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CIGARS For Christmas Boxes of 12, 25, 50 and 100 each. PRICE From 50c to \$16.00 per box. NEVER Has such an assortment of high grade IMPORTED and CLEAR HAVANA Cigars been SHOWN IN SCRANTON as we are offering today. E. C. Dean, 414 Connell Bldg.

Saturday Evenings Between 7 and 8 O'clock THE PEOPLE'S BANK Your money earns 3 per cent. interest from the date of deposit.

PERSONAL. Miss Gertrude Loomis of North Lincoln avenue, is visiting in New York.

W. W. Adair, general secretary of the R. R. Y. M. C. A., is spending a few days in New York.

J. S. Swisher, district passenger agent of the New Jersey Central railroad, is confined to his home with an attack of rheumatism.

Samuel J. Wigfall, of Bloomsburg, vice-president of the Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad, and W. O. Wilson, chief claim agent of the Lackawanna railroad, were in the city yesterday calling on local railroad officials.

J. W. Guernsey Was never better prepared to give you rock-bottom prices on pianos.

SITTINGS FOR CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHS MADE BY SCHRIEVER, UP TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE CHARTER

ARGUED YESTERDAY BEFORE THE THREE JUDGES.

It is Contended That the Title St. Stanislaus Polish National Church is Calculated to Deceive People and Make Them Believe It is a Roman Catholic Church—This is Denied by the Applicants for the Charter. Reasons They Give for Selecting It.

Arguments were heard yesterday by the three judges on exceptions to the incorporation of St. Stanislaus Polish National Church of Scranton. Attorney W. J. Hand appeared for the charter, and Attorney T. P. Hoban against it.

The latter contended that it was an effort to establish a Catholic church that would be free from all church authority, and to deceive people it had been given the name of St. Stanislaus, a saint canonized by the Catholic church. To further deceive, to this had been added the words Polish National, by both of which terms it might be implied that it was a Roman Catholic church, since the Poles in this country usually call their Catholic church the Polish church.

As the Catholic religion is the religion of the great majority of the people of Poland, the word national as applied to this independent church is also misleading. In concluding his argument, Mr. Hoban said: "The founders of this new church have stolen our saints, our doctrine, our ritual, but reject our authority and our discipline."

Patron Saint of Poland. Attorney Hand denied that the name is in any way misleading. He said that St. Stanislaus is the patron saint of Poland and was regarded as a saint by the people of that country 200 years before he was canonized. Even by the Jews of Poland he is regarded as a saint, and his fame in that regard is far wider than any church. He was put to death by a Polish king whom he had upbraided for his laxity of morals, and is regarded by the Poles as a great, good God-fearing man, who had the courage to challenge iniquity in high places.

As to the words Polish and national, the linking of them represented a revival of a movement started in Poland in the sixteenth century to organize a Polish national church that would use the language of Poland in its ceremonies. He denied that the words Polish or national, individually or collectively, would convey the idea that it was a Roman Catholic church. As to the doctrine of the new church, Mr. Hand said that any person has the right to take the doctrine of any church and by either additions or omission, or both, make this the basis of a new church. The fundamentals of all Christian churches are largely the same. It is in discipline they differ. Father Houdar and his associates object to the discipline of the Roman Catholic church.

Question at Issue. During the arguments the judges several times intimated that the only question at issue was whether or not the name "St. Stanislaus Polish National church" was calculated to deceive any person as to the nature of the church. Father Houdar is the pastor of the church that is applying for a charter and the head of the Polish National church, which now has branches in Priceburg, Durysa, Nanticoke and Plymouth, and has seven priests besides Father Houdar.

NEWS THAT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. The shoe stores of Lewis & Reilly, Always Busy, 114 and 116 Wyoming avenue, will be open evenings until after Christmas.

Graduates of the High and Training schools, wishing to be considered in connection with the training kindergarten class to be established, will please send their names, with the year of graduation from the training school, to the superintendent's office by December 23, when a selection will be made according to the resolution of the board of control of November 24, 1902.

Will be conducted by the Boys' Industrial association, for the benefit of its gymnasium, on Saturday and Monday, December 20 and 22. Anything in old clothing, shoes, furniture, dishes and bric-a-brac will be very acceptable. New 'phone.

At Guernsey Hall. Organs, \$8 and up; square pianos, \$25 and up; upright pianos, \$150 and up. 314, 316 and 318 Washington avenue.

Special cars for tonight, for trip to Japan, will leave Green Ridge at 7.45; and returning, new Y. M. C. A. building at 9.45.

City and School Taxes 1902. The above tax duplicates are now in my hands for collection. F. S. BARKER, City Treasurer.

SCHRIEVER WILL DELIVER PICTURES BY CHRISTMAS IF SITTING IS MADE BY MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22.

FREE, FREE, FREE. Commencing Wednesday, Dec. 17

AND CONTINUING UNTIL Thursday, Dec. 25

WE WILL PRESENT

To all Purchasers of Tea Coffees, Spices, Baking Powder and Extracts, a large monthly COMIC PAD CALENDAR handsomely lithographed in many colors; size 10x11. Don't miss them, only a limited number.

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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

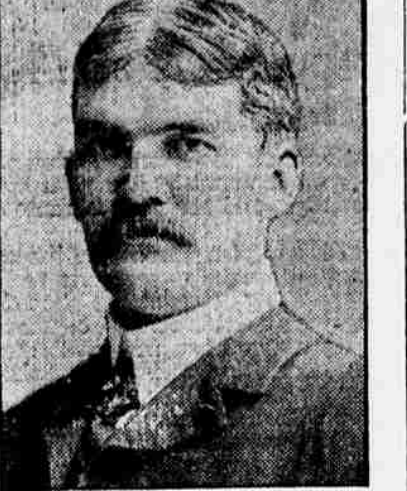
OF A PIANOFORTE SCHOLARSHIP in the Conservatory would be a present worth having. Full particulars at the Conservatory office

Carter Building, 604 Linden St.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Robert Peck New Master of Peter Williamson Lodge.

The recently elected officers of Peter Williamson lodge, No. 323, Free and Accepted Masons, were last night installed



ROBERT PECK.

In Masonic hall by District Deputy Grand Master Thomas F. Wells, assisted by Past Masters E. P. Kingsbury, T. F. Penman, Isadore Goodman and Charles S. Seaman.

The officers installed were as follows: Worshipful master, Robert Peck; senior warden, Ernest I. Paine; junior warden, A. E. Lister; secretary, C. L. Van Buxkirk; treasurer, Thomas E. Lydden.

After the installation ceremonies the members present retired to the banquet hall where an elaborate repast was served. Former Recorder James Moir presided, and addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce, City Solicitor G. M. Watson and others.

ONE DOZEN LISTS.

There are Three Days Left of the Junior Educational Contest.

There were a dozen lists of words received yesterday in The Tribune's Educational contest from the following girls and boys: Raymond Connell, 23 Connell avenue, Carbondale.

Louise Nyhart, Olyphant, Pa. Joseph Kramer, 925 Prospect avenue, Gladys Connell, 1129 Vine street. Lizzie Davis, 214 Ferdinand street. Edna Evans, 4 Wayne street, Carbondale.

Bertha O'Connell, 340 Millin avenue. There are but three days left, the Junior Educational contest closing at 5 p. m. on Saturday.

Your Organ or Old Piano Will help you buy a new piano for Christmas, if purchased at Guernsey hall. J. W. Guernsey, proprietor.

Every view shown this evening at new Y. M. C. A. hall was made or colored by the best artists in Japan.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY MADE BY SCHRIEVER UP TO MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22.

Fine Confections

AT MODERATE PRICES. Sunshine Kisses, 25c. per lb. Glass Jars, 75c. each. Chocolate, 20c. per lb. 30 varieties Mailards Confections, 35c. lb.; 5 lbs. \$1.50; value, 50. per lb. We also offer the finest Candies made by Mailard and Whittan at 50c. about one-half New York price.

HUYLER'S SATIN BOXES

beautifully decorated, \$3 to \$10 Hand painted holly boxes, 50c. to \$5. Candy in boxes for the "Christmas Stocking," 5c to 25c

California Navel Oranges

35c to 60c per doz. FLORIDA ORANGES 35c to 60c per doz. \$5 per box. GRAPE FRUIT 8c, 10c, 12c.

FANCY GROCERIES

Finest English Plum Pudding, G. & D. Mince Meat, Spiced Preserved Fruits, Bar le Duc.

SELECTED PINEAPPLE

Edam, Roquefort, American Sage and English Dairy Cheeses. Finest Imported Swiss and Camembert. Hundreds of families use our Special Java and Mocha Coffee at 25c; 5 lbs., \$1.00. Compare it with any "Tea Store" 35c Coffee.

E. G. Coursen, We Wholesale or Retail.

IS THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH

SO SAID FATHER VALENTINE OF CATHOLIC CHURCH.

In a Lecture Addressed to Non-Catholics Last Night, He Asserted That It is the Only Church Which Can Lay a Reasonable Claim to Be the Successor of That Church Which Christ Founded—The Reformation Was Needed, He Declared—The Church Was Filled.

Rev. Father Valentine, C. P., who is conducting a mission to non-Catholics this week at St. Peter's cathedral, delivered the third lecture of his course last night, taking for his topic, "Lead, Kindly Light; or, Christianity and the Church." The congregation, very largely made up of non-Catholics, almost completely filled the church.

Father Valentine devoted about an hour prior to the lecture to the answering of questions dropped in the question box at the door. Some of these dealt with the basic doctrines of Christianity, but the majority were in reference to the particular doctrines of the Catholic church. The main thought running through the lecture was that the Christian religion is the only true religion, and that the Roman Catholic church is the only church in which the real truths of that religion are to be found. It was based on the familiar text beginning, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The speaker asserted that only one

Adams was yesterday acquitted in court on one charge but was immediately re-arrested and committed to jail on another charge growing out of an admission which he made while on the stand. Adams was employed at the Pancoast mine at Throop during the strike as a cook and sold beer to the men working about the place. He obtained a quantity of beer from John McAuliffe, who represents the Ballantine Brewing company, and according to the latter's claim alleged when he obtained it that the Dickson Store company would become liable for payment in case he failed to pay. He was arrested on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses and was acquitted yesterday morning by a jury which placed the costs on him.

Adams had admitted on the stand that he sold beer to the men employed about the mine and that he had no license for so doing. District Attorney Lewis ordered that he be arrested for selling intoxicants without a license and he was arraigned before Alderman Kassar, who committed him to the county jail in default of \$500 bail.

Thought of Umbrellas WE'VE gathered up everything that is to be admired or desired in Umbrellas for Christmas Gifts, hundreds of them all the new styles in Natural Wood and Sterling Mounted Handles. Special value in a fine all silk Umbrella. 26 in. steel frame, steel rod, very slightly; \$2.50 HAND & SQUARE CORNER WASHINGTON AVE & SPRUCE ST

THE PRENDERGAST STORE. DECEMBER 6 More Shopping Days M T W T F S 18 19 20 22 23 24 Christmas

The Beauties Of This Store Are Emphasized as the Eventful Day Draws Closer The enthusiasm of the Christmas shoppers as they see the feast of pretty and useful presents that we have prepared is unbounded. But of course we would have just what you would want—that is a way we have at the PRENDERGAST STORE. We have catered carefully to your wants year after year and this season finds us a little better prepared than ever before—that's why the shoppers drift so naturally into this store the first thing.

That Is Why We Are so Busy But keep coming; we promise you something new each day—some new and pretty gift that will help you in solving that perplexing question. EXTRA CLERKS—EXTRA FACILITIES for delivery. Everything to make your visits pleasurable and profitable. OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS R. E. Prendergast, Scranton's Stationery Store, 207 Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa.

CEYLON TEA GREEN or BLACK

Is the choicest that can be purchased. It is pure, carefully and cleanly prepared, and the most economical of all teas. You can convince yourself by trying it. Won't you investigate? You will be the gainer.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR 'SALADA' Ceylon and India Tea. REFRESHING. DELICIOUS Sold only in Lead Packets. 60c., 60c., and 70c. Per Lb.

As a Xmas Gift. THE SCRANTON UMBRELLA M'FG CO. 313 Spruce Street. M. SILVERMAN, Prop.

Merchant Tailoring Are you tired of the patterns of cloth so common in garment seen on the street? We have the other kind—Exclusive patterns. They await your order. W. J. DAVIS. 213 Wyoming Ave.

Practical Holiday Gifts. Cravenette Storm Coats, Mackintoshes, Suit Cases, Bags, House Coats, Bath Robes, Neckwear, Shirt Protectors, Gloves, Hosiery, Suspenders and Umbrellas. A very handsome assortment of the above at popular prices at Louis H. Isaacs 412 Spruce Street, 309 Lack'a Avenue. OPEN EVENINGS.

Established 1866 F. L. Crane High-Class Furs It is often a source of great satisfaction to purchasers to be able to make their own selection of skins for garments. We are now in the exclusive fur business, and prepared to show you a large line of the following high-grade furs: ALASKA SEAL, PERMAN LAMB, BROADTAIL, ERMINE, RUSSIAN SABLE, HUDSON BAY SABLE, MINK, CHINCHILLA, BLACK LYNX, BLUE LYNX, BAUM MARTEN, STONE MARTEN, BLACK MARTEN, ISABELLA FOX, SABLE FOX, WHITE FOX, BLUE FOX, BLACK FOX, BEAR. Remodeling and Repairing Is Given Special Attention. Cash Paid for Raw Furs. 324 Lackawanna Avenue.

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