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SALE REGISTER.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26.—George Whitmire, administrator of Charles Whitmire, deceased, will sell a farm of 98 acres, 90 perches, with dwelling house, barn, &c., situate in Centre township, at 1:20 p. m. Also, at same time, 5 acres of woodland.

PURELY PERSONAL

James Magee went to New York on Wednesday.

J. A. Hess took a trip to Plymouth on Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles G. Barkley is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Geo. F. Kindt, of Wellersville, spent Saturday in town.

David Mouser, of Grovania was among our Saturday callers.

Dr. J. L. Jolly, of Orangeville, was in town last Wednesday.

Howard Traub, of the A. & T. Biograph Co., is home for a few days.

Miss Mae Evans is assisting in J. E. Roys' store during the holiday trade.

Eugene Colen went to Philadelphia on Tuesday to witness "Ben Hur."

E. Barton John, of Altoona, is spending a week with his mother and sister.

George Masteller, of Hemlock township, visited the county seat on Thursday.

Miss Bertha Erath, of Wilkes-Barre, has been visiting relatives here the past week.

Miss Nellie Wilson is a new addition to the clerical force in I. W. Hartman & Son's store.

Miss Rose McPherson has succeeded Miss Annie Hassert as clerk in Gomer Thomas' music store.

Mrs. J. E. Roys entertained a party of ladies, at her home, on Fifth street, last Saturday afternoon.

E. P. Bender, of Fishingcreek township was in town on Thursday. He gave our office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Schoch will entertain a progressive euchre party to-night, at their residence, head of Market street.

Misses Martha and Mary Clark arrived home Tuesday evening from an extended visit with relatives at Harrisburg.

Judge I. K. Krickbaum, of Benton township, spent several days in town last week attending the Goss trial. We enjoyed a pleasant call from him.

Miss Mary Wright and Miss Lulu Murray, two popular young ladies of Wilkes-Barre, were entertained over Sunday by Miss May Fugh, on Ninth Street.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.
Laxative Bronch Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 50c.

F. P. Davis, of Mt. Pleasant, has been appointed general agent for Columbia County, by the Lackawanna Fertilizer & Chemical Co., of Moosic. He handles a good article, and all orders will receive prompt attention. His postoffice address is Bloomsburg. 21

Danville has adopted the chain gang rule for tramps.

The proceeds of the Y. M. C. A. Bazaar were about \$425.00

The Bloomsburg public schools will close December 21st for the annual Holiday vacation.

Contemplating a trip? See the Lackawanna Railroad agent about it.

A most handsome line of calendars suitable for presents at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Gerald Gross was the winner of a pool tournament, conducted by the Wheelmen Monday evening. There were eight contestants.

A B C blocks and A B C books in both linen and paper from 5c. to 25c. at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The great gateways of the west, Chicago and St. Louis, are reached with but one change of cars, by the Lackawanna Railroad.

Rheumatism, in all its forms, is promptly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes acidity of the blood.

There is a rush of advertising this week. A glance at our announcement column will help you in determining what to give your friends.

If you are intending to buy a Christmas present either great or small we want to see you at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The Bloomsburg Fire Board held a meeting in the Town Hall Tuesday evening. Views were exchanged on the needs of the department, but there was no business transacted.

C. E. Welliver will move his family to Danville this week. Mr. Welliver is in business in that town and to keep his family here makes it too inconvenient. Their many friends regret their departure.

Miss Sadie Burlingame and Mr. Clyde Robbias were the principals in a wedding, which took place at the Baptist parsonage Thursday afternoon last. The bride is from Almedia, and the groom, from Picture Rocks.

The election of a chief of the Bloomsburg Fire Department will take place next Monday evening, at the Town Hall. There are three candidates for the place—Sam Harman, W. H. Coffinan and Moyer Lewis.

We have just received a new Sample Book containing the latest designs in show cards, society address cards, folders, invitations, menus, etc., and persons in need of anything in this line are invited to inspect our lines before placing orders.

The total collections on Thanksgiving day, for the benefit of the poor, were sixty dollars. At the Episcopal Church the offering was twenty dollars, which was divided equally between St. Luke's Hospital, South Bethlehem, and the fund for disabled clergy, in accordance with regular custom.

Collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, necktie books, jewel boxes, glove boxes, cigar stands and cases, music rolls, photo holders, card stands and card cases and many other holiday presents, some of which are very beautiful at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

W. W. Watts, who has been posting bills for theatrical attractions, and lithograph advertising matter for local merchants for two years past, has quit the business. Last summer he erected bill boards in many places. On Friday he tore them all down. Frank Dawson has taken Mr. Watts' place.

A short recital will be given at St. Paul's Church next Sunday evening, after service. Mr. Frank Miller will play "The Last Sleep of the Holy Virgin," and "Cradle Song" on the flute, with organ accompaniment, and Mr. DeForest Hummer will play "Andante con moto," and "Processional March," on the organ.

Pocket books for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Time

for cheer and jollification now having arrived, everybody both old and young will celebrate. Everybody making ready. We celebrate the occasion by offering the most complete Holiday line ever before seen in Bloomsburg. Half an eye can see it. Any honest man or woman will admit it to be so. That's why we believe that we are entitled to your trade.



Best

to be had, and the time to secure it—right here—just now. Those who wait till a thousand customers or more have secured the best, must take second best; nevertheless, second best from our Holiday assortment will be equal to the very best to be had some places. Goods selected and paid for will be laid away till the day before Christmas, if customers so desire.

YOUNG AND OLD--READ.

UPRIGHT TOILET CASES.

Floral design and shaded covering, drop from displaying \$1.39 Each. 6-piece fancy white fittings on high spring holders, puffed lining, gilt clasp. Extended size 9 1/2 x 8 x 3 1/2.

Dresden effect gold line covering, 10-inch top and front handsomely decorated celluloid, 7-inch delft effect, medallion panel, drop front with raise top, 6-piece full size combination set with floral decorated backs, puffed satin lining with silk cord edging, high spring holders, large gilt clasp. Extended size 11 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 3 1/2. This toilet case..... \$2.39 Each.

LITTLE AND BIG BOYS--READ.

Fire Department Iron Toys.

Hook and ladder, 1 horse and driver, painted in bright 10c colors. Length 7 1/2 inches, height 3 1/2.

Hook and ladder truck, painted red and yellow, 2 black 25c horses, driver with reins, 1 fancy painted iron ladder. Entire length about 12 1/2 in., height 4.

Fire engine, 2 running horses with driver. Entire length 14 inches, height about 5..... 50c

Hook and ladder, 2 running horses, driver, iron ladder, 2 painted wooden ladders with iron rounds, fancy painted in red and yellow. Entire length about 18 inch, height 6 1/2..... 50c

Hook and ladder, 2 horses, driver and steersman, nickel plated truck, painted running gear, 4 ladders. Entire length about 21-inch, height, 6 1/2..... 95c

IRON TRAINS.

Engine, tender and one car. Movable wheels, full length 11 inches..... 15c.

Sulky, painted in bright fancy colors, driver with reins. Entire length about 6 1/2 inches, height 3 1/2..... 10c.

LITTLE AND BIG GIRLS--READ.

TRUNKS.

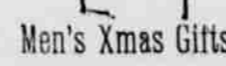
Imitation leather, colored and varnished, paper covered, 10-in. Assorted, flat and oval tops, set-up tray, leather handles, metal hinges and Yale pattern steel lock with flat key..... 25c.

KID BODY DOLL.

11 inch, stuffed arms and legs, good size head, open mouth exposing teeth, imitation stockings and real shoes, good bisque head, natural eyes, good head of hair..... 15c

LAUNDRY SETS.

5-piece set, top table, painted red. "Eureka" painted on both sides, size 11x6 1/2, 5 1/2 inch tub, 4 1/2 inch washtub, 4 inch wringer, 7 inch clothes horse..... 22c.



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25c. and 50c., Sterling Silver X Mas Gifts.

Nail Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Child's Hair Brushes, Child's Comb and Brush, Hair Curlers, Nail Files, Shoe Horns, Paper Knives, Cuticle Knives, Fancy Erasers, Fancy Bells, Desk Blotters, Stocking Darners.

10c., 19c., 25c. and 50c., Ebenoid and Ebony Toilet Articles.

Nail Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Hair Curlers, Nail Files, Shoe Horns, Paper Knives, Ink Erasers, Automatic Blotters, Darning Eggs, Cuticle Knives.

Rogers' Silver Plated Knives, \$1.69 set.

" " " Forks, 1.69 "

" " " Butter Knives, .25

" " " Sugar Shell, .25

" " " Pickle Fork, .25

" " " Tea Spoons, 1.00 set.

" " " Desert " 1.69 "

" " " Table " 1.95 "

Children's Sets, 25c. to \$1.00.

TOWELS,

Always Acceptable Presents, 18c. to \$2. pair.

NAPKINS,

75c. to \$5.00 a dozen.



Ralph R. John Esq., is slowly recovering from a serious attack of typhoid fever.

If you want drugs or patent medicines of any kind go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Maximum of comfort, minimum of time—the through car service of the Lackawanna Railroad.

Bibles large and small and the stock open for comparison at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Members of the Benevolent Order of Elks can obtain address cards with handsome designs at this office.

At a meeting of the Prohibition County Committee held here Thursday last, C. R. Cox was elected chairman, W. J. Bidleman, secretary and G. W. Correll, treasurer for the ensuing year.

Ex-County Commissioner John N. Gordon is lying dangerously ill at his home in Hemlock township. His sickness is said to be hasty consumption, and that recovery is very doubtful.

The Normal School and Bloomsburg Wheelmen basket ball teams, have arranged a series of games for the winter. The rivalry between the two teams will doubtless attract good crowds.

The Paul E. Wirt fountain pen either plain or gold mounted at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The new bronze eagle lectern, for St. Paul's Church, was placed in position yesterday. It was presented by the children as a memorial to their mother, Mary Chamberlin Drinker. It is a beautiful and artistic piece of work, and a fitting memorial in remembrance of a most estimable Christian woman.

The Nescopeck station of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was entered and robbed by a gang of burglars Thursday night of last week. The safe was reduced to pieces, by means of a heavy charge of dynamite, and its contents carried away. The booty obtained consisted of about twelve dollars in cash and a few small express packages. After reaching a point, something like a half mile from the scene of the robbery, the outlaws evidently concluded that they had no use for the packages, as they were found along the road. Strange as it may seem, no one was awakened by the concussion. No clue has yet been discovered.

The largest and most beautiful line of holiday goods that we have seen is on exhibition at J. H. Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

At Tooley & Co.'s, for CHRISTMAS

Oranges, bananas, sweet potatoes, nuts, pecans and cranberries. Also plum pudding and fruit cake. Call and see us.

TOOLEY & CO.

We have a very nice line of small photo frames, with prices reasonable and many kinds at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Consumption caused the death of Mrs. Cora Hess Jones, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hess, on Third street yesterday morning. She had been a long sufferer, the disease having taken hold upon her several years ago. She was thirty-four years of age and is survived by a husband. The funeral will be held tomorrow at ten o'clock and the remains taken to Danville for interment.

On Wednesday J. E. Keifer sold his Center street meat market to F. M. Leader, who will open it on Saturday morning with a full supply of all the market affords in the meat line. Mr. Leader is a well known business man, and merits a liberal patronage.

For Sale.

A comfortable home, situate in Orangeville, with an acre of ground, will be sold for \$350.00, on easy terms. Apply to Dr. G. L. Jolly, Orangeville, Pa. 6-21.

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