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SALE REGISTER.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26.—George Whitnair, administrator of Charles Whitnair, 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

Mrs. Margaret Buckalew is spending a few weeks in Hazleton.

Albert Kline and Roland Wright are visiting friends in Millville and vicinity. They live in Iowa.

Boyd Maize arrived home from Yale College on Saturday to spend the holiday vacation with his parents.

Mrs. William Leverett of Philadelphia, is spending the Christmas holiday with her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Elwell.

Harry Achenbach arrived home Saturday evening from a two-weeks' trip down through the Cumberland valley.

Baron John visited his mother on Normal hill last week. He is engaged as a civil engineer, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Miss Flora Skeer returned home Saturday from an extended visit in Philadelphia, bringing with her Miss Bess Cleaver, who will be entertained at the Skeer home during the holidays.

Dr. Keifsnider, son of Mrs. Dr. I. W. Willis is expected to arrive in Bloomsburg from Manila about December 23. A telegram received here Sunday conveyed the information that he had arrived in California.

Games from 5 cents to \$1.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Royal Arcanum address cards can be obtained at this office. tf

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

The public schools will close tomorrow for the holiday vacation. The teachers and pupils will then have an opportunity to do justice to the Christmas goodies.

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

Moving pictures and illustrated songs at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 28 and 29. Benefit building fund of M. E. Church.

A traveling case or a comb and brush set, a nice bottle of perfume or almost anything you want for a Christmas present at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Lamps from 25 cents to \$13.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

The Shamokin Dispatch mentions the name of James Scarlet, Esq., of Danville, as a candidate for President Judge of Northumberland County, at the next election.

Gold pens and pencils for either lady or gent at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Postmaster O. B. Mellick on Monday distributed a very neat and comprehensive schedule of the arrival and departure of mails. It is greatly appreciated by the patrons of the office.

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

We were in error last week in stating that W. W. Watts had retired from the bill posting business. He has quit the theatrical part only, and will continue to put up advertising matter for merchants.

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

A considerable amount of money changed hands in Bloomsburg on Saturday. Nearly all the industries remunerated their employes. This disbursement of money has been felt by our merchants during the past few days.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neyhard, of West Street, lost an infant son by death Sunday. The little one was nearly seven months old. The funeral with interment in Rosemont cemetery took place Tuesday morning.

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

There was a double wedding solemnized at Orangeville on Thursday last. The contracting parties were Mr. Calvin Crawford and Miss Myrtle Peacock, and Mr. Burr Albertson and Miss Carola Lawton, all of Greenwood township. Rev. James Martyn, officiated.

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.

C. E. Savage has removed his jewelry store to the room formerly occupied by the Bloomsburg Car Co. Store. He has just received a nice selection of Xmas goods of all kinds. Prices way down. Silverware at cost. He makes a specialty of watch, clock and jewelry repairing. No. 4 West Main St. 1t

The increasing business of the Bloomsburg National Bank has made it necessary to employ additional help, and C. H. Kline, for some years past agent of the Adams Express Co., has been appointed book-keeper. He will enter upon his duties January 1st and his place in the Adams Express Co. will be filled by J. W. Hiday, of Orangeville.

The rule for a new trial in the case of Emma Lewis vs. the Hunklock Creek and Mullenburg Turnpike Co. was discharged by Judge Lynch at Wilkes-Barre Friday. The jury gave Mrs. Lewis a verdict for damages in the sum of \$6,041.66. Her husband was precipitated over an embankment at an unsafe point of the Turnpike Company's road and instantly killed. The accident occurred about four years ago.

Sorrow sits in the William Perkins home at Centralia. Death entered the household on Saturday morning and removed the head of the family. He was a victim of miner's asthma, a disease so prevalent in that section. He had been complaining for a long time, but not until a few weeks previous to the end did his illness assume a malignant form. William Perkins was in the fiftieth year of his age. In his death the wife and six children have lost a kind and indulgent husband and father, and the town a substantial citizen.

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New goods coming in fast as ex-

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Sweethearts,
Friends.

At the rate the public are buying

our Holiday Goods we'll not have

anything left. Styles, qualities, use-

fulness and prices attached, make

it so.

YOUR INTERESTS—OUR INTERESTS.

Excuse us for boasting—it is too good to keep. We want to let our patrons know, and thank them at the same time, for making this, our store, exceed the most sanguine expectations in Holiday Selling activity.

WHY IS IT SO? Variety, Quality, Style and Small Prices.

Come quickly. Longer you wait, less variety you'll find.

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Kid Body Dolls, 15, 25, 50, 95 to 2.39.
Doll Shoes, 5c. and 9 cents.
Doll Heads, 10c. to 95 cents.
Doll Baby Sets containing nursing bottles, rattle and teething ring 5 cents a set.
Doll Go carts, 25 cents.
Doll Carriage, 25 cents.
Doll Chairs, 10 cents.
Boy's Wheelbarrows, 10c. and 25c.
Toy Tables 10 cents.
Doll Trunks 25 cents.
Iron Toys 9c. 25 and 50 cents.
Iron Trains 15c. and 25 cents.
Checker Back-gammon outfits 10 and 25 cents.
Weighing Scales 25 cents.
A. B. C. Cubes 10 and 25 cents.
Games 10, 25 and 50 cents.
25c. Table Fancy Goods.

Sterling Silver Toilet and Desk Articles, 12 kinds, 25c and 50c.
Ebenoid Handle Toilet and Desk Articles, 10 kinds, 19c. each.
Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks \$1.69 set.
Sterling Silver Hair Brushes 1.95 to 2.50.
Sterling Silver Combs 50c to 75c.
Pocket Books, 100 kinds, 5 cents to 2.50 each.
Sterling Silver Bracelets 25c to 95 cents.
Brooches 10c to 2.50 piece.
Belt Buckles 25 and 50 cents.
Medallions 25 to 75 cents.
Pictures 10 and 25 cents.
10c Table Fancy Goods.

UMBRELLAS.
the best and biggest assortment ever shown in our store.
Childrens' Umbrellas 50 cents to 1.00.
Ladies' Umbrellas 50 cents to 5.00
Mens' Umbrellas 50 cents to 5.00.
HANDKERCHIEFS.
Compare our goods with anything you find in stores in the city or in our town. We think we can equal any of them, 1c to 1.00 each. Dozens of kinds.
Fur Collars 1.45 to 9.50.
Collarettes 1.95 to 10.00.
Ladies' Coats 5.00 18.00.
Ladies' Capes 3.95 to 15.00.
Childrens' Coats, \$1.98 to \$10.00.
Ladies' Mackintoshes 4.50.
Blankets 50c to 7.50 a pair
Silk Waists 2.95 to 5.95.
5c Table Fancy Goods.

I. W. Hartman & Son,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

A very large line of lamps suitable for a Christmas present at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Harry Ent and Miss Harriet Major, both employes of Hotel Ent, were quietly married at the Reformed parsonage Wednesday morning by Rev. J. D. Thomas. Harry's many friends are extending felicitations.

We are pleased to note a great improvement in the condition of William C. Snyder, of East street. In the forepart of last week Mr. Snyder had an operation performed upon his nose. Medical skill could not stop the flow of blood, caused by the incision, and it was feared that he would bleed to death. Friday and Saturday his life was despaired of. On Sunday, however, he rallied, and since that time he has been gradually growing stronger.

Among the many pretty windows on Main street is that of John R. Townsend, at the Star Clothing House. Tiny electric lights, of many colors, border the windows, and in the lower one is the figure of a little boy holding a hoop in his hands. Inside the hoop are incandescent lamps, so arranged by mechanism as to make the lights come on and off in sections of three, which gives the hoop the appearance of turning in the boy's hands. Crowds of people watch it nightly. Eugene McCabe made the electric attachments. The windows are full of holiday goods, and present a very attractive appearance.

H. W. Billington, who, for several months has been a resident of Catawissa, was gathered in by the authorities and lodged in jail yesterday morning, charged with having committed a burglary in West Virginia. He was absent from Catawissa a short time ago, and it was during this period that the crime was committed. Billington, if he speaks the truth, came from the far west. He was never short of money. He would frequently display large rolls of bills. His discovery and arrest is said to have resulted from a confession of one of his coadjutors in crime. He will be held to await a requisition from the Governor of the above mentioned State.

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

It would be well, at this time, to caution our residents to keep a strict watch on the poultry pen until after the holidays. Every year just about this time the newspapers chronicle the depredations by poultry thieves. They are always especially active at this season of the year. Keep your shot gun handy and aim good when the time comes.

The Normal School Students' Excursion, in charge of Dr. J. P. Welsh, with about 127 in the party, pulled out from the P. & R. station bright and early Monday morning. It was just seven o'clock when the throttle of the locomotive was thrown open, and the merry excursionists were soon lost to view. All the principal points of interest in the Capitol will be visited. If the schedule is carried out, they will arrive home Friday night.

Fire Department Elect Officers.

The four companies composing the Bloomsburg Fire Department elected officers Monday evening to serve for the ensuing year. There was no interest shown in the election of any of the officers save that of Chief Engineer. For this place there were three candidates, S. H. Harman, W. H. Coffman, and Moyer Lewis. The second named was the regular nominee, the other two being independents. The balloting began promptly at six o'clock and continued until eight. The election board consisted of Mayor Ikeler and a representative from each of the four companies. A count of the vote gave the following result: Harman, 77; Coffman 20; and Lewis, 14. Arthur Smith, of the Good Wills, was elected 1st Assistant Chief; Jacob Stiner, Friendship, 2nd Assistant; and Elijah Shutt, Rescue, 3rd assistant.

William May, the retiring Chief has performed his duties well. The newly elected officers will take charge January 1st.

License Blanks.

License blanks for Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesaler, Bottler, Distiller, for sale at this office, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

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CHRISTMAS

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

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Leg Crushed by Heavy Wagon.

While descending a steep hill with a heavily loaded log wagon, near Eik Run, Thursday last, a very serious accident befell Lloyd Vansickle. The chain, holding the rough lock, broke, and the team, unable to hold back the great weight, started to run down. The young man, realizing that it meant death to stay on the wagon, made a leap. He chose the upper side of the road, unfortunately, and rolled down underneath the wagon. One leg was horribly mangled, below the knee. He was taken to Central, where he was relieved as much as possible. He was brought to Bloomsburg on the evening train and taken to Wilkes-Barre, where he will be treated at the hospital. He is about eighteen years old and a son of Jerry Vansickle, of Central.

John Packer Haas, a prominent resident of Sunbury, died at his residence in that place on Friday. Mr. Haas was quite a factor in politics. Two years ago he received the endorsement of Northumberland County Republicans for Congress, but withdrew in favor of W. H. Woodin. Mr. Haas was a brother to Mrs. W. H. Purman of Third Street, this town.

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Failed in the Second Attempt.

A young man, who, judging from his appearance, is a few years past the age of maturity, was caught in an attempt to procure money on a forged check at the First National Bank on Monday. A few months ago this trick was successfully worked at the First National Bank. This check bearing the signature of a Mr. Hons was presented and the money paid. The amount, however, was small. The paper was subsequently discovered to be a forgery. The appearance of the individual had impressed itself on the mind of the bank teller Eugene F. Carpenter, and when the check was handed in for payment on Monday he at once recognized the bearer as the man who had handed in the former forged check. In order to be sure that he was right, Mr. Carpenter hurried to the Bloomsburg National Bank and summoned Morris Broadt, who had also paid a forged note, supposed to have been written by one J. M. Fairchild, of Berwick. Mr. Broadt identified the fellow on first glance. He was at once arrested and on being charged with the crime he broke down and confessed. He gave his name as John Cole, and his residence as Berwick. He also stated that he was a son of John Cole, a farmer, residing in Berwick. The check he attempted to pass on Monday bore the signature of J. M. Fairchild and the amount \$125.00. It had the name of J. B. McHenry on the back as an identification endorsement. The money secured on the first check was expended, he said, to purchase furniture with which to go to housekeeping. He can now occupy one of the easy chairs at the bastille.

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