

WEST SCRANTON

A BRILLIANT MUSICAL TREAT

SECOND ANNUAL RECITAL IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

Demonstration That Home Talent Far Exceeds Many of the Imported Singers Brought Into Our Midst. Marriage of William P. Williams and Miss Annie Williams—Judson P. Staples and Miss Gertrude John Wedded by Rev. James Benninger. Events This Evening.

It is seldom that such an array of talent is gathered together as was the case at Plymouth church last evening, when, without a doubt, the best concert ever given by local talent was attended by an audience that comfortably filled the large auditorium.

The opening number a quartette selection, by Mrs. James Heckel, Miss Via Jones, Philip Warren and Thomas Abrams was a fore-runner of what was in store for the patrons. The selection was "Protheroe and Beamish's "Tell Me 'Thou Pretty Bee," and it was given with an harmonious blending of voices, and correct accompaniment by Mrs. D. H. Thomas.

Mr. Warren sang "The Heavenly Song," in fine voice, the selection being admirably suited to his artistic work. The William Connell Glee club were not present to fulfill their part of the programme.

Miss Cora Morris Griffin, the talented and versatile eclectician, made a decided impression on her audience. Her first selection "The First Quarrel," enabled her to display much emotional strength, and to reveal some facial expressions which are essential to successful interpretations of so difficult a selection. For an encore she gave a delightful bit of comedy.

Mrs. Frank Brundage was announced as being ill, and what was really the surprising feature of the concert, occurred at this time, when Miss Edie Edwards, who has been studying in New York, appeared and sang. She displayed such wonderful improvement in her work that one would scarcely recognize in her the girl who but a few months ago was comparatively unknown in the musical world.

She chose the song, "A Queen Has Spoken," as her initial number, and the manner in which she rendered it was a revelation to the audience. Such control of voice, articulation, breathing

and enunciation as Miss Edwards displayed is marvelous, when it is taken into consideration that she has but just begun her musical career. She certainly has a bright future before her, and this is a gratifying thought to her friends. As an encore she sang "Dear Heart," superbly.

Thomas Abrams, whose services are constantly in demand, and whose singing is so much enjoyed, favored the assembly with a tenor solo about "Llewellyn's Grave," and gave an inspiring rendition of a difficult number, "If She Were Mine" was his response to a hearty encore.

Mrs. Heckel then sang two numbers, "Only to Dream," and a lullaby. It is so seldom she is heard in West Scranton, that when she comes her friends are loathe to have her leave the stage.

Mrs. Thomas and her prize-winning party of female voices favored with a rendition of the competitive selection, "Annie Laurie," which has already won for them widespread attention. The selection was rendered beautifully, and won for them a spontaneous encore, which they responded to cheerfully, singing the selection over again.

Mr. Warren followed with "The Noble Boy of Truth," and Miss Griffin gave two humorous recitations, which were well received. Mr. Abrams also sang "Mona," which is always enjoyed.

Miss Via Jones sang "The Promise of Life," and gave a pleasing interpretation. Her singing was favorably commented on, and it is to be hoped she will be heard more frequently in concert work. She was accorded a flattering encore, and sang sweetly "The Sun Is on the Hill."

Mrs. Heckel and Miss Jones sang a duet, "Hawthorne Lodge," which was well received, and Miss Edwards sang a love song, "Her Heart Did Speak," in a delightful manner.

The closing number was a yachting piece by the church choir, under the direction of Prof. Daniel Owens, and it was a fitting ending to the best concert that has ever been given under the auspices of the choir.

Staples-John Nuptials. Judson P. Staples, of the central city, and Miss Gertrude John, of North Hyde Park avenue, were united in marriage by Rev. James Benninger, at the parsonage of the Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Staples is a popular young barber of the central city, having succeeded Philip Hissland when the latter went out of business.

Mrs. Staples is the daughter of Alderman John and popular on the West Side. The young couple have a host of friends who wish them success in their new venture.

After a wedding trip they will reside until spring at the home of the bride's parents.

Enjoyable Surprise Party. Isaac Evans, of 343 Quay avenue, was tendered a surprise party last night by the members of the Continental Sunday school. On behalf of the Sunday school, William Morgan presented Mr. Evans with a Morris chair. Miss Mary Pennick, the organist, was presented

with a toilet set, the presentation speech being made by Isaac Evans. Refreshments were served at a reasonable hour.

Those in attendance were the Misses Ether Evans, Sarah Jones, Clara Shipple, Margaret Shipple, Bessie Hodge, Esther Pinnock, Mary Pinnock, Annie Stevens, Mamie Morris, Margaret Morris, Emma Moore, Martha Londer, Edith Thomas, Maude Bacon, Clara Vigue, Lizzie Vigue, Ethel Coslett, Millie Coslett, Mildred Evans, Edith Evans, Daniel Evans, George Evans, Thomas Thomas, H. B. Jones, Arthur Pinnock, Ben Jenkins, Jacob Nash, Abraham Evans, George Kargher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Coslett, Mrs. Kargher, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans.

Popular Couple Wedded. William P. Williams, of Chestnut street, and Miss Annie Williams, of 400 North Summer avenue, West Park, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the Puritan Congregational church, 204 Margaret avenue, by the pastor, Rev. Jenkin R. Reese.

The couple were unattended, and immediately after the nuptial knot was tied, were driven to the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Orrin Evans, on North Main avenue, where a wedding dinner was served, and a family reunion occurred.

The groom is "Billy" Williams, the eminent pianist, singer, and all-around good-fellow, who is everybody in West Scranton knows as the most popular member of the Electric City Wheelmen. He can number his friends by the thousands. His father is the well-known superintendent at the Mt. Pleasant colliery.

Mrs. Williams is a charming young woman of much personal beauty, an accomplished musician, and a talented singer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Williams. They will enjoy a brief wedding trip, and upon their return will begin house keeping.

In Police Court. Mary Williams, street walker, residence, Dix court, arrested by Patrolman Peters, 1.45 a. m.; fine, \$3.50. William Thomas, committing a nuisance; residence, South Garfield avenue; arrested by Patrolman Peters; fine, \$30.

William Lowry, drunk and disorderly; residence, Broadway; fine, \$4. James Black, selling without a license; residence, Frink street; fine, \$50.

Other New Year's Events. The donations to the West Side hospital yesterday were very acceptable to those in charge. The list of donors will be printed tomorrow.

The Onetta Social club held their first masquerade dance in Washington hall last evening, which was a success in every respect. The Silver Leaf club held a matinee dance in the same hall.

SOCIAL EVENTS. Richard Hughes, of North Everett avenue, entertained the Leek Social club at his home Tuesday evening.

Elizabeth Lewis, of Eymon street; Miss Sadie Goddard, of 214 Fairview avenue, and Miss Anna Meyer, of Tenth street, entertained friends Tuesday evening.

The Excelsior Glee club celebrated the advent of the New Year at their rooms.

EVENTS OF THIS EVENING. West Side Assembly, No. 391, Royal Society of Good Fellows, will install officers this evening.

The Wahneta dancing class will conduct their opening social in Mears' hall this evening.

There will be a special meeting of Local Union, No. 1423, U. M. W. of A. in Jayne's hall this evening. Officers will be installed.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES. John P. Williams has announced himself a candidate for register of voters in the first district of the Fifteenth ward.

Charles Andrews, of Stratford avenue, had his leg fractured recently by falling into the ravine near the Dodge hills.

Richard James, of 1227 Eymon street, had his back scalped and body bruised by a fall of roof in the Sloan mines recently.

Special prayer services were held in several of the churches last evening. The attendance was large in all the churches.

C. C. Deckelnicke, the cigarmaker, has moved his business to the corner of Main avenue and Lafayette street.

Special services were held in St. Mark's Lutheran church last evening, at which the pastor, Rev. A. L. Rumer, Jr., preached a New Year's sermon.

All of the local barber shops were closed at noon yesterday to enable the employees to enjoy the remainder of the holiday.

Christmas exercises were held at the Tripp Park Mission school on Tuesday evening. An enjoyable programme was rendered.

James, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. John May, of 231 Jackson street, was severely injured in a coasting accident on Tuesday.

Frank Egan, of 561 North Main avenue, was injured while riding in an elevator at Finch's foundry on Tuesday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Mrs. R. K. Cratzer and son Thomas, of 1317 Lafayette street, have gone to Harrisburg to visit relatives.

Mrs. Annie Evans and son Robert, of 1319 Lafayette street, are visiting friends in Pittston.

P. J. Sheerin, of New York, is visiting at the home of his parents on Price street.

Miss Gwennetta Phillips, of West Elm street, is visiting at Henry, West Virginia.

Mrs. Gillerist and daughter, of Hazleton, have returned home from a visit with Mrs. J. P. Moffat, of Washburn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Young, of North Rebecca avenue, will return to Wyoming to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, spent New Year's day as the guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McDermott, of North Hyde Park avenue.

Mrs. David E. Morgan, of Thirteenth street, is seriously ill, and not expected to recover. Her daughter Mrs. Davis, died on Tuesday.

A GREAT SURPRISE
Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits and any druggist is authorized by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy to give you a sample bottle free? It never fails to cure such ailments as coughs. All druggists sell Kemp's Balsam. Price, 50c. and 50c.

SOUTH SCRANTON

KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE BANQUET AND BALL.

It Was Attended by Three Hundred Persons and Was a Decided Social Success—Officers of the Society and the Committees That Arranged for the Affair—Marriage of Miss Bessie Hamm and F. L. Miller at the Home of the Groom's Parents.

The committee which had charge of the second annual banquet and ball of the Knights of St. George scored a distinct social triumph last night and were warmly congratulated for the excellence of the arrangements. The hall was artistically draped with flags and bunting of many hues which lent additional charm to the beauty of the table decorations and the handsome gowns worn by the ladies. Shaded parlor lamps, dotted the well laden tables here and there, and in their turn were set off with an appropriate background of potted plants and palms.

The tables, seven in number were arranged with one just below the stage running across the hall at which the runners were seated. Four others ran the length of the hall and two more were set across the hall at the rear. At 8.30 p. m., the guests, to the number of about 300 sat down to partake of the following menu:

Turkey.	Ham.	Chicken.
Potato Salad.	Cold Slaw.	Mashed Potatoes.
Olives.	Cold Cream.	Cabbage.
	Celery.	Pickles.
	Cake.	Mint.
	Coffee.	Cigars.

The post prandial exercises were opened at 9 o'clock by William J. Janssen, who welcomed the guests and wished all present a happy new year. In concluding, he introduced Rev. Peter Christ as toastmaster of the evening.

After the tables were cleared, a concise statement of the financial condition of Branch No. 45, Knights of St. George, was made in the German language by Edward Klos, who has been secretary since the organization, nearly five years ago. He was followed by Director August Rehner, who also delivered himself in the mother tongue and bade all present welcome in the name of the society. After the speech-making there was dancing.

The various committees who had charge of the arrangements were as follows:
Arrangements—August J. Rehner, chairman; Barney Cahill, secretary; Charles Hagen, treasurer; Michael Wether, Frank Mawn, Matthias Thies, L. H. Senker, Patrick F. Cusick, Peter Weber, Adam Imisdopf.

Reception—Peter Weber, Joseph Wether, John Barz, Joseph B. Badle, Michael Brier, Nicholas Steinback, John Brier, Otto Weber.
Floor—Matthias Thies, L. H. Senker, Adam Imisdopf.

Prompter—W. L. Jansen.
Committee of Girls—Mamie Miller, Mamie C. Klos, Mollie C. Jansen, Ella Scholl, Emma Tempe, Mary Madden, May Welle, Tillie Welle, Joseph W. Welle, Katie Redemback, Mamie Wether, Anna Klein, Lottie Wether, Josephine Imisdopf, Maggie Coon, Pauline Herberich.

Officers of the society are: Spiritual director, Rev. Peter Christ; director, August Rehner; president, George J. Miller; vice-president, Will L. Jansen; secretary and treasurer, Edward C. Klos; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Fischer; medical examiner, Dr. John J. McGrath.

Hamm-Miller Wedding.
A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 3.30 p. m., when Miss Bessie Hamm, a well known young lady and F. L. Miller, also a resident of this side were united at the home of the groom's parents, 1118 Remington avenue, by Pastor Gallenkamp, of the Millin Avenue Zion Lutheran church. The ceremony was performed in the presence of immediate relatives in the front parlor which had been transformed into a formal hall for the occasion.

Gravels, Gertrude Steinmetz, acted as bridesmaid and William Berghauer of this side as groomsmen.
Reception followed until 6 o'clock, when supper was served, and at 9 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Miller started on their honeymoon trip. They will reside on Remington avenue when they return.

NUBS OF NEWS.
The fantastic parade of the P. O. S. of A. Drum Corps, which was organized by the P. O. S. of A. Drum Corps, which was organized yesterday morning created much amusement on the streets.

The funeral of the late Michael McGrath, will take place this morning at 9 o'clock.

Theodore Hessinger, who attended the golden wedding of his parents on this side last week left for his home in Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday.

The Victor Social club, celebrated New Years with a ball at Athletic hall yesterday afternoon and last evening.

George Ripper, of Homestead, who has been enjoying the holidays with friends on this side left for home yesterday.

Rev. E. J. Schmidt, D. D., pastor of the Church of Peace, is visiting the Home Mission societies of the church in the vicinity of New York, and Newark. He will return on Saturday.

Jacob Kessler, of 621 Locust street met with an accident yesterday, that will lay him up for some time. The recent changes of the weather has rendered the street and sidewalks a mass of ice and on this he slipped.

Coming down heavily he struck with much force on his shoulder which became dislocated. Dr. Kolb, was called and reset the bones.

A nineteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Biercy, of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, delivered his lecture on "Quo Vadis," in the Green Ridge Baptist church, last evening to a good-sized and appreciative audience.

Tangerines, mandarins, navel and Florida oranges. Green Ridge Market.
Fancy Cheese, all kinds. Green Ridge Market.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dickson and family, of Dalton, spent New Year's day as the guests of Mrs. E. B. Reynolds, of Sanderson avenue.

Sweet child, Green Ridge Market. ** Fancy cakes and crackers. Green Ridge Market. ** I. L. Rowison spent part of New Year's day with his sister, Mrs. John Hoyt, of Carbondale.

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FOR SPOT CASH.
22 pounds fine granulated sugar, \$1.30
Potatoes, bushel, .50
Elgin Creamery butter, .25
6 pounds Prunes, .25
Mocha and Java coffee, .25
Turnips, bushel, .16
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DUNMORE.
The reception tendered the congregation of the Presbyterian church at the manse on Elm street last night, by Rev. and Mrs. Gibbons, was unusually largely attended and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons were assisted in receiving the guests by several of the ladies of the congregation, while others moved about the spacious rooms, looking after the comfort of the guests. Dainty refreshments were served by the following young ladies: Misses Allie Tarr, Mary Decker, Kathryn Fisher, Inez Iron.

Harry Avery, of Carbondale, spent yesterday as the guest of Clayton Potter, of Blakely street.

A. E. Spencer has purchased the interest of Thomas Keller in the firm of Spencer & Keller, and hereafter the firm will be Spencer Brothers. The new firm enters upon the new year with every prospect of success, both being well and favorably known during their past business experience. For several years, H. E. Spencer was manager for P. P. Price in his store here and afterwards went to Scranton as general manager of the large store there, so that the grocery business will be no new experience for him.

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E. A. Stevens will today add a fresh meat department to his general grocery business.

The cut-rate meat market, which has been conducted at the Corners for the past few months by Cattaran & Sayors, did not open for business on Tuesday morning.

GODDESS OF SMALLPOX.
In Her Honor Thugs Kill 30,000 Persons a Year in India.
From the Boston Post.
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About seventy years have passed since two young English officials agreed that the day of retribution was coming for the followers of the goddess Kahl. There were at that time at least 10,000 Thuggering unmolested over the surface of India, who earned a livelihood by murdering their fellow-men. They lived in this way partly because it was their religion and partly because they preferred murdering to either working or begging.

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The Thug would set out on his business with the coolest earnestness of one who is merely doing his duty and would brutally murder twenty or thirty victims not only with an easy conscience, but with the calm self-approval of a successful practitioner. Nor was he at all grasping in his dealings. The celebrated Thug Shumsherah deposited that "8 annas (a shilling) is a very good remuneration for murdering a man. We often strangle a victim who is suspected of having 2 pice (three farthings)." Their motto was evidently small profits and quick returns.

25 lbs of Sugar Free

Everybody knows that sugar is worth 6c a pound and most every one is aware of the low prices on groceries and meats, for which the Joyce Stores are famous.

That every housewife in Scranton may have unmistakable evidence of the fact, is the object of this extraordinary offer.

The only condition is, that a grocery order, of your own selecting, amounting to \$5.00 or over, be purchased.

In other words place your regular weekly order for groceries, with any of the Joyce Stores and if it amounts to a total of five dollars, or more, you will receive

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For Your Benefit

The Big Store has marked this lot of Suits, Coats, Jackets, Walking Skirts and Silk Waists at prices that will help your economical methods in buying.

\$10.00 Raglans at \$7.50
48 by actual count, specially fine Oxford Melton Cloth, made with yoke front and back, velvet piping, double and single-breasted. Coats like these have never been sold for less than \$10. Marked for this special sale at..... **\$7.50**

\$4.00 Walking Skirts, at \$2.95
50 Walking Skirts, made of Melton Tweeds, Serges and Cheviots; Skirts that regularly sold at \$4.00 to \$5.00, marked for this sale at..... **\$2.95**

\$15 Otta Coats at \$9.98
Misses' and Ladies' 42-inch length Coats, yoke front and back, lined with Romaine Silk, Pearl Buttons, Castors, Tans, Royal Blue and Oxblood. Priced always at \$15. Marked for this sale at..... **\$9.98**

\$10 Box Jackets, \$6.98
Misses' and Ladies' 27-inch Box Jackets, yoke front and back, storm collar, lined with Romaine Silk, Pearl Buttons, Castors, Tans, Royal Blue and Oxblood. Priced at \$10. Marked for this sale at..... **\$6.98**

\$10.00 Covert Cloth Suits at \$5.00
Women's Suits, single or double-breasted, Eton Effects, nicely stitched, lined with Romaine Silk, skirt full flare, graduated flounce, lined with good percale lining; slightly imperfect. Regular price marked for this sale..... **\$5.00**

Tafteta Silk Waists
The best shades, in all the new styles. Former prices were \$3.00 to \$6.00. Marked for this sale at **\$1.98 to..... \$2.98**
Waists that are up-to-date in every particular.

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ALL THIS WEEK.
THREE DAYS ONLY.
The Beautiful Southern Drama.
"On the Suwanee River"
Beginning Monday, January 6.
Prices—Matinee, 15 and 25 cents.
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Emil Paar Symphony Orchestra
of New York, Emil Paar Conductor.
Miss Electa Gilford, Soprano.
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Benefit of
The Young Women's Christian Association
At the New Armory, Scranton, Pa.
Monday Evening, Jan. 13, 1902.
Tickets now on sale at the Y. W. C. A. rooms, or of members of committee. SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO MUSIC STUDENTS.
Program open to subscribers and students at Powell's Music Store, Thursday, Jan. 9. To the public on Friday, Jan. 10.

Pro-Boer Rally
St. Thomas' College Hall
Sunday Evening, January 12.
Father P. J. McManus will preside. Rev. F. S. Ballentine will give an illustrated talk on his experience among the British and Boers in Zululand.
The Boer national anthem will be sung. "A Plan and Simple Burger," a song adapted by Mr. Ballentine from King's "A Soldier Minded Boy," will also be sung.
Tickets, 25c, 35c, 50c, \$1.00.

TEETH IN WARFARE.
England's Experience in Africa Shows Need of Dentistry.
From the London Pall Mall Gazette.
After twenty-one months' fighting four dental surgeons have been sent to South Africa to attend to the teeth of the army. Thus does the war office put forth stupendous efforts to atone for past inattention.
In an army of a quarter of a million men these four surgeons should be kept tolerably busy. No soldier who has campaigned six months in Africa will, if he be wise, neglect a chance of having his teeth examined. Each surgeon therefore will have a clientele of 25,000 officers and men. Assuming that on every day of the week, including Sundays, thirty men are treated by each dentist, the teeth of the army will have been overhauled and the work of filing, excavating and filling completed in something over sixty-nine months. It should console a man on active service suffering today from toothache in a precious molar, which he can ill afford to lose, to know that he will not be troubled with the agonizing pain later than April, 1907.

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ALF. G. HERRINGTON, Manager.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
THE THOROUGHBREDS
Daily Matinee.
per cent. of the men of my company came through scatheless. In many cases the damage was slight; in others, where the teeth were naturally weak and brittle, the mischief done was irreparable. Even with an average age set, straining on an average biscuit, you never get quite certain which would be the first to go—your teeth or your biscuit.

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M. REIS, Lessee and Manager.
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Thursday Night,
The most famous musical comedy in the world.
The Belle of New York
With all the favorites and chorus of 55.
Brighter and better than ever.
PRICES—25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Sale of seats opens Tuesday.

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LaShelle & Hamlin's Grand Production of the Successful Comedy Drama.
ARIZONA
A Universal Hit. Superb Scenic Settings.
"Everybody should see this play."—N. Y. World.
Prices—25c., 50c., 75c., and \$1.00.
Seats on sale Thursday at 9 a. m.

The Campbells Are Coming....
HUZRAH! HURRAH! Thursday, Jan. 7.
Auspices of Scranton Caledonian Club.
Fourth Official Concert Tour
The Kilties
48th Highlanders.
Canada's Crack Military Band.
Forty Musicians, Sixteen Vocal Choir, Six Highland Dancers, Two Bagpipers, Four British Military Buglers, One Glengarry Melon, etc. Appearing in full Kilted Regiments.
Has created a furor of enthusiasm in all American cities.
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