

WEST SCRANTON

LITTLE GIRL'S HAND INJURED

SQUEEZED IN A DOOR AT HOME OF HER PARENTS.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Richards Met with a Painful Accident—Installation of Officers of the West Side Assembly of Good Fellows and the United Mine Workers—Donations Received at the West Side Hospital—Officers Elected by P. O. S. of A.

Margaret, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Richards, of South Main avenue, met with a most distressing accident this week, which caused her no end of pain.

She has been accustomed to run to the front door to open the bell ring, and in returning into the hall from the vestibule thoughtlessly placed her fingers through the opening between the door and the frame.

Her mother accidentally closed the door on her daughter's hand, squeezing the tender fingers under the bell ring, and she screamed with pain. As quickly as possible the child's hand was released, but not before it was severely bruised.

At first it was thought the bones in her fingers were fractured, but luckily the flesh was all that was injured. Mrs. Richards was prostrated by the shock and has not yet recovered.

West Side Hospital.

The following donations were received at the West Side hospital New Year's day: Mr. T. Miller, \$5; Dr. Williams, \$10; Gaylord Thomas, \$5; Mrs. Shryer, 50 cents; Lewis Morse, hats; Clark's, turkey; Clark's, cakes, nuts and fruit; Mrs. White, fruit and plum pudding; Mr. Cooper, fruit and plum pudding; Mrs. Roberts, fruit, cakes, nuts and candy; Mrs. Gordon, cakes, nuts, fruit and candy; John H. Furr, four; Mrs. Penton, one pair towels; Mrs. Clapp, case of corn; Mrs. H. Campbell, magazines; Edith Jones, fruit; Mrs. Mary O. Jones, fruit and sugar; Mrs. B. C. Morgan, underwear and fruit; Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman, potatoes and pickles.

The ladies in charge, together with the board of directors, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the above-mentioned donations.

Patriotic Order of Americans. Electric City camp, No. 33, Patriotic

Dufour's French Tar

Will promptly relieve and speedily cure coughs, colds and all lung troubles. For sale by G. W. JENKINS, 101 South Main avenue.

Saturday Specials At Substantial Reductions

The facts follow and tell their own story. All you need do is to figure out the savings and then see if you just so much money in pocket.

Hosiery and Underwear

The Celebrated "Tivoli" Underwear for Ladies (Pants only). The size list is complete and the usual selling price is \$1.25. On Saturday..... 75c

Children's Fine Cashmere Hose, in extra good qualities, but the size list is broken in each case, hence these deep cuts in prices: Regular Prices, 39c, 50c and 75c Sale Prices, 25c, 39c and 50c

Fashionable Silk Waists

All the good shadings made in Fashion's latest ways. A splendid assortment of waists, worth \$3.98, for..... \$2.89

Mercerized Petticoats

That look like silk and wear better. Black only, with deep flounce and ruffle. The best 75-cent skirt in town, for..... 59c

Men's Furnishings

Men's Fancy Colored Bosom Shirts, in half a hundred ways and styles. Qualities that were sold for 75c and \$1.00 each. Saturday Bargain Price..... 39c

Men's Fast Black Cotton Half Hose, with high-spliced heel and double toe, our popular 25c quality, at..... 19c

Globe Warehouse

NORTH SCRANTON

ROLL CALL IN NORTH MAIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Albert H. Smith Presided Over the Exercises—James Jones Married to Miss Maggie Harris by the Rev. W. F. Davis—Christmas Music Is to Be Repeated in the Puritan Congregational Church. Wade Finn Is a Candidate for Renomination for Select Council.

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BIG DROP IN BIRTH RATES

EUROPE IS SCARED BY A DEARTH OF BABIES.

With the Exception of Norway, the Percentage of Births to Total Population Is Either Stationary or Decreasing—Efforts That Are Being Made to Overcome This Appalling Fact.

W. E. Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald.

With the exception of Austria and Hungary the birth rate in Germany is higher than in any other country from which we have returns. Statistics collected by the imperial government disclose a remarkable fact that, with the exception of Norway, the birth rate is decreasing all over Europe, although in Denmark and Italy it remains about the same. The following table will show the average birth and death rate per 1,000 population for the several countries of Europe during the last twenty-five years:

Table with columns for Country, Births, Deaths. Rows include Hungary, Austria, Germany, Italy, Holland, England and Wales, Scotland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Ireland, France, Average.

The decrease of the birth rate is difficult to understand. The decrease in the death rate is no doubt due to better food and other conditions of living, more general and skillful medical attendance and the universal improvement that has taken place among the poorer classes of the population during the last quarter of a century.

COMPARISONS. The remarkable decrease in the birth rate may be shown by comparison of the deaths per 1,000 in 1874 and in 1890:

Table with columns for Country, 1874, 1890. Rows include England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Hungary, Switzerland, German Empire, Belgium, Italy, France.

The following table will show the falling off in the death rate in the countries named during the last quarter of a century:

Table with columns for Country, 1874, 1890. Rows include England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Hungary, Switzerland, German Empire, Belgium, Italy, France.

IN FRANCE. The rapid falling off in the birth rate in France has provoked a discussion of causes and remedies, which has filled the medical and sociological journals and has even invaded the chamber of deputies. In 1874 the birth rate in France was 27.1 per 1,000 population. In 1890 it was 21.7. The death rate has not varied so much during the period named, but has kept steadily near 22 per 1,000, and in several years has exceeded the birth rate. During the last fifty years France has gained 32,000,000 in population, while Italy has gained 12,000,000, Austria, 15,500,000, Great Britain 14,000,000, Germany 21,000,000, the United States 5,000,000 and Russia 62,000,000. There is now a bill pending in the French chamber of deputies providing for a graduated tax upon unmarried persons, increasing rapidly in amount upon both women and men between 21 and 40 years of age.

Statistics taken by Bertillon show that for every 1,000 women between the ages of 18 and 35 the following is the average of mothers:

Table with columns for Category, Per 1,000. Rows include In the very rich districts, In the rich districts, Among people comfortable, Among the mercantile classes, Among mechanics and farmers, Among ordinary laborers, The late census shows that of the 32,000,000 population of France there are: Bachelors over 50 years of age, Families without children, Families with one child, Families with two children, Families with three children, Families with more than three children.

THE REASONS WHY. The Medical Brief, one of the ablest and most influential professional journals in France, calls attention to the appalling prevalence of child murder in that country, the first in the indifference of fashionable women to children. Those who are mothers usually leave their babies to the care of nurses who neglect them and do them with opiates in order to keep them asleep as much as possible. Second, the indifference of working women, who, in order to earn wages, place their children on baby farms where they are slowly murdered by lack of nourishment, improper food, neglect of proper attention and the use of laudanum to stop them from fretting. Third, and finally, by the general prevalence of manual labor by women immediately before and after confinement. This paper recommends the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale of opiates and soothing syrups of all kinds and making it a felony to give them to children. It would also punish severely the keepers of baby farms who give improper food to infants and keep them under a rigid system of inspection. It would forbid the use of rubber tubes to feeding bottles because of the difficulty of keeping them sterilized, and would forbid mothers from working six weeks before and six weeks after confinement.

IN GERMANY. It is an interesting fact that the average number of marriages in Germany is gradually increasing. Twenty years ago the ratio was only fifteen marriages a year to every 1,000 of the population, and in 1881 it fell below the fifteen mark, but in 1890 it had risen to sixteen and a half. It would also seem that the marriage rate is nearly eighteen per 1,000 of population.

25 lbs of Sugar for \$1

With every order of groceries to the amount of \$5.00 or over.

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 offer.

Have your regular weekly order for groceries filled at any of the Joyce Stores, where prices are absolutely "rock bottom" and if it amounts to a total of five dollars, or more you will be accorded the privilege of buying

25 lbs of Sugar for \$1.00. A clear saving of 50c on the sugar, alone.

An Error Corrected.

Through a misunderstanding, growing out of our recent free turkey offer, our advertising writer made an announcement in Thursday's papers, to the effect that we would give 25 lbs. of sugar free with every \$5.00 grocery order.

This, of course, would be a commercial impossibility, as the offer, above made, is the limit of business liberality. This earliest of opportunities is taken to advise you of the mistake.

The Joyce Stores Popular Priced Provisions

AMUSEMENTS

Lyceum Theatre M. REIS, Lessee and Manager. A. J. DUFFY, Bus. Manager.

Saturday Matinee and Night, January 4.

LaSalle & 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....

HURRAH! HURRAH! At 7 and 8 P.M., Tuesday, Jan. 7. Auspices of Scranton Calceonian Club. Fourth Official Concert Tour.

The Kilties

48th Highlanders. Canadian Crack Military Band. Forty Musicians, Sixteen Vocalists, Six Highland Dancers, Two Bagpipers, Four British Military Bandages, One Giant Drum Major, etc. Appearing in full Kiltie Regiments.

Has created a furor of enthusiasm in 200 American cities. Prices—Afternoon, 25 and 50 cents; evening, 25, 50, 75c and \$1.00. Plan open at Lyceum on Saturday morning. Tickets for sale by club members.

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Academy of Music M. REIS, Lessee. A. J. DUFFY, Manager.

Aubrey Stock Co. ALL THIS WEEK.

THREE DAYS ONLY. The Beautiful Southern Drama.

"On the Suwanee River" Beginning Monday, January 6. Prices—Matinee, 15 and 25 cents. Night, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

STAR THEATRE

ALF. G. HERRINGTON, Manager. THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

THE THOROUGHBREDS Daily Matinee.

Pro-Boer Rally

St. Thomas' College Hall Sunday Evening, January 12.

Father F. J. McManus will preside. Rev. F. S. Ballentine will give an illustrated talk on his experience among the British and Boers in Bechuanaland. The Boer national anthem will be sung. "A Plain and Simple Burger," a song adapted by Mr. Ballentine from Kipling's "About Blinded Beggar," will also be rendered. Tickets, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

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