kafka
"Christmas Bells," Beatrice Rutherford, Frances Dolph Edna Evans.
Recitation, "Lincoln's Speech".....Frank Smith
Dialogue—Emma Penwarden, Charles Kafka, Nina Smith, Florence Penwarden, John Kirkwood, Clarence Giles, Lois Dimock, Pearl Lamoreaux, Stephen Moffitt, Hazel Patten.
Recitation, "Jes' 'Fore Christmas," Charles Estabrook
Chorus, "Dear Santa Claus."
Recitation, "Santa Claus' Mistake."
Recitation, "Complaint".....William Morgan
Chorus, "Signs of Christmas."
Recitation, "My Stocking".....Claude Rehkop
Recitation, "No Stocking to Wear," Stephen Moffitt
Solo, "Uncle Jim's Christmas Hymn," Frank Herbert
Recitation "Lady Mabel" .....Mary Williams
Recitation "The Oriole's Nest," Joseph Hessling
Recitation, "A Boy's Pocket"..Charles Estabrook
Chorus, "First Christmas Gift."

NO. 6 SCHOOL—MISS LOFTUS' ROOM.

Yesterday afternoon the scholars of Miss Anna B. Loftus' primary class in No. 6 school on Brooklyn street, held their Christmas exercises. The room was handsomely decorated with evergreen, and a heavily-laden Christmas tree, bright with glittering ornaments dear to childhood brought joy to the many little hearts that look so eagerly for something special from "Dear Old Santa Claus," and they were not disappointed, either. An elaborate programme was excellently rendered, and the pupils were assisted by an orchestra composed of the following gentlemen. Mr. Flannery, violin; Mr. Gavan, flute; Mr. P. Connors, jr., harmonica; Mr. C. Griffiths, jr., snare drum.

The children, each and every one, did justice to their very able teacher, Miss Anna B. Loftus, in their renditions. Miss Genevieve Collins and Master Carroll deserve especial mention for their portion of the entertainment. Miss Collins recited with much elocutionary ability and expression and Master Carroll sang "The Holy City" in a pleasing and mellow voice, which brought just applause. A large number of parents and friends were present, and all were delighted with the entertainment provided by the little ones.

DOCTORS DINE.

Meet at the Harrison House as the Guests of Dr. Gillis.

The Carbondale Medical society were banquetted at Hotel Harrison Thursday night by Dr. A. F. Gillis. The fraternity meets in social session once each month at the homes of the various members, and this time it fell to Dr. Gillis to be host. The occasion was one of the most enjoyable yet held by the society. Dr. R. Ottman, the president of the organization, was chairman of the evening.

The M. D.'s gathered at the hotel about 8 o'clock, and for upwards of an hour had a quiet, informal social time in the cozy parlors of the house. Anecdotes and reminiscences of the profession in this and nearby towns. About 9 o'clock the banquet hall was thrown open and the doctors sat down to a feast, which, for abundance and deliciousness, has never been surpassed in this city. It was served in Mine Host Monohan's best style, and the doctors, who are epicures in the proper sense of the word, were loud in their praises of the spread. The menu was as follows:

Oysters on Half Shell.
Celery. Green Olives. Mixed Pickles.
Chicken Croquettes. Oyster Patties.
Cold Roast Beef. Ham.
Turkey with Cranberry Sauce.
French Fried Potates. French Peas.
Chicken Salad. Beet Salad.
Fruit Cake. Walnut Cake. Chocolate Cake.
Variety Cake. Lady Fingers.
Mushrooms.
Brick Ice Cream. Bananas. Oranges.
Tea. Coffee. Chocolate.

After having feasted sumptuously the inner man, the physicians were ready for a feast of wisdom. Dr. Graves was to have delivered a paper, but was unable to be present, so Dr. Ottman, the chairman, announced that the meeting was open for an impromptu discussion on the subject of rheumatism.

The guests entered into the discussion with spirit and many valuable suggestions were offered. The gathering broke up about midnight. The January meeting of the society will be held at the home of Dr. Davis, in Jermyn.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Berean Baptist Church Will Have an Elaborate Musical Programme.

The services on Sunday in the Berean Baptist church will be in harmony with the season. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the large choir, under the direction of Miss Estabrook, the efficient chorister, and Mr. G. R. Crevelling and E. J. Bly will assist in instrumental accompaniments. Miss Price will preside at the organ. The morning programme will be as follows:

Invocation.
Hymn, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," James Montgomery
Responsive Reading, "The Nativity," Rev. William B. Grow
Anthem, "Blessed Is He That Cometh," H. P. Danks
Scripture Lesson, Luke ii: 1-20.
Quartette, "The New-Born King"..C. H. Gabriel
Mrs. Whalen, Miss Dunston, Miss Hall, Mrs. Stanton.
Prayer .....Rev. William B. Grow
Anthem, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices?" .....Francis G. Barrett
Offertory—"Gate of Heaven" .....Berthold Tours
E. J. Bly, Clarinet.
Sermon, "God Fully Revealed," Rev. H. J. Whalen, D. D.
Anthem, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," Goate
Hymn, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," Charles Wesley
Benediction .....Rev. William B. Grow

A MERRY CROWD.

All Figures Distanced by the Numbers Who Went to the Mitchell Fair.

Last night was another record breaker at the Mitchell Hose company's fair. Watt's hall was crowded to its capacity all the evening. A fine programme was rendered in the entertainment part of the hall. It included a piano selection by Miss Grace Pugliano, a zither solo by Prof. J. F. Crowell, a trombone solo by Thomas Douthwaite, a tenor solo by by David Lewis. After the entertainment the hall was cleared of chairs and dancing indulged in until after midnight.

Tonight will be the last night of the fair, when the various prizes will be awarded, including the $50 in gold and the prize turkey, "Uncle Sam."

Will Be Married Today.

Miss Maude A. Taylor and Richard G. Cobbledick, of this city, are to be married at noon today at the home of Henry Smith in Albany, N. Y. Miss Taylor has been in Albany for several days preparing for the event, and Mr. Cobbledick left last evening. The young people are prominent members of Trinity church. After a wedding trip they will reside in this city at the home of the bridegroom's brother, Charles Cobbledick, on Wyoming street.

Going to Florida.

T. C. Robinson and wife, of this city; Dr. Sickler, wife and daughter and Mrs. Tewksbury, of Peckville, are arranging for a trip to Florida on January 1.

WILLS PROBATED.

What Late Carbondale Citizens Left to Their Heirs.

The wills of several Carbondale decedents have just been made public by being placed on record in the register's office in Scranton.

The late Thomas G. Burke bequeathed to his son, Thomas Burke, and his daughters, Mary Costello, Annie Lee, Bridget Smurl, Sabina Williams and Tessie Horish, $1 each. His wife, Bridget, has the use of all his estate during her life, and after her death all realty and personalty goes to his son, Michael E. Burke, who is made executor.

The will of the late James Barrett was executed on November 6, 1900, a few days before his death. He left Annie Boland, $5; St. Patrick's Orphanage, Hyde Park, $1,000; Sisters of the House of the Good Shepherd, Providence, $1,000; St. Rose parish, $1,000; M. L. Barrett, $5,000; Mrs. Margaret O'Hearn, $4,000; Mrs. Bridget McGee, $1,000. All the rest of the estate is to be divided between the last three named persons.

A WEEK OF PRAYER.

Protestant Churches Will Usher in the New Century by Special Religious Services.

The first week in the new century will be observed by the local Protestant churches as a week of prayer. Joint meetings will be held in the different churches, beginning Monday evening at the Congregational church, Tuesday at the Trinity parish house, Wednesday at the Presbyterian church, Thursday at the Methodist, and Friday at the Baptist. At each meeting a pastor of a denomination other than the church in which it is held will speak.

A New Society.

The Knights of the Royal Circle is the name of the latest society in town. It is an insurance order and was organized on Thursday evening. At the preliminary meeting Prof. C. M. Lesher acted as temporary chairman and E. W. Reynolds as temporary secretary. The organization was effected at the office of G. Frank Couch, and the following officers were elected: Worthy ruler, Harry J. Hall; past worthy ruler, C. F. Rose; worthy advisor, C. R. Smith; worthy secretary, W. J. Roberts; worthy treasurer, C. M. Lesher; medical examiner, Dr. Malaun; worthy chaplain, Thomas Bottemley; worthy marshal, James Campbell; worthy guard, Edward Rice; worthy sentinel, Andrew Hansen; worthy managers, Prof. Hockenberry, one year; Hon. M. T. Burke, two years; George W. Evans, three years.

In the Sick Room.

Miss Mary A. McLean is dangerously ill at her home on Belmont street. Yesterday afternoon it was rumored that she had passed away, but her friends were rejoiced to find upon investigation that it was not true.

Paul Wynn is in the doctor's care.

William Passmore is suffering from an acute attack of rheumatism.

John Caffrey, of Mayfield yard, who had greatly improved from an attack of pneumonia, is again in a serious condition.

C. G. Evans, of this city, is confined to the Bennett house in Binghamton with a sprained ankle.

AT THE CHURCHES SUNDAY.

Methodist.

First Methodist Episcopal church, North Church street, near Salem avenue—Rev. A. F. Chaffee, pastor; residence, 76 Terrace street. Sunday services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior league, 3 p. m.; Senior league, 6.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. There will be special services held here tomorrow, both in the morning and evening, the full programme of which was printed in yesterday's Tribune. The pastor will preach sermons appropriate to Christmas and the choir will render special musical services, assisted by additional singers and Mrs. G. Ackerman, organist, and Leon Bly, violinist.

Lutheran.

First (St. Paul's) Lutheran church, Church street—Rev. F. Ehinger, pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Sabbath school, 9.30 a. m.; services, 10.30 a. m.; Christmas celebration, 7.30 p. m. All are cordially invited and will find a hearty welcome.

Baptist.

Berean Baptist church, corner Lincoln avenue and North Church street—Rev. H. J. Whalen, D. D., pastor; residence, 33 Lincoln avenue. Sunday services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; mid-week services, Thursday, 7.30 p. m.; Young People's society of Christian Endeavor meets at 6.30 on Sunday evening; Junior society of Christian Endeavor meets Sunday, 3.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.

Episcopal.

Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, 58 River street—Rev. R. A. Sawyer, rector; residence, 62 River street. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion at 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10.30 o'clock; evening prayer and address, 7.30 o'clock; Sunday school, 12 m.; evening prayer and lecture every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock; Sunday school teachers' meeting every Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock; Trinity guild meets every Tuesday evening; Ladies' guild meets every Wednesday afternoon. Trinity church will hold special Christmas exercises on Christmas day, the programme of which will be printed in The Tribune later.

Congregational.

First Congregational, corner Eighth avenue and South Church street—Rev. M. C. Elliott, pastor. Sabbath services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Young Men's union, 3.45 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6.45 p. m.; prayer service, Thursday evening at 7.30 p. m.

Roman Catholic.

Church of St. Rose de Lima, North Church street, opposite Park place—Rev. Thomas F. Coffey, rector; residence, 6 North Church street. Assistants, Rev. John Dixon and Rev. Walter Gorman.

First Presbyterian.

North Church street, near Salem avenue—Rev. Charles Lee, pastor; residence, 66 North Church street. Sunday services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; weekly prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. The First Presbyterian church will hold their Christmas services a week from tomorrow.

Welsh Presbyterian.

South Church street, corner Ninth avenue.—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m. and 6 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; mid-week services, Tuesday, 7.30 p. m.

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Keg Fund Elects Officers.

The Keg fund of Coalbrook colliery held a regular meeting last evening and elected officers for the ensuing term. These gentlemen were chosen by their fellow members: President, Peter Brown; vice-president, Patrick Duffy; financial and recording secretary, J. L. Goodwin; treasurer, Patrick Hart; keg man, Patrick Toolan; trustees, J. B. Palmountain, John Connor.

The object of the fund is benevolent, paying $1 a day to injured members and $75 if one of the members meets death in the mines. The fund is supported by the sale of empty powder kegs, which bring 8 cents apiece. It has been in existence about two and a half years. It is rapidly growing, having now about $300 in the treasury.

Next Week's Plays.

"The Woman in Black," which will be the opening bill at the opera house next Monday evening, when the Hoeffler Stock company opens a week's engagement, had a run of six months at the Broadway theatre, New York, where it proved one of the greatest successes ever seen in the metropolis. The scenic and electric effects displayed throughout the play is positively elaborate. The play will be given a fine staging here on Monday evening.

Ladies' tickets for Monday evening are limited to 300, and should be reserved as early as possible. Grand Christmas matinee, when "Daughter of Corsica" will be presented, and "Alone in Greater New York" at the night show.

A Christmas Bride.

Announcement is made that on Christmas day, at St. Rose church, Miss Elizabeth A. Coleman, of Orchard street, this city, and John J. Mahady, of Archbald, will be united in marriage. Miss Coleman is well and very favorably known in this city. She is a graduate of the local High school. The couple will reside in Archbald after their return from their wedding trip.

A Miner Hurt.

Martin Nowick, a Polander, a miner who is employed at the Last Chance mine, while at work yesterday morning was hit by a fall of rock and his leg above the ankle was fractured. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, and last night it was said there that his condition was not serious, and that he will recover in a short time.

Home for Christmas.

Thomas Nolan, of St. Bonaventure college; James Nealon, of St. Michael's college, Toronto; Newell Van Bergen, of Lehigh university; Joseph E. Brennan, of Dickinson Law school; Theron Lee, of Lafayette college, and John Aitken, of St. John's Military academy, are all at home to spend the holidays with their parents.

Railroaders in Town.

Assistant Superintendent of Motive Power J. R. Slack and Assistant Comptroller Culver, of the Delaware and Hudson company, of Albany, N. Y., were in this city yesterday on official business. Martin Crippen, detective for the company, was also in town during the day.

Mr. Orchard Resigns.

Chief Clerk T. B. Orchard has severed his connection with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. Mr. Orchard tendered his resignation on Thursday afternoon, and it took effect at once.

Meetings Tonight.

Court Lily, No. 50, Foresters of America.
Diamond lodge, No. 26, Shield of Honor.
Mitchell Hose company fair.
Congregational fair.

Is in Mexico.

Thomas Brennan, formerly of this city, is now located in Mexico, where he has extensive interests.

Meetings Tomorrow.

St. Joseph's cadets.
Order of Railway Conductors.
St. Boniface society.

Born.

To Select Councilman J. J. Mannion and Mrs. Mannion, a son.

The Passing Throng.

R. H. Strickland was in Scranton yesterday.

A. S. Baker, of Scranton, was in town Thursday night.

Arch Watkins, of Plymouth, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

Fred Moses, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting his uncle, Julius Moses, the Star clothier.

Frank Kilpatrick is expected home tomorrow from Rochester for the Christmas vacation.

Contractor Nolan, of Pike street, is confined to his home by an acute attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Joseph Isger, Mrs. William Robinson and Harold Simrell were Scranton callers yesterday.

Mrs. J. J. Moran, nee Miss Margaret Finlan, of New York city, is home to spend the holidays with her parents on Brooklyn street.

Joe Robinson was in Ararat yesterday, fishing through the ice. He brought home over fifty pounds of choice specimens of the finny tribe.

Miss Bartlett, who assists Mrs. M. Q. Meeker at her private kindergarten, left this city yesterday for her parents' home in Binghamton, where she will spend the holidays.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

The funeral of the late Patrick Bergan, sr., of Mayfield, will take place this morning. The cortege will leave the house at 9 o'clock for the Church of the Sacred Heart, where a requiem high mass will be celebrated. Interment will be made in St. Rose cemetery, Carbondale.

There will be another public meeting of the citizens of the borough in Attorney Carey's office on Wednesday evening, at which time a report will be made concerning the standing of the firm of silk throwers who are seeking a location here.

Miss Carrie Sherwood is home from the Scranton Oral school to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents on Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graves, Dr. and Mrs. Graves, Frank Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Will Graves, H. J. Wheeler and Dr. S. D. Davis yesterday attended the funeral of the late Albert Graves at Tompkinsville.

Private John Miller, of Company E, Tenth United States Infantry, who is stationed at Cienfuegos, Cuba, writes an interesting letter to his friend, Will Buckingham, of this borough, in which he describes some of the principal towns of the island and incidents of army life. On the whole, he is apparently satisfied with the service. He mentions that John Tompkins, of West Mayfield, who enlisted with him, is in the regimental band, and at the time of writing both were enjoying good health.

The children of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and Episcopal Sunday schools are busy nightly rehearsing their carols and Christmas music for their annual services.

Mrs. Margaret Ellis, of Avoca, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Davis, of Second street.

Attorney Carey returned home last evening from a business trip to Harrisburg.

The choir of the Primitive Methodist church will sing carols on the streets on Christmas day.

William Williams, of West Mayfield, and Rev. Thomas Cook were Scranton visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Terwilliger, of West Mayfield, who has been visiting relatives in New York state, has returned home.

There is a rumor afloat that the silk mill is about to change hands. Mr. Maxwell, however, will retain an active interest in the mill, which will shortly be enlarged and new machinery added, so that the present capacity of the mill will be almost doubled.

The closing exercises in the public schools yesterday afternoon were very creditably carried out by the children and much enjoyed. At the close of the exercises in Miss Sara Mullen's room the following pupils, Alice O'Brien, Alice McAndrew, Florence Mains, Florence Miller, Maggie Merrick, Raymond Davis and Winifred Shaffer, presented Miss Mullen with a pretty glove and handkerchief box as a Christmas gift.

Councilman William Rawling, of Third street, has just been re-appointed for another term as district deputy of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. Mr. Rawling is one of the most enthusiastic knights in the district, and his re-appointment is an act of appreciation for his valuable services.

OLYPHANT.

The entertainment given by the pupils of St. Patrick's academy at the Father Mathew opera house last evening was enjoyed by a very large audience. The programme, which has been previously published, was rendered, and the manner in which the performers acquitted themselves reflected most creditably upon their instructors.

A special programme of music will be given by the choir at the Presbyterian church at both services tomorrow. Appropriate Christmas sermons will be delivered by Rev. B. F. Hammond, the pastor.

Mrs. Henry Dearie, of Delaware street, who has been very ill, is improving.

Among the students who are home for the holiday season are Eugene O'Boyle, from St. Charles College, Baltimore; P. F. O'Malley and Harry E. Jones, from University of Pennsylvania; Leo Lynch, from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Misses Jeanette Kingsley, from Bloomsburg state normal school; Grace Lynch, from St. Vincent Seminary, and Nora Butler, from Mansfield.

"A Pack of Cards," a laughable farce-comedy by a first-class company, will be the attraction at the F. M. opera house this evening. Singing, dancing and other specialties will be introduced.

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WAVERLY.

The skating in this vicinity is reported excellent and is enjoyed by large numbers.

George Hall and family, of Main street, have moved to Scranton, a more central point for his business of commercial traveler.

Everybody is preparing for Christmas and the Christmas tree at the Methodist Episcopal church promises to be a grand affair.

Rev. R. J. Sautmier has begun a series of revival services at Highland. Rev. H. W. Armstrong of Vose, Pa., is assisting.

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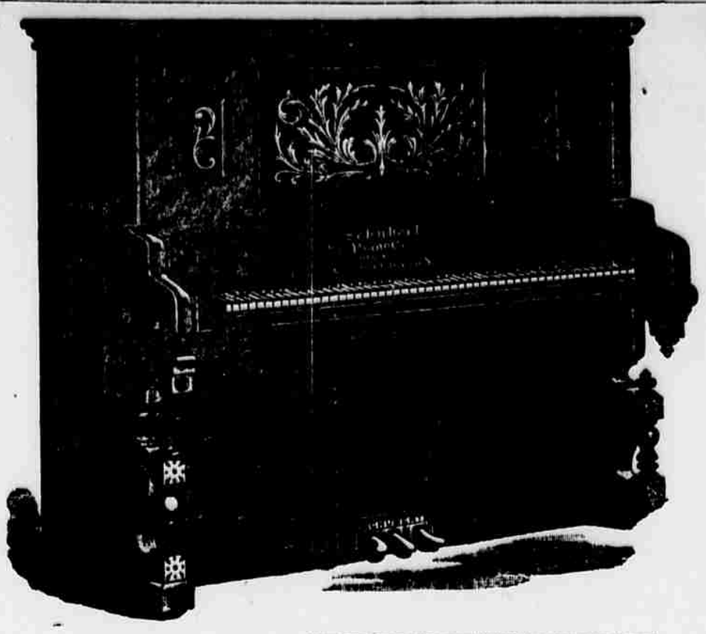

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A Trial Treatment FREE To Any One Afflicted With Hair on Face, Neck or Arms

We have at last made the discovery which has baffled chemists and all others for centuries—that of absolutely destroying superfluous hair, root and branch, entirely and permanently, and that too without impairing in any way the finest or most sensitive skin. It is scarcely possible to overstate the importance of this discovery, or the great good and satisfaction it will be to those afflicted with one of the most disfiguring and aggravating blemishes—that of superfluous hair on the face of women, whether it be a mustache or growth on the neck, cheeks or arms.

The Misses Bell have thoroughly tested its efficacy and are desirous that the full merits of their treatment to which they have given the descriptive name of "KILL-ALL-HAIR" shall be known to all afflicted. To this end a trial will be sent free of charges, to any lady who will write for it. Without a cent of cost you can see for yourselves what the discovery is; the evidence of your own senses will then convince you that the treatment "KILL-ALL-HAIR" will rid you of one of the greatest drawbacks to perfect loveliness, the growth of superfluous hair on the face or neck of women.

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