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### AT THE CATHEDRAL

Hours of the Masses to be Celebrated Christmas Day.

At St. Peter's cathedral there will be masses at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30 o'clock Christmas day. The last mass will be a pontifical high mass, celebrated by Rev. Bishop Hoban. The other officers of the mass will be: Archpriest, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly; deacons of honor, Rev. Dr. J. W. Malone and Rev. P. E. Lavelle; deacon of the mass, Rev. Dr. J. J. Loughran; sub-deacon of the mass, Rev. Dr. J. J. Loughran; master of ceremonies, Rev. John J. Griffin, preacher, Rev. Father Albert, C. P.

Bauer's full orchestra will accompany the choir. A special programme of appropriate music is being rehearsed by Rev. W. P. Schilling, the cathedral chorister. A feature will be a rendition of "Adeste Fideles," by three choirs, one in the organ loft, one in the choir gallery and one in the sacristy. They will sing different parts of the selection in turn and other parts in unison. Harmony among the separated choirs will be insured by an arrangement of minors by which sub-leaders will transmit the time to the three choirs.

The interior of the church and sanctuary will be appropriately decorated. An allegorical representation of "The Stable at Bethlehem," with life-size figures will be a feature. The programme of music for the 10:30 a. m. mass Christmas day follows:

Processional mass—Orchestra.....Kiesler Kyrie (from 12th mass) quartette and Chorus.....Harmannus.....Mozart Gloria (from 12th mass) quartette and Chorus.....Mozart Kyrie (from 12th mass) quartette and Chorus.....Lambilliotte Offertory, Venite Adoremus, triple chorus.....Benedictus (from St. Cecilia's mass) chorus.....Gounod Agnus Dei (from 12th mass) solo and Chorus.....Mozart Te Deum (Gregorian) chorus.....The solo parts are sung by the following: Soprano—Miss B. A. Lavelle, Mrs. M. J. Leonard and Mrs. James Payton; alto—Miss Laura Kaffter; tenor—Mr. Gustav Repert; bass—Messrs. P. G. Wakelee and W. R. Bradbury. Musical Director—W. P. Schilling. Organist, W. R. Bradbury. Conductor of choir in sacristy, Miss Margaret Kane.

## In and About The City

**Installation To-night.**  
Installation ceremonies of Lackawanna Chapter will take place at Masonic temple this evening.

**Meeting of Teachers' Association.**  
There will be a meeting of the Teachers' Mutual Beneficial association in the board of control rooms this afternoon at 4 p. m.

**Leader to Be Sold.**  
January 2, 1903, was yesterday fixed as the time for selling the Wilkes-Barre Evening Leader, which has gone into bankruptcy.

**Christmas Dinners for the Poor.**  
Donations of poultry, provisions, etc. for Christmas dinners for the poor will be received today at St. Luke's parish house, rear door, 222 Forest court.

**City Employees Paid.**  
All the employees of the city, including policemen and firemen were paid yesterday for the month of December. The school teachers are to receive their pay to-day.

**Misbehaved at Station.**  
Benito Blanco was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Lackawanna station for being drunk and acting in a disorderly manner. He was committed to the county jail for thirty days by Alderman Rudy in default of a fine of \$5.

**D. L. & W. Pay Days.**  
The employees of the Diamond, Manville and Stora mines were paid yesterday. The employees of the Hallstead, Woodward, Pettibone, Avondale, Auchincloss and Blue mines will be paid to-day. This will complete the pay for the first half of December.

**His Condition Serious.**  
The condition of James Flynn, who was so badly injured by falling from a scaffold on Saturday, was reported to be very serious at the Moses Taylor hospital last night. John Durkin, who was injured with him, already shows signs of improvement.

**A Slight Fire.**  
A slight fire in the basement of Connelley's hardware store on Penn. avenue yesterday morning caused damage to the extent of about \$200. The blaze started in a heap of waste paper near the foot of the elevator shaft and was easily extinguished by the use of chemicals.

**Putting Up Street Signs.**  
The work of putting up the street signs at the intersection of all public thoroughfares has been commenced and will be completed within two weeks. The posts have already been erected at nearly all the street intersections and the work of putting the signs on them was begun yesterday.

**Christmas Services at St. Luke's.**  
On Christmas morning in St. Luke's church there will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., 8 a. m., 11:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m.; Friday, St. Stephen's day, holy communion at 8 a. m.; Saturday, St. John's day, holy communion 8 a. m. The offerings at all Christmas services will be for the aged and infirm clergy of the diocese.

**New Officers Installed.**  
Pastmaster Charles S. Seaman last night installed the following newly elected officers of Green Ridge lodge, Free and Accepted Masons in Masonic Hall on Dickson avenue: Worshipful Master, George Hinzow, Jr.; senior warden, John U. Hopewell; junior warden, Jonas M. Walker; treasurer, R. A. Zimmerman; secretary, Albert G. Stevens. The lodge proposes to celebrate its tenth anniversary with special exercises and a banquet on January 2.

**Officers of Branch 35, C. M. B. A.**  
Branch 35, C. M. B. A., has elected the following officers for the year 1903: President, E. P. Mitchell; first vice-president, T. F. McDonough; second vice-president, J. W. McLean; recording secretary, J. C. McAndrew; assistant secretary, John T. Phillips; financial secretary, John J. Maghran; treasurer, John J. O'Boyle; marshal, M. F. Brown; guard, Thomas Carney; trustees: R. J. Murray, Bernard Potter, P. W. Stokes; representative to grand council, John J. Maghran; alternate, D. J. Campbell. The officers will be installed Friday evening, January 2.

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

**Leather novelties at Reynolds Bros.**

## IS SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD

ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY OBSERVED.

An Elaborate Banquet Was Served in St. John's Hall on Capouse Avenue, at Which Addresses Were Made by Rev. P. J. McManus, Diocesan President; Rev. J. J. Griffin and Others—Growth of the Society Since 1885—Plans for Altering Building Prepared.

The seventeenth anniversary of the organization of St. John's Total Abstinence society, one of the largest and most prosperous in the Scranton diocese, was celebrated last night in St. John's hall on Capouse avenue with a dance and banquet.

The large hall of the ground floor was beautifully decorated with varicolored bunting and potted palms and dancing was here enjoyed by upwards of a hundred couples from 8:30 to 10 o'clock, at which later hour the banquet was served in the prettily decorated meeting hall on the second floor. An elaborate report had been prepared and at the conclusion of its discussion a number of informal toasts were responded to.

Timothy Burke acted as toastmaster and the first speaker was Rev. P. J. McManus, pastor of St. Paul's church, Green Ridge, and president of the Diocesan union. Father McManus, who was one of the temperance pioneers of this diocese, spoke briefly on the necessity of keeping closely united in the fight against intemperance and was followed by Rev. J. J. Griffin, the society's spiritual adviser. Among the other speakers were: Dominick Dempsey, W. H. Lavelle, M. J. O'Toole, and M. J. Rafferty.

Mr. Rafferty is the present president of the society and is about to leave the city to take up his home in Pittston. When he had concluded his address, Toastmaster Burke sprang a surprise on him by presenting him with a gold fountain pen, the gift of his fellow members of the society. Mr. Rafferty responded briefly and expressed his heartfelt thanks for the gift.

St. John's society was organized in 1885, with a charter membership of seventeen and its growth has been so steady and sure that it now has on its membership rolls two hundred and twenty names. The organization is in such a healthy financial condition that plans have been prepared for extensively improving and remodeling the building. A brick wall is to be built on the outside of the building and the interior is to be considerably altered. Among the improvements contemplated is a gymnasium with baths attached. The alterations will cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The present officers of the society are as follows: President, M. J. Rafferty; vice-president, Timothy Burke; financial secretary, M. Ruddy; recording secretary, John Damson; treasurer, M. R. O'Malley.

**HUGHEY WAS HIT HARD.**

By Some Hook or Crook, However, the Hit Was Not Effective.

If you have never been struck by a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western express train as it goes down Pocono mountain, you can not thoroughly appreciate the experience of Thomas Hughey, farmer of Devil's Hole, Paradise Valley, Monroe county, Pennsylvania. Admitting that those who read this and who can thoroughly appreciate it are few indeed, the story is nevertheless told.

Mr. Hughey is 67 years of age, to begin with. It is necessary to say to those who will learn of his experience, that, for his years, he is somewhat of a hearty old chap.

Hughey was walking along the track with a basket of eggs on his arm. He stepped out of the way of a coal train, and directly in front of the flyer.

The engineer put on the emergency brake with all possible haste and brought the train to a standstill. Old man Hughey was down a forty foot embankment, half imbedded in the snow. The crew and passengers by joining hand formed a life line and reached

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Symptoms of a Very Common Trouble.

There is no disease so common in the United States as catarrh, because it appears in so many forms and attacks so many different organs.

It is a common mistake to suppose that catarrh is confined to the nose and throat. Any inflammation of the mucous membrane wherever located accompanied by abnormal secretions, is catarrh. Catarrh of stomach or bladder, or intestines is nearly as common as nasal catarrh and much more serious although it is true that stomach catarrh and catarrh of other internal organs is the result of neglected nasal catarrh.

A new remedy has recently appeared which so far as tested seems to be remarkably effective in promptly curing catarrh, wherever located. The preparation is sold by druggists generally under name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, and in addition to being very palatable and convenient, possesses extraordinary merit, in many cases giving immediate relief from the coughing, hawking and constant clearing of the throat and head, those symptoms with which everyone is familiar who has ever suffered from colds in the head and throat.

Catarrh is simply a continuation of these symptoms until the trouble becomes chronic and grows gradually worse from year to year. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are composed of Blood root, red gum and similar antiseptics and catarrh specifics, from which it will be seen that no secret ingredients or ingredients are used, also that no mineral poisons are used, as is the case with many well known catarrh medicines.

For catarrh of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes, for catarrh of stomach, intestines or bladder no preparation is so safe and gives such rapid and permanent results as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets.

All druggists sell them at 50c. for full sized package. You can use them with assurance that you will not contract the cocaine or morphine habit as the results from this catarrh cure are apparent from the first day's use.

Hughey at the foot of the embankment. After much effort the old man was landed on the track and much to everybody's surprise he was practically uninjured. A slight cut on the nose was the only apparent hurt he suffered.

His basket of eggs was found with the handle of the basket about the plow of the pilot and not a single egg broken. The pilot had caught up the basket and slid it along the snow.

The crew of the train will furnish affidavits.

**MITCHELL LEAVES FOR HOME.**

Departed Yesterday to Spend the Holidays With His Family.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, left yesterday afternoon for Spring Valley, Ill. to spend the holidays with his family.

Miss Morris, his private secretary remained behind to attend to the mass of correspondence which accumulated during Mr. Mitchell's stay in Scranton.

**For Xmas Flowering Plants.**

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Belshazzar—Davis.  
Black Rock—Conner.  
The Blazed Trail—White.  
Blues—Hussey—Pidgeon.  
The Blue Flower—Van Dyke.  
Captains of the Sea—Hoyt.  
The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop—Garland.  
Cardigan—Chambers.  
A Carolina Cavalier—Eggleston.  
Castle Cranshaw—McCutcheon.  
Confessions of a Wife—Mary Adams.  
The Conqueror—Atherton.  
The Crisis—Churchill.  
The Diary of a Goose Girl—Wiggin.  
Donovan Patish—Farver.  
Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall—Major.  
A Double-Barreled Detective Story—Mark Twain.  
Down the Line with John Henry—McHugh.  
Dri and I—Bachelier.  
Eagle Hood—Credman.  
Eben Holden—Bachelier.  
Eternal City—Theater Edition.  
The Fortunes of Oliver Horn—Smith.  
Franchise—Seawell.  
Fuel of Fire—Powell.  
Gambel—Feltner—Harris.  
Glengarry Schooldays—Conner.  
Graustark—McCutcheon.  
The Grange—Harris.  
The House with the Green Shutters—Douglas.  
The Intrusions of Peggy—Hope.

It's Up to You—McHugh.  
Just So Stories—Kipling.  
Lazarus—Catherwood.  
The Leopard's Spots—Dixon.  
Letters from a Self-made Merchant to His Son—Lorimer.  
The Little White Bird—Barrie.  
Lives of the Haunted—Seton-Thompson.  
The Maid-at-Arms—Chambers.  
The Man from Glengarry—Conner.  
Marmaduke—Crawford.  
The Master Christian—Corelli.  
The Millionaire—Ralph.  
The Miscellaneous of Nancy—Hoyt.  
The Mississippi Bubble—Hough.  
Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch—Heggar.  
An Old Sweetheart of Mine—Holiday Edition—Riley.  
Pines of Lory—Mitchell.  
Quincy Adams Sawyer—Pidgeon.  
Ransom's Polly—Davis.  
Richard Carvel—Churchill.  
Richard Gordon—Black.  
The Right of Way—Parker.  
The River—Phillipps.  
A Specified Bird—Wilson.  
The Spenders—Wilson.  
Stage Confidences—Morris.  
Temporal Power—Corelli.  
To Have and to Hold—Johnston.  
Truth Dexter—McCall.  
The Two Vanities—Tarkington.  
The Girl Proposition—George Ade.  
Those Black Diamond Men.  
The Virginian.  
The Vultures—Merriman.  
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Were Selling in the Local Market Yesterday for Twenty-two Cents a Pound, and There Is a Likelihood That the Price Will Go Up to Twenty-five—Chickens Are Almost as Scarce as Turkeys—Oysters Are Also Scarce and Dear.

The Christmas turkey is a rare avis, not only in this city, but throughout the country and those who may wish to serve him for their holiday dinner will have to pay a very high price for him.

Turkeys were selling on the local market yesterday for twenty-two cents a pound, and there is a likelihood that they will go up to twenty-five cents today and tomorrow. The high price is directly attributable to the scarcity of supply, which is in turn attributable to the cold, wet season, according to poultry men. Young turkeys all over the country have died during the early fall and conditions seem to be the same in the far west as in these parts. It is estimated that only one-third of the number of turkeys generally received in this city at this season of the year have been received so far this year. They generally bring from sixteen to eighteen cents a pound under normal conditions.

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The only other adjunct of the Christmas dinner which is higher priced than usual are oysters, which are rather scarce and which are retailing at from ten to twenty-five cents a gallon higher than the normal price.

There are many luxuries to be found in the local markets for those who can afford them. Among these may be mentioned new Bermuda potatoes, which can be had for fifteen cents a quart of \$4.50 a bushel. Choice hot-house lettuce can be had at from twelve and a half to fifteen cents a head, and there are fresh radishes also for sale.

For the first season in many years there are no strawberries on the market. This fruit is bringing \$2.50 per box in New York city, and the quality is not of the best.

Oranges are on the market in ample plenty and are selling at from twenty-five cents to fifty cents a dozen. These include both the California and Florida varieties.

The shopping place of the town today is Reynolds Bros., Hotel Jermyn.

R. C. Wills is making a specialty of XXXX Keystone Whisky for the holiday trade. This is a very fine blend of mellow and palatable ryes. To introduce the more widely, Mr. Wills will give a sample bottle free with every purchase of one dollar's worth of goods at his store.

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