

Week's Social News

IT WILL be many and many a day before the charity ball will be forgotten. The decorations were so beautiful, the assemblage was so large and every detail so well carried out that its success was well earned. The object for which it was held deserved all the enthusiastic patronage received.

The subscription dance given by Messrs. Bates, Bessell, Torrey, Welles and Wolfe on Monday night was one of the most beautiful ever held in this city. There were many lovely girls and pretty gowns, and the general expression was that the same committee will continue having dances.

Scranton audiences deserve a sharp rebuke for their method of attending entertainment. No matter what hour is fixed, the laggards predominate in the assemblage. In most cities, 8.15 o'clock means that the programme begins at the time stated. Here it is almost impossible to open any performance until a half hour later, as many people come trooping in to disturb the programme. The way the audience conducted itself on Thursday night at the army was a disgrace to the city. It was impossible to begin the programme on time, because the patrons were so late in coming, and about half of them left before the last number, when the greatest violinist of his times played one of the most wonderful selections ever attempted. Such artists as appeared on that occasion deserve better treatment. It is no reflection on one's musical taste to leave an auditorium after the last vocal number, and it is growing to be a deplorable habit in this town.

It was the same way at the Schumann-Heink concert. Not more than two-thirds of the original audience heard her in that Brinnis in "Lucresia Borgia," which was the song that gave her renown early in her great career. To be sure, there was some excuse on that occasion, owing to the social affairs of the same night, but no such apology can be given for Thursday night. We, as Scranton audiences, demand so much of performers in the way of encores, that we ought to pay the artists the compliment of allowing them to begin on time, so that they might finish at a reasonable hour. No concert need be prolonged beyond 11 o'clock, if promptness were observed.

Mr. Hand's final concert in the great artist series was perhaps the most brilliant of all. To a certain degree, it was the most satisfactory. These musical treats have done much for the musical growth of Scranton, and have been an invaluable aid to every music teacher and every student.

Miss M. Louise Hardenbergh will soon close the most successful year of her musical work. Miss Hardenbergh's faithful and painstaking efforts have given her a firm foothold in the best element of Scranton's musical life, in which she has long been a valued member. She has done much to keep up the standard of good music in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlager gave a dancing party last night for their daughter, Miss Lois.

The Misses Gilmore entertained the Friday Afternoon Card club yesterday.

Mrs. C. D. Sanderson and Miss Sanderson gave a beautiful reception in Thursday which was largely attended.

The rooms were exquisitely decorated by Martin & Muller in announcement lilies and green. The Easter effect was marked.

Mrs. Sanderson and Miss Sanderson were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Charles Cutler and Mrs. Will Griffith, of Pittston. About the rooms were Mrs. F. H. Jernyn, Mrs. J. W. Howarth, Mrs. T. G. Wolf, Mrs. Rogers Israel, Mrs. E. J. Haughton. At the table were Mrs. R. J. Foster and Mrs. J. Griffith, of Pittston. They were assisted by Miss Gertrude Sprague, Miss Jessup, Miss Pennypacker, Miss Gertrude Saxe, Miss Bessell, Mrs. Plamene of Pittston served frappe. Miss Fish and Miss Dorothy Bessell were also at the frappe table.

Mrs. George McKee entertained, Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Little B. Martin's guest, Miss Maud Lamon, of Philadelphia. The house was beautifully decorated with pink roses and pink carnations. The ladies were all attired in costumes of pink. Those present were the Misses Millette and Holloway, and Messrs. Baxter and Schneider, of this city, and the Misses Curran, Edith Taylor and Wallace, and Messrs. Wilson and Brand, of Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Floyd Smith and Dr. Charles Wood, of Philadelphia, and Prof. F. C. Wood and Mr. Charles Landis, of Easton.

Miss Euphemia Gibbs, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs, of South Main avenue, entertained a number of friends at cards Thursday evening in honor of Misses Agnes and Margaret Miller, of Johnstown, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Easterle delightfully entertained a number of friends at their beautiful new home on North Summer avenue, Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tiel, Misses Mame Curran, Edith Taylor, Bertha Bolts, Mary and Kate Baker, Anna Rescher, Edith and Elsie Terry, Messrs. Edgar Gurnell, James Evans and Dr. August Gann.

Mrs. T. C. Von Storch, Miss Jessup, Miss Pennypacker and Mr. T. H. Duda went to Wilkes-Barre last night to attend the subscription dance at Hotel Sterling.

The marriage of Miss Mercereau to Mr. Frank Littell, of Washington, D. C., will take place Wednesday night at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mercereau on Quincy avenue.

Mrs. John T. Richards has issued cards for an "at home" next Thursday from four until six, at her residence on South Main avenue.

Miss Clare Horan is receiving many congratulations on her work at the concert Monday night.

Miss Platt entertained at dinner on Thursday night.

The Chawwalpimezz Short Story club was entertained Saturday evening at the home of its founder and first president, S. Lyon Weyburn, 822 Madison avenue. The members included Misses Evelyn Gates, Margaret Gunster, Grace Atherton, Isabella Feinberg, Anna Clark, Ruth Hann Harlet Zeigler, Mabel Sloat, Helen Wilcox, John Burns, Floyd Fuller, Walter Phillips, Cole Price, Fred C. Gunster, Arthur Florey, Harry Con-

nolly, William McKee, William Matthews, Fred Atherton. Of former members there were present: Miss Amy Russ, Smith college; Miss Alice Breck, Wellesley college; Miss Maude Capwell, Bucknell university; Mr. John E. Coolidge, Lafayette college; Messrs. Randolph Frothingham, Lyon Weyburn and Carl Zeigler, Colgate university.

Mr. Frank Eaton, the well known baritone, of Morristown, N. J., has been spending a few days in this city, during the last week. Mr. Eaton will be the soloist for the Apollo next week in New York. He has had many engagements among the leading musical societies of the country this season.

Mrs. William Connell has been so seriously ill during the past week as to alarm her friends.

Movements of People.
Miss Emily Stevens is in New York city. Miss Helen Dean is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Gardner, on Quincy avenue.

Miss Katherine Pratt spending a few weeks in Williamsport with Miss Ethelwyn Landy. Ex-Sheriff Clarence E. Pryor, now a resident of New York, was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

Miss Sadie Garrison, of Mulberry street, is visiting her sister, Miss Baldwin, of Fort Jervis, N. Y. Mrs. J. B. Harrison, of Westfield, N. J., is the guest of Mrs. A. H. Shepland, 429 Wyoming avenue.

Miss Carrie M. Humphreys, of Binghamton, N. Y., is visiting Miss Brie Griffin, of Electric avenue.

Miss Florence U. Post, of Monroe avenue, is entertaining her cousin, Miss Laura Greene, of La Plume.

Miss Terwilliger, who has been the guest of Mrs. N. Y. Lee for the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Syracuse.

H. H. Shepherd, superintendent of the Bangor and Portland division of the Lackawanna railroad, called on the officials in this city yesterday.

Miss Cora E. Lee, teacher in the city schools of Wilkes-Barre, is spending her Easter vacation at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Factoryville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gramann, of 818 Cypriote avenue, announce the engagement of their son, Joseph, to Miss Lena Francis Starr, of Boston, Mass.

Judge R. W. Archibald returned yesterday from Trenton, where he was conducting United States circuit court. He will leave Monday afternoon for Philadelphia, to hold circuit court for two weeks.

Howard E. Beller, who was Governor Hastings' private secretary, was in the city yesterday preparing for the attendance of the Harrisburg Knights Templar at the convalescent to be held here today.

Miss Frances C. Moran, of Pittsburg; Misses Nell and Agnes Lenahan and Bessie Lynch, of Wilkes-Barre, who were guests of the Misses Mahan, of Mulberry street, for the charity ball, have returned home.

Frank May, traveling street for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, with headquarters at Scranton, has been confined to his bed since March 24. On Saturday, March 29, he went through a very serious operation, and the present writing is slightly improving.

Terrible Tortures and Death Result from Acute and Chronic Rheumatism When Neglected in Spring.

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THE GREAT VANQUISHER OF ALL FORMS OF RHEUMATISM.

The Marvelous Cure of Mrs. Cook, of Gardner, Kansas.

Rheumatism, terrible in its acute, and long enduring in its chronic, form, is one of the most baneful diseases that human beings suffer from. It is a disease that will not bear neglect, for if not treated promptly will remain till death to harass, torture, and make life miserable.

Rheumatism is also a constitutional disorder and hereditary. Because of an inactive condition of the kidneys and bowels the blood is not purified, and an acid poison is formed and deposited in the muscles and joints, and this causes the inflammation and intense agonies that thousands are obliged to endure. Too often, the effects of rheumatism are fatal, especially when the dread disease affects the heart; then death is sudden. Many other serious complications result from this terrible disease, such as pneumonia, pleurisy, meningitis, thrombosis, and other ailments, and these often prove rapidly fatal.

Racked and tortured reader, what are you doing to get rid of your danger? Physicians candidly admit their inability to cure. The ordinary medicines of the day may give you relief for a few days, but they cannot remove the disease from your blood, joints, and muscles; they cannot take the swellings from your knees, elbows, or wrists, or make supple the stiffened and twisted limbs. You cannot longer afford to experiment; death is the sure result of neglect.

Today your only hope lies in the immediate use of Dr. Phelps' wonderful rheumatism banisher—Paine's Celery Compound. This tested and world-famous vanquisher of rheumatism, neuralgia, and other troubles that arise from impure and poisoned blood, is now being sold in every drug store.

Views of A Woman
THE season of mud and marbles is one that does not especially appeal to woman. To the average woman never comes so horribly fascinating to the other sex. In the first place she objects because the game includes grubby paws—and in the next place—what is it any way? Why should the gentlemen play it at a season when their abundance of mud and marbles is just what she needs?

But the average woman has more causes of complaint against marbles than the mere grubbiness of small paws and the mere bloodiness of small noses, and the mere mudiness of the side walk. It is the inexplicable seductiveness of the game for mankind that makes it so attractive to the woman.

A housewife with two new worry lines complained thus yesterday: "Of course I do hate to have Johnny and Joe come in looking as if they had been digging a sewer and incidentally had been killed by mud. I don't get a chance to read a new book or magazine, as long as marbles are in fashion, for it takes all the evening to superintend the soaking process necessary to admit those children into a decently clean bed. But in used to visit. I have ather reticence and marbles. Today we waited lunch a half hour because the baker had not sent the bread. My husband became irritated and said things about household management that couldn't provide for contingencies. Then I said things about some woman's husband who didn't consider it a lasting disgrace to be seen carrying home a loaf of bread for a meal. They were discovered a large oblong object impaled on a prong of the iron fence. It was our bread for luncheon. The baker's boy was employed in a game of marbles on our corner and was so absorbed that he couldn't take time to bring the bread round to the kitchen door. I don't know how long it had been sticking on the fence. It contained a large jagged wound from the prodding of the iron prong, but the boy had almost a man grown looked unabashed at my upbraiding and said, 'Them duffers don't know a controller from son'thin' to eat. I learned 'em.'"

The "leo-man" wants a pitcher of hot water set out on the back porch, as he says "the less he soaks the hot water washes it off better. Yesterday the water stood there until it, too, was cold and no ice appeared. I've found out where to look for the missing. I believe if you should tell me you lost your pocket book, I should instinctively run to the window and look over to our corner for it. Well there was a lean man, sitting on the step and watching a game of marbles as if it had been the biggest kind of a fire. Maybe I wasn't cross. Along in a row in the gutter were two grocery boys, one who was to have brought eggs two hours before, for the cake. Mary was waiting to make a man from the load of house hold goods which some woman was probably frantic about; a prominent minister of the central city, and a real estate man who doubtless had a lot of people waiting for him in his office, and a young man from a well known store whose bicycle was blocking up the sidewalk which the boys hadn't

reserved. Now I leave it to you if I haven't an excuse for rooted objections to marbles."

my Stradivarius tonight, but I prefer my full-blown. It is a better instrument, but I have used it very little. I have been using it too much this season. I find it difficult to maintain a devoted, reverent, and musical interest in much of the music I play, and for this reason it is seldom that I receive any notices excepting Bach and Beethoven, and perhaps Brahms. I know it is not artistic to say this, but I am conscious of this difficulty. I can't help it."

Under the direction of Organist J. M. Chance, the following musical selections will be used at tomorrow's worship in the Second Presbyterian church:

Organ Prelude—Andante.....Volckmar Anthem—"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates," (Selected from the Cantata "Jeans of Nazareth," Quartette and Choir. Offertory—Quartette, "Blessed Are the Merciful," Misses Elizabeth and Margaret Gippel and Morgan. Organ Postlude.....Gulliant

EVENING. Organ Prelude—Andante.....Hummel Anthem—"Remember Now Thy Creator," Emerson Quartette and Choir. Offertory—Chorus of Men's Voices, "Walking in the Wilderness," Pentium Organ Postlude.....Mendelssohn

The many friends of the Ott brothers, who were formerly located in Scranton, will be pleased to learn that they are returning with success on the road in a musical vaudeville act with Klein and Nickerson. Their number is one of the greatest hits of the "McFadden Plaf's" company. They have already been booked for next season and expect to go to London in 1903 for a long engagement. It is not likely that they will be seen in Scranton this year, Syracuse being the nearest point on their tour.

Manager Van Osten, formerly of the Star theater, will bring a musical comedy to that house next week performed by the company that was under his management at Buffalo during the Pan-American.

Lovers of light opera will no doubt rejoice to learn that a season of comic opera and musical comedy will follow the opening of the new vaudeville theater to be managed in this city by Harry Dixie. The new army theater will be ready for occupancy about the first of June, and Mr. Dixie proposes to inaugurate a season of comic opera about the first of September. It is believed that this will be a popular move. Since the advent of repertoire which has monopolized the time at the Academy, the week-end opera troupes have been obliged to seek their fortune from their routes, though some excellent organizations have appeared in this vicinity. Mr. Dixie will have a company of his own, recruited from the ranks of the best musicians who are usually idle during the summer months, and will probably be able to give productions of the standard works that will be equal to those given by the well known companies on the road in the regular theatrical season.

Mr. Charles Stone and wife, of Cambridge, Mass., are visiting their daughter, Miss Ethel Stone, one of the teachers at the Conservatory. She spent her Easter vacation in New York with them and from there came to Scranton together. They will remain about two weeks. Mr. Stone is a successful business man and enjoys the prosperous look of things here.

Miss Mabel French, of the Conservatory, has been enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. H. N. French, of Newport, R. I. She returns home today, much pleased with things in the Keystone state.

"Miss Helvet," in which Mrs. Leslie Carter made her first appearance, has been transformed into a French musical comedy, with music by Audran, the composer of "La Mascotte," "Olivette," etc.

An excellent concert will be held in the Plymouth Congregational church, Jackson street, on Friday evening of next week. The program of the concert bears high reputation for entertaining and will be up to their usual high standard upon this occasion. Thomas Miles and William V. Griffiths are well known throughout the city, are busily engaged working up some fine solos and duets, to be accompanied with piano, which will be a rare treat. Those who will take part are as follows: Miss Beatrice Mor-

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Convention of Federation of Women's Clubs, Los Angeles, Cal. For the above occasion, which takes place May 1st to 8th, 1902, the Lackawanna railroad will sell special round trip tickets good going April 19th to starting point not later than midnight of June 25th, at fare of \$66.25 for the round trip. See ticket agent for information about stop-off privileges, variable routes, side trips, etc.

Mrs. M. A. Tripp has removed her dressmaking parlors to 432 Adams avenue, where she will be pleased to see her friends and patrons.

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DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Menu for Sunday, April 6.

BREAKFAST:
Grape Fruit, Honey with Cream and Sugar, Corned Beef Hash, Milk Toast, Coffee.

DINNER:
Cream of Clam Soup, Pickles, Maryland Chicken, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus, Lettuce Salad, Cheese Sticks, Lemon Pie, Black Coffee.

SUPPER:
Bean Salad, Pickles, Whole Wheat Bread and Butter, Gingerbread, Cream Cheese, Hbhair, Tea.

finest in lake water, then wrung between towels.

Silk underwear should be soaked half an hour in warm soda and ammonia water, allowing a tablespoonful of ammonia to a gallon of water. But gently with the hands, squeezing, pressing, but never scrubbing. Do not be too generous in the use of soap and never rub directly on the garment. Use only in solution. Rinse through two clear warm waters of the same temperature as the soda, adding to the last water a little ultramarine blue and a teaspoonful of liquid gum arabic.

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Slaws and other knitted or crocheted goods may be cleaned in warm soda in which a tablespoonful of ammonia is used to a gallon of water.

Let the article soak about twenty minutes, then squeeze it in the water until clear. Rinse in clear water, being careful that the temperature remains the same, and do not stretch too much by ironing or pulling.

White lace or ribbon, no matter how finely soiled, can be cleaned by soaking for a day or two in clear warm water. Squeeze it out until quite clean; then wash with soap and press the lace by hand, shaping it into the smoothness required over the lace on a towel, or pin it to a clean white cloth, and wash it on the table. A little office may be used in the rinsing water to give it the prized creamy tint. The white ribbon may be pressed by winding smoothly around a bottle or glass jar.

If you have pretty Knit-Ribbons, or covers that are soiled, do not be afraid to wash them. Unless previously and carefully washed, they have been subjected to many a hard scrubbing in their own country, and scrubbing in a tub of cold soda, then scrubbing with a brush. Always shake the dust from a rug or portiere before washing. Still, a scrubber but quite efficacious in this method: In the summer, when the grass is thick and green, spread the rug or curtain smoothly on it, after shaking, and squeeze it tight so the base will be dry, and hang up to dry. If you have a genuine Oriental rug, you need not be afraid of its fading, for the dyes are vegetable, and the rug shrinks a trifle so much the better according to Oriental ideas. It makes the weave more compact, and consequently more durable.

Silk stockings need to be washed and dried in water of the same temperature as the water in which they were worn. Rinse thoroughly in water of the same temperature, wring dry, and hang from the top of the stockings, so that if water settles, leaving a little discoloration, it will be in the toe instead of the leg. The most common fault in washing silk is fast color and give no trouble.

If colored stockings show signs of turning or fading the color may be set with a sum of salt water, or, hearing in mind that salt will set the dye as well as the color.

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In washing any Oriental or Navajo rug, rub always in the same direction with warp.

A great convenience in any laundry, but a necessity where there are small children in a family, is a little cupboard that can be locked or a high shelf. Here carefully labeled should be the place for the removal of obstinate stains—dilute citric acid for iron rust or mildew, oxalic acid for ink, fruit and wine, and ammonia for flannels and dish towels. Soap should be bought in quantity and spread out to dry, as it will go much further than when used fresh. Here, too, can be kept the bluing—the ultra-marine, for the more brilliant Prussian blue, which is to contain iron in solution, which rusts the clothes.

The statement is frequently made that cheese is indigestible, but has not been borne out in the investigations recently made by German scientists. In the amounts generally eaten, they say, cheese is easily digested as milk or eggs. While milk contains a much larger quantity, can be easily assimilated. It should always, however, be eaten with bread or crackers, macaroni, potatoes or other starchy foods.

A pitcher of fresh water placed in the bedroom at night is a great absorbent of the odor of the feet. The water itself becomes unfit for use.

The round French bolster, which for several years past has entirely superseded the old square or rectangular bolster and pillow, is still popular, and is covered to correspond with the spread and hangings. All the shapely fabrics, like the wall papers, come in large floral designs in natural tints, so that one may live out her days, and nights surrounded by her favorite flowers: Morning glories, gladioli, roses, "Kismet," poppies, corn flowers, and now the iris, which is a beautiful and artistic and can be bought to harmonize with any color scheme preferred.

If you prefer a little stiffer bedding for the bed, look for the "Pique" style, which is made with a wide valance falling over the sides and foot of the bed. They are usually lined with satin or sateen in red, blue or pink, and are especially effective with an edge of Rembrandt lace. Most desirable of all where expense is no object, are the real lace sets of Arabie and Marie Antoinette and Arabie combinations.

For more information, contact the general beauty of the bed is its "comfortableness," and the careful manufacturer will consider this factor as its first requirement.

Tastes vary regarding the springs for the bed, but many people consider the spiral more desirable than the flat wire, as the latter sags with the weight of the body, while with the former one gets the whole elasticity of the spring. The best quality of hair for mattresses comes from America, and is made from the manes and tails of wild horses steamed and curled.

Beck expressly made for persons who are made of sensitive "three hair" from the living animal. It is claimed that an extremely sensitive person sleeping on this gets more rest than on the ordinary mattress. A second quality of mattress is made of pig's hair, but is neither so durable nor as comfortable as the horse hair. Rescher ranks next, and it made up with cotton is very comfortable; but as cotton is a strong absorbent and apt to retain the exhalation of the body, it cannot be recommended for a sanitary standpoint.

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