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THE COLUMBIAN.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
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OUR CLUB OFFERS.

Every subscriber, new or old, who pays one full year in advance, will receive free for one year *The American Farm News*.

The *COLUMBIAN* and the *Philadelphian Weekly Times* for one year for \$1.40.

The *COLUMBIAN* and the *New York World* twice a week, for \$1.75. This is a great combination, one of the best we ever offered. The twice a week *World* contains twelve pages of the news of the world. It is the best value ever offered for the money. Try it.

Diaries for 1895 at Mercer's.

All holiday goods at rock bottom prices at Mercer's Drug and Book store.

Oxford and Bagster Bibles, from \$1.50 to \$7, at Slate's Book-store.

Diaries for '95 at Slate's.

If you want the best candies, at the lowest prices, call at the Exchange Bakery, before purchasing elsewhere.

Coloso Columbus makes all kind of nice, pure candies, and also handles bananas at wholesale and retail. His store is on Market square.

We are requested to return thanks to the many sympathetic friends who gave substantial evidence of their heartfelt sympathy during the sickness and after the death of Mrs. Wm. Beers.

See our 25 and 50c. books.

J. H. MERCER.

You will find headquarters for Christmas goods, such as toys, baskets, canes, and in fact candies of all kinds, at the C. M. Hess Domestic Bakery on Main street. He carries a fine stock of goods.

Whatever you do, do not neglect to see Rishton's novelties before you decide on what to give your friends for Christmas. He can please you.

The drama, "The Last Leaf," will be presented by a competent company of ladies and gentlemen in the Espy Hall, this Friday evening. Plenty of fun and music will characterize the evening's entertainment. Everybody invited.

Books, in endless variety, at Wanamaker prices, at Slate's Book-store.

Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Reformed hymnals at Mercer's Drug and Book store.

Comb and brush sets, collar and cuff boxes, hankchief boxes, jewel cases, cigar cases, smoker's sets, traveling cases, perfume stands, necktie boxes and a large line of novelties at Mercer's Drug and Book store.

C. S. Furman, the popular harness-maker and saddler, would say to all in search of substantial Christmas presents that he still carries a fine line of robes, blankets, trunks, valises, harness, whips, &c.

A very large line of Juvenile books at a low price at Mercer's.

C. B. Chrisman is doing business at the old stand. While he still deals in fruits and vegetables, he is now driving quite a trade in oysters served as desired. He knows a good article when he sees it, and by serving that kind to his patrons his business is growing nicely.

Books in sets at Mercer's.

For the holidays, best photographs and crayons at M'Killip Bros. All work finished in time for Xmas.

Everybody Says That

...RISHTON'S...

Display of Holiday Novelties

is the finest he has ever offered. If you wish to see something new you had better come at once as they are going fast.

RISHTON'S DRUG STORE,

OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE.

A report has been circulated that Rishton has a very fine display this year. The report is true. He has.

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Johnson & Co., paper dealers of Harrisburg, Pa. have favored us with a useful and attractive calendar for 1895. We mention the fact because the calendar is a fine one, and because it is well to practice a little on the new figures in advance.

The ladies of the Buckhorn Lutheran Church will give a Chicken and Waffle Supper on New Year, between the hours of 4 and 8 P. M., in Hartman's Hall, Buckhorn. Price of supper, 25 cts. Proceeds for the benefit of the parsonage. All are cordially invited to attend.

In talking about hard times elsewhere we cannot help but mark the contrast, when Bloomsburg advertises occasionally for help, offering permanent positions to the right kind of workmen. We believe it to be a positive fact that some towns deliberately manufacture dull times, and they verily have their reward.

The Atlantic Refining Oil Company, of Bloomsburg, sold last month 890 barrels of oil, making 43,000 gallons. They have facilities for doing all their own repairing, gluing, &c., to the barrels they use. This company evidently sheds forth considerable light.

Invitations were recently printed at this office for a Christmas wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Ella M. McHenry and Mr. Ezra O. Hess, of Waller, Pa. The marriage will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, on Tuesday, December 25th, at the home of the bride.

Bloomsburgers, without regard to religious denomination, made a generous response to the call for aid for the sufferers in Nebraska. Under the care and direction of Rev. P. A. Heilman two large wagon loads of edibles and clothing, &c., were taken to the Penn. Depot for shipment, first to Sunbury and from there to Lincoln, Nebraska, where the State Relief Society will see to their proper disbursement among the really destitute sufferers from drouth, &c.

Notice.

At the Thursday evening Musicales, to be given in the Lutheran church, the following home talent will assist the accomplished Miss Grace Wall, of Winchester, Va., in making the occasion highly edifying and enjoyable to all lovers of music: Prof. C. P. Elwell, Miss Vida Miller, Mr. Frank Colley, Miss Maude Runyon, and Miss Bessie Kuhn.

Diaries for '95 at Slate's.

GILMORE'S TOY BAZAAR.

As usual at this time of year, one of the chief centres of attraction in the town for the little folks, is Gilmore's Toy Bazaar. The show windows, the large store room down stairs, four large rooms and the hall up stairs are filled with all kinds of articles suitable for Christmas presents for children. There is not so large an assortment elsewhere in this part of the state. Here may be found dolls, fire engines, nose-carriages, patrols, railroad trains, horses and wagons, wheelbarrows, menageries, doll house, doll furniture, pianos, stoves, banks, puzzles, games, Christmas tree ornaments, and thousands of other things in endless variety. Don't fail to visit Gilmore's before making holiday purchases.

Candies, Nuts and Fruits.

We are now ready to manufacture our own candy which you can purchase at our store at wholesale and retail. Next week we will work for Christmas, at the lowest prices for first class candy. After the holidays we will manufacture for the wholesale trade. Come and examine our goods, and do not forget to call for Christmas candy. We also carry a full line of all kinds of dry nuts, foreign and domestic fruit at the lowest prices for the holidays. We continue to occupy the same store, but have our manufactory in the Opera-House building. This company is determined to keep abreast of the times in their line of trade, and accordingly have engaged a New York candy-maker of large experience in all branches of the business.

BUSH & MALFAIER.

Lamps and chinaware at Slate's Book-store.

Almost a New York Daily.

That Democratic wonder, The New York Weekly World, has just changed its weekly into a twice a week paper, and you can now get the two papers a week for the same old price—\$1.00 a year, with THE COLUMBIAN \$1.75. Think of it! The news from New York right at your door fresh every three days—104 papers a year.

Bananas, wholesale and retail, C Columbus, Market Square.

Diaries for '95 at Slate's.

A nice line of gold pens, gold pencils, gold tooth picks and Wirt fountain pens at Mercer's.

In the large windows of Hess Brothers, the jewelers, we noticed a specially fine assortment of toilet articles comprising fine combs, brushes, &c., put up in plush and velvet boxes. They have also a fine line of diamonds, cut glass, silverware, ladies' and gent's watches, rings of all makes and patterns, vest and neck-chains of all designs and patterns, and any of which would be an acceptable gift for old or young or rich or poor.

When the school boys now running for silver cups, bareheaded and in shirt sleeves, succeed in graduating in their studies, they may find a run for office makes it necessary to be stripped to the hide if a hope of success is entertained. This may seem like a cool proposition; but it is backed by the experience of old runners.

On the premises of Peter Harman, on Iron street we found George B. Kitchen industriously engaged cutting and piling sod, for next year's use, on the 18th day of December. The novelty of the industry in this latitude attracted our reporter, who mentions the fact for this reason and as an indication of fair prospects for a green Christmas.

A very large line of holiday goods at Mercer's Drug and Book store.

Common sense Xmas gifts. A nice silk hat; a seal skin cap; a night robe; a silk muffler; a fine neck tie. Any of which can be bought in the newest styles and lowest prices at Townsend, the gent's furnisher.

Toys and games, at Slate's Book-store.

Useful and elegant Xmas gifts. Kid gloves (dressed and undressed) driving gloves in buck and kip mochas, unlined and lined. Gloves for little boys at Townsend, the gent's furnisher.

Xmas. Xmas. Xmas. Xmas. Silk suspenders, satin suspenders, silk handkerchiefs. The latest and newest shades and styles at Townsend, the gent's furnisher.

Albums from 75c. to \$6.00 at Mercer's.

Whatever you skip, don't skip this. The place to get your Xmas presents is at Townsend's the gent's furnisher.

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Among other things not the most desirable they have now got the small-pox again in Washington.

Handsome satin and silk suspenders for 50c. at Townsend, the gent's furnisher.

F. H. Ringrose, of Espy, will start in the dairy business the first of the year. He has Jersey and Holstein stock, and will furnish his customers with a pure article. His route will include Bloomsburg.

There is no doubt that the more extensive advertisers in the Bloomsburg papers are attracting buyers from neighboring towns and from far and near. We daily see shoppers from abroad and we are convinced that the inducements held out in advertisements brings them. It is a positive fact that Bloomsburg merchants are right abreast of the times, not only in prices and quantity of stock carried, but also in neatness and in attractive arrangement and display of the goods they offer for sale.

When the bicycle stops the skating begins, and both are conducive of health—hence wealth. For what is wealth without health to enjoy it? Now let us here remark, dear reader, that J. R. Schuyler sells bicycles in Summer and skates, &c., in Winter. We merely mention this fact in view of the close proximity of the time when the fond mother or the gruff father is looking about for a gift appropriate to the season and acceptable to a bad boy or a good girl. At this same establishment may also be found a nice line of silver-plated ware and in fact general house-furnishing goods, about anything and everything to be found in a first-class hardware store. Again permit us to remind the fond parent of skates as an appropriate present and of the other important fact that J. R. Schuyler sells them.

GIDDING'S.

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A GREAT SALE OF SUITS AND OVERCOATS.



We're bound to turn our immense stock of suits and overcoats into cash, and have made such reductions as are bound to move them quickly.

Lots of \$15.00 suits to close at	\$12.00
" " " " " " " "	12.00
" " \$10.00 " " " "	7.50
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Think of men's wool, blue and black \$10 Kersey coat	7.50
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" " boys " " " " " "	6.50
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See those children's suits	1.75, 2.48 and 3.00
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Piles of children's overcoats, regular price, 5, 6, \$7, now	3.50

All our HOLIDAY GOODS to be closed out at reductions to get them off our hands.

J. M. GIDDING & CO., THE CLOTHIERS.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON. MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

This week we close our eyes and ears to every thing that is not Christmas presents.

If you will call and see our stock you will be convinced that our mind, eyes and hands have been open for at least two months in preparation for holiday sales. We are ready for all, from over the river, from up the river, from down the river, from up the creek and all over the country. How easy now to come by the free bridges, how often to some by rail road or by wagon road. Our stock is such a vast variety of ornamental and useful goods for presents, that if we were to begin the naming of them, it would require a paper the length of a farm. The town people will come without this invitation, as already many of them have seen and purchased. SEVEN CLOCKS TO WAIT ON YOU.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

GRAND HOLIDAY OPENING NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE.

TWO ROOMS FULL OF GOODS, such as dolls and children's Christmas trinkets, Express wagons, wheelbarrows, rocking horses, children's rocking chairs, &c. QUEENSWARE, chinaware, tinware and household goods of all kinds. JEWELRY of every description very cheap. NOTIONS and HARDWARE of all kinds at low prices. OVERALLS at bottom prices. White laundry and unlaundried shirts from 25c. to \$1.00. Suspenders and neckwear for gents—a full line. Ladies' and gent's ties cheaper than any other place in the county. UNDERWEAR and wool shirts for men and boys at prices that will astonish you. It will pay any one to call and examine these goods.

Handkerchiefs! Handkerchiefs!

For ladies and misses, one cent up. The biggest stock ever brought to Bloomsburg.

<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>
Dolls from one cent to \$3.25.				
Largest stock in the county.				
<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>	<i>DOLLS</i>

VALISES, all sizes and prices, and thousands of other articles, such as ladies' and gent's purses from 5 cts. to \$1.00. KNIVES, FORKS and SPOONS. In this line we surpass all others in prices. Now is the time to call and examine goods.

FIVE AND TEN CENT COUNTERS

Have been extended and restocked with an endless variety of novelties—the biggest stock in the county. WOOLEN HOSE for ladies, 18 to 50c.; heavy knit and meringe undersocks for 20c. and up. Lamps by the hundred at low prices.

ALBUMS, ALBUMS, ALBUMS,

of every description, and at bottom prices. CUPS AND SAUCERS, such as mustache cups, children's cups and tea sets. A special bargain will be given in this line. The largest stock in the county to select from. Remember this is the largest and best selected stock of novelties ever brought to this section. An endless number of comforts to be closed out within 30 days.

Now is the time to select your Christmas presents while the stock is complete.

NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE, Main St., below Iron. J. W. MASTELLER, BLOOMSBURG, PA.