

WEST SCRANTON

HEPTASOPHS' ANNIVERSARY

WILL BE CELEBRATED IN MEARS' HALL THURSDAY.

Oliver Bryan of Baltimore, Md., Will Be the Orator of the Occasion—Funeral of the Late John Dodd and John E. Williams—Marriages Announced to Take Place in the Near Future—School Deposits—Eisteddfod to Be Held Christmas Day.

The West Side convalescence, No. 211, Improved Order of Heptasophs, will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a first class entertainment in Mears' hall, Thursday night.

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A Bit of Seasonable News

What is popularly termed the Christmas Holiday Trade, is a short, busy season with us. We cannot afford the time or space to make it a long, drawn out feature in our business, and so prefer to confine it to something like two weeks, or under, when the inducements offered to our patrons are usually sufficient to make selling brisk from the hour of formal opening, till the closing hour on Christmas eve.

The Holiday Show and Annual Display Christmas Gift Wares Opens on Wednesday,

And includes the usual assortment of Toys and dolls, an endless assortment of Bric-a-Brac, Fancy Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, of all kinds, Art Needle work, Cushions, Head Rests, Bedroom, Bureau and Stand Sets, Fine Draperies, and Curtains, Pictures and other art productions, Knit Goods, Gloves, Neckwear of every kind for both sexes and all ages and occasions, Handkerchiefs from 1c to \$10.00, boxed or otherwise, Men's Furnishings especially gotten up for the holiday trade, Fancy Hosiery, Combs and Brush Sets in Ebony with Silver Mountings, Celluloid, Ivory and other fancy styles, Men's Suits, Boxes in every imaginable way for every imaginable purpose and at prices that will tickle the most stylish imagination.

But Your Mind May Run On Common Sense Gifts...

that are a direct benefit to the recipient. All right. How does a beautiful Umbrella at moderate cost strike you? Fashionable Silk fine Waists, or the Silk Waist itself ready to wear? Or a smart new Coat in Fur on any of the popular weaves? Two sets for Scarfs, Muffs, Collarettes, etc. A new silk or fine Stuff Dress, Table Linen, Blankets or a Quilt. Lace Ribbons, or last but by no means least a Set of Standard Books for half what they are actually worth. Space forbids further details now, but enough has been said here to prove that we're prepared to meet your holiday wants what ever they may be.

Globe Warehouse. As well as the hand-saws, and others are invited to call on our druggist and get for a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Price 25c and 50c.

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MANY SOCIAL AFFAIRS LAST NIGHT.

St. John's Hall Was Packed With Street Car Strikers' Sympathizers. Banquet of Knights of St. George. Meeting of Knights of St. George. Banquet Committee—Funeral of James Orr—The Choral Union Hold an Interesting Session—John Getz Had His Arm Fractured—Other Newsy Items in Brief.

The chief prize of \$5 is to be contested for by the winners of the Bellevue church and the other from the Congregational church. A prize of \$250 has been offered for the best poem, not exceeding six lines, in memory of the late Gwilym A. Williams.

Fair and Sale. Last evening the fair and sale of the Ladies' Aid society of the First Baptist church was formally opened. A large number of people took advantage of the opportunity to partake of one of the popular suppers served by the society.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Maud E. Stephens has returned to her home in Carlisle, Pa., after a most pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Saunders, of 721 North Broadway avenue.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Oxford Glee club will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in Cooperative hall. The William Center glee club will meet tonight in Lyric hall.

NORTH SCRANTON.

The North Scranton Men's society held its monthly meeting in the social rooms of the Presbyterian church last night. After the regular business was gone through, an excellent program was given.

NUBS OF NEWS.

A largely attended session of Camp No. 439, Patriotic Order Sons of America, was held in Hartman's hall, on Princeton avenue, last evening.

AND STILL NO REPORT.

Building Committee Can't Agree on Awarding of Contract—Business at Last Night's Meeting. The building committee of the board of control again announced last night that after a month's consideration it was still unable to agree upon the awarding of the contract for No. 49 school in the Second ward.

ORPHANS' COURT NOTES.

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Despite the fact that both the Black Diamonds and the Backus bowling teams lost two out of the three games which each rolled last night, they are still tied for first place, though their percentage has been considerably reduced.

The best games of the night were those rolled by the Green Ridge Wheelmen and the Backus teams on the former's alleys. Each team made over 800 in each game rolled, while the Green Ridge five made the splendid total of 847 twice in succession. Taylor was high man with 215 and made the splendid high average of 188. The score:

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Social in Workmen's Hall.

The workmen's society of this side held an enjoyable social in the hall at the corner of Alder street and Prospect avenue last evening. About fifty couples were present and a first class lunch was served about 9:30 p. m. Later a social session was held and dancing followed until midnight.

Choral Union in Practice.

The Young People's Choral Union society which is attached to the Hickory street Presbyterian church met last evening for the practice of the cantata, "Under the Palms," which it will render at the opening of the new parish house. Notwithstanding the inclement weather there was a large attendance and the members show much enthusiasm in the detail work which is necessary to a good rendition of the play. The society will meet every Monday hereafter until the performance is given.

WEST END NO. 1.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brahner, died yesterday, after a short illness. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 621 Rosen court. Services will be held at St. Mary's church, and interment will be made in the Twentieth ward German Catholic cemetery.

Theodore, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver, of Dickson avenue, died yesterday morning at half-past ten o'clock of pneumonia, aged 7 months. Funeral from the home, 1610 Dickson avenue, this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

MRS. CHARLES SLADE, of Prescott avenue and Olive street, died at 1 o'clock this morning. Deceased was 28 years of age and is survived by her husband and infant child. Funeral announcement later.

Funerals.

The funeral of Sister Mary Aglayus, of St. Paul's convent, took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, with a solemn high mass of requiem in St. Paul's church. Rev. P. J. McMahon officiated at the ceremonies. Interment was made in the Cathedral cemetery.

Sister Aloysius before taking her religious vows was Mary K. O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill, of Mt. Pleasant.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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"These are the words the operator called out as fast as the instrument ticked them off. "My friend, who had been able to believe his own ears. Then he let out a whoop that would have done credit to a Comanche Indian, and, tossing a bill to the operator, dashed out of the office.

"He came back in a few minutes, and, had Santos-Dumont bent to death!" "After he had collected himself and come down to earth again he wired his sweetheart asking for full particulars concerning her father's illness. The answer informed him that the old gentleman had been attacked with vertigo while waiting at the station, causing him to miss the train, but it had soon passed off and he was as well as ever."

"Well, the wedding took place the next day, and you can safely wager my friend did not take any more chances with street cars or telegrams. That little experience he had on the 19th was not his last. He never forgot very soon, and it taught him something of the value of time, which will make him appreciate ever minutes in the day hereafter."

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