NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS

SEVERAL PUBLIC FUNCTIONS ARE PLANNED.

The Board of Managers of the Young Women's Christian Association Will Receive Between the Hours of 4 and 10 p. m.—Y. M. C. A. Reception Originally Planned Will Not Be Held—"Open House" at Knights of Columbus and Firemen's Relief Association.

A number of public receptions have already been planned for to-morrow and those who may desire to go out will have no dearth of places to go.

The annual New Year's reception at the Young Women's Christian Association rooms will be conducted between the hours of 4 and 10 p. m. The members of the board of managers will receive, assisted by a number of the association managers and Miss Wood, the secretary.

In the afternoon there will be a gymnastic exhibition in the gymnasium concluding with a basket ball game. Between the hours of 8 and 10 there will be a musical and literary entertainment in the main auditorium. Receptions will also be held between the hours of 4 and 10 at the South Scranton and North Scranton branches.

It was thought at first that the new Young Men's Christian Association building would be ready in time to have it opened with a grand reception to-morrow, but this has been found to be impossible. The building itself is practically complete but it is not completely furnished as yet.

The Knights of Columbus will have an "open house" all day at their club house on North Washington avenue and the lady and gentlemen friends of the society are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served all day.

"Welcome, firemen," will be the slogan at the headquarters of the Firemen's Relief Association on Spruce street, where the general public is invited.

There will be a New Year's eve service this evening in the Providence Presbyterian church. "Lessons" will be the theme of the service. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Guild will give a brief address.

PIANO FIRM TO INCORPORATE.

Will Be Known as The VanDyke Piano Manufacturing Co.

The Keller & VanDyke company have made application for a charter and are about to incorporate under the firm name of The VanDyke Piano Manufacturing company.

The officers of the company will be W. F. VanDyke, president and treasurer; Arthur D. VanDyke, vice president; Arthur L. Collins, secretary; Joseph Keller, superintendent and general manager. Mr. Keller was the general manager of the old company and Mr. W. F. VanDyke its financial head. These gentlemen are exceptionally well equipped for the offices they are to fill.

Arthur D. VanDyke will open a branch office in Worcester, to take care of the Eastern trade. Mr. Collins, who has been the Eastern representative of the firm, and who has built up a very large New England business for them, will, besides attending to his duties as secretary, take charge of the local trade.

Mr. J. L. L. Travis, who has very successfully represented the firm for the past two years in the West, will continue with the new firm. Mr. P. J. Quinn, who has been representing the factory locally, will fill that position, as heretofore.

The success of the Keller & Van Dyke company has been phenomenal. Starting a little more than three years ago with a very limited output, they soon outgrew their manufacturing facilities and were forced to double their capacity. They are now putting out about 150 pianos a month. This is a more eloquent recommendation of the quality of the instruments that they manufacture than anything that could be said for them, but every day the firm receives the most flattering testimonials from those who are using their pianos.

The people of this vicinity were a little slow at first in patronizing them, but they are beginning to learn that they can receive very good treatment and the best of satisfaction at the factory ware-rooms and notwithstanding the unsettled labor conditions of this section, their local trade has grown very rapidly the last year. The fact that the output from this factory is, perhaps, doing more to advertise the city than any of its other products is being appreciated. The pianos made by this firm to go into homes scattered over the country from Maine to California and the name of Scranton becomes a household word wherever they are introduced.

To the Republican Voters of the City of Scranton.

A Republican primary to elect a Republican candidate for the office of city recorder and ward vigilance committees will be held on Thursday, January 15, 1903, at the regular polling places between the hours of 4 and 8 p. m. Candidates for the nomination for city recorder must register their names with C. E. Chittenden, 519 Lackawanna avenue, on or before Dec. 20, 1902, and pay the assessment levied on or before December 27, 1902, if their names are to be placed on the ticket. The city committee earnestly requests that all nominations for ward and election officers be held at the same time and place, the vigilance committee running a separate box.

C. E. Chittenden, Chairman Republican City Committee.

For the Military Ball.

To accommodate the many up-the-valley persons who wish to attend the Annual Military Ball of Co. C, Thirteenth regiment, which will be held in the New Armory, New Year's night, the Delaware and Hudson railroad will run a special train to Carbondale, leaving Scranton at 2.30 a. m., and stopping at all intermediate stations. **

Fancy Oranges, Grapes, Figs, Dates, Raisins, Apples, Grape Fruit, Mixed Nuts, etc.

Oyster orders for delivery New Year's morning, should be placed today. Try our Blue Points, Glenwoods or Rockaways on the half shell.

The Pierce Co.,
** 110 to 114 Penn ave.

City and School Taxes 1902.

The above tax duplicates are now in my hands for collection.

W. S. PARKER.

Social and Personal

The annual ball of the Bachelors, the leading society event of the year, takes place tonight at the Armory. The decorations were completed yesterday, and everything is in readiness for the dancers.

This year's committee has planned and worked indefatigably to make the event surpass all its predecessors and the expectations are that they will succeed. The attendance promises to be unusually large, especially in guests from out-of-town.

Music will be furnished by Bauer's band, augmented to forty pieces by imported musicians. Twenty-six numbers, with six extras, comprise the dance programme. Holland, of Philadelphia, will do the catering.

The arrangements of the armory follow the general line of last year's scheme. Only the front half of the big drill room will be utilized, a large curtain of pink and white dividing the hall in two. Pink and white will be the predominating colors in the general decorations. The usual number of arc lights have been quadrupled to insure sufficient illumination.

Miss Cornelia Galpin gave a card party last night at "The Homestead" in Dunmore, when a large company enjoyed a charming evening. The house guests, Miss Julia McGee, Jersey City; Miss Street, Frank Dobbins, Fred Street, Dorin, Conn.; Miss Lewis, Pittston; Miss Grace Emory, Mrs. L. F. Smith, Rockland, Me., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. S. Galpin.

Other guests present were: Misses Alice Matthews, Helen Matthews, Marian Sanderson, Helen Sanderson, Nan Sturges, Carrie Bennell, Evelyn Gilmore, Eloise Gilmore, Augusta Merrill, Mary Linen, Elizabeth Blair, Katherine Stelle, Nellie Steele, Eleanor Moffat, Ethel Boies, Amy Jessup, Eleanor Anderson, Anna Laverty, Fanny Laverty, Annie Watson, Eleanor Reynolds, Louise Matthews, Marjorie Warren, Flora Matthews, Fannie Osborne, Annie Hand, Jessie Peck, Nana Archbald, Jeanne Dimmick, Grace Emery, Miss Brixton, and Clay Osborne, Walter Stevens, Luther Smith, Howard Chamberlain, Hilary Zehnder, Ned Moffat, Peter Miller, Charles Sanderson, Dickson Torrey, Harold Watres, L. Watres, Jerry Foster, Walter Wolf, Mr. Collins, John Blair, Fred Allen, Fred Street, Frank Dobbins, Clark Guild, Hubert Merrill, Frank Linen, Russell Dimmick, Mortimer and Fred Fuller, Will Torrey, Max Bessell, Hugh Archbald, Worth Scranton, Douglas Moffat and friends, David Boies and friends, Charles Laverty.

The Misses Grace and Edith Norton gave a delightful card party yesterday in honor of their guest, Mrs. Lewis Parry, of the City of Mexico. The game was five hundred. The hostesses of the occasion were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Arthur Jones. The other guests were: Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs. H. H. Brady, jr., Mrs. J. D. Davenport, Mrs. John Coleman, Mrs. A. N. Walker, Mrs. Willard Matthews, Mrs. Edward Franklin, Mrs. John Sherwood, Mrs. Frank Littell, of Washington, Mrs. G. C. Yocum, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Penman, Mrs. Frederic Hand, Mrs. William Curry, Mrs. F. C. Fuller, Miss Claudine Happy, of Spokane; Miss Avery, Miss Helen Stevens, Miss Ruth Dale, Miss Pratt, Miss Elizabeth Sanderson, Miss Salmon, Miss Buck, Miss Florence Richmond, Miss Ripple, the Misses Scranton, Miss Sprague, Miss Foster, Miss Peck, the Misses Simpson Miss Helen Jones, Miss Derman, Miss Broadbent.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyable social functions of the season was the cotillion given last night at the Knights of Columbus clubhouse, under the auspices of the Catholic Historical society and Newman Magazine club.

The beautiful dancing hall was prettily decorated with festoons of evergreens, and Bauer's orchestra, ensconced behind a massive bank of palms at the far end, rendered delightful music for the dancing. The upper floor of the clubhouse was decorated in red and green. The chandeliers were hung with smilax and large red flowered plants were set at short intervals along the tables set in the dining hall, where an elaborate luncheon was served between 11 p. m. and 1 a. m., by Caterer Waldner.

The cotillion began at 9.30 o'clock, and was led by Jack Tattersall, of Boston, who had for his partner, Miss Katherine Smith, of this city. Under the leadership of this couple a number of new and original figures were danced.

Among the out-of-town guests present last night were the following: Dr. J. J. Walsh, of Philadelphia; Hugh Jennings and George O'Brien, of Pittston; Miss Jordan, Miss Elizabeth Jordan, Thomas Jordan and F. M. Lynch, Olyphant; Miss Crowe, of Binghamton; P. P. Morgan, of Plains; Jack Tattersall, of Boston.

The patronesses of the affair were as follows: Mrs. M. F. Sando, Mrs. John P. Kelly, Mrs. P. J. Casey, Mrs. A. J. Casey, Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, Mrs. P. P. Smith, Mrs. D. J. Reedy, Mrs. R. J. Murray, Mrs. C. G. Boland, Mrs. M. Howley, Mrs. M. Higgins, Mrs. P. Howley, Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Mrs. I. Keller, Mrs. O'D. Mangan, Mrs. J. Mellon, Mrs. J. Manley, Mrs. Frank McAndrews, Mrs. J. J. O'Boyle, Mrs. P. J. Ruane, Mrs. T. J. McGuire, Mrs. J. J. Walsh, Mrs. P. O'Malley, Mrs. R. C. Wills and Mrs. M. F. Wymbs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jones gave a dance last night at the Country club for their daughter, Miss Evelyn, and her friend, Miss Frederica Yeni, of Brooklyn, N. Y. About seventy-five of the younger set were entertained and one of the pleasantest evenings of holiday week was enjoyed.

A reunion will be held tonight at the Scranton Bicycle club by the members of the classes of 1899 and 1900 of the High school. This is the fourth [illegible] held for the former class [illegible] and the idea of re-uniting with the members of the younger class is new this year.

A splendid New Year's eve entertainment may be expected by all the members of both classes who meet tonight at the club-house. Dancing and other diversions will be indulged in. The committee in charge, of which George F. Coar, '99, is chairman, has worked diligently, and it will be no fault of theirs if the reunion does not prove a most successful one.

A delightful surprise party was given Monday to William Bebling, at his home on Diamond avenue, when the evening was spent with games, music, etc. Mr. Bebling was presented with a number of valuable gifts. Those who entertained with music were: Mrs. A. O. Gallenkamp, A. Korn, Miss Lizzie Pethrick, Miss Mamie Camin and Master George Briegel.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Genter, Mr. and Mrs. Gallenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bebling, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Breig, the Misses M. Zeidler, Edith Rohrwasser, Rosa Rohrwasser, Lydia Schiltise, Louise Krause, Minnie Wilber, Cora Bacon, Anna Phillips, Mary Phillips, Mame Camin, Anna Camin, Mary Wimworth, Lena Kellerman, Louise Kellerman, Sophia Sherman, Lena Whoerlie, Mary Brauer, Lizzie Pethrick, Dena Hauf, Mamie Morlong, Maud Moser and Mr. Gahn, Mr. Briegel, George Richardson, William Neigli, August Krause, Edward Coleman, William Nothacker, Louis Falk, Adam Mause, Joseph Shamborn, Otto Sturn, Charles Kellerman, Fred Kellerman, George Briegel, George Morlang, Mr. Brauer and Prof. A. Korn.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Caradoc Morris, of Leggett's street, was the scene last evening of a very merry family gathering. During the evening songs and recitations were rendered, after which supper was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Annie Griffin, Wilhelmina, Cora and Thomas Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Morris and daughters, Lillian and Annie; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Samuels and children, Rowland and Catharine; Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Thomas and Monte Morris, and Mrs. Margaret Evans, of Olyphant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Acker, of 225 Fairview avenue, entertained a number of relatives at a dinner last evening. The following were present: Mrs. Tillie Acker, Misses Margaret and Ruth Acker, Messrs. John Hall, Harry, Will, Warren, Charles, Elliott and Murray Acker.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Rose B. Warner, daughter of John Phineas Warner, and Mortimer Monroe Baird, which took place on Saturday, Dec. 27. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, the wedding was very quiet.

Mrs. Gideon Moser, of Lafayette street, entertained her Sunday school class of Simpson church last evening.

Dr. Angus Gray, of Philadelphia, is the guest of friends in town.

Misses Belle Snyder and Grace Cramer are guests of friends in Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Bertha Willick, of Lake Ariel, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slote.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keith, of North Lincoln avenue, are visiting in Hazleton.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Y. Harrison, of North Main avenue, are home from a visit at Shickshinny.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison, of Hackensack, N. J., are guests of Mrs. J. M. Williams, of North Main avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Wylie, of Scranton street, are entertaining the former's sister, Miss Wylie, of Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Thomas Paterson and daughter, Carolyn, of Fleetville, returned home yesterday after visiting Green Ridge friends.

Misses Ruth and Helen Peletrone, of Balston Spa, are visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Gibbs, of South Main avenue.

Mrs. Harriet Bartram, of Susquehanna, Pa., and Professor and Mrs. C. T. Thorpe, of Forest City, have returned home after spending Christmas week with Mrs. C. E. Tobey of Electric avenue.

MILITARY BALL OF COMPANY C.

Will Be Given in the Armory on New Year's Night.

The military ball which Company C, of the Thirteenth regiment, will give at the Armory on New Year's night, will be one of the largest social functions of the winter. Every member of the regiment has been invited, and it is expected that fully 1,000 persons will attend the ball. A special Delaware and Hudson train has been secured, which will enable the guests from Carbondale and intermediate points to remain at the Armory until 2.30 a. m.

The dignity and beauty of the ball which Company C conducted at the Armory on last New Year's night insures the eminent success of their coming social affair. Both the gorgeous floral and electrical decorations of the Bachelors' ball, which will take place on the previous evening, will remain in place for the ball of Company C. Bauer's regimental band will render the dance music.

HAYDN EVANS.

Director Scranton College of Music, Commonwealth Building, Corner Spruce and Washington Avenue.

Will organize new classes in the study of piano-forte playing, to begin Jan. 5. Terms $13 and upwards to the end of the season, June 25, 1903. Competent and thoroughly tried teachers. Private lessons only. For further particulars write or call. New 'phone. **

NEW CLASSES.

Scranton Business College.

New classes will be formed in both day and evening sessions of the Scranton Business College on Monday, Jan. [illegible] **

BICYCLE CLUB CAN'T LOSE

IT NOW HAS THE LEAGUE TROPHY "CINCHED."

Team Was on Its Mettle Last Night and the Result Was That It Took Three Straight Games From the Electric City Wheelmen and Rolled Up a Total of 2,711, One of the Highest Made This Season—Hampe Team Won Two Games From the Franklins.

All doubts as to the ability of the Scranton Bicycle club's team to win the Bicycle club's league trophy were removed last night when its five players took three straight games from the Electric City Wheelmen's team and incidentally made one of the best scores of the season.

The team can now afford to lose one or two of the three games yet remaining to be played and will remain at the top of the heap. Every man was on his mettle last night and a total score of 2,711 was the result. The work done by the players was remarkably even, their total scores varying but little. The score:

SCRANTON BICYCLE CLUB.

O'Connell	200	176	192—	568
Gorman	182	222	115—	519
Mitchell	179	176	180—	535
Roper	138	201	203—	542
Wardell	185	189	173—	547
	884	764	863—	2711

ELECTRIC CITY WHEELMEN.

McCracken	151	166	161—	478
Williams	159	157	127—	443
Davis	152	142	169—	463
Coons	147	163	129—	439
Wettling	146	170	164—	480
	755	798	750—	2303

High score—Gorman, 222.
High average—O'Connell, 189 1-3.

The Hampe team won two out of three colorless postponed games played last night with the Franklins. The score:

HAMPES.

Wharton	180	197	211—	588
Evans	101	114	194—	409
Prine	151	179	127—	457
McWilliams	157	170	145—	472
G. Murphy	156	156	149—	461
	755	816	826—	2387

FRANKLINS.

Phillips	121	142	156—	419
Dimler	113	129	134—	376
Bircher	146	146	217—	509
Rhiel	138	159	201—	498
Weichel	112	140	126—	378
	630	716	834—	2180

High score—Bircher, 217.
High average—Wharton, 196.

A Rare Opportunity for Lovers of Fine Art.

Mr. A. D. Van Gorder, having purchased the entire stock of the Griffin Art Company, 209 Wyoming avenue, and being desirous of discontinuing the wholesale department, announces a heavy reduction in prices of all Pictures, Frames and Art Materials.

Very many of the best pieces in the stock will go for much less than cost.

An early visit assures a most desirable selection.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Mrs. H. White, of Moscow, Committed to Jail for Adultery.

Mrs. H. White, of Moscow, was arrested last night by Detective "Jack" Tierney on a charge of adultery, and was committed by Magistrate Millar to the county jail in default of $500 bail.

The arrest was made about 8 o'clock at a disorderly resort, and according to the story told by Detective Tierney under oath, the woman was found in a room with a man not her husband. It was necessary to break down the door to gain admittance. Mrs. White is a handsome looking woman, and is said to come of a good family.

Trainmen's Dance.

Dance the old year out and the new one in with the H. A. Mace lodge, No. 157, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in the Providence auditorium. Lawrence and his popular orchestra will furnish music. Every courtesy will be shown you. Tickets, 50 cents. **

Radishes, Lettuce, Celery, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Green or Wax Beans, Cauliflower, New Onions, Egg Plant, Mushrooms, etc. Order early and we will see that prompt delivery is made and selection of best goods in the market, for the season. The Pierce Co.,
** 110 to 114 Penn ave.

To Art Lovers.

By the courtesy of Messrs. Connolly & Wallace, "The Spanish Wedding," painted by Chas. Muller, New York, will be on exhibition. **

HE EMBEZZLED $73.80.

Francisco Constanino Held Under $1,000 Bail.

Francisco Constanino, of Carbondale, was arrested yesterday on the oath and information of Felix Morocco and Antonio Popotola, of this city, who charge him with embezzlement.

Constanino formerly conducted a steamship ticket agency in Carbondale and the prosecutors allege that they sent him sums of money amounting to $73.80, to be sent to Italy for them. This money, they say, never reached its destination. Constanino admits having received the money and says that he sent it on to New York to be forwarded by a company which makes a business of sending money to the old country. He never received a receipt from the company, he says.

Magistrate Millar held him under $1,000 bail for his appearance in court.

Don't Forget

That the performance at the Dixie tonight will be continuous until midnight. **

New Year's Ice Cream.

Although we are very busy, all New Year's ice cream orders received by 7 o'clock tonight (Wednesday) will be taken care of. Will not accept orders later. J. D. Williams & Bro., 314 Lackawanna avenue. **