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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19th, 1898.

Senator Vest made a spirited attack on the evils of the present pension system, saying that the government had fallen into "a most iniquitous expenditure by its ill-advised legislation and thorough political influences," and was now acting as a sort of political accident insurance company.

The Lode immigration bill is thought to have received its death-blow, last week, when the House, by a majority vote, declined to take it from the Speaker's table, where it has been since it passed the Senate, early in the last session.

Representative De Armond, of Missouri, had the pleasure of nagging Czar Reed into making a speech last week. The incident was started by Representative Grow, of Pennsylvania, a Republican, making a speech attacking the gag rules of the House.

Col. Bryan was in Washington last week, conferring with the Democratic leaders in Congress.

When Boss Platt was asked whether anything else besides the demands of his private business had influenced Secretary Bliss to resign the portfolio of Secretary of the Interior, he could hardly keep his face straight.

Representative Bailey, of Texas, has made a statement concerning his attitude towards General Wheeler and three other members of the House, who hold commissions in the volunteer army.

man to hold two high offices, even though it be against the Constitution of our country." Another phase of the same question is now being discussed in the Senate—the Constitutional right of Senators to serve as government or Presidential Commissioners.

Senator Turpie never minces words when he has anything to say. He favors the Nicaragua Canal, but does not favor letting the Maritime Canal Company have anything to do with its construction.

Senator Berry has offered an amendment to the Nicaragua bill, providing for direct appropriation of money to construct the canal, instead of guaranteeing interest-bearing bonds, and to limit the cost to \$115,000,000, and stated that Senator Morgan was willing to accept the amendment so far as it related to appropriating money, instead of issuing bonds.

The Black Sheep and the White.

If our judges do not look out we may find some day that the larger part of the honest men in the community are in the penitentiaries. We all know that the number of men who ought to be there, in the general opinion, is very great; and that there has long been a prevalent impression that a good many are there more by misfortune than by fault, since their fault is by no means greater than may be safely laid against the average man.

The conviction of the cashier of the Chestnut street bank, by direction of Judge Butler, is particularly calculated to give ground for this statement. There is nothing doubtful about this case. The exact degree of this man's wrong doing is clearly understood. He was the official of the bank upon whom it fell to make the returns of its condition called for by the law.

The president of the bank escaped the court by death. The cashier, who presented the highest testimonials of good character, is convicted. And yet everyone understands that he is guilty of doing nothing that the generality of honest cashiers would not have done in his place.

Judge Butler says that this made no difference in the cashier's guilt, since the statute declared his duty; and his superior officers were not empowered by the law to modify or change it. No doubt that is true. Probably the comptroller of the currency had no right to knowingly accept an incorrect report from the bank cashier; but yet it seems clear to the ordinary mind that a cashier who makes a return called for by the law to the comptroller, stating therein what he knows the comptroller knows to be incorrect; and who is permitted by the comptroller to do this for years; and who does it without guilty purpose, by direction of the bank's president; and without suspicion that the bank will suffer by it, is not guilty of any moral crime; and if he is sent to prison for it, will go there with a clear conscience and a white soul so far as this crime is concerned.

Wherefore are we moved to say that if some of our judges do not take care in construing the laws, the white souled citizens may all be in jail some day; and if other judges do not take like care, the variegated Quay's will occupy the world alone.

A South Portland girl while making some cute little curlykieu beau catchers on the back of her neck lost her grip on the curling tongs and dropped them down her back inside her clothing. A great deal might be said in regard to this accident, but it really does not seem necessary.—Lewiston Journal.

Its funny that a fellow with a stack of "chips" should get cold feet, but he very often does just the same.

After the Fever

Little Girl Was Weak and Could Not Eat—Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Her Appetite and Strength—Eczema Disappearing.

"My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength—and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." Mrs. CLINTON B. COPE, Buckingham Valley, Pennsylvania.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. Price, \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.



Christmas Cabinets.

There is little time to spare if you want photos for Christmas. It takes time to do really good work, and that is what we pride ourselves on. There is nothing more acceptable for Christmas than a photograph, and those made by the Phillips studio make more welcome gifts than others.

PHILLIPS * STUDIO, MAIN STREET.

Opposite Episcopal Rectory. 11-24

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. Pa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain piece and parcel of land, situated in the village of Mifflinville, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Being marked in the general plan of said village as number forty-nine (49), bounded on the north by Second street, on the south by Third street, on the east by lot No. 48, and west by street, being in length fourteen (14) rods, and in breadth, four (4) rods, upon which is erected a

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, at the suit of Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association vs. Samuel W. Fedder and Etta Fedder, and to be sold as the property of Samuel W. Fedder and Etta Fedder. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

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All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the township of Mifflin, County of Columbia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded on the north by Second street, on the east by lot No. 126, on the south by Third street, and on the west by lot now or formerly owned by Mary Gearhart, being sixty-six feet in width and two hundred feet in depth and being numbered and designated upon the general plan of the village of Mifflinville as Lot 126, whereon are erected a

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF J. M. C. RANCK, LATE OF SCOTT TWP., COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA., DECEASED. In the matter of the first and second partial accounts of Charles W. Dawson, executor of J. M. C. Ranck, deceased.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE. XMAS GREETING.

Half the joys of gift making lie in the knowledge that your money has obtained full value. Our store is full of surprises, and no trash or old shop-worn goods.

- \$4.75 Buys a Suit of Clothes for father, brother, or grandfather. \$5.75 Buys a good Storm Coat, or Overcoat, warm and comfortable. \$3.00 Buys a good Storm Reef-er, st rm collar. Good Chinchilla, well lined. \$1.95 Buys a pretty Veste Suit, for boys' wear. 19c. Buys boy's Knee Pants. \$3.00 Buys a Suit of our Double Seated, Knee and Elbow School Suit. 75c. Buys a Suit of Underwear, sold elsewhere for one dollar. They are good values. 25c. Buys an Outing Flannel Shirt or Cheviot.

House Coats from \$3.50. Bath Robes from \$3.00. These are only a few of the bargains now being offered during the holidays. We invite a call from you and we are sure you will find our goods will please you, in quality, price and style.

At Townsend's Star Clothing House.

Holiday Life At This Store

At this time every storekeeper is disposed to say, "We have the largest and best stock." But is the saying so in an advertisement always the settlement of a fact? It is not we think, or what we want others to think, but as it is.

Year after year there is more common sense shown in the choosing of gifts. Useable things, that is the idea. And we use our wits to meet the demand in a liberal way. Useful things, to be sure, but beautiful as well.

China.

Our China you will find displayed through the centre of our store. We have never had such a pretty lot, or so much of it. We can give you at almost any price. Cups and saucers at 10c., plates at 10c. Usual asking price, double.

Silverware.

We have the same make of silverware we have always handled. Something that we can guarantee to you. 4-piece tea sets, from \$4.50 to \$10.00. These goods are worth a great deal more.

Pickle casters, sugar bowls, cracker jars, crumb trays, mugs for children, cake baskets, fruit baskets. Anything you need to make a table look nice, at prices one-third less than usual.

Dress Goods

For Christmas.

Our Dress Goods stock is too heavy. It must be reduced by Christmas, and the way to do it is to lower the prices.

Dress Goods, worth 42c, at 29c. " " 56c, at 44c. " " 65c, at 58c. Special lot of Dress Cloth, all wool, at 23c.

Ladies', Children's Coats and Capes.

From Tuesday of this week until Christmas we will make special prices on our Coats and Capes. These prices will save you money. Our stock is complete.

Unusual Linen Value.

We call your attention to our lots of Table Linen. Worth 35c., 52 in. wide, at 25c. Worth \$1, 72 in. wide, at 75c.

Special Towels For Christmas.

A lot of figured Hucka Back Towels, large size, we have never offered under \$1.00 per pair, we put on sale this week at 50c. the pair. Don't miss them. Fine Damask Towels, hem-stitched, worth 75c. each, at 49c. each.

Our Furniture Department.

White Enameled Iron Beds, brass trimmed, with springs to fit, from \$3.50 to \$15.00. We will sell at these prices a short time. 28 different patterns in Fancy Rockers for Christmas, at prices that will save you money. We

sell our Furniture with no extra expense. This accounts for our prices.

Christmas Offer.

You will find these goods displayed in the window next to the grocery department: Handsome hand-painted hair receivers, plates, trays, candle sticks. These goods have never been sold for less than 60c. We put them on sale Wednesday morning at 25c. each. Toilet bottles we sold last Christmas at 79c., we put on sale Wednesday morning at 39c. each.

Footing and Laces For Hand'fs.

Ten different patterns and widths in footing totrim handkerchiefs. Neat, pretty edges of lace, with inserting to match, in any quality.

Outings.

We will put on sale another lot of those nice, soft Outings, worth 10c. the yard, at 8c. the yard.

Umbrellas.

There is nothing so nice and useful for Christmas as an umbrella. 98c. for a steel rod Gloria Umbrella. Would be cheap at \$1.50. We can please you. We show them as high as \$7.00.

F. P. PURSEL.

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30c. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, from \$5.00 up. Ladies' Coats, Capes, Separate Skirts. Coats for misses and children. In this line our stock is large. Prices low.

Ladies' Fur Collarettes, from \$2.00 up. Our sales in Shoes increases daily. Ladies' Fine Shoes, from 79c. up. Gents' Fine Shoes, from 98c. up. Good Calicoes, 3c. Good Muslin, 3 1/2c. Our stock of Underwear is complete. We handle the celebrated Leather brand Stockings for ladies, misses and boys. Corsets, for 24c. up.

Our Grocery Department is improving daily—adding new goods at better prices. Our whole stock is complete and prices always right. It will pay you to see our goods before you buy.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.

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