

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.

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.

CONSTABLES' PAY.

On Monday a case stated was submitted to Judge Keler to determine whether or not the constables were entitled to pay and mileage for making returns to court.

It is hereby agreed by the parties, plaintiff and defendant, as follows: That the plaintiff is the constable of Orange township in said county, having been elected at the last February general election.

AMOS NEYHARD, County Solicitor.

February 1, 1897. Now, Feb. 1, 1897, on the strength of the opinion of his Honor, Judge Biddle of Cumberland county, in the case of McCoy vs. Cumberland county, 18 County Court Report, Page 459, judgment is entered for the plaintiff.

The constables got their pay and went home happy.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder that makes tight or new shoes easy.

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

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-0! Try Grain-0! Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

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.

To Florida via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The midwinter exodus has begun. The discomforts and dangers of wet winter weather are here, but to the southward, from a cloudless sky, beams a beautiful sun upon a blooming land.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia February 9.

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.

A new book, "Knitting and Crocheting," of 64 pages, over 50 original designs illustrated, beautiful lace patterns, shawls, hoods, jackets, etc., has been published by The Home, 141 Milk St., Boston, Mass., and will be sent with a subscription to that paper.

TOO MANY HOLIDAYS.

A table, which is being circulated around shows that deducting Sundays and all holidays, there are 305 working days in each year in the United States, while other countries have a smaller number.

Lock Haven is greatly excited over the announcement that natural gas has been struck there at a depth of 1,000 feet.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages.

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.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Various Reform Bills Now Being Pushed.

USELESS EXPENDITURE VOTED.

Both Houses Pass a Resolution Providing for the Spending of \$30,000 for Mailing Legislative Records—Anti-Treating and Other New Measures.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 1.—Owing to what the agricultural sections of the state have suffered under the existing horse racing law, which has practically abolished county fairs, a race track bill which is to be introduced in the house this week will probably be one of the most interesting of all the proposed legislative measures.

The new bill is backed by most of the agricultural societies of the state, as well as the various racing associations, including those of Philadelphia and vicinity, and McKee's Hooks, Allegheny county, and by limiting to twenty-five the number of days for racing in a year, on any established track, and allowing restricted pooling on that number of days, the proposed law is expected to practically prevent the construction of new race tracks for continuous racing.

The bill specifies that no part of the twenty-five days' racing, with the pool selling confined to the grounds and to the races there in progress, shall be done in the period from Nov. 1 to April 30, inclusive, and there shall not be more than six days of the sport in any one of the six months from May to October, inclusive.

It is argued that this arrangement will restore the vitality of the county fairs throughout the state, while at the same time barring out the gambling and other evils which prompted a former legislature to action, the results of which may not have been foreseen and were certainly not desired by the farming communities. The bill, therefore, is expected to receive its main support from representatives in whose counties the former opposition to even such restrictions are now to be put upon pools found its chief backing.

Many Reform Measures.

The Municipal League's seven reform bills recently introduced include one aimed against political assessments on officeholders' salaries or wages. A bill for the same purpose is among the several Quays reform measures, which will be introduced this week, or other Municipal League bill on civil service applies only to Philadelphia, while the Quays project is for a state commission and would be a general law. A third bill from the League puts increased restrictions around municipal contracts. The other League bills, in addition to putting the tax office and city treasury under civil service rules, would bar out city councilmen from holding public office of profit, and would require an income from franchises and reduce the number of members in councils, electing the select councilmen at large.

The Quays lieutenants say they are ready to take from the Municipal League bills or elsewhere any suggestions that may improve the Quays bills, although the latter are claimed to be more radical than any other measures yet introduced on the same subjects. All the league bills, as well as other municipal reform plans, including those of Senator Quay, will be acted upon by the house municipal affairs committee, in which there are two Wanamaker voters, and the municipal corporations committee of the senate, in which all the Republicans were Penrose voters.

Representative Keator's bill to create a salaries commission, with qualifications of supreme court justices, for the purpose of sorting out all bills as soon as reported from committee, and again just before sending them to the governor, is not received with much favor among Quaysites. This fact is attributed by anti-Quay men to the circumstance of Mr. Keator's having been the original Wanamaker candidate for representative in Philadelphia. Representative Crothers, of Philadelphia, has a bill which he will soon introduce to repeal the law passed in 1895, through the efforts of Senator Charles A. Porter, to facilitate the consolidation of corporations.

Extravagance in Expenditure.

There was a resolution passed by the senate recently, as well as by the house, which means a useless expenditure of \$30,000 of the people's money. There was but one dissenting vote in the senate, and none in the house. The resolution provides that hereafter forty copies of the Legislative Record shall be allotted to each member of the legislature daily, to be mailed to their constituents.

It costs just about two cents each day to mail these Records. This is an unnecessary expense of \$300 per day. For 100 days of a session it means just \$30,000, exclusive of the increased cost of publishing.

The anti-treating bill, offered by Mr. McElhaney, of Allegheny, does not carry in its provisions any reference to the word "treating." Its enacting section provides that it shall be unlawful for any person holding a license for the sale of liquor to allow any person or persons to drink upon or around the premises intoxicating liquors, except such have been paid for by the person who proposes to drink it.

Bills to Protect the Flag.

There have been two bills introduced which provide for penalties for dishonoring or desecrating the American flag. Representative Farr, of Lackawanna, and Representative Keator, of Philadelphia, are the authors of these bills. Strangely enough neither provides for the desecration of the flag by advertisers. They simply make provision that it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously take down, pollute, injure, remove or in any manner damage or destroy or offer an insult to an American flag or flag-staff.

ufficiently protect the American flag and bar put individuals and firms who desire to use the national emblem for the purpose of advertising corn cures or peonorial syrups, neither one defines the subject in specific language. It is possible, however, that amendments will be offered to these bills which will cover this phase of the question.

Every resident of a third class city is interested in a measure offered by Representative North, of McKean county, which provides for assessment and collection of a special tax upon property abutting for street sprinkling and street cleaning purposes.

In any third class city under this act a majority of the property owners whose property abuts upon any street may decide to have the streets sprinkled and cleaned without the consent of the minority.

The street, of course, must be a paved one, and the expense of such sprinkling or cleaning shall be designated as a street cleaning tax, which councils are authorized and empowered to fix and collect by ordinance. The tax is to be levied proportionately to the number of feet fronting on the street to be thus cared for.

To Protect Organized Labor.

Jerry N. Weller, of Carbon county, who is one of the officers of the Railway Employees' association, is the author of the bill which was presented last Thursday, which makes it a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of not less than \$1,000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, for any officer, agent or employe of any corporation, state or foreign, to corruptly attempt to induce any employe of such corporation from joining a lawful labor organization.

The female school teachers of the state, who as a rule, in the rural districts especially, are paid less than male teachers, are to be protected under a bill offered by S. J. Seyforth, of Lancaster. The bill makes it obligatory upon school directors to pay female teachers in public schools the same compensation as is allowed to male teachers for a like service, when holding the same grade of certificates.

From the Democratic side of the house there comes a bill which is still further designed to increase the cost of public printing. Representative Leamon, of Lehigh county, proposes by law to place in each public school of the state, above the primary grade, one copy of Smull's Legislative Handbook, and one copy of the school laws and decisions. The passage of this bill would more than double the present publication of Smull's Handbook.

Proposed College Appropriations.

The appropriation bills have not been coming in rapidly as yet. The general publication of the fact that the state will be short of funds has, perhaps, had a deterrent effect. Among the new bills appearing, however, is one appropriating \$300,000 to Lehigh university. It is offered by Mr. Weis, of Northampton. The bill is prefaced by a series of whoroses, setting forth the fact that Lehigh university is worthy of the appropriation in view of the fact that for nearly thirty years it has maintained high courses of technical instruction entirely free, of course, to all students.

It also claimed that the small charge for tuition imposed since 1893 is inadequate to meet the current expenses of the university, while the normal income from its endowment fund is temporarily suspended.

The appropriation is asked for in view of the fact that the university is sorely in need of funds, and also to carry out the wish of its founder, that no students of good character and scholarship should be barred from obtaining an education in consequence of his inability to pay tuition. The fight of the week is likely to center tonight, when an attempt is to be made to line up the house on the Mitchell resolution to investigate the state treasury and auditor general's office. The anti-Quay people have opposed this for the reason that it will not amount to anything in the end.

The real reform needed in the state treasury is a law compelling the payment of 2 per cent interest by the amount of state deposits. The reformers in the legislature fear that the passage of this bill will be interfered with by the appointment of an investigating committee which will not investigate. If there could be any assurance that the appointment of an investigating committee would not interfere with the passage of the 2 per cent interest bill, the anti-Quay, or "Seventy-six," would vote for the investigating resolution to a man.

State Treasurer Haywood has finished the preparation of his annual report to the legislature, and it contains some rather interesting information concerning the state finances.

Treasurer Haywood's Report.

The total receipts during the year ending Nov. 30, 1896, were \$13,913,848.59, to which was added a balance of \$9,429,654.07, making the available funds during the year \$23,343,502.66. There was paid out \$11,280,803.47, leaving a balance of \$12,062,699.19, of which \$4,250,257 was in the general fund.

The receipts of the sinking fund were \$348,087.50, and a balance of \$440,635.19 was added making \$788,722.69; of this \$276,375.50 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$512,347.19 cash. The total assets of the sinking fund are \$5,154,193.58, made up of above cash, United States bonds, Allegheny Valley railroad bonds and interest. The general fund receipts were \$12,955,756.09 and there was a balance of \$2,989,018.58, making a total of \$15,944,774.67. The payments from the general fund during the year were \$11,004,517.97, and the balance on hand at the end of the year was \$4,940,256.70.

In conclusion, Mr. Haywood says: "The balance due to common schools for the current appropriation year to Philadelphia on six personal tax; the quarterly payments for the next six months on the appropriations made by the last legislature to charitable, reformatory, educational and training institutions; salaries to judges and state officers; to the National Guard, etc., together with the expenses of the incoming legislature, will not only consume all of the above balances, but will require, in addition, a large portion of the receipts for the same period."

THE BROADWAY

A large stock of bright new merchandise for February trade is here awaiting your inspection. New linens, laces, embroideries, hosiery, queensware, glassware and merchandise of all kinds, all marked at our popular low prices, as per the following list:

Dry Goods.

Selicia, 10c. yd. Cambric, 4c yd. Ruseline, 5c., 12c. Percaline, 10c. Grass cloth, 12c. Duck, 8c. Drilling, 6c. Hair cloth, 8c.

DRESS LININGS.

Silkalene, 8c, 10c, 12c yd. Figured denim, 16c. Curtain scrim, 4 1/2c, 6c. Chenille table covers, 39c to \$2.75. Red damask table covers, 77c, 88c. Brocade jute table covers, \$1.35 to \$2.75.

DRAPERY.

Red damask table covers, 15c, 20c, 30c yd. Lace per piece, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c. Lace per yard, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c. Embroidery per yd., 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c., 14c.

Notions.

Ladies' fleece lined hose, 10c, 23c. Children's fleece lined hose, 14c, 16c. Ladies' cotton hose, 10c, 13c, 23c. Dress stays, 6c, 7c. Hooks and eyes, 1c and 4c doz. Hose supporters, 4c, 10c, 18c. Embroidery silk, 2 skeins for 5c. Best crochet cotton, 1c to 5c. Witch cloth, 10c. Combs, 2c, 4c, 7, 10c, 19c.

Stationery.

Commercial note, 5c + ream. Square envelopes, 3c pack. 2 doz. sheets paper, 2 doz. envelopes, 8c, 15c. French mourning stationery, 20c. Business envelopes, 1c, 3c pack. Lead pencils, 2c, 3c, 10c, 30c doz.

House Furnishings.

Look at our window display of glassware—any piece for 10c. Sugar bowls, cream pitchers, vinegar bottles, fruit and cake dishes, two quart pitchers, flower vases, molasses, pitchers, &c.

Agate Ware.

Coffee and tea pots, 35c, 38c, 42c, 52c. Stew cups, 25c, 32c, 38c. Pudding dishes, 13c, 16c, 19c, 22c, 26c. Cups, 10c, 15c. Pie and cake pans, 10c. Water buckets, 50c, 63c.

Tinware.

Water buckets, 10c. Dish pans, 14c, 16c, 20c. Wash basins, 4c, 8c. Buckets with covers, 4c, 10c. Pudding dishes, 3c, 4c, 5c. Flour sieves, 10c.

Agency for Butterick's Patterns.

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., February 4th, 1897.

Like flowers in spring our pretty new novelties are resplendent with their beauty, peeping out from the sombre winter stockings they lend a charm to their surroundings that is irresistibly tempting. Among the newest Dainties for Evening Wear is Gauze Ribbon, the ground work is on the order of a delicate Chiffon, 5 inches in width, edged with narrow Satin border, beautiful colored flowers are embroidered at intervals in delicate shades of pink, green, lavender and light blue, nothing richer for a waist, ribbon or shoulder bow, price is reasonable, 69c the yard.

Gauze Ribbons with wide Taffeta centre of green, pink, light blue, lavender and corn, 5 inches wide makes a lovely addition to an evening toilette, price per yard 49c.

A double face satin stripe ribbon in No. 60 widths, the ground is Taffeta with pretty half inch stripes running lengthwise, colors are navy pink, lavender, green, light blue, black, brown and navy, per yard 49c.

A pretty combination is a Ribbon formed of vari-colored woven stripes, an a Taffeta ground, that is a proper auxiliary to the beautiful linen gowns so popular, it is sold at the yard 49c.

A new and beautiful stuff for bodices and fronts is Embroidered Grass Linen, rich delicate little flowers and leaves are neatly embroidered on the surface of the gauzy linen, forming the prettiest of stripes; some of it represents the daintiest of scroll patterns, with neat little colored flowers embroidered at intervals, price per yard \$2.49 and \$3.49.

Chiffon Ruchings for neck and sleeve trimmings, running in width from 1 1/4 inches to 6 inches, sells at 40c, 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.49.

One of the richest novelties to be worn over silk is the new Embroidered Chiffon, it is formed of wide open work patterns representing numerous silky-like crescents and is sold at the yard \$7.98.

SILKS FOR EVENING WEAR.

A very handsome display of light silks for evening and party dresses, are now being offered, they comprise silk figured Habuti and all silk satin, in the newest designs, retail value is 79c to 98c, we sell them this week at 59c.

Gauze Effects are very popular, worn over silk, they are the faintest of fabrics, a special feature is our 45 inch Tinsel Stripe, nandy to renovate or recover a party dress that has been worn for a time, usual value 67c, our price 47c.

45 inch Gauze Stripes in ajour or Embroidery Effects are very popular. Cabochon or Tinsel Armour, is also a much sought for novelty, real value per yard \$1.00, our price 69c.

THE USEFUL THINGS.

Arabisque Suiting is one of the newest creations in cotton fabrics, beautiful scroll and floral designs in white are formed upon a ground of black, navy, brown and bottle green. Nothing prettier for a house gown or wrapper, we have placed the price at 5c the yard, you'll pay treble that amount for a lawn

The Foulard Francaise fancy white figured on a navy blue ground, is a rich wash fabric, comes in a soft silk finish, our price is per yard 7c.

The Butterick patterns are sold only by us, they assist greatly in making up new costumes. Write for catalogue.

Handsme High Arm Sewing Machine, warranted 5 years, \$17.46.

THE LARGEST MAIL ORDER HOUSE IN NORTH-EASTERN PENN'A.

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