

Wishing You A Merry Christmas

We suggest that the very best holiday gift is a bank-book with one dollar (\$1.00) or more to the credit of the fortunate person receiving your gift.

AT THE Dime Bank Corner of Wyoming Avenue and Spruce Street, SCRANTON, PA.

I. F. Megargel & Co. Bankers and Brokers, Both phones. Connell Building.

Register Now For the New Term in The Hardenbergh School of Music and Art Carter Building.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE THE BABY? BABY BAZAAR 118 Washington Avenue.

CIGARS FOR Christmas FINEST ASSORTMENT, FRESHEST STOCK, LOWEST PRICES EVER OFFERED IN SCRANTON.

E. C. Dean, 414 Connell Bldg. OPEN EVENINGS. Largest distributor of fine cigars in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Learn a Lesson from the Bee THE PEOPLE'S BANK

UNION LABEL WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Henry Confer Met His Death Near Olyphant Yesterday.

Henry Confer, who had for some months conducted a saloon on Lackawanna street, Olyphant, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon on the Delaware and Hudson railroad.

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.

BIDS FOR THE ALMSHOUSE

THEY WERE OPENED BY POOR BOARD YESTERDAY.

There Were Five in All and M. J. Ruddy Is the Lowest Bidder—To Be Considered at Special Committee Meeting to Be Held on Monday Night—Board Wouldn't Pay Part of Bridget O'Malley's Fare to Warren, but a Kind Hearted Citizen Did and She Will Go.

Bids were opened at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the poor board for the construction of the new almshouse which it is proposed to erect near the Hillside Home.

M. J. Ruddy, \$175,000; additional for limestone trimmings, \$1,754. Mathies Stipp, \$175,500; additional for limestone trimmings, \$1,759.

Additional Bids were asked for Indiana limestone trimmings as that it might be possible to secure a comparative estimate of the cost of manufactured stone sills, etc., which could be made at the home by the inmates.

The board considered a number of applications for relief in an especially interesting case being that of Mrs. Bridget O'Malley, a feeble old woman, 67 years of age, who was referred to the board by Mrs. W. B. Duggan, agent of the Associated Charities.

Mrs. O'Malley, who is a widow, explained that she has lived in this city over thirty years and has worked until she found it impossible to do so because of her waning strength.

This aroused the old woman's ire and she arose tottering from her chair. "Well, I'll go to no poor farm," she said. "It's a nice way to treat me just before Christmas. Some of you men that are agin' me now may have a poor Christmas ahead of these some and may have to go to the poor house themselves. I've worked hard since me man died, but I can't work any longer and we paid taxes these thirty years. I'll go to Warren now, in spite of you all," and she walked out in the hall.

And go to Warren she will, for Mrs. Duggan enlisted the services of a charitable gentleman who agreed to pay the remainder of the fare.

Mrs. Mary Mangum, an old and partially crippled woman living at 2124 Jackson street, who declared that she was without a living relative, asked for admission to the Hillside Home to spend the remainder of her life.

The very auspicious start which has been enjoyed by the 20th century barber shop has proven that there was not only room but need for one more first-class barber shop in Scranton.

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Chose a Music Course. Hugh Johnson, of Forest City, who finished twenty-eighth in the Tribune's recent Educational Contest, announced his selection of a reward yesterday. He chooses a course in the Scranton Conservatory of Music, valued at \$125, and good until used.

At Guernsey Hall. Organs, \$8 and up; square pianos, \$25 and up; upright pianos, \$150 and up, \$14, \$16 and \$18 Washington avenue.

City and School Taxes 1902. The above tax duplicates are now in my hands for collection.

SCHRIEVER WILL DELIVER PICTURES BY CHRISTMAS EVENING 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 Teas, Coffees, Spices, Baking Powder and Extracts, a large monthly COMIC PAD CALENDAR handsomely lithographed in many colors; size 10x14. Don't miss them, only a limited number.

THE GREAT Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., 411 Lackawanna avenue, 221 North Main avenue. Phone 12-3. Prompt Delivery. New Phone 123.

Mr. Pennington's Pianoforte Interpretation Lesson Will Not Be Given This Morning

LAST DAY OF THE CONTEST. The Twenty Winners Will Be Announced Monday Morning.

The Tribune's Junior Educational Contest closes this evening at 5 o'clock. A great many boys and girls from all parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania and a few from other sections have participated in this year's contest.

The twenty prizes offered will be given to the twenty girls and boys who submit the largest number of correct words in accordance with the rules of the contest.

The following girls and boys sent in their lists yesterday:

- Ralph Williams, 614 South Main ave. Bessie Lewis, 234 Putnam st. Elizabeth Williams, 229 Putnam st. Agnes Shephard, 1635 Sanderson ave. Bessie Hughes, 138 No. Bromley ave. Viva Warren, Peckville. George Starkweather, Lestershire, N. Y.

A Helpful Store. This is a season of the year when big hearts grow bigger and slim purses grow slimmer.

There's at least one reliable store that extends a friendly hand to people in this predicament.

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.

Schriever's Night Photographs. Many are the expressions of gratification at the accommodation afforded by Schriever's artificially lighted pictures—made from 7 to 9 o'clock. Results are equal to daylight portraiture.

Christmas Flowers at Bargains. Cut flowers and blooming plants. Both phones, Morel Bros.

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

Please order Monday and Tuesday. HUYLERS, MAILLARD, WHITMAN

Fine Confections at moderate cost.

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Imported Cigars from the Back & Co., Carolina, Figaro, Eden, Exception, Carvajal, Henry Clay and other factories.

Key West Cigars

Conchas, \$2.25 to \$3.75 for 50. Finest Paquetes, \$3.90 box. Domestic Cigars, \$1.25 to \$2.50, box of 50.

E. G. Coursen, 429 Lackawanna Ave.

FIRST STEP IN FIGHT FOR LAUGHLIN ESTATE

Day He Died Miss Minnie Smith Filed a Note for \$15,000 Made by Him in Her Favor.

There promises to be a lively fight over the estate of Edward Laughlin, who died on Monday at his home on Monsey avenue, after an illness of several months.

Laughlin's wife died some years ago, and as he had no children his grand-niece, Miss Minnie Smith, became his housekeeper. After Laughlin was stricken with paralysis some months ago, his brother had him removed to the Scranton Private Hospital. This was done for the reason that it was thought he would have better treatment there and that he would be removed from the direct influence of Miss Smith, which Mr. Laughlin, of Susquehanna county, believed was bad.

Miss Smith began habeas corpus proceedings and succeeded in having the patient removed from the hospital to his home, where he remained under her care until his death on Monday.

On the day Mr. Laughlin died, Miss Smith caused to be entered in the probatory office a note for \$15,000, which was made by Edward Laughlin in her favor on April 9, 1902. The estate of the deceased is supposed to be valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and if the note stands it will take

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 HANDS ON THE SQUARE CORNER WASHINGTON AND SPRUCE ST.

THE PRENDERGAST STORE. DECEMBER 4 More Shopping Days. Calendar grid showing 4 days (M, T, W, T) and 20 days (22, 23, 24) for Christmas.

Leather Goods

This new line is a great success. We have duplicated part of it and offer today a very varied and complete assortment. Many novel this year. It will profit you to look this stock over if you are undecided on presents. It is easy to select from them.

Calendars

Our stock shows heavy inroads of buyers. still many handsome ones—our designs only—cards for Xmas gifts.

Stationery

The largest and best assortment of correspondence papers in fancy boxes—oak boxes, leather portfolios and artistic packages ever shown in the city, also eighty numbers of Hurd's and Crane's, a box of the new Linen Lawn or Taffeta is a dainty gift. We carry it in five shades—five sizes each, the handsomest papers made. Only Here. Nowhere else in the city.

Fountain Pens

The unequalled, inimitable WATERMAN. Five dozen new ones received this morning. Nothing more useful as a present.

Gibson's Drawings and Calendars 50 new proofs received yesterday, \$1.00 and \$2. Only 5 Calendars left, \$2.

R. E. Prendergast, Scranton's Stationery Store, 207 Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa.

PAINTS AND VARNISHES

Gold Seal Ready-Mixed Paints. Maloney Oil, Manufacturing Co., 141 to 149 Meridian Street. Old Phone—62-2. New Phone—2581.

erall months. Yesterday Attorney John M. McCourt, on behalf of Maurice Laughlin, of Brackney, Susquehanna county, served notice on Register of Wills Koch not to probate the will of Mr. Laughlin until they have had an opportunity of making a formal protest.

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about all of the estate of the deceased to satisfy it. The payment of the note will be resisted by Mr. Laughlin's brother.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

They Were Conducted at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. The Christmas exercises at Mount Saint Mary's seminary yesterday were of a very interesting character. The programme was as follows:

- Greeting Song. Vocal Class. "Greeting and Farewell"—Address. Miss Clara McDonald in honor of Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, D. D. "The King's Christmas."—Orchestra. Argument—King Louis of France, seeing his mother, Queen Blanche, endeavoring to make Christmas a festival of great joy to all around her, emulates her example by going in disguise through the streets of Paris, and doing many kindly acts of charity in honor of the new-born Prince of Peace.

CHARACTERS: Queen Blanche. Miss Grace Simpson King Louis. Miss Rose Kelly Ladies of the Court. The Seniors Carol Singers. The Juniors Pages. Poor Children. Minims. Accompanist: Misses Genevieve Connolly, Stella Wilz, Agnes Kenedy.

"O Happy Bells."—Chorus Class "The King of Kings is Born Today."—King Louis "Go, My Son."—Queen Blanche "We are Loyal Pages."—Pages "Little Saviour Born on Christmas."—Geraldine Blewitt, Mary Smith, Eleanor O'Brien.

"The Christmas Star."—Carol Singers "The Christmas Gift."—Solo. "Cantique Noel."—Chorus. "The French Classes" "Soleil Lait" "Solo." "Spanish Classes" "Heilige Nacht."—Chorus, German Classes "Tosanna to Your King."—Vocal Class

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