Week's Social News

THE Mascagni opera is the one thing talked about. In the past two years we have had some splendid and extraordinary musical events, but nothing has approached this and it is more than possible that nothing in the future that we can secure will ever surpass it. In all this time no such spontaneous response has been made to the announcement of any musical entertainment, the armory has been re-arranged as to seating, and the box portion of the house has been eagerly appropriated. In the first place, the members of the Anthracite Strike commission will occupy prominent box seats in the center front. Seats on every side have been quickly sold and but few remain in that vicinity.

Another interesting feature of the occasion will be a very large delegation of Italian citizens and their friends, who will be present to do honor to their famous countryman and his celebrated opera company.

The programme has been revised to meet popular approval in every degree, "The Cavalleria" is familiar to all and will be given entire. A substitute has been made in the "Hymn to the Sun," which was the number which set sedate Boston mad with delight; that most wonderful composition that suggests the approach of the sun, the delicate flush gradually increasing to full daylight—in the soft murmur of the orchestration to the full burst of tonal color. The interest with which this climax is awaited by music lovers of the city is phenomenal.

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Mr. E. B. Sturges is a very versatile gentleman, everybody knows that. He is a traveler who travels to some purpose, a politician who has some of the symptoms missing, a speaker who can entertain both in public and private—most of the public speakers are such awful bores in any other capacity—and once (before we had a strike commission to make us behave) he was rather successful in the role of moral advisor.

Mr. Sturges is going to open a brief entertainment season on December 11, at St. Luke's parish house, when he will give an illustrated lecture describing a trip to the Orient. He has lantern slides of very great value, numbering several hundred, and some of these will be shown on this occasion. The subject matter of the lecture is exceedingly fascinating and embodies many ideas which are new to the public. It will be given under the auspices of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, to which Mr. Sturges has recently presented a heathen bell to be converted. It was intended that there should be reserved seats for this lecture, but owing to some unforseen obstacles the plan has been abandoned. It is expected that the hall will be crowded

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Mrs. William F. Hallstead gave a beautiful luncheon on Thursday at her charming home on Wyoming avenue. Covers were laid for twelve. The guests were: Mrs. G. L. Dickson, Mrs. R. J. Matthews, Mrs. James A. Linen, Mrs. C. H. Welles, Mrs. E. S. Moffat, Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. R. Q. Powell, Mrs. C. L. Frey, Miss Platt.

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Mrs. S. T. Jones and Miss Edith Jones have been in New York the past week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Parsons Price. They attended the song festival and many other notable musical affairs.

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Miss Grace Norton will have a studio exhibit of beautiful china and novelties in art work on Wednesday next, at her home at 912 Mulberry street. Miss Norton's cleverness and her talent interest a large number of her townspeople who are always delighted to have an opportunity for viewing her work.

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Mrs. W. F. Hallstead and Mrs. G. M. Hallstead will entertain at a luncheon today when the guests will be: Mrs. J. Benjamin Dimmick, Mrs. W. W. Scranton, Mrs. F. M. Spencer, Mrs. James Gardner Sanderson, Mrs. C. S. Weston, Mrs. H. C. Shafer, Mrs. John B. Galpin, Mrs. Clarence B. Sturges, Mrs. W. G. Parke, Mrs. F. E. Platt, Mrs. James P. Dickson, Mrs. Everett Warren, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Dickson, Mrs. George S. Sturges.

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The marriage of Mr. E. E. Loomis and Miss Julia Olivia Langdon was an event which interested many Scranton people. Among those who were present from here were Miss Belin, Messrs. Thorne, Brooks and Neale.

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Mrs. John F. Broadbent, Mrs. Tripp and Miss Victoria Broadbent, gave a unique and beautiful reception on Wednesday at St. Luke's parish house. The handsome rooms were beautifully decorated, a skillful arrangement of palms and ferns breaking up the space in the refreshment hall.

The ladies received in the front reception room. Mrs. Rogers Israel and Mrs. T. G. Wolfe presided at the table. Mrs. George M. Hallstead served frappe; Mrs. J. K. Smith poured chocolate. About the rooms were Mrs. Joseph Alexander, jr., Mrs. B. A. Hill, Mrs. M. J. Andrews, Mrs. W. A. Avery, Mrs. John T. Richards, Miss Stewart Simpson, Miss Katherine Vernoy, of Albany, N. Y.; Miss Mabel Schlager, Miss Frances Smith, Miss Teresa Wood and Miss Laverty, assisted in the refreshment room. Clark was the decorator and Williams catered.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parke gave a beautiful reception and musicale on Tuesday night at their home in Green Ridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Platt entertained a company of young people last night in honor of their son, Philip.

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Announcements of the usual winter cotillions have been made. There will be four held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sturges entertained at dinner last night.

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The A. B. club, consisting of Miss Marguerite Barker, Lorena LaBar, Florence Smith, Margaret Connell, Mildred Marple, Elizabeth Jermyn, and Elizabeth Storrs, will hold a fair today at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Decker, 619 Jefferson avenue, afternoon and evening. There will be cake, candy flowers and fancy articles for sale. It is for the benefit of the Hahnemann hospital and every one is welcome.

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Governor and Mrs. Stone issued invitations to a reception and dance on Thursday evening, December 18, at the executive mansion at Harrisburg, the last large function of the present administration.

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It is very evident that the social interest of the winter is to center in bowling. Nothing has ever been as popular at the Country club since its organization as this game which was recently added to the attractions. There seems to be a craze for bowling parties such as has not attended golf, tennis or ping-pong. The alleys are crowded every evening and a number of the young ladies go out in the morning and practise all day. A bowling club, recently formed, consists of the Misses Archbald, Hunt, Belin; Messrs. Brooks, Hunt, Thorne, Chamberlain and Welles.

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Mrs. T. H. Watkins has been ill in New York since Thanksgiving, having been unable to leave her apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria.

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Personal.

Mrs. J. L. Crawford returned from New York on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davenport have returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. G. Brooks, Mrs. T. R. Brooks and Mrs. Willard Matthews are in New York.

Mrs. Brown, who has been the guest of Miss Belin, will return to her home in Philadelphia today.

Mrs. Calvin Seybolt, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Douglas Bunting, of Wilkes-Barre, and Miss Seybolt have been spending the week in New York.

Mrs. Clark, wife of Commissioner Clark, who has been in the city for the past week, will return to her home in Cedar Rapids, Ia., on Monday.

Dr. N. Y. Leet is seriously ill at his home on Jefferson avenue with a complication of diseases, from which he is painfully slow in recovering. His condition was considered alarming yesterday.

Musical Gossip.

The appearance of the Italian Opera Company at the Armory on Monday evening under the personal direction of the eminent composer Mascagni, will be an event of unusual interest to music lovers of Scranton and the Lackawanna Valley. It is not often that the people of an inland city have an opportunity of listening to a great musical work, directed by the composer and this will doubtless be recognized by hosts at the armory on Monday night. The programme rendered will be as follows:

PART FIRST.

Introduction to the opera, "William Ratcliff" .....Mascagni
(First time.)
Orchestra.

Romanza ("Un Ballo in Maschero"). Verdi
Signor Bellatti.

Aria, "Ritorna Vincitor" ("Aida"),
Signora Farneti.

Hymn to the Sun from "Iris"...Mascagni
Chorus and Orchestra.

PART SECOND.

Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." In concert form, with chorus, orchestra, and the following cast:

Santuzza .....Signora Bianchini-Cappelli
Lola .....Signora de Filippi
Lucia .....Signora del Parto
Turiddu .....Sig. Schiavazzi
Alfio .....Sig. Bellatti
Conducted by the composer.

Mr. Pennington will give his eleventh pianoforte "Interpretation Lesson" this morning at St. Luke's parish house. The programme which he will play is as follows:

Sonata in B flat major, Opus 22, Beethoven.
Allegro con brio.
Adagio con molt' expressione.
Menuetto.
Rondo. Allegretto.
Impromptu, A flat, Op 29.....Chopin
Nocturne, F minor, Op. 55, No. 1..Chopin
Mazurka, Op. 63, No. 1.....Chopin
Valse, Op. cl, No. 1.....Chopin
Novelette, Op. 8, No. 2.....Delmce

Mr. Alfred Wooler, a member of the famous Elm Park church choir, this city, will to-morrow begin his tenth year as tenor soloist at that church. At the morning service Mr. Wooler will sing a solo entitled "Rock of Ages," by Bischoff, and at the evening service he and Mr. Warren, the bass, will sing the duet "Crucifix," by Faure.

The following musical selections will be rendered at tomorrow's worship in the Second Presbyterian church:

MORNING.

Organ Prelude, Idylle ..... Le Beau
Anthem, "Jubilate in B Flat,
Dudley Buck.
Offertory Solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" .....Parry
Miss Garagan.
Organ Postlude, Allegro .....Stern

EVENING.

Organ Prelude, Angelus.....Massaner
Choir Response, "Sanctus" .....Massaner
Anthem, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" .....Shelley
Offertory, Chorus of Men's Voices, "I Know When I Have Believed."
McGranahan
Organ Postlude in F .....Rink
J. M. Chance, organist and director.

Miss Adele Hudnut, of Scranton, Pa., was one of the soloists at a recital given at the Broad Street Conservatory of Music, 1329-31 South Broad street, Philadelphia, Pa., on Wednesday evening, December 3. Her solo was "Polonaise," Op. 53, by Chopin.

Scranton, as well as being a musical center of unusual importance, has certainly entitled to credit as a city of prize winners. With the $5,000 prize won by Mr. Evans' choir at the World's fair, and the $1,000 prize taken at Brooklyn by Mr. Watkins' chorus, not to mention the minor purses, Scranton has just cause to be proud of her talent.

A quartette of men's voices from the Scranton United Choral society will sing several selections at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

To those wishing their voices tested who have any idea of studying voice culture Mr. Watkins promises a little of his time during next week.

SIX WORD BUILDERS.

There were six more entries in The Tribune's Junior Educational contest yesterday, each of whom sent in a list of words to compete for one of the twenty cash prizes offered for Christmas in accordance with the rules of the contest.

The interest in this contest is very active and during the remaining two weeks before it closes it is expected that there will be many boys and girls who have not yet sent in lists that will do so.

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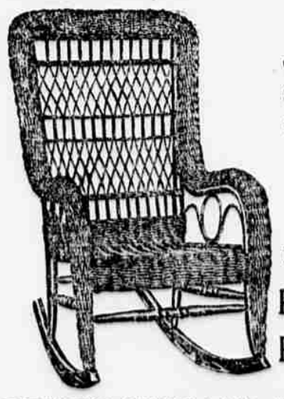

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