

WEST SCRANTON

CLASS OF 450 CONFIRMED

AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BY BISHOP HOBAN.

Impressive Services in Connection with the Event Yesterday Afternoon—Rev. J. B. Whelan's Nineteenth Anniversary—News Among the Various Other Churches—Temperance Alliance Concert This Evening—New Sunday School Officers Elected—News Notes.

A class of four hundred and fifty children and fifteen adults were confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic church yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Bishop Hoban, of the Scranton diocese, assisted by Rev. J. J. Griffin, chancellor of the Diocesan Court; Rev. J. B. Whelan, pastor of the church; Rev. P. E. Lavelle, and Rev. John Dunn, assistant pastors of St. Patrick's church.

Before the administration of the sacrament the bishop explained the nature and importance of confirmation. Instructions were given to the parents present to train their children along the proper religious lines, and in bringing them up to love and respect each other in the proper way.

The girls were tastefully dressed in gowns of white, each wearing a veil and wreath, and the boys were all neatly dressed in white waistcoats and black knee-binders. The church auditorium was filled to overflowing by the parents and relatives of the confirmants, all of whom manifested keen interest in the services of the afternoon.

This is the second largest class ever confirmed at St. Patrick's church, the largest being 525 by the late Bishop O'Hara, several years ago. During Rev. Whelan's pastorate of St. Patrick's church 5,000 children have been confirmed.

The nineteenth anniversary of Rev. Whelan's pastorate was rounded out on Thanksgiving day, and during that time all of the buildings fronting on Jackson street and Summer avenue have been erected and paid for, with the exception of a small balance on the parsonage, which Father Whelan expects to have paid off before next spring. This remaining indebtedness will be provided for among the members of the parish.

Exclusive of the land, the property valuation for the orphanage, church, parsonage, Sisters' home and parochial school is over \$200,000, this amount having been paid out during the present

pastor's administration. It is Father Whelan's ambition to free the church property before another year rolls around. When the twentieth anniversary of his pastorate shall have been celebrated it will be an event of more than ordinary interest.

The P. O. S. of A. Fair.

The largest crowd that has yet attended the Patriotic Order Sons of America fair was jammed into Washington hall yesterday evening, when the Superintendent had called special visitors from every town in attendance.

The band furnished by this aggregation would certainly carry the blues. There are a number of clever comedians in the band.

Vocal and instrumental selections were contributed by Miss Mary Davis, Thomas Kane and Benjamin Lloyd, all of which were very well received. The door price was a dozen of Schrieber's photographs, Miss Clara Sanders and a party of mixed voices will furnish the entertainment this evening, together with soloists, Mrs. Vizzard and Mrs. Nellie Smith. The fair will continue throughout the present week closing next Saturday evening.

Simpson Church Notes.

The Rev. E. B. Shager, assistant pastor of Elm Park church, occupied the pulpit yesterday morning and preached an excellent sermon.

The Rev. H. O. McDermott preached at Jenny's yesterday, and assisted Rev. Dr. M. D. Fuller in raising an old church fund. Enough was pledged during the day to wipe off all obligations.

Rev. McDermott gave a novel temperance address to the Junior league in the afternoon. He drew a picture on the blackboard of the Universal Tippler's railroad, which runs from Louisville to the city of Destruction.

He described the several stations along the route as representing the several phases of intemperance. The ticket offices on this line are saloons, of which Scranton has more than two hundred.

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Washburn Street Church.

At the quarterly communion service yesterday morning, seven persons were received into membership, one on profession of faith and two by letter. Three infants were baptized. A large congregation was in attendance.

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High-Class Housekeeping Linens Suitable for Sensible Christmas Gifts

Dufour's French Tar

Will promptly relieve and speedily cure colds and all lung trouble. For sale by G. W. Jenkins, 101 South Main Avenue.

Special Grand Display

Opens on Tuesday and Will Continue for the Balance of the Week . . .

It is no exaggeration to say that the best products of the world's most famous linen weaving centers have been gathered together in this special show, which is designed chiefly for those who appreciate fine quality and artistic merit combined. The goods shown are our own importations, and as they arrived only last week, it is needless to add that they embody all that is newest and best in the Highest Class of Napery procurable. The display will contain many a novelty not seen in this city before, and ladies who are fond of looking over exquisite housekeeping linens will be welcome visitors even though they have no thought of buying.

Linens for the Dining Room

Include Superb Table Damasks with Napkins to match, Table Cloths from 2 to 3 yards long, with Napkins to match, Doilies, Sideboard Scarfs, Etc. The Table Linens are truly a revelation of beauty—they are works of art and may well be studied from that standpoint. Plain and fancy centers, deep open work borders and classic designs reproduced on the loom, give a limit at

Linens for the Bed Chamber

Include charming Damasks of Scotch, Irish and German manufacture, in Sheets, Pillow Cases, Pillow Shams, Bureau and Stand Scarfs, Etc. Also Plain Linen Sheets and Pillow Cases, Pillow Cases and Shams with drawn work, open work, etc. The Sheets and Pillow Cases come in sets, and the Shams, Bureau and Stand Scarfs may also be had in sets if desired.

Besides the handsome Imported Linens there are many charming creations in Embroideries, Fancy Needlework, Etc., in various materials, made up in sets (Shams, Dresser and Stand) or they may be had separately. This display is well worth a visit, and as it is useless to attempt descriptions in the limited space at our command, all lookers will be welcome during the continuance of this display, which opens Tuesday.

Gomer Jones, better known as "Kelly" of South Hyde Park avenue, a brother of City Assessor Gwilym Jones, who had his ankle sprained recently while at work in the Oxford, is able to be around again with the aid of a cane.

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A musical concert will be held in the Jackson street Baptist church Wed-

nesday evening in aid of David J.

Davis, who was blinded some time ago while at work in the Diamond mines.

The Bible class of the Bellevue Welsh C. M. church will conduct an entertain-

ment and social in the church on Wed-

nesday evening.

Hayden Oliver, West Scranton cor-

respondent of the Times, will today

assume a position in the business office

of George Daniels, formerly with the Rep-

ublican. The latter has been suc-

ceeded by William Williams, of the Truth.

The Railroad Auxiliary of the Shop-

men's Committee met yesterday afternoon

and discussed the arrangements for

their social to be held in the Knights

of Columbus rooms on Wednesday evening, December 11.

James Conlin, of North Elmwood ave-

nue, is recovering from the effects of a sprained foot, which he received while working as an electrician, making a mistake on a ladder.

The Colonial Club of Washington

camp, No. 168, P. O. S. of A., held a

meeting in their rooms yesterday at

6 p.m. to arrange for work in connec-

tion with the fair during the coming

week.

A son was recently born to Mr. and

Mrs. Daniel Stark, of North Lincoln

avenue.

Ethel Robinson, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. G. D. Robinson, of South Sum-

mer street, is recovering from a procto-

ctomy.

FREDERICK GESE, a brother of

the late Mrs. William Price, and S. M.

Reese, of North Hyde Park avenue,

died in Reading yesterday. Deceased

was 62 years of age, and was well

known in this city. The funeral will

take place at St. Clair Thursday after-

noon.

A children's entertainment was held

at the Salvation Army barracks on

Saturday evening. Refreshments were

served. A number of new recruits

were sworn in at last night's meeting

of the army.

John Shisick, of Continental hill

The following committee has been appointed to arrange for the Christmas exercises in the Bible school: E. A. Crutenden, Grace Peck, D. C. Darrow, Clara Sander and Catherine Burball.

Next Sabbath evening a special service prepared by the Freedman's board will be used.

The Gamma Nu society will meet this evening at the usual time and place. Each member is urged to be present.

Sunday School Officers.

The following officers were elected yesterday to conduct the affairs of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Sunday school:

Superintendent, George L. Peck; first assistant, William H. Hagen; second assistant, Charles W. Luff; third assistant, Walter Jones; secretary, Louis H. Jones; treasurer, Jay Beeson; librarians, Harry Randolph; chorister, Lloyd Kreiger; pianist, Gusie Ulrich; assistant, Ethel Pease.

Wait! Wait! Wait!

The West Side Bank will distribute savings bank in a few weeks which can be obtained by depositing \$1 at the bank.

Among the Churches.

Rev. William Davis, pastor of the Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, preached an English sermon yesterday morning to the children of his congregation. At the 6 o'clock service the discourse was in Welsh, and both services were well attended.

Rev. H. C. McDermott, A. M., pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, occupied the pulpit of the Academy Methodist Episcopal church yesterday.

The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper were administered at the morning service in the Washburn Street Presbyterian church yesterday. Several infants and adults were also baptized, and a number of new members were received into the church.

Rev. James Bennington spoke of "The Devil's He or Bed or an Imaginary Being," at the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church last evening.

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NORTH SCRANTON.

Friday evening, Dec. 6, the Ivanhoe club, an organization numbering among its members some of the best-known young men of this part of the city, will give a dance in the Auditorium.

The committee in charge of the dance is Robert Fish, Lester Meredith, T. L. Reynolds and William Matthews.

The W. S. Side Choral society will meet Wednesday evening in the old Independent church, on South Main Avenue, for rehearsal.

The Evening High Works Indians and the Knob-kickers will compete in a game of basket ball at the Auditorium.

An alarm of fire was sounded from the 53rd at North Main avenue just before noon, Saturday morning, and was due to a slight blaze in the rear of the rear entrance of the building, owned by Mrs. Jeanne Thompson, who found death had been caused by a defective fuse.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Wahl, of Marvin's avenue, who died Friday evening, will be held this morning from the family residence. Interment will be made in Factoryville.

There was quite a bit of excitement on the Square yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, caused by a horse belonging to John Neary falling on the pavement and being unable to rise, owing to the slippery condition of the pave. After twenty minutes' hard work, the owner, with the assistance of four other men, succeeded in getting the horse on his legs.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Wahl, of Marvin's avenue, who died Friday, after a short illness of pneumonia, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Holy Rosary church. Interment was made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Miss Belle Mulley is visiting relatives at Yonkers, N. Y.

Miss Hopkins of Port Jervis, is visiting friends here.

Miss Lillian Morris, of Swarthmore College, who has been spending Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris V. Morris, of William street, leaves this morning to resume her studies.

OBITUARY.

MISS EDITH LOUISE SIMPSON died Saturday at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Hulme, 23 Adams avenue, after a long illness. She is survived by her mother and two sisters, Nellie and Robertine, who are the nieces of the following: Wardens, W. T. Simpson and Mrs. F. P. Peterson, of this city; Mrs. W. W. Davison, of Peckville; Misses Simpson, of Peckville; Misses Roberts, of Wilkes-Barre; Miss Willard, Goad, of Wilkes-Barre, and George and John Simpson, of Nanticoke, who was a granddaughter of Captain Simpson of the latter place. Captain's services will be held at the residence at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The funeral will be held at the First Methodist church at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning.

At 9 o'clock services were held at St. Mary's church on River street, and a high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Peter Christ.

The remains were interred in the Clermont cemetery at 11:30. The pall-bearers were: Ignatz Hindorf, Matthias Alesic, Frank Weisz, and Joseph Schneider.

Cards of Thanks.

The thanks of the family are hereby tendered to the neighbors and friends who so kindly attended and helped to make easy the last moments of our beloved mother. Signed, Joseph Neumann, Jr., for the family.

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