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SUES FOR A DIVORCE.

Mrs. Kate M. Kunz, of this city, yesterday, through Attorney James K. Gearhart, sued for a divorce from William Kunz, to whom she was married on May 1, 1881.

Mrs. Kunz alleges that on July 2, 1897, her husband left her without cause and has not since lived with her or contributed to her support. It is supposed that Kunz now resides in Buffalo.

BROKE ALL THE PRIOR RECORDS

**BIGGEST HOLIDAY BUSINESS IN
THE CITY'S HISTORY.**

Remarkable Demonstration of Scranton's Recuperative Powers—Storekeepers Report a Bigger Trade Than That of Last Year, Which Was the Biggest the Electric City Ever Knew—Stores Were Crowded Until Late in the Night and Trolley Cars Were Combinations of Passenger Coaches and Express Cars.

Probably never before in the city's history was there such a holiday business recorded as that of the past three days. Where the money comes from the business men are at a loss to know. The nine strikes, to the superficial observer would make the present holiday season a dull one in a business way, but it was not only not dull, but on the contrary the liveliest Scranton ever experienced.

One big department store was actually sold out. A big dry goods store reported a business fifty per cent greater than that of last year, and that of last year was the largest in its many years of existence. The proprietor of one of the city's largest novelty stores said that last year he did an unprecedented business, and this year he was only prevented from increasing it fifty per cent because of the inability of his clerical force to wait on the trade. It is all a most gratifying exposition of the recuperative powers of the Electric City and a corroboration of the belief every year becoming more general that Scranton does not owe its life by any means to the coal industry.

All Were Kept Busy.

Every store in the central city handling holiday goods was kept busy last night until an unusually late hour meeting the demands of the Christmas trade. From 7:30 till 10:30 o'clock it was just barely possible to get into one of these stores, and after getting in there was ordinarily confronting the intending purchaser a long and tedious wait for attention from a largely augmented force of clerks.

Any other time but last night, there would have been no end of quiet cussing by the street car conductors. But it was Christmas eve and even street car conductors felt called upon to be cheerful. The outgoing cars were particularly provocative of cussing—if cussing were not unreasonable. It seemed as if everybody had come to town and that on the homeward journey every other body making up everybody brought along the most cumbersome impedimenta the law could possibly allow. One car bound for Providence had aboard no less than three express wagons, a baby carriage and four sleds.

Poultry Was Scarce.

Usually on Christmas eve, the principal corners in the central city are occupied by vendors of poultry, especially turkeys. This year they were wanting. There wasn't a curbstone chicken merchant visible anywhere in the city. The scarcity of the characteristic Yuletide fowl, made it unnecessary for the neighboring farmers to act as his own retailer. He could get practically what he demanded from the marketmen for all the turkeys he could deliver, and rather than stand about in the cold merchandizing from his wagon, he disposed of his stock in bulk at figures eminently satisfactory and went home rejoicing. What few turkeys were sold to dilatory buyers last evening brought twenty-five cents a pound. Scranton's charity will not suffer any in reputation this year by reason of lack of forethought and preparation for the poor. The city, it is thought, if the premises permit a boast—that no one within its four corners need be without the provender for a Christmas dinner. The board of Associated Charities, the church societies, the Salvation army and many individuals who make the giving of Christmas dinners a special care have seen to it that no worthy family will want a "Christmas pot."

Work of Charity Board.

The Board of Associated Charities, thanks to the philanthropy of a number of our wealthy citizens, has been given carte blanche to not only provide Christmas dinners for poor families, but Christmas toys, sweetmeats and useful presents for the children of such families. Church societies have been enabled to do similar work and the Salvation army, by its collection from "Christmas pots" placed at the principal corners in the central city is enabled to give a Christmas dinner to five hundred of the poor and a Christmas tree for the children of the poor families. If any stocking of all of the 105,000 stockings in the Electric City has been overlooked by Santa Claus, that stocking was not hung at all or else hung where Santa Claus could not find it.

There was a lively time at the Lackawanna hospital last night when the annual Christmas festivities were conducted to the intense enjoyment of the hundred and more patients in that institution.

There were two large Christmas trees resplendent with lights and tinsel decorations, one in the men's surgical ward and one in the children's ward. A. H. Chubb, cashier of the County Savings bank, and a man who takes a keen interest in the work of the hospital, officiated as Santa Claus and distributed the gifts which had been prepared for all of the patients.

Each of the adults got a stocking full of candies and other Christmas goodies, which had been purchased and prepared by Mrs. E. N. Willard, who has not allowed her interest in the hospital to cool since it became a state institution. The children, of whom there are upwards of twenty in the hospital at the present time, each got a varied assortment of toys and candy. So loud the drum playing and horn blowing became about 9 o'clock that "taps" had to be sounded and the lights put out so that the other patients might sleep.

At Home for the Friendless.

The Christmas festivities at the Home for the Friendless were conducted in the afternoon in the large dining hall. An immense Christmas tree had been erected and a profusion of gifts were distributed among the children by Mrs. A. K. Walker, the superintendent, and Miss Solomon, her assistant. A programme, which included songs and recitations by a number of the children, was carried out and was much enjoyed by the parents and members of the board of management present.

Each of the old ladies at the home received a dollar in ten cent pieces and



Carter Building, 604 Linden St.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF A PIANOFORTE SCHOLARSHIP

In the Conservatory would be a present worth having. Full particulars at the Conservatory office.

The Salvation army last night distributed over 400 Christmas dinners to worthy poor persons from all parts of the city at the barracks on Price street. Each basket given out contained a plentiful supply of chicken or some other meat, vegetables and canned goods of various kinds. The distribution was in charge of Adjutant Nankville, who labored zealously to secure contributions. About \$100 was received through the medium of the pots which were hung up in various parts of the city.

Observance of Today.

Today will be observed as is the wont of Scranton, observe Christmas. All business and industry will be at a standstill, except such as can not possibly be stilled, the churches will have elaborate programmes of music and special Christmas sermons, the theatres will be the Mecca of thousands in the afternoon and night, and the central city streets, with propitious weather will form a grand promenade for the display of the new things in the way of personal adornment that mark the trail of Santa's sleigh.

Several trains on the Lackawanna railroad, Delaware & Hudson, O. & W., Jersey Central and Erie roads have been annulled for today, and all freight houses will be closed after the delivery of perishable freight.

All of the coal mines operated by the D., L. & W. Co. will be idle to-day, as well as the company's machine and car repairing shops, and only the necessary trainmen will be obliged to go out on the road.

Industry generally will be suspended and the day will be given over to the enjoyment of the occasion. The mine workers, shop hands, railroad men and other workers generally will enjoy the holiday.

At 1 o'clock this morning snow began to fall in a business-like way that indicated that this will not be a green Christmas.

PERSONAL.

Victor Plunkney, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with his parents in Dunmore.

Miss Josephine Forhan left yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives in Wellsville, N. Y.

Miss Loretta Crossen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending the holidays with relatives on Prescott avenue.

Messrs. Varne and Earl Taylor, sons of Superintendent J. C. Taylor, are home from State College for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Knapp, of New York city, are spending the holidays with Major and Mrs. W. S. Millar, of Penn avenue.

Miss Katherine Fahy, daughter of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. John J. Fahy, of Madison avenue, is home from Nazareth academy, Rochester, N. Y.

George H. Back, a photographer in the Lackawanna railroad car service department left yesterday to spend Christmas at his home in Pine Grove, Pa.

Wayland and Evelyn Gates, son and daughter of Dr. W. M. Gates, of Mulberry street, are home from Hillsdale college, Michigan, for the holidays.

Miss Sara Edna Kierstide, of Wellsville college, and Miss Irene Kierstide, of Bloomsburg, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Kierstide, of Webster avenue.

John Hanson, chief clerk of the Lackawanna railroad bridge and building department, left last evening for Hudson, where he will be the guest of his brother to-day.

S. Lyon Weyburn and Randolph Frothingham, of Dartmouth college have returned home for the holidays after visiting McGill University, at Montreal, Canada, as well as Harvard and Yale.

Dr. L. M. Gates, who is attending Deputy Sheriff Frank Ryan, reported last night that his condition was slightly improved and that it gives more encouragement than it has for several days.

Fred Tromp, of New York city, is here to spend Christmas with his mother on Washington avenue. Mr. Tromp is accompanied by George B. Little, of Pear-sall, Texas, his former room-mate at Eastman college.

Marriage Licenses.

William G. Stone,Scranton
Estella L. Barber,Scranton
Thomas W. Prosser,Scranton
Margaret Hughes,Scranton
Lewis Evans,Scranton
Margaret Thomas,Scranton
Walter Wright,Scranton
Emily Beckwith,Scranton
William W. McLain,Scranton
Laura H. Cadwell,Scranton
James G. Hunter,Scranton
Edith Rogers,Scranton
Daniel Haines,Scranton
Katie A. Bell,Scranton
John H. Griffin,Scranton
Louisa White,Scranton
John Thomas Daniels,Scranton
Mary Jenkins,Scranton

**A
Merry
Christmas
to
All.**

E. G. Coursen,
429 Lackawanna Ave.

INSPECTOR IS AFTER THEM

**HAD TWO OF THE ALLEGED LAW
BREAKERS ARRESTED.**

Justice of the Peace O. A. Ferguson charged with Issuing a Certificate to a Girl Setting Forth That She Was Entitled to Work Without Ascertaining if the Facts it Contained Were True—Mrs. Annie McDermott Charged with Making a False Affidavit—She Was Fined.

True to his promise Deputy Factory Inspector Bishop yesterday caused the arrest of Justice of the Peace O. A. Ferguson, of Dunmore, for violation of the factory laws. The justice was arraigned before Magistrate W. S. Millar and was held under \$500 bail for a hearing on Friday night.

The specific charge against Ferguson is that he issued a certificate to Nellie Setchack, 12 years old, setting forth that she was qualified under the law to work whereas she was unable to either read or write the English language. Section four of the factory laws provides that no child under 16 years of age, who cannot read or write English, shall be permitted to work. It is charged that Ferguson should have satisfied himself of the child's ability to read and write by examination before granting the certificate. He is liable, if found guilty, to a fine of not more than \$500 on summary conviction.

The arrest of Justice Ferguson was the direct result of testimony given before the arbitration commissioners by the Setchacks girl, who testified that she could neither read or write. Another arrest made yesterday growing out of testimony before the commission was that of Mrs. Annie McDermott, of Dunmore, who was also charged with violation of the factory laws.

Deputy Inspector Bishop took the stand at the hearing yesterday and testified that Mrs. McDermott came to him last June with her young daughter Teresa, whom she admitted was only 11 years old. She wanted to get permission to have the girl go to work, but the inspector told her this was impossible as the child was two years under the age limit.

Justice of the Peace Cooney was then sworn and testified that shortly afterwards Mrs. McDermott came to him for a certificate and upon her swearing that the girl was over 12 years old he granted the certificate. The girl herself testified when called before the arbitration commission that she was only 11 years old. Magistrate Millar fined Mrs. McDermott \$100 and costs, but this was afterwards very materially reduced.

The factory inspector announces that more arrests are to follow for similar offenses. The inspector holds that he cannot be held liable for these violations inasmuch as he must accept all certificates for their face value.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A Letter from Mr. Thayer.
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24, 1902.
The Tribune Publishing Company.
Allow me to express my greatest gratitude towards the officials and Contest Editor of The Tribune; and wish them and your paper a success hereafter, for being so kind in offering me, and all who were rewarded in the Educational Contest, such a chance to improve their future careers. I also extend my warmest thanks to the neighbors and friends who were so kind as to assist me in improving my future career.

I am very much pleased with the reward I received, as it is just what I wished, and hope I make a success of it, as I will try.

Hoping your paper a lifetime success, I will close with thanks to all and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur J. Thayer,
295 South Irving avenue, Scranton.

A Sensible Holiday Gift to Your Wife

Would be a personal checking account with the.....

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SPRUCE STREET.

In settling her own and the household expenses by check, the spirit of financial independence would result in the buying for the home being done on a business basis

**To
Our
Patrons**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To our numerous friends and patrons is our sincere wish.

HAND & PAYNE
CORNER WASHINGTON
AVE & SPRUCE ST

BEVAN FOR TREASURER.

**Declares For the Reorganization
Plan of the Poor Board.**
The poor board will reorganize at its first meeting in January and re-elect all the old officers with the exception of Ambrose Herty, treasurer, who will be re-elected, as will also Secretary C. J. Gillespie, who has given such excellent satisfaction that the board is disposed to keep him as long as he is willing to stay.

Iceene G. Brooks will be re-elected president and John F. Seareg, attorney. The administrative force at Hill-side Home will also remain unchanged. The reorganization details were decided upon Monday night at a caucus of the Republican members, who constitute the majority.

TO GO TO ITHACA, N. Y.
Offices of the Big Salt Company to Be Moved from Here.

The following Associated Press dispatch was received by The Tribune last night:

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 24.—N. S. Beardsley, president of the National Salt company, announced to-day that, on account of the more convenient location of Ithaca with reference to the company's salt plants, the general offices of the company would be moved here from Scranton, Pa., immediately.

For the convenience of their customers, the Lackawanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company will be open this evening from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Dr. Lindabury, Surgeon, diseases of women a specialty, 215 Connell building. Hours: 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.; 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Skating Accident.
Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Roy and Earl Smith, aged 3 and 11 years, respectively, were drowned while skating on a pond near here to-day.

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