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THE COLUMBIAN.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1898.
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OUR OFFERS FOR 1898.
We are able to offer our subscribers some special inducements for advance payments for 1898.
THE COLUMBIAN, and New York World, three times a week, \$1.65.
COLUMBIAN and Philadelphia Weekly Times .45.
COLUMBIAN and Demorest's Magazine, 1.75.
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BRIEF MENTION.
About People You Know.

Geo. E. Elwell made a business trip to Towanda on Friday.
F. L. Rickets, proprietor of the hotel at Ganoga Lake was in town on Friday.
Charles Lawell of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother in town.
Mrs. Irene McCollum of Montrose, a niece of Justice J. B. McCollum of the Supreme Court, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Slate.
Mrs. Daniel Whitmire of Orangeville, gave this office a pleasant call on Friday. She came down to spend a few days with friends in town.
Joseph Cochran, son of State Senator J. Henry Cochran of Williamsport, accompanied by Frank Foisman another young man of Williamsport, left that city on Saturday for the Klondike gold fields.
Col. John G. Freeze went to South Bethlehem on Tuesday to be present at the enthronement of Bishop Talbot, at the Church of the Nativity, on Wednesday morning. The Colonel is Chancellor of the Diocese of Central Penna., and as such is the legal advisor of the Bishop.
Mrs. Betheliah Ruckle, died at the home of her son-in-law, W. H. Moore early Tuesday morning. The deceased formerly resided near Cambra, Luzerne County. Her husband William Ruckle died several years ago. She was seventy-two years of age, and for the last few years has lived with her daughter Mrs. Moore. The funeral services took place from the house this morning at nine o'clock, and the remains were taken to Cambra for interment.

The beautiful western drama "The Golden Gulch" will be produced in the Opera House on Saturday evening February 26, by a company of young people culled from Bloomsburg's best talent. The play will be for the benefit of the Cubans. The admission price will be reduced to 10, 20 and 30. This will give every body an opportunity to prove their loyalty to the struggling insurgents who have suffered untold miseries, and have been the victims of Spanish butcheries for the past four years.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made. 4 1-17

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We have placed ourselves in position to supply our customers with something which is so instructive, entertaining and beautiful, that people wonder why they did not get them long ago. We refer to

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We have everything you need to start one.
Gold Fish, 20c. each.
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Globes, 25c to \$9.
Aquariums Fitted Out. 60c to \$16.

See them in our window.

W. S. RISHTON, Ph. G.,
Opposite P. O. Pharmacist,

Legal advertisements on page 7.

There are several sheriff sales scheduled to take place at the Court House on Monday.

All the stone work on the new bridge over the Susquehanna River at Catawissa was finished last week.

Mrs. M. M. Phillips has opened a boarding house in her building, on Main Street, formerly Hotel Arlington.

The first installment of the new Williams Bloomsburg and Berwick directory is being distributed to subscribers in town.

Services were held on the third floor of the Moyer Building over Hess Bros. jewelry store Sunday afternoon and evening, conducted by Rev. Maltman of Benton.

The first month of the new year, according to *Dun's Review* of trade has brought considerable more increase in business but improvement in prices have been very disappointing.

The snow of Sunday made sleighing pretty good about town, two or three large sled loads of young people took advantage of it on Monday night, a party going to Danville and the other to Berwick.

The following letters are advertised Feb. 1, 1898. Chas. F. Connor, Miss Maggie Gilbert, Miss Cathrien Johns, Miss Effie Robbins. Will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 15, 1898.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.
W. S. Rishton's gold fish aquariums are attracting a good deal of attention. In addition to the hundreds of small fish of various kinds, he has now two very large gold fish, one ten inches long, in his show window aquarium. They are worth seeing.

We have received a copy of the Philadelphia Press Almanac for 1898. It is an invaluable book of reference and is a comprehensive cyclopaedia of historical and statistical fact. It can be obtained by sending twenty-five cents to the Press, Philadelphia.

Nearly two thousand people gathered in the M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon to hear Rev. Sam Jones preach. His sermon was much better than his lecture the night before. Mrs. Elmer Melick sang "The Holy City" in her sweet way, and a male choir rendered some selections.

While alighting from his buggy on East Street on Friday Abram Gilder, who resides near Shanandoah, fell, spraining his ankle besides lacerating his face in several places. His foot caught in the blanket, and overbalanced him his face striking the ground with considerable force.

The weather for the past few days has been the severest of the winter. The snow a few miles from town covers the ground to a depth of a foot and a half, and is drifted to such an extent that many of the roads are utterly impassable. The thermometer on Wednesday morning registered four degrees below zero.

Curiosity to hear Sam Jones drew a large audience to the Normal Auditorium last Saturday evening. No one was disappointed, as he fully sustained his reputation. His lecture consisted of humor, anecdote, religion and slang. It was amusing most of the time, instructive none of the time and disgusting in spots.

Flotow's "Martha" was effectively sung to a large, fashionable and appreciative audience by the Andrews Opera Company at the Opera House on Thursday night. It was the first grand opera Bloomsburg theatre goers have had an opportunity of witnessing for a long time, and the size of the audience gives evidence that performances of this kind will always receive liberal patronage.

Free Delivery.

The following dispatches will explain themselves.
BLOOMSBURG, PA., January 31, '98.
MR. PERRY S. HEATH,
First Asst. Postmaster General,
Washington D. C.

Free Delivery Division.
Boxes are all up and everything ready for free delivery to-morrow morning except the appointment of carriers. Shall I appoint temporary carriers.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

THE REPLY.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 31, '98.
Postmaster, Bloom.
Carriers have not yet been appointed, Cannot authorize temporary service. You will be notified as soon as carriers are selected.

PERRY S. HEATH,
1st. Asst. P. M. General.

The boxes are all up, the people should make no mistake in putting letters or papers in them before the carriers are appointed as they will not be taken out for mailing.

A basket ball team has been made up at the Normal school. The first game will probably take place next week.

Our lithographing printing is a new thing and is pleasing our customers. Call at the COLUMBIAN office and see samples.

There has been an unusual large number of "hobos" walking the streets of Bloomsburg the past week. Monday night about half past eleven o'clock, there were no less than six thin clad, dilapidated looking individuals in the stairway of the First National Bank building, sheltering themselves from the cutting wind that whistled around the corner of Main and Market streets.

Notice to the Democratic Voters of Columbia County.

Is hereby given that the executive committee, the committee on Rules and the officers of the last Democratic convention will meet in public session on Saturday Feb. 19, at 10 a. m. in Court House Room No. 2 for the purpose of taking final action relative to the adoption of the new Rules governing our primary nominations and county conventions as passed upon by the last Democratic convention held Aug. 10, 1897. All Democrats who feel interested in this important matter are requested to be present.

The members of the standing committee will please note that this is not a general committee call but committeemen all who can be specially requested to attend the above stated meeting. The regular annual committee call will take place in March and due notice will be given of the same.

JOHN G. MCHENRY,
Chairman Dem.
Standing Committee.

A MERRY PARTY.

At 8 o'clock last Saturday evening, a merry company of young people assembled at the rooms of Misses Lizzie and Mazie Hileman on Iron street. Candy making seemed to be the main object, and for a time all endeavored to be useful, either by giving advice or sampling the candy. By the efforts of the many helpers several dishes of fine candy were produced. This, with other refreshments, had a quieting effect for a time on all present, after which several amusing games were indulged in, and at an appropriate time all departed with loud smiles and pleasant thoughts.

Among those present were Misses Karns, Hartman, Johns, Beagle, Maust, Richard, K. Hileman, Mrs. W. Herbine, and several gentlemen.

FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman Palace Cars Tuesday, February 8. Excursion tickets, 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; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1186 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Worn Out?

Do you come to the close of the day thoroughly exhausted? Does this continue day after day, possibly week after week? Perhaps you are even too exhausted to sleep. Then something is wrong. All these things indicate that you are suffering from nervous exhaustion. Your nerves need feeding and your blood enriching.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, contains just the remedies to meet these wants. The cod-liver oil gives the needed strength, enriches the blood, feeds the nerves, and the hypophosphites give them tone and vigor. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

All druggists; 50c. and \$1.00.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

J. E. ROYS.
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It is a plate camera, and takes a picture 3 1/4 x 4 1/2 inches, and is much cheaper to run and easier to manipulate than a film camera.

Do not fail to see it before you buy.

We carry a complete line of Photo Supplies for amateurs.

J. E. ROYS.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Valentines will soon be on the go.
—January went out in a white night gown.
—A married woman should not be missed, for she's a Mrs.
—In walking no man can move more than two feet at a time.
—A railroad tunnel is a bore to the mountain but a blessing to lovers.
—A man who never owns up to anything ought to be tagged "no admittance."
—Icy pavements have been the cause of many a person's downfall the past week.
—No Maud, dear, don't imagine that it's fashionable to have your temper ruffled.
—The license applications and the Poor Director nominations have held the attention of the court for the past two weeks.
—If Mr. Kinley knew the suspense he was keeping one or more of Bloomsburg's politicians in, he would get a move on him and name the new postmaster.
—There are several young men in town who were counting on wearing a uniform and carrying love letters to pretty girls in town, by this time, but they got left, for a while at least.
—Many patrons of the Opera House are kicking because some of the ladies fail to comply with the request printed on the wall to "remove their hats." In this they are perfectly right. Any one who pays for a seat in the Opera House or any other entertainment ought not to be compelled to look over a "roof garden" in order to see the performance. Ladies' remove your hats.

THE WORKING-GIRL'S GREAT CHANCE.

Domestic Service the Most Comfortable and Most Remunerative Occupation.

"The average home holds out a far more comfortable time a more leisurely life, a healthier existence, and better wages, than does the office, store or factory to an intelligent girl or woman," writes Edward W. Bok of "The Working Girl's Great Chance," in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "The same time devoted, for example, to the study of shorthand or typewriting, if given to the study of nursing or domestic service, would mean twice the income to a bright, steady girl. Unfortunately, girls will not see this, and thousands of them who are today struggling through an existence in the outer world, could have far more comfortable lives and better wages in excellent homes. How the average girl can deliberately shut her eyes to the opportunity which fairly glazes upon her as a good maid, nurse, companion or domestic of any sort, passes average comprehension. There has never been a time when mistresses were readier or more willing to pay good wages for good domestic service—wages compared to which the pittance paid in shops or factories sinks into insignificance. And, on the other hand, the salaries of women in business, as recent statistics plainly show, are gradually on the decrease because of the willingness of hundreds of girls to work for a mere pittance. Every business house has to-day waiting lists of scores of hundreds of applicants, while hundreds of homes cry out for intelligent domestic service."

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In every wrapper.

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at prices that you can not match for the values we offer. Come and see the goods.

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Several lots of these have been greatly reduced.

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We have cut the prices greatly to close out the line.

BLANKETS.

At prices it will pay you to buy and keep till next season, let alone the use of them now. Compare with any for quality and price.

Fur Collarettes

at a big reduction from former prices.

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Will close a lot of these goods very low.

FEATHER BOAS.

Get the prices reduced on them.

All Goods sold for Cash.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

Special Sale for the month of February now open.

1 case of new calico, Spring styles, at 4c yd.	The 5c Ribbon Box is kept well filled, also the box of remnants of Calico, Gingham, Shirtings, etc.
1 lot of light calico at 4c yd.	1 lot of Wool Dress Goods reduced from 25c to 19c.
1 lot new apron gingham at 3c yd.	1 lot of Wool Dress Goods were 19 and 25c, now 15c.
1 case of dress gingham, in single patterns, at 5c yd.	1 lot of Wool Dress Goods were 39 and 50c, now 25c.
1 case bleached muslin at 4 1/2 c yd.	A great lot of short length Wool Dress Goods at nearly half price, all saleable styles.
1 lot of Columbian Heavy Shirting at 6 1/2 c yd.	Ladies' Misses' and Children's coats and capes will be continued this month at January cut prices.
1 lot of 2 1/2 yd. Sheeting Muslin at 22c yd., extra good.	New lot of those 45c Blankets just in, with the sale of all others at the cut prices noted in our last circular, also in the daily and county papers.
1 lot of 2 1/2 yd. wide at 18c.	
1 lot marked 2 1/2 yds. at 12 1/2 c.	
20 yds. extra good unbleached muslin, \$1.00.	
10 yds. good unbleached muslin, 35c.	
1728 yds. Torchon lace just opened at 4c yd.	

We have decided to continue for a time during this month, the Special Sale of all what is left of the Ladies' Muslin Underwear at the January advertised prices. Many ladies have found special bargains, and we invite others to see them.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

H. W. SLOAN

Clearing-Out Sale.

Having rented my store room to Louis Gross, the clothier, I must vacate the room now occupied by me.

The Entire Stock must be Closed Out.

Commencing Monday, January 3rd, 1898, I will offer the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity the Greatest Values in

Dress Goods, Hosiery, Table Linens, Silks, Underwear, Towels, Silk Velvets, Gloves, Napkins, White Dress Goods, Silverware, Counterpanes, Embroideries, Percaloes, Flannels, Laces, Lawns, Ladies' Cloths, Stamped Linens,
And all other Dry Goods, Notions, and Fancy Goods usually kept in a first class Dry Goods Store.

THIS STOCK MUST BE SOLD.

I have lost sight of Profits and Cost in this Closing Sale.

The first comers will have the best selection. You certainly will save money. All goods will be sold for CASH ONLY and at prices you will not duplicate again. Everything in the store in this sale.

Special discount to Dealers.

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Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Swollen, Sweating, Damp feet. At all druggists and Shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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