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In and About The City

Series of Lectures.

The annual series of lectures under the auspices of the Catholic Young Women's club will open tonight, with a lecture by Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton.

Shriners to Go to Binghamton.

Kalura Shrine at Binghamton will hold a meeting at the Stone opera house in Binghamton Monday night, December 29. A large number of Scranton Shriners will attend.

Excursionists Returned Home.

A majority of the Lackawanna Steel company's employes who came from Buffalo to spend Christmas with friends and relatives in this city, returned home yesterday on a special tran over the Lackawanna railroad.

New Officers Chosen.

At a regular meeting of the H. A. Mace lodge, No. 157, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, held in Masonic hall yesterday, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Master, Henry N. Atherton; vice master, William Lowry; secretary, Thomas F. Pace; financier, J. S. Lee; Journal agent, Charles Singer; medical examiner, Dr. J. F. Saltry; conductor, Lawrence Shipton; warden, M. J. Gerrity; chaplain, Alfred Constantine; inner guard, J. F. Burns; outer guard, Frank Sholes; delegate to the bi-ennial convention to be held in Denver, Col., in May, 1903, Thomas F. Pace; alternate delegate, William Lowry; representative to the state legislative board in Harrisburg, J. S. Lee.

Martin Badly Injured.

Henry Martin, a young man residing on Prospect avenue, had his left hand torn off by the machinery at the Lackawanna Woolen mills on Saturday. It was found necessary to amputate the arm at the Lackawanna hospital, whither he was removed.

Funeral of Mrs. McKeeby.

The funeral of the late Harriet Beecher McKeeby was held yesterday afternoon from the family home at 1236 Mulberry street and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church. The body was placed in the receiving vault at Forest Hill cemetery. The dead woman's five sons acted as pall-bearers.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

Chester M. Butts was arrested in Wilkes-Barre Saturday night on a warrant from Alderman Millar's office charging him with embezzlement. W. H. Townsend, wholesale commission merchant, who is the prosecutor, alleges Butts converted to his own use $59 which he received for eggs secured at Townsend's to be sold by him on commission. He will be given a hearing today.

FRANK RYAN DEAD.

Well Known Deputy Sheriff Expires from a Complication of Diseases.

Deputy Sheriff Frank C. Ryan died last night at his home, 426 Madison avenue, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

Mr. Ryan was stricken with a particularly severe attack of quinsy, from which disease he was a yearly sufferer. Pneumonia set in about a week ago and this was further complicated by a severe attack of stomach trouble. His condition was very serious early last week, but showed improvement on Friday and hopes were held out for his ultimate recovery. He suffered a relapse yesterday and nothing that his attending physicians, Dr. R. H. Gibbons and Dr. L. M. Gates, could do could ward off death.

Mr. Ryan was 54 years old and was born in Prompton, Wayne county. He was a fireman for a number of years on the Jersey Central railroad during his early manhood. About twenty years ago he was appointed chief clerk in the prothonotary's office under Lemuel Amerman and was later appointed as chief deputy sheriff by Sheriff Randolph Crippen. He failed of re-appointment under Sheriff Lewis, but was again made chief deputy by Sheriff Robinson and held the position under every succeeding sheriff, regardless of their politics.

Mr. Ryan's death is an immeasurable loss to his family and immediate friends. No father was more endeared to his wife and children and no one had a better friend than those who could claim Frank Ryan as such. The doing of favors became with him a matter of habit. It seemed that he took his greatest pleasure in good offices to others. He will be greatly missed from the court house, and especially will he be missed by the young lawyers, who ever found in him a willing helper.

One of his chief characteristics was his ability as a narrator of local history. The politics of Lackawanna county from its establishment were at his fingers' ends and no man in the county knew so much about so many people as he. One of the most common sights about the court house was a group of cronies sitting around the sheriff's office swapping stories of the interesting events of the county's early history and doings of the older inhabitants.

As chief deputy sheriff he became an almost indispensible adjunct of the office. Every sheriff with whom he served will attest that he never had any cause to worry about how the business would be conducted as long as Frank Ryan was there. His honesty, judgment and thorough knowledge of the office were an assurance that the sheriff's interest would not suffer. It will be years, probably, before the effect of his death or the direct workings of the office will have worn away.

He is survived by a wife and the following children: John, Frank, Joseph, Charles, Mary, Charlotte and Margaret. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

HIS FIRST MASS.

Newly Ordained Priest Celebrates It at the Cathedral.

Rev. J. H. Duggan, of this city, who was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday last at Allegheny, celebrated his first mass yesterday morning at St. Peter's cathedral. The other officers of the mass were as follows: Deacon, Rev. Dr. J. J. Loughran; sub-deacon, Rev. James Gilleogely, of Williamsport; archpriest, Rev. J. A. O'Reilly. At the conclusion of the mass he extended his blessing to the members of the congregation.

Father Duggan has been a student for the past six years at St. Bonaventure's seminary, Allegheny City, and is a young man of a studious trend of mind. He is to go to the diocese of Altoona and will report on Jan. 2 to Rt. Rev. Bishop E. A. Garvey for assignment.

CHICAGO A CENTURY OLD.

Will Celebrate 100th Anniversary of the First Settlement.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The one hundredth anniversary of the permanent settlement of Chicago will be celebrated on a large scale next September, according to plans made at a preliminary meeting of business men here to-day. The plan has the sanction of Mayor Harrison.

The tentative programme includes mass meetings, fireworks, industrial, electric, and military parades, yacht races, athletic tournaments, patriotic and religious exercises, and an educational conference.

The first permanent settler in Chicago was John Kinzie, who came here with his family in the autumn of 1803.

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. **

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KOHNSTAMM.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 27, 1902 to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kohnstamm, of 1125 Rock street, a son.

BADE ADIEU TO OLD CHURCH

CONGREGATION HOLDS FINAL ITS SERVICE.

Large Congregation Gathered Yesterday Afternoon at a Communion Service in the Old First Presbyterian Church, Which Is About to Be Torn Down—Closing Address Was Made by Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan, the Pastor Emeritus—Sermon by Dr. McLeod at Morning Service.

The old First Presbyterian church, on North Washington avenue, was crowded almost to overflowing yesterday afternoon with worshippers who had come to attend the last public service to be held in the building prior to its demolition.

The church property was recently purchased by J. D. Williams & Bro., who purpose tearing the building down after the first of the new year, preparatory to the erection of a large business structure. The congregation will worship in the auditorium of the new Young Men's Christian association building pending the erection of the new church at the corner of Monroe avenue and Olive street.

The communion service conducted yesterday afternoon was the last church service to be conducted in the building, though the Sunday school will have Christmas exercises there tomorrow afternoon.

The old church never looked more beautiful than it did yesterday. The Christmas greens, which had been hung in honor of the new-born Christ, were still in place and an air of solemn impressiveness was present which seemed to have a quieting effect upon the large congregation. Those gathered in the church included several of the original members and many members of sister congregations.

The Opening Sermon.

The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Joseph H. Odell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, and Dr. James McLeod, the pastor, officiated at the communion service proper. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Dr. N. G. Parke, of Pittston, out of whose missionary labors the First Presbyterian church grew. Dr. Parke is 82 years old, but he seems to have the strength and vigor of many a man twenty years his junior, and his voice never faltered as he said the prescribed prayer.

After the serving of the bread and wine, Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan, pastor emeritus of the church, and whose labors as a Christian minister were almost entirely devoted to its needs, was called upon to make a closing address. He responded in a voice trembling with emotion and spoke, in part, as follows:

"Oh, how very blessed are the associations which God's people have enjoyed within these walls and how He has manifestly fulfilled for them His divine promise, 'Lo, I am with you even to the end of the world.'

"How grateful we should all be as we look back upon the history of this church and remember how faithfully God has fulfilled His every promise for us and how Jesus has walked in our midst as He said He would. As we listen to the voice which says, 'Arise, let us go forth,' let us remember that we can have the influence of the associations formed here still with us if we continue to live as the Father would have us live.

Will Strengthen Faith.

"As we leave this place, where four generations have found Jesus, let us bear with us the remembrance of what He has accomplished for us, and it must surely have the effect of strengthening our faith and of rendering us submissive to those obligations which He has imposed upon us.

"We should leave here not with sadness, but with that cheerful obedience which Christ requires from all who follow Him. Let us leave here pledged to stand together heart to heart and soul to soul, wrapped up in the ties that have bound us together in the years gone by, and I feel confident that our spiritual blessings will continue."

Mrs. H. H. Brady sang delightfully during the service.

At the morning service, the pastor, Rev. James McLeod, D. D., preached a sermon dealing with the history of the church.

His text was taken from Acts, xx:32, which reads as follows: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." He said:

It was to the elders of the church of Ephesus, that the Apostle Paul thus spoke. He loved the church. He knew the difficulties which its members would have to meet and the trials they would have to endure; and he pointed out to them the duties which they ought faithfully to discharge. He reminded the elders, and through them, the members of that historic church, of the great Christian doctrines to which he had borne testimony, namely, "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." He also reminded them that it was the chief object of his ministry, and the supreme purpose of his life, "to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Then, having reviewed the past, and having spoken a word of warning, and having unbounded confidence in the gospel of Christ, he took a hopeful outlook of the future and said: "And, now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

A Brief Retrospect.

It seems in every way appropriate, in this last Sabbath of the year, and on this last Sabbath of our meeting in this old building, that we should indulge in a brief retrospect of our church's past, and in a hopeful outlook touching its future.

The day when this church was organized, was, from one point of view, a day of small things. That was fifty years ago. This city was then a small village, and the wilderness in which it was planted, was most uninviting. But under the wise, patient and successful enterprise of the early settlers, the wilderness soon began to disappear. The village grew and prospered. It became a town, and the town became a city, and our church kept pace with it, and grew with its growth. It has pleased God to bless this church from its very beginning. It is in no spirit of vain glory, but in humility, and with devout thankfulness to Almighty God, that we are able to say of this church, that from its organization until this day, it has been a power for good in this community, and in the regions beyond. God has used it for the conversion of sinners and for the edification of saints.

The seventeen charter members of this church are all gone. Two only of those who were present at its organization, but who were not enrolled as members, are with us today, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Olmstead, and long may they live among us, to adorn the doctrines of God our Savior, and to bless the church which they love.

Throughout its history, this church has been thoroughly Presbyterian in respect of doctrine, polity, and an evangelical spirit. It has been faithful to the spirit of its peerless constitution, and its aim has always been t obe true to the truth.

The Presbyterian church holds certain doctrines in common with all evangelical churches; and it maintains certain distinctive principles which differentiate it "the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, the only from other churches. To these doctrines and principles, this church has always clung with steadfast loyalty. All its ministers and ruling elders have publicly and solemnly declared that they believed infallible rule of faith and practice." They also in the same manner said that they "sincerely received and adopted the confession of faith of this church (the Presbyterian) as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures," and further, that they approved of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian church in these United States."

Have Never Swerved.

From these doctrines and principles this pulpit and the elders of this church have never swerved. There may have been, from time to time, some differences of interpretation, but all were loyal to the blue banner. On all proper occasions, the principles peculiar to our branch of the church, have been vigorously defended by this pulpit, and by this church's representatives in presbytery, in synod and in the general assembly.

This church has always clung to the good truth, that Christianity is a far larger and a far more comprehensive term than Presbyterianism or than any other "ism." Hence this church has throughout its history manifested a spirit of broad catholicity toward all other Christian denominations. This church always has believed, believes now, and it is fondly hoped always will believe in that grand old motto: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." We believe in Christian unity; we are no great admirers of church uniformity. We know church history too well, to boast of the beauty of church uniformity. If we want to see the beauties of uniformity we have only to go to the graveyard—there you have uniformity—but it is uniformity of death. So, after the first glow of Pentecostal days, the church, when most boastful of outward uniformity was most spiritually dead. It was when the church took the most pride in her uniformity that she proved herself most unchristian. It was during her efforts to maintain uniformity that she breathed out threatenings and slaughter against those who questioned her authority. History has tested and tasted the ripe fruit of the tree of church uniformity, and its just verdict is, that the fruit is neither sweet nor wholesome. We believe with all our hearts in Christian unity, but that is a very different thing from church uniformity.

This church of ours has always believed in a broad orthodoxy—an orthodoxy as broad as the Bible and just as narrow. We belong to a most liberal school, but we have never felt that we would be justified in taking such liberty with the inspired word as to misconstrue it, and thus change the truth of God into a lie. We belong to a most rational school, but we have never believed that we should oppose our fallible reason to God's infallible revelation. In our extreme liberality we adopt the language of St. Paul and say: "Grace be with all them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." All such are welcome to our fellowship. All who desire to do so can step over that low fence, that God's love has erected, and enter, at once, into the kingdo mof God.

What It Will Do.

We also adopt another striking sentence from the same holy apostle, namely: "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha." That is a fence so high that it will exclude from God's kingdom all who refuse to comply with the simple and most reasonable conditions which the Savior has specified, and which he has a just right to demand.

In addition to the broadness of its orthodoxy, this church has always been characterized by a philanthropic and missionary spirit. The cause of Christian missions, both at home and abroad, has always had a warm place in the heart of this church. The large sums that have been contributed to home and foreign missions and to the other boards of our church by the various societies of this organization bear ample testimony to the interest taken in causes which are so dear to the heart of Christ.

Our records show that, up to the present time, this church has contributed for church purposes $688,613; and that of this sum, more than $250,000 was for objects of benevolence, outside that given for the support of our church. But that does not tell more than half the story; that is only what appears in the reports of our general assembly. Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been given by members of this church and congregation for church and charitable objects, of which there is no record save that which is kept on high. He for whose sake these larger and smaller sums were given, knows all about them, and he will not forget his devoted servants on that day when he will reward every man, according to his work.

Patriotism is closely connected with piety—if it be patriotism of the sterling kind, and it is but truth to say that this pulpit and these pews have not been lacking in patriotism. Rebellion and lawlessness never found any sympathy here. When riotous crowds gathered in the streets of this city, and threatened to injure the persons and the property of citizens, the bell of this church rang out the alarm, and patriots rushed to the rescue—and to their credit be it said they did their work quickly, wisely and well. And in our great war for the preservation of the Union, this church furnished its full quota of brave men who fought and were ready to die for their country.

Influence Exerted.

The influence exerted by this church in this community cannot be measured. From it have gone forth godly men and godly women to bless other churches and other cities. From it colonies have gone forth, and other Presbyterian churches were organized in this city, and they are now strong, and energetic, and active in the Master's service; and the mother is proud of her daughters, and prays for their continued health and prosperity.

We have abundant reason to thank God for his goodness unto this church. The fathers and the mothers who are gone have left unto us a goodly heritage. We thank God for their stalwart manhood and their Christian activity; one would do well, at this hour and in this place, if we made a solemn pledge that we will follow their example in respect of these sterling qualities.

What the future history of this church will be is known only by him who walks amid the golden candlesticks, and who holds the stars in his right hand. We are entering upon a new epoch in our church life. We will be obliged to put up with some inconveniences, until our new building is erected. Our strength hitherto, under God, has been in our union, and that is now indispensable. We must continue to rally round the old First church flag with as much loyalty and with as much devotion as if we had every con-

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FOR NEW YEAR'S DINNER DESSERT,

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WINE JELLY.

One package Lemon Jell-O, 1 pint of boiling water, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of sherry wine, juice of six oranges in two, being careful not to break the case. When jelly is partly congealed, fill cases and set in a cool place. Serve with whipped cream piled on top. May be served in sherbet cups if desired. A delicious wine jelly can also be made by adding one glass of good sherry or port wine to any of the Jell-O flavors.

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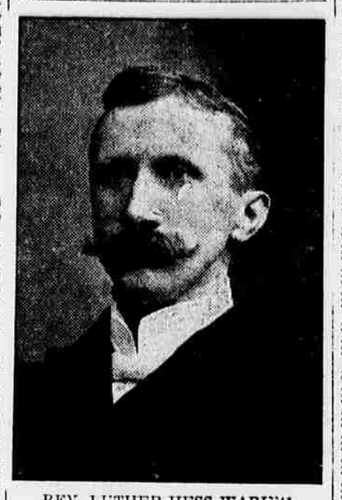
GET A PACKAGE TO-DAY.

PREACHED HIS LAST SERMON

REV. L. H. WARING TO LEAVE GRACE CHURCH.

He Delivered His Farewell Discourse Last Night, and Replied to the Charges Made Recently Against Martin Luther by Rev. Father Valentine—He Intends to Locate in Washington, and Will Devote Almost His Entire Time in the Future to Literary Work.

Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, delivered a farewell sermon last night to the members of his congregation. He resigned some time ago, the resignation to take effect the first of the new year. Rev. Mr. Waring has been pastor of



REV. LUTHER HESS WARING.

Grace church for about three years and a half, and during his pastorate the beautiful new church at the corner of Prescott avenue and Mulberry street has been erected. He was highly esteemed by the members of his flock and it was with regret that his resignation was finally accepted.

He proposes to devote almost his entire time to literary work in the future, and intends to locate in Washington, D. C. He will have no fixed charge, but will preach occasionally. He is at present engaged in the preparation of a work entitled "Strikes and Boycotts," in which he will treat of these subjects from both an economic and an ethical standpoint. He will also devote his time to the writing of several works on theological subjects.

The church will decide on a new pastor during the coming week and it is very probable that the man who will be chosen will be Rev. W. M. B. Glanding, of Newport.

Rev. Mr. Waring's sermon yesterday was intended as a reply to certain charges made by Rev. Father Valentine in one of the lectures to non-Catholics delivered at St. Peter's cathedral recently. Father Valentine charged that the Reformation was the direct outgrowth of Martin Luther's "wounded pride." He also roundly denounced Luther for breaking his twofold vow of chastity. Rev. Mr. Waring took up the defense of Luther and spoke, in part, as follows:

Mr. Waring's Sermon.

The papacy of the middle ages claimed the right and power to decide beyond appeal not only matters spiritual, but affairs temporal. It asserted the right to give crowns and to take them away. When an emperor or king refused or delayed its bidding, the papacy claimed the right to release the subjects of the realm from their allegiance to the throne. Decent interment even was prohibited to those disobedient to its commands. Its priests and monks overran eastern and southern Europe, sworn to defend the papacy at any cost, and themselves beyond the reach of the laws of the land. Many entered the ranks of the clergy simply to shield themselves from just punishment for crime. At the head of civil affairs, at the head of all ecclesiastical authority, at the head of all spiritual dominion, not only on earth, but in purgatory as well, sat the absolute dictator, the pope of Rome, who claimed himself to be the vicar of God and Jesus Christ on earth, supreme, unquestioned, infallible.

The penance of King Henry IV at Canossa, seeking the pope's forgiveness, walking barefoot through the winter's snow, and then waiting admission for three days at the gates, friendless, starving, perishing with cold and hunger is an instance of the papal power. It was this same power that forced the English King Henry II to walk three miles on a flinty road with bare and bleeding feet, to Canterbury, to be flogged from one end of the church to the other. John Huss was arrested for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Though he had a sealed safe, conduct of the empire, he was seized by papal power and burned in the presence of the emperor. The Netherlands and the Spanish inquisition need only to be named to those familiar with history to fill the mind with memories of horrible atrocities and butcheries unparalleled.

Birth of Luther.

Martin Luther was born in 1483 of poor but pious parents. He was a Saxon German. Destined for the law, he became a monk, one of the most earnest, consecrated, humble and yet brilliant ones of his age. His duties and drudgeries, his fastings and vigils, his prayers and prostrations availed nothing. They brought him no peace. In the monastery he found a chained Bible, which he studied assiduously. Peace of soul only came to him after he learned that God, for Christ's sake takes away our sins—and not on account of any works of our own. Luther was consecrated a priest in 1507. The following year he was appointed a professor in the new university at Wittenberg. In 1509 he took his degree of Bachelor of Divinity. From this time forth he studied, expounded and defended the Word of God and and the great principles of the evangelical faith. In his visits to monasteries over Germany and a visit to Rome itself, he noted monkish extravagance, indolence, gluttony and infidelity. In Rome he witnessed infidelity, profanity and vulgarity, with its licentious monks and impure priests. Bellarmine, a Roman Catholic writer, said in regard to this age: "There was not any rigor in ecclesiastical adjudicatories, any discipline with regard to morals, any knowledge of sacred literature, any reverence for divine things. There was almost no religion remaining." Every historian knows these facts are true.

Luther's first encounter with the Roman hierarchy was in 1517 concerning the traffic in indulgences. Pope Leo X wanted money to help build St. Peter's. He awarded the right to sell indulgences in Germany to the gay young Archbishop Albert of Mainz. The archbishop owed the pope 45,000 thalers for his appointment, and the pope thus gave the archbishop a chance to raise the money. Half the proceeds of the trade in his ter-

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TAYLOR.

Christmas and New Year musical exercises were observed last evening at both the Calvary Baptist and Methodist Episcopal churches. At the Calvary church the choir, under the efficient direction of Prof. D. E. Jones, rendered a delightful programme, including a cantata, "The Coming of the King." Solos were sung by Mrs. Edith W. Peterson, Misses Henrietta Harris, Olwen Howells, Lucy Winters; Messrs. Sidney Owens, Harry Evans and Richard W. Watkins. At the Methodist church a most pleasing musical programme was rendered by a choir of twenty-five voices, under the able direction of Chorister R. W. Watkins. The solo parts were very ably sustained by Mrs. Blanche Atherton, Mrs. Edith Peterson, Messrs. Dan Jones, Harry Evans, Sidney Owens, J. F. Tubbs and R. W. Watkins. Recitations were given by Mrs. E. T. Daniels and Miss Sarah J. Price.

John Burkey, aged 70 years, and a long time resident of the borough, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Caspar Tanneler, on Washington street, yesterday morning, after a lingering illness. Deceased is survived by the following daughters and sons, Mrs. John Weibel, of Missouri; Mrs. W. L. Neiger, Mrs. Casper Tanneler, William and John Burkey, of this place. Funeral announcement will be made later.

H. Renard, senior member of the firm of Renard & Son, silk manufacturers, met with a serious mishap on Christmas eve, at Scranton. The old gentleman had been out during the evening purchasing Christmas presents, and while returning home, he fell and fractured his skull.

James S. Evans was the winner of the silk umbrella for the highest score at the bowling tournament at Weissenluh's alleys, which ended on Saturday night. Evans' high score was 257.

Miss Jennie Davis, a trained nurse of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her sisters, Misses Polly and Rebecca Davis and Mrs. J. E. Watkins, of this place.

An amateur pigeon shooting match will be held at Vino's hotel at the Pyne on New Year's day.

Masters Russell O'Hara, Harry Howells, Bruce Ward and Harry Reese will return to resume their studies at Girard college, Philadelphia, today, after spending their Christmas holidays with their relatives.

Prof. and Mrs. John T. Jenkins, of Main street, have returned home from their visit with relatives in Jermyn.

Master Willie Reese, of Carbondale, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. R. W. Reese, of Main street.

Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet this evening in regular session, when election of officers will be held.

Rev. T. W. Evans, of Patton, Pa., occupied the pulpit at the Welsh Baptist church last evening, and preached an interesting sermon in the English language.

The young ladies of the Welsh Baptist church presented the pastor, Rev. D. C. Edwards, on Christmas eve, with a beautiful Hastings Bible dictionary.

Edward Fox, of Grove street, called on his brother, Ray Fox, at Pittston, yesterday.

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BANK BLOWN TO PIECES.

Robbers Obtain $15,000 and, Intimidating Pursuers, Escape.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—The bank at Union, Mo., was robbed of $15,000 in a sensational manner by burglars between 1 and 2 a. m. yesterday, according to a dispatch received here. Residents in the vicinity of the bank were aroused by the sound of an explosion and some of them rushed to the street.

The burglars then leaving the bank, fired some fifty shots at random, and were successful in intimidating the would-be captors until they had made their escape. All the money was taken from the vaults. The building was completely wrecked.

F. W. Reinhard, president of the bank, is seriously ill, and knowledge of the robbery was withheld from him. The statement of the loss was made by A. W. Hoffman, cashier of the bank. No clue to the robbers has been discovered.