



The festive holiday days have come. The gladdest of the year—when the good round sun...

The Charitable Whist Club will have no meeting on the coming Monday. The next reception will be at the home of Mrs. Morris Horkheimer...

The Married Ladies' Euchre Club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. T. C. Moffat, on South Chapline street, yesterday.

The Debuts Club was entertainingly received last evening by Miss Miss Simpson, at the home of her parents, on Penn street, Island.

Mrs. William Isett handsomely entertained a party of gentlemen on Saturday evening, complimentary to Mr. Isett, who that day celebrated his sixtieth anniversary of his birth.

Weddings of the week of local interest were the marriages of Mr. Leo Wolfe, of this city, and Miss Claudia Weller, of Zanesville, granddaughter of the late Simon Bauer...

The delightful entertainments at the home of Mr. C. Dewey during the week were among the notable affairs of the winter. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Baumer, as hosts, were charmingly assisted by Mrs. B. Walker Peterson...

The plans are maturing for the publication of a Woman's Edition of one of the daily papers for the benefit of the Day Nursery. The ladies in charge of the movement are Mrs. W. F. Butler, Mrs. George B. Caldwell, Mrs. John B. Garden, Mrs. T. W. Morrison and Mrs. Charles Ebeling...

The Twentieth Century Girls will have two charming receptions this week, on Tuesday, at the home of Miss Grace Hogg, east of the city, and on Thursday, at the home of Miss Laura Caldwell Daise, on North Chapline street.

The Arion, Mercantile and Carroll clubs will have their respective entertainments on hand Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

The Assembly dance on Friday evening promises to be the most brilliant yet arranged by those indefatigable assembly leaders, Messrs. Merriman, Waterhouse and Whitaker. The Opera House orchestra will furnish the music especially for the occasion...

The "Ben-Hur" charity entertainment will exceed in beauty the wildest anticipation, and the great majority of seats, which begins to-day, will be enthusiastically responded to.

Christmas week gives Musical Wheeling its last opportunity to make itself heard in 1898, and this hearing will be a fine one judged from the programmes printed in this column this morning. The only event of the week was a charming musical series at the home of Mr. O. C. Dewey...

The Woman's Club holds no rehearsal until Saturday afternoon, December 21, at which time preparations for an evening concert on January 7 will be concluded. In reference to the Woman's Club American Composers' Day, Musical America said in part: "The Woman's Musical Club, of Wheeling, Va., inaugurated its fourth season with an American programme of the most brilliant and original character..."

Miss Florence Atkinson, daughter of Governor Atkinson, will be the guest of Col. and Mrs. Frank J. Hearne at Hearnes next week.

Miss Estelle Gallagher will be the guest of Mrs. and Mrs. T. C. Moffat, on South Chapline street, as a friend of Miss Jessie Moffat.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wilson, nee Miss Ella Taylor Wright, are expected home to-day from their European wedding trip.

Back home in time for Christmas social functions are Misses Laura C. Daise, Mary Paul, Sue Wright, Gertrude Laid, Shirley Brockman, Mary Caldwell, Emma Forbess, Jessie Wheat, and Messrs. Elwood Horkheimer, Joseph Speidel, Nile Ford, Arch Wilson, George W. Bloch, James Spidel, Morgan Holsell, John Wilson, Eugene Hildreth, Harold Bloch, Mertz Franzheim and Harry Zerby.

Col. W. H. Woodard, of Birmingham, Ala., is in the city, previous to starting on a trip around the world.

The many friends, young and old, of Mr. Walter Sweeney, son of the late Andrew Sweeney, are delighted to learn of his promotion to the position of first vice-president of the First West Virginia.

Christmas shopping was the underlying source of animation in society's domain during the week just ending, while the continued rehearsals for the coming Ben Hur performance, the daily religious-musical services at the opera house, club gatherings with several small affairs, tended to bring pleasant smiles to the faces of the throngs.

The coming week, with its holy and festive trimmings, will be replete with gaiety. In fact it will be crowded with functions above the average in brilliancy, among which intense interest is centered around the Ben Hur performance and the Assembly Dance at the Carroll, while club entertainments and formal

Men's Holiday Fixings.

This busy furnishing goods department has many pretty Holiday Gifts here, you know. And at such attractive prices.

NECKWEAVERS. Men's Stylish Holiday Neckwear, all the popular shapes in an endless variety of colors and designs. Only 25c.

OVER 1,200 HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS. And, if experience counts for anything, there won't be 200 left on Christmas.

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Hymn 67—Joy to the World. Benediction. Postlude.

At St. James' German Lutheran church, the music will be: MORNING. Sing: Hosanna—Soprano Solo and Chorus. Gloria in Excelsis Deo—C. A. Weiss. Unto Us a Child is Born—Anthem.

At the Thompson M. E. church the Christmas programmes are the following: MORNING SERVICE. Double Quartet—'The Angel and the Babe'.

At the Fourth Street M. E. church the music at both services will be as usual. The evening programme is herewith printed. On it will be noticed a solo selection by Mrs. Zou Hasting.

At the First Presbyterian church, with Mrs. Flora Williams, soprano and director, Mrs. Peabody Tatum, alto; Mr. H. W. Ewalt, tenor; Mr. Jasper C. Baum, bass, and Miss Mary Wilde, organist, the following programmes will be rendered:

At the First Christian church the programmes for to-morrow are: MORNING. Organ Prelude—Holy Night.

At St. Luke's P. E. church the programmes read: MORNING. Professional Hymn No. 31. Venite Exultemus in Domino.

At St. Alphonsus' Church the programme for the principal service of the organ, at 5 a. m., is: Pastoral—Organ Solo and Chorus.

At the First Baptist church to-morrow's programme reads: MORNING. Organ Voluntary—The Lord's Prayer.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception the Christmas music includes a mass in B flat by Brown, and the 'Adestes Fideles,' both selections having a violin obligato, which will be played by Mr. Bradlock.

On Christmas night, at the Arion, the Opera House orchestra will render the following programme of Christmas music: March—'From Boston to Washington.'

BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell. Matinee at the Grand this afternoon. Grand to-night—'The Heart of Chicago.'

Mr. Edward A. Meyer, of the Edward A. Meyer Music Publishing Co., of Philadelphia, and a brother of Fred C. Meyer, with whom he is associated in the publishing of The Musical Tempo, the best journal extant pertaining to the mandolin and guitar, is spending Christmas with his parents on the Island.

Mr. Charles Falls and bride, of New Castle, Pa., will be the guests during the holiday at Miss Emma Covell, sister of the bride, at the home of their cousin, Fred T. Bourns, of Market street.

Hon. Lorenzo Danford is expected home during the holidays. The investigation and selection of the Bridgeport postoffice appointment, it is said, will not be made until some time after the holidays.

The Pennsylvania railroad over the river will observe to-day, December 24, as Christmas day. Freight trains will be annulled on the river divisions and all freight depots closed so far as it is practicable to do so.

At the Postoffice. Postmaster Who has issued the following order relative to the observance of Christmas, Monday, the 24th: General delivery and stamp window will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; money order and register department will be closed the entire day; carriers' delivery window will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.; one delivery by carriers will be made, leaving the office at 8:00 a. m., collections of all letter boxes in the city will be made by carriers, arriving at the office at 9:00, 11:00 a. m. and 12:30, 3:00 and 6:00 p. m. Mails will be received and dispatched as usual.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Will be Officially Observed on Monday, Religiously Observed on Sunday, by Many Observed to-day, and by Some on all Three Days.

Religiously, Christmas day will be observed to-morrow; officially it will be observed by the banks, freight stations, business houses, postoffice and other establishments, on Monday; by many mill workers it will be observed to-day, and without doubt there are some in this community who will find so much to celebrate that they will require all three days.

As stated below, holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice on Monday. This also applies to the postoffices in Martin's Ferry, Bridgeport, Belaire, Benwood and Moundsville. The city building offices will be closed, as will the banks, railroad freight stations, many retail and wholesale stores, and other establishments.

Sunday school Christmas entertainments will be held on both Saturday and Monday. Both adults and children will be in evidence on both days.

Yesterday, the stores were crowded with holiday shoppers, and preparations were being made for the largest trade of the season to-day. There are many people who put off until the eleventh hour the not very pleasant task of buying presents for relatives and friends.

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