

Week's Social News

ARRANGEMENTS for the Bachelors' ball are completed, as far as they possibly can be at this time. It will undoubtedly be the most beautiful event ever held here, notwithstanding the brilliant succession of New Year eve balls in the history of the organization. The committee has requested that the patrons order carriages from H. S. Gorman, and announce that this is not intended as a discriminating against any liverman, but is planned simply to facilitate matters on the night of the ball, when Gorman will engage all the carriages in the city, and guests can thus take the first comes, instead of awaiting a number call when they wish to go home.

The decorations are to be more elaborate this year than last. A special feature will be the floral effects in the supper room. Extra heating arrangements have been made and the spectators are assured that the army will be as comfortable for them as for the dancers.

One of the most elaborate afternoon receptions ever given in Scranton was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick L. Peck, Wednesday, evening, the first. Miss Jessie, was presented to society. Their beautiful colonial house, one of the most artistically correct in the country, was exquisitely adorned for the occasion. Red was much in evidence, brilliant poinsettias being employed in lavish effect. The young debutante received quantities of flowers and these were ranged in the reception room, where many pink roses were also placed. The dining room, where the predominant tint is yellow, had as a center-piece for the table a towering mass of yellow roses, whose warm hue was repeated in the inner silk curtains. The library and its charming alcove was most effective in red, and the living room and halls were adorned with many palms, flowers and asparagus ferns. In an upper room, whose prevailing color is violet, quantities of violets were employed as a decoration.

Miss Peck, attired in white chiffon and lace, received with Mrs. Peck in the front reception room. Others who assisted in entertaining were Mrs. J. Seiden Blair, Mrs. J. W. Coolidge, Mrs. Twitchell, Miss Helen Hand, the Misses Gilmore and Miss Florence Peck. Refreshments were served by Hochreider, of Wilkes-Barre. Marvin & Muir were the decorators. Bauer's orchestra provided music.

Mrs. Everett Warren has issued invitations to a dance at the Bicycle club on New Year's night.

Miss Peck has just been entertaining Miss May Winter, of Indianapolis, who was one of the young ladies assisting Miss Stone at the executive mansion on Thursday night.

For the first time since the death of Mrs. Scranton, in October, 1900, Mr. Joseph A. Scranton opened his house on Thursday evening and entertained at dinner, covers being laid for ten, in honor of General John M. Wilson, chief

of engineers, United States army, retired, member of the anthracite commission.

There are people who do not have a Christmas—no, not the very poor, but people who have all the comforts and most of the luxuries of life. I should think they must hate themselves. How horrid it must be, even when you are a hundred years old, not to waken up a little earlier on Christmas morning with a little thrill over what you are going to find awaiting you, and not to feel even a warmer thrill at the thought of what somebody dear to you will find.

How horrid it must be not to rush about hysterically the last moment to finish something or buy something for somebody. How horrid it must be not to remember a single person with the least little token and not to be glad to be remembered, if ever so modestly. How horrid it must be not to look back over a succession of Christmases like a succession of fair white stones numbering the years. How forlorn it must be to look forward to no glad Christmas day with its greetings and its home joys. How must one be wearied with one's self who wishes to ignore the holiday, and how very hard it must be to get away from it.

There are those to whom it must be a mockery, because of the absent and forgotten, but even to these must come some small cheer, because of the fond affection, surrounding and sweet. Even these who avoid with miserable eyes the place where one sat at last year's table, cannot be quite as desolate as the one who desires to shut out the Christmas spirit utterly from the heart, who wishes no gifts and gives none, who wishes to be unremembered and solitary in a self-centred existence. It may not be very wise to rush through life breathlessly, doing special acrobatic feats about Christmas time, leaving undone the things that should have been done and doing a large assortment of things that shouldn't. It may not be a comfortable thought to reflect that one has given almost everybody the wrong thing or has forgotten some friend that one wouldn't come some small cheer, because of the fond affection, surrounding and sweet. Even these who avoid with miserable eyes the place where one sat at last year's table, cannot be quite as desolate as the one who desires to shut out the Christmas spirit utterly from the heart, who wishes no gifts and gives none, who wishes to be unremembered and solitary in a self-centred existence. It may not be very wise to rush through life breathlessly, doing special acrobatic feats about Christmas time, leaving undone the things that should have been done and doing a large assortment of things that shouldn't. It may not be a comfortable thought to reflect that one has given almost everybody the wrong thing or has forgotten some friend that one wouldn't

forget for the world, but it is a whole lot better than to wish there wasn't any Christmas and to go around looking surly and injured because other people are happy. The next best thing to having a really "good time" is to make believe earnestly that we are having it. Sometimes the pretense comes true with the effort, we are such easily diverted creatures.

The decorations at the executive mansion in Harrisburg, Thursday night, on the occasion of Miss Stone's debut, were the most attractive that the guests had ever seen. Every detail was perfect. The state reception room, which is hung in red damask and was used for dancing, was bewilderingly beautiful. It is an enormous room, and depending from the centre and running to the outside were festoons of Christmas bells in the red tulle, which are now so much in vogue.

They were six or eight inches in length and they made an indescribably charming effect. High above the dancing floor was a mass of mistletoe, which was the subject of merry badinage among the dancers. Christmas trees, brave with glittering ornaments, filled the corners, and over walls and about pillars hung quantities of holly, gleaming from which were myriads of tiny red electric lights. The whole idea was planned by Architect Huston, who is the builder of the new capitol. The famous model of that magnificent structure, which will adorn Capitol Hill, was a centerpiece of the dining room, where, too, everything, from bonbons to ices and decorations, was in red.

Miss Jean Stone is a singularly beautiful girl, of the Du Maurier type, very tall, very willowy and exceedingly gracious. She wore the loveliest gown of white chiffon, covered with endless frills and exquisite applique lace. The reception room looked like a florist's shop, with every conceivable style of bouquet basket and cluster of flowers which had been sent to her. Many of these tributes were orchids. She had the most remarkably pretty group of girls about the rooms that have been seen together recently. Mrs. Stone wore a gorgeous white gown, with insect decorations twelve inches deep of mother of pearl paillettes, and the richest lace. She had a coronet of pearls, and looked as if she might be her daughter's sister.

Among the Scranton guests were Colonel Ripple, who is a member of the governor's staff, and Deputy Attorney General and Mrs. F. W. Fleitz.

The whist tournament at the Scranton Bicycle club last Saturday afternoon and evening was the most interesting and successful yet given there. It is proposed to have these open matches for mixed pairs once a month during the winter, as ladies are taking much interest in the game.

The entertainments for holiday week, with but few exceptions, are for the younger set, the members of which will certainly have, as they express it, "the time of their lives."

Mrs. M. R. Kays gave a beautiful luncheon on Wednesday. The guests were: Mrs. Lee, of Buffalo; Mrs. Van Bergen, Mrs. H. H. Brady, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Dickson, Mrs. C. C. Rose, Mrs. J. P. S. Galpin, Mrs. H. W. Kingsbury, Mrs. George Sturges, Mrs. Everett W. Tolles, Mrs. Tracy, Miss Clara Reynolds.

Miss Martha Kracht, whose beautiful embroideries and painting attracted so much notice last year, has had another studio exhibition and sale the past week, even more fascinating than before.

The many friends of Mrs. Clarence B. Sturges have been shocked to hear that she has typhoid fever.

Mrs. Frank Silliman, Jr., entertained the Thursday Afternoon Card club at the Jernyn this week.

Personal.

Charles W. Rodriguez, of 428 Webster avenue, came home from Wyoming seminary yesterday for his Christmas vacation.

Samuel G. Barker, of the Cascadilla school at Ithaca, N. Y., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Barker, of Wilkes-Barre, representing the Northeastern Pennsylvania Car Service association was in the city

yesterday, calling on Lackawanna railroad officials.

Mrs. L. P. Wademan and Louis Wademan, Jr., are spending the holidays with friends in Brooklyn.

Miss Elizabeth Putnam Shackelford, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Shackelford, of Saratoga Spring, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Yewens, on Myrtle street.

Miss Gertrude Guild returned last evening from Wheaton Seminary, near Boston, to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Guild.

HINTS BY MAY MANTON.



4303 Theatre Coat, 32 to 40 bust.
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Loose fitting wraps for theatre, evening and reception wear are among the smart features of the season and become necessities when the fashionable waists, with their big sleeves and filmy materials, are worn. The very satisfactory model shown is adapted to all the uses named and can be made elaborate or simple as the material chosen becomes one or the other. The original is of white broadcloth, with revers and bands of heavy linen lace over white silk and is sufficed with corticelli silk, but all cloths, zebeline, cashmere, peau de sole and the many cloaking materials of the season are appropriate with lace, embroidery, fur, or plain silk for revers.

The coat is in Russian style and is cut with a loose fitting back and loose fronts that close in double breasted style or turn back to form the revers. The sleeves are circular in shape and fall in graceful folds at the lower edges. The neck can be finished plain or with the strap collar, as shown in the small sketch, and the coat can be worn open, or closed and held by buttons and loops.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 8 yards 21 inches, wide 3 1/2 yards 41 inches wide or 3 1/2 yards 52 inches wide, with 2 1/2 yards of all-over lace to trim as illustrated.

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Ladies' and Men's Shoes.

The ladies' list is led by the L. R. D. & M. Shoe, which is hand-made, solid leather shoe for the dressy woman who appreciates good value. \$3.00

Goodyear Welt, Box Calf, Lace Shoes, extra heavy soles, both dressy and serviceable. \$2.00

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MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S Felt Julett, in all colors, fur trimmed. 65c to \$1.00	Colonial Slippers, in patent leather, fancy buckle ornament. \$3.50	Romeos, high cut in front and back, elastic sides; black and tan, in Dongola, vici kid, velour and Russian leathers. \$1.00 to \$2.00
EVENING SLIPPERS Queen Patent Leather Sandal, 3-button strap style; head trimmed. \$2.25	Patent Leather Oxford, with cloth top; Louis heel. \$4.00	On the bargain table 75 pairs Men's Embroidered Velvet Slippers, with patent leather trimmings. 75 pair imitation crocodile slippers, patent leather trimmed, per pair. 50c
Same style in vici kid. \$2.00	Patent Leather Oxford Tie, French heel, lace style. \$4.00	
Vici Sandal, with fancy metal trimmed silk bow strap. \$1.00	Patent Kid Strap Sandal, bow strap with jewel set buckle. \$4.00	

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