

JANUARY SHOE SALE.

During this month we offer at one-quarter to one-half off on all odd pairs and broken lots of shoes in our stock.

W. C. McKinney.

THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

SALES.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1897.—Mrs. M. E. Cox, will sell personal property, consisting of household goods and farming implements on the premises near Pine Summit, Pa.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1897.—Frank L. Kreamer, will sell horses, cows, chickens, farming implements etc., at the Jane Clark farm, two miles north of Exchange.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 1897.—Grant Shuster will sell at Adams' Livery Stable, Berwick Pa., at one o'clock sharp, a carload of fine Butler county horses, and mules. They are fine horses and mules and will be sold high or low, rain or shine on the above date.

Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally-conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 26.

Catawissa has the promise of better times in the future. It has been very dull there for some time, but owing to the heavy pressure of business in the railroad offices at Tamaqua, the running of trains on the Catawissa Branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, will hereafter be directed from Catawissa, which promises to liven things up a little.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains that takes the place of coffee.

For Sale.

A desirable house and lot. Corner lot about 50 x 80 feet, beautiful location, all modern improvements; will be sold at once.

The large three story brick store building lately occupied by J. R. Schuyler & Co., as a hardware store for sale on reasonable terms by J. H. Maize Esq., Attorney. Office Lockard building corner Main and Centre streets.

Real good property in Espy for sale cheap. It is a desirable residence, large lot, and plenty of fruit. Apply to J. H. Maize Esq.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Making of Legislative Committees Now in Order.

THE AMENDED GRANGER TAX BILL

It Will be Presented Early in the Session, Together with the Report of the State Tax Conference—Senator Penrose Not Yet Ready to Resign.

(Special Correspondence.) HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 11. Having settled the momentous struggle over Senator Cameron's seat the legislature has taken a recess until the eve of the election of his successor. This long recess was for two purposes—first, to allow the bitterness between the factions in this contest to subside, and secondly to give Speaker Boyer an opportunity to make up the house committees.

Among the most important chairmanships of the last session which are likely to be held by the same legislators this winter are those of the committee on appropriations, of which Mr. Marshall of Allegheny was the head; railroads, Mr. Lytle of Huntingdon, chairman; street railways, Mr. Keyser of Philadelphia, chairman. The committee on ways and means, to which will be referred the different revenue bills that are likely to be introduced, had an able chairman last session in Frank Ritter, the present director of public safety in Philadelphia. He devoted much time to the preparation of the granger tax bill, which has been undergoing a practical test under a resolution of the last house, in the auditor general's department.

The Ways and Means Chairmanship. Mr. Ritter's place as chairman of the committee would have been taken in all probability by Representative Pennewill, of Philadelphia, had he not declined to serve as a member of the house. He preferred the position of chief deputy in the sheriff's office of Philadelphia to a seat in the house. Speaker Boyer will find some difficulty in getting a chairman who will be able to understand the intricacies of tax legislation. It is reported that Representative Cortlandt K. Bolles, of Philadelphia, can have this chairmanship if he desires it, but he told me the other day that he did not care to assume the responsibilities of so arduous a chairmanship.

The senatorial contest has left many sore spots in the senate and house, and the probability is that the approaching session will be enlivened by many tilts between those who are regarded as the leading factions. In the senate, Senators Magee, Flinn and Kaufman are the leaders of the anti-Quay forces, while in the house of representatives Voorhes of Philadelphia, Frost of Union, Nesbit of Northumberland, Bliss of Delaware and Young of Tioga and a few others will take command.

It is very certain that many bills will fall under the veto unless the governor changes his mind. The large appropriation for the expenses of the senate committee which has been investigating the municipal affairs of Philadelphia is one of the bills that is most sure to meet with his disapproval. Those who are close to him say that he will never sign such a bill, because he could not consistently do so after having disapproved in the first place of the creation of the committee.

Scenes at the Capitol. The scenes at the capitol when the legislature organized were interesting. In the remodelled hall of the house of representatives were many beautiful flowers, and the galleries and unoccupied spaces in the rear of the desks were crowded with people. Similar scenes were enacted in the senate chamber. It was expected that there would be some sensational developments at the organization of the house, but everything passed off in a remarkably harmonious way. It was reported that certain members would, when they presented themselves at the bar of the house for the purpose of being qualified, be challenged on account of alleged bribery and other offenses which make them incompetent to take the oath.

The campaign of 1897 is bound to be one of more than usual interest and excitement. Three or four counties have already elected delegates to the next state convention, which will nominate candidates to succeed State Treasurer Haywood and Auditor General Mylin. During the spring the remaining counties of the state will select their delegates, and in these preliminary fights the lines will be closely drawn between the Quay and the anti-Quay forces, so that the next state convention will determine pretty clearly whether the organization of the Republican party in Pennsylvania is to continue in the hands of Senator Quay.

Quay has had prepared for introduction at this session. These bills are intended to do away with money in politics and the unfair control of elections by the use of patronage and interference of officeholders; in short, to bring about a sort of municipal millennium.

Many Applicants for Places. In view of the long recess and the contingencies that might arise after the election of the United States senator, the slate committees of the senate and house did not make a report before the adjournment. They will meet during the recess and decide who shall occupy the various clerkships and subordinate positions on both sides of the capitol. There is a small army of applicants, and these committees will not have an easy time of it in determining the claims of the various county delegations. Such a demand for positions has not been known for several years, and the committees have determined to apportion the places throughout the state as fairly as possible.

A great mass of bills will be precipitated on the luckless legislature after the recess. Among the measures to be introduced are several amendments to the Brooks high license law, which is alleged to have operated unfairly in different cities of the state. The State Liquor League has its representatives here, and they will insist that some changes shall be made so as to wipe out inequalities about which they complain. They are especially desirous of having some stringent provisions inserted, either in the Brooks law or in a new law, against the unlicensed clubs, which they contend are sorely more than speak easily. They declare that the liquor seller is at the mercy of the licensee, inasmuch as the dealer is compelled to pay a high license and receives no protection, while the association known as a club sells its liquor without a fee and without danger of the minions of the law interfering. They say with some force that clubs and associations of this character should be compelled to take out a license the same as a hotel proprietor and saloonkeeper. It is reported that the Massachusetts law, which is a very radical measure, and the Barnes law, now in operation in New York, will both be presented in some form, and as a result a compromise measure will be agreed upon.

Another bill which is to be introduced is one against the wearing of high hats in theatres. Lieutenant Governor Lyon has been asked by a ladies' club of Pittsburgh to prepare this bill, and it will be pushed along by the women who are interested in its passage. Such a bill will probably have little opposition, inasmuch as there is a demand for it all over the state.

Several road bills have been framed, and a dozen bits of legislation affecting primary elections are also in process of incubation. Every member of the legislature has a bill or two in his possession, and after the recess the deluge will commence.

A Great Mass of New Bills. From session to session one wonders what necessity there is for so much legislation, but at each recurring meeting of the legislature a great mass of bills continues to roll in upon the capitol, and unless the people call a halt it will be difficult after awhile for even the lawyers to determine the rights of the citizen or corporation. A lot of bills are passed at every session, many of them useless, and notwithstanding the pruning of the governor there is much unnecessary loading of the statute books of the commonwealth. If it would be possible for the legislature to meet in January, pass the appropriation bills that are necessary, make such changes in the laws as may seem for the best interests of the people, and adjourn, everybody would be better satisfied; but this seems out of the question under present political conditions.

Governor Hastings has decided views about the participation of the National Guard in the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of the president-elect at Washington. He has opposed the participation of the entire National Guard at the inauguration because of the expense and the inconvenience to the officers and men. He does not think that the men ought to be asked to assist themselves, as they have heretofore, and he will not agree to involve the state in any expense for the transportation of the troops. Notwithstanding the position of the governor, a large per cent of the guard desires to attend the inauguration, and the probability is that the division will march on Pennsylvania avenue as in the past.

Attorney General McCaskey has given a very emphatic opinion in the matter of the objections to the consolidation of the Reading Railway and Coal companies under the omnibus charter of the old National company. He finds that the commonwealth cannot interfere, because the charter of the National company, which was purchased by the Reading, authorized it to do the business in which it was engaged, prior to the adoption of the new constitution. He says, in conclusion: "The wisdom of the framers of the constitution of '74 in denying to the legislature the power to grant special charters becomes apparent in the consideration of the manifold powers granted by the charter of the Reading company, and the only consolidation of the present generation is that they are not responsible therefor."

Lively Contest Over a Clerkship. There was a lively contest in the senate between Senator Saylor, of Montgomery, and Senator Meredith, of Armstrong, over the reading clerkship. Senator Saylor, being a member of the slate committee, has landed his man, L. M. Kelly, and Senator Meredith has been satisfied by the making of his candidate, Ex-Representative Cochran, of Armstrong, the clerk of the president pro tem.

Senator Penrose, who is sure to be elected United States senator on the reassembling of the legislature will probably retain his seat until the end of the present legislative session, unless a special session of congress should be called, in which event he will resign his seat about March 1 and go to Washington. There are several precedents for this proposed action, and Senator Quay is understood to be desirous of having Senator Penrose remain in charge of the reform bills, in which he is interested, as long as possible. Senator Quay has invited several state officials and personal friends to accompany him to his St. Luke retreat in Florida, after Senator Penrose has been elected. He will spend some time in Florida.

THE BROADWAY

Our January CLEARING SALE

WILL COMMENCE MONDAY, JANUARY 18, AND WILL INCLUDE ALL Surplus Stock, AS WELL AS MANY NEW GOODS

NOW BEING PURCHASED FOR THIS GREAT SALE.

SPECIAL VALUES

- Will be offered in MUSLINS, SHEETINGS, QUILTS and BLANKETS, CLOAKS and CAPES, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, GLOVES, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, LINENS, MUSLIN, UNDERWEAR, CURTAINS, TINWARE, QUEENSWARE, and HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

Values and prices will be made interesting to our trade.

THE BROADWAY CASE STORE, Moyer's New Building, Main Street, BLOOMSBURG.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHAT.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., January 14th, 1897.

The Great Annual Clearing Sale began Monday with a rush. No such bargains were ever offered before. People are taking advantage of the low prices to lay in a supply of merchandise for future need; no investment pays better.

Good quality Apron Gingham at per yard 2 1/2c. Best Lancaster Gingham at per yard 4 1/2c. Standard Dark Calicos, worth 3c., reduced to 2 1/2c. Dark Flannelettes reduced from 10c. to 4c.

Standard Dress Gingham reduced from 8c. to 4c. Large lot of light colored Calicos reduced to the yard 2 7-8c. Good quality Percale will be sold at 4 7-8c. Celebrated Alabama Shirting reduced to the yard 6c. Yard wide Unbleached Muslins reduced to 3 1/2c. Bleached Pillow Cases, 45x36, reduced to each 5 1/2c. Lonsdale Muslin during the sale will be 6c. 10-4 Unbleached Sheetting reduced to 10 1/4c. Celebrated Hill Muslin the yard 1 1/2c. 9-4 Hemmed Bed Sheets, cheaper than the material, 49c. 10-4 Hemmed Bed Sheets 56c. Fancy Plaid Dress Goods for children's dresses, the yard 4 1-2c. Double width Damier novelty dress goods, very popular, 7 1-2c. Double width all wool English Dress Serge reduced from 33c. to 19c. 45-inch all wool English Crystal Serge reduced from 49c. to 29c. Double width black fine English Wool Serge reduced from 33c. to 19c. Ladies' Jackets, fine all wool Astrachan, Boucle and Frieze cloths, some of them silk lined, were \$6.50, \$7.98 and \$8.98, reduced to \$5.98. Ladies' Capes beautifully braided, all wool kerseys, were \$8.00 and \$10.00, now \$5.98. Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes reduced from \$1.25 and \$1.50 down to 97c. Ladies' Vici Kid Button and Lace Shoes, regular price \$1.75, now \$1.21. Ostrich Feather Boas genuine, those that were \$15.00 are now \$10.00; those that were \$9.98 are \$6.98; those that were \$5.98 are \$3.98. Trimmed Hats worth \$7.50 to \$15.00 at \$4.98. Children's Trimmed Hats 75c. Ladies' and Misses' Felt Tourist Hats for bicycling, reduced from 98c. to 49c. Boys' all wool Cashmere Reefer Suits reduced from \$2.25 to \$1.65. 50 Storm Overcoats, extra well made, were \$3.50, now \$2.48. Women's fleeced lined Vests and Pants reduced from 25c. to 19c. Women's scarlet wool Pants, worth \$1.00, now 73c. Women's natural grey Vests now 29c. Men's working Shirts, those that were 35c. go to 19c. Those that were 50c. go to 35c. Those that were 75c. go to 48c. Men's ribbed grey Undershirts, no pants in the lot, so we reduce them from 50c. to 29c. Men's all wool woven Sweaters worth from \$1.50 to \$2.75, reduced to 98c. Boy's Sweaters 75c. 58-inch Turkey Red Damask, fast colors, worth 37 1/2c., now 25c. Write for our price list or read the Wilkes-Barre Record for full list of the thousands of bargains we offer at this Great Annual Sale. Goods delivered free of charge during the sale.

Respectfully, Jonas Long's Sons Cor. W. Market and Public Square, Wilkes-Barre.