

# 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. You no doubt can find your size in some of the lots which includes men's, women's and children's.

W. C. McKinney.

## THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

### SALES.

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. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are icebound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accommodations along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

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. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85; Wilkes-Barre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00, and at proportionate rates from other points. For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, tourist agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. 2t.

### 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. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

### For Sale.

A desirable house and lot. Corner lot about 50 x 80 feet, beautiful location, all modern improvements; will be sold at once. Cheap for cash, or part down and balance to suit the purchaser; or part in exchange for other property.

For further information call on S. D. Neyhard, Building, Loan and Real Estate Agent, over First National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa. 11-15-tf.

### A Desirable Business Place For Sale.

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.

### Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as an adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers. 1-7 4td.

## HARRISBURG LETTER.

Need for Rigid Economy in Expanding the State's Finances.

### PROPOSAL TO LEVY A TAX ON COAL.

An Effort Will be Made to Compel the Payment of Five Cents on a Ton at the Mines—The Need for Increased Prison Accommodations.

(Special Correspondence.)

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—The most important business of the legislature this week is, of course, the formal election of Boies Penrose to succeed J. Donald Cameron in the United States senate. It is scarcely probable that the legislature will accomplish little more than the approval of the committees and the selection of officers in connection with both branches. Much is promised in the way of improved legislation. Many schemes for both public and private benefit will no doubt early appear. Several significant reforms will be proposed and an effort made to enact them into laws.

Among the most important legislation that is needed, in the opinion of some of the members of both branches, will be an act to encourage road improvement throughout the state. The agricultural department has made such strenuous efforts to favor this enterprise that very considerable pressure will be brought to bear from the country districts in this respect.

It is believed that a bill will be offered early in the session providing for an appropriation that will be sufficient to give a start in the direction of securing a great improvement to the roadways of the state. The bill to be offered will be prepared with great care and will embody many valuable features in connection with this class of work, and will provide a just and equitable distribution of the state funds for this special purpose.

**Shrinkage of Public Revenues.**  
The widespread business depression of the past two years has been greatly felt in the shrinkage of the public revenues, as well as in private business, nor are the conditions likely to improve within the next year, unless something is done. This is one of the questions that our lawmakers will have to specially consider. Unless there can be some way devised by which the revenues can be increased the most rigid economy will be required in authorizing public expenditures for the next two fiscal years, or the state treasury will be bankrupt. A general reduction will have to be made in the appropriations to the institutions dependent entirely on the state for support to keep within the limits of the revenues.

The report of State Treasurer Haywood at the close of December showed a balance in the general fund of \$3,724,829. Against this, the moneys owing the school districts, hospitals, penitentiaries and the salaries of state officials must be paid when they become due. There is still \$3,000,000 of the school appropriation unpaid; while \$1,500,000 must be returned to the counties in personal property tax. These two items aggregate alone \$4,500,000, or nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the balance in the treasury.

The increase in the appropriation for school purposes of from \$2,000,000 in 1890 to \$5,500,000 since, which sum amounts to more than half of the revenues of the state, accounts in a large measure for the drain upon the treasury.

The revenues of the next fiscal year, it is claimed, will not be as large as they were during the past year, when they amounted, in round numbers, to \$10,000,000. Of this, however, nearly \$1,000,000 was derived by the collection of taxes due the state by delinquent corporations, which in some instances were in arrears to the state in their taxes for several years; but the state will not have this resource to draw upon in 1897.

### Proposal to Levy a Tax on Coal.

An effort will be made to enact a law this winter that will put a tax on anthracite coal of five cents per ton at the mines, the tax to be paid by the mine owners when the coal is shipped to market. By the provision of this bill the payments would be made to the state monthly, or semi-monthly. This would afford immediate relief to the treasury. Were this tax levied the amount realized by the state would aggregate over \$250,000.

Another source of revenue that will be considered is an effort to increase the tax on the actual value of the capital stock of insurance companies. It is proposed to increase this tax from three mills, now paid by them, to eight mills. This would make the tax uniform.

Several other plans are being considered which will be presented to the legislature during the session, by which a greater revenue can be secured. But with the best that can be done under prevailing conditions, the utmost economy will have to be exercised.

One of the most important subjects that will claim the attention of the present legislature is the overcrowded condition of our hospitals for the insane and penitentiaries. This was emphasized by the governor in his last annual message. The condition of affairs demands the special attention of the lawmaking bodies, as some solution will have to be made of this problem or there will be no further room to incarcerate the violators of law. Just what action will be taken it is difficult to foresee.

To build or not to build a new penitentiary, involving an expenditure of about \$5,000,000, and from four to five years time consumed to complete the same, are the questions that are being considered at the present time. It is thought by some of the members not to be economy to build additions to the present buildings, but that it would be much better to select some point in the central part of the state and there erect new buildings.

### Attorney General Needs a Deputy.

Attorney General McCormick, who has been a most industrious and valuable official in this capacity, has given out that an additional deputy is required in his department. And he says, furthermore, that the commonwealth would profit very largely by the creation of this new office. He says: "In addition to the work involved in this large volume of business, the usual proceedings by mandamus and suits against insolvent insurance companies and building and loan associations, have greatly increased the work of the office."

The collections made during the first half of General McCormick's term foot up \$845,211.16, of which \$21,738.22 were commissions paid by defendants. The gov-

ernor will approve of the creation of an additional deputy attorney general. This is one of the few new offices that the executive will allow. He has given notice that he will permit no more new offices, except a chief mine inspector and a bureau of geology, with a competent head, to take the place of the geological survey commission, which recently passed out of existence. The governor is opposed to any increase in salaries of officials.

It has recently come to the notice of the agricultural department that a firm doing business outside of the state is working a sly game to market their goods contrary to the laws of the state. This firm manufactures a cheap grade of acid vinegar, compounded and colored in such a manner as to pass as pure elder vinegar. Their plan is to send from two to three barrels to merchants in different parts of the state, and they afterwards write to the merchants saying that this shipment was sent in mistake; but since the goods are there, if they will remit them a certain amount, which is a very low price, they can have the goods. In this way they are likely to get a number of business men into trouble, as the state is determined to bring to justice all violators of the law in this respect.

### Andrews Doesn't Want the Chairmanship.

Senator William H. Andrews will not be a candidate for chairman of the state Republican committee, and Deputy Attorney General Elkin will in all probability accept another term.

Adjutant General Stewart is having trouble to secure quarters for the National Guard at Washington during the inauguration of McKinley, but in spite of the discouraging outlook at present he is confident that quarters will eventually be secured.

The three hundred patriotic applicants for positions are still carrying on a vigorous effort to get places in the different departments of the legislature, and as there are only sixty places to fill there will be many of them disappointed. It is likely that an agreement will be made early in the week as to who will be entitled to the several positions.

Various opinions are given as to the object of the visit of United States Senator Quay and State Senator Penrose to Canton on Saturday. Some think they went in the interest of Senator Cameron for either a position in McKinley's cabinet or to secure for him the appointment as ambassador to some foreign country, while others are of the opinion that they went to secure a place in the cabinet for Governor Hastings. This visit is believed to be one of much significance.

State Senator Penrose, it is thought, will not resign immediately, but will retain his place until his services are required at Washington.

Senator Coyle, of Schuylkill, will shortly introduce a bill providing that a license fee of \$100 shall be paid for each buffet and dining car in which liquid refreshments are served to travelers. Mr. Coyle, in speaking of the measure, said: "These companies owe the state hundreds of thousands of dollars for the privileges they have taken without even saying 'thank you.' In my country, if a man becomes crippled and can no longer work, and sells a drink of cheap whisky he is promptly fined and imprisoned. He should have just as much authority as these corporations." In New York a tax of \$200 is placed on each car in which wines and liquors are sold.

### Favors the Personal Tax Law Repeal.

State Treasurer Haywood is in favor of the repeal of the personal tax law as it is collected by the counties, for the state and commonwealth has to return three-fourths of it. The amount to be returned this year will be about \$1,800,000. It is his opinion, also, that \$1,000,000 might be cut off of the school appropriations. It was put on to put the text book law into operation. Inasmuch as this act has been working for several years, most of the schools have been supplied with books, and the extra money is not needed. He believes this to be a good plan to reduce the expenses of the state.

The contract for state printing will be let on the 29th inst. by the secretary of the commonwealth.

The improvements around the capitol are about completed, and are in every way ornamental and creditable.

Senator Coyle's bill to create a mining commission will be opposed by the state officials on account of the expense incurred. A bill will be introduced this session to dispose of the present method of executing criminals by hanging. This provides that an air tight cell shall be arranged, and the murderer shall be executed without his knowledge, for some night when he lies down to go to sleep carbonic acid gas will be turned into the apartment, which will accomplish the work speedily and effectually. This bill, it is thought, will have a large support.

The state, in its efforts to collect the sum of \$2,350.58 which it is claimed is due as penalties imposed in the collection of delinquent and mercantile taxes, will likely meet with opposition by the Philadelphia authorities, as they claim the money is due and belongs to the county of Philadelphia, while the commonwealth claims it belongs to the state. A suit will no doubt result between the state and city.

### Proposed Anti-Treating Law.

Representative William W. McKelheny, of Pittsburg, has prepared a bill against the "treating habit," which he will soon present. The title of this proposed law is: "An act to prohibit any person or persons from paying for or promising to pay for, any spirituous, vinous, malt or brewed liquor, or any admixture thereof that was, or is to be supplied, furnished or delivered to or for the use of any other person or persons," and it applies to barkeepers furnishing such drinks as well as consumers buying. It is further provided that it is unlawful for any person to offer to pay for any food "of whatever kind, with which liquor is or may be supplied or given away for the use of any other person." The punishment provided for violation of this law is a fine of not more than \$100 nor less than \$25, or an imprisonment of not more than six months or less than one month or both. Representative McKelheny has long considered the habit of treating, especially that of indiscriminate treating, as a great evil, and thinks it should be stopped.

A new senate bill will make it obligatory upon a member introducing a bill to file a certified copy of the same with the clerk, which shall at once be available for examination by the press and public, while the original goes at once to the chairman of the proper committee. This will no doubt meet the charges of surreptitious introduction of measures in which the public are specially interested.

Senator McCarroll, speaker of the senate pro tem., is of the opinion that the committees of the senate and house may not be announced before next week, owing to some additional committees which are likely to be appointed for the senate.

# THE BROADWAY

JANUARY Clearing Sale Commencing Monday, January 18, and continuing for Two Weeks.

A surplus stock in every line goes with this event, and many specialties purchased for this sale will be offered at prices which will prove most profitable to buyers.

"Make hay while the sun shines," is a maxim to be applied with peculiar force to the Dry Goods Business, but "hay making" time is past, now is clearing out time and our patrons will buy cheaply.

Every price will be a trade winner.

- Boy's extra heavy fleecelined hose, ribbed, 15c pair.
- Boy's bicycle hose, 15c pair.
- Men's fine gauge fast color, seamless half-hose, 10c pair.
- Boy's and Men's sweaters, all wool, in navy and cream, 98c to close.
- Boy's lined gloves, 24c pair.
- Men's lined gloves, 24c, 48c to 85c.
- Scotch knit gloves, 20c, 28c, 35c pair.
- Heavy mittens for men, 24c and 35c pair.
- Smyrna rugs, 26x54 in. and Japanese jute rugs, 1 1/2 yds. long, special price, \$1.29.
- Oil cloth window shades, spring rollers, 24c each.
- Felt shades on spring rollers, 2 for 25c.
- Chenille curtains, \$2.39, \$2.98, \$3.50 pair.
- Lace curtains, 38c, 69c to \$1.25 pair.
- Turkish bath towels, 5c and 10c each.
- Turkish wash rags, 2c each.
- New lot of fringed towels at 5c, 8c, 10c, 14, 19c each.
- Bleach canton flannel worth 10c, at 7c yard.
- Extra wide Rustle lining, 12c yard.
- Curtain scrim, 4c yard.
- Ticking, 5c, 10c, 13c yard.
- Turkey red table damask, 15c yard.
- Fast color red bordered, unbleached linen damask, 25c yd.
- 50 in. blue storm serge, 20c yard.

### House Furnishings.

- Flour sifters, 10c each.
- Egg whips, 2c each.
- Fire shovels, 5c each.
- Coffee pots, 8c, 10c each.
- 10 qt. tin pails, 10c each.
- 10 qt. galvanized pails, 19c each.
- 5 qt. tin pails, 7c each.
- Dippers, 4c, 5c each.
- Dinner buckets, 24c each.
- Wash basins, 4c each.
- Pudding pans, 3c, 4c, 5c each.
- Dish pans, 50c each.
- Coffee pots, 35c, 38c, 44c, 48c, 52c each.
- Covered pails, 2, 3 and 4 qt. at 22c, 26c, 32c each.
- Pudding pans, 13c, 16, 19c, 22c each.
- Wash basins, 19c each.
- Basting spoons, 8c each.

### Enameled Steel Ware.

- Dish pans, 50c each.
- Coffee pots, 35c, 38c, 44c, 48c, 52c each.
- Covered pails, 2, 3 and 4 qt. at 22c, 26c, 32c each.
- Pudding pans, 13c, 16, 19c, 22c each.
- Wash basins, 19c each.
- Basting spoons, 8c each.

Respectfully Submitted to the Cash Trade Only by

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

## JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., January 21st, 1897.

### SPECIAL SALE.

Crowds at the big clearing sale you know what that means. Where there are extraordinary bargains the people are sure to gather. Our bargains are not newspaper talk, they are bona fide reductions from the lowest prices in the city. Those who miss this opportunity are standing in the light of their own best interests. We talk plain to you, because we know you like candor. A careful inspection of our prices will convince you that at this sale we are selling goods cheaper than any other house, it won't cost much to verify this, drop us a postal card for a trial order, will satisfy you of the correctness of our assertion.

Ladies' full size good quality Muslin Gowns with square yoke and Empire rows of fine insertion and trimmed with neat edge of open work embroidery, save quarter the price, 48c.

Ladies' Muslin and fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed with ruffle of deep open work embroidery and cluster of tucks, others with ruffle of lawn, edged val lace yoke bands at 48c.

Ladies' good quality Muslin Drawers with deep hem and tucks, trimmed with ruffle of fine embroidery, 25c.

Ladies' fine Cambric and Muslin Corset Covers, square and V shaped, trimmed with fine open work embroidery, about cost of materials, 25c.

### DOMESTICS.

Fine Dress Gingham, quality always sold at 12 1/2c, are reduced to 9 1/2c.

Unbleached Sheeting 10-4 wide, reduced to 9 1/2c.

Blue Denim, the 12 1/2c quality reduced to 8 1/2c.

A Nery Special Blanket 10-4 size in grey only, reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.69.

### LINENS.

You know the reputation of our Linen Corner for dependable qualities. We want you to know it better, so we offer

56 inch Cream Table Damask, the regular 25c grade at 19c.

Heavy Unbleached Table Linen in flowered designs, all new, at 25c.

Heavy Bleached Table Linen 58 inches wide, reduced for this sale to 38c.

70 inch heavy pure bleached Table Damask, the regular 84c quality, reduced to 69c.

Heavy Bleached Crash, worth 8c, reduced to 5c.

Extra Heavy Twilled Crash 18 inches wide, with colored borders, the 10c quality reduced to 7 1/2c.

Lot of colored bordered fringed Towels at each 5c.

### CORSETS.

All popular makes of \$1.00 Corsets reduced to 75c.

No. 400 Corsets made from our own designs, durable and correct fitting, 33c.

### GLOVES.

Men's and boys' Scotch Wool Gloves regularly sold at 45c, now 25c.

Men's Lined Kid Gloves were 75c, now 59c.

Ladies All Wool Black Cashmere Gloves reduced to 12 1/2c.

All orders delivered free of charge during this sale.

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