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HIGH WATER.

Great Damage Done to Railroads, and Traffic Stopped for a Time.

The heavy rain of Saturday, and the rapid melting of snow at the head waters, caused a sudden rise in the Susquehanna River and its tributaries. The streams began to swell on Sunday morning and continued to increase until Monday afternoon, when they began to recede. At the foot of Market street the water was up to the bank top, and the back water was over the road at the culvert, and extended back up over the East Bloom road so that driving on that road was abandoned. The East Bloom bus travelled down Market street all day Monday.

Trains were delayed on all the railroads. A number of people went to the Pennsylvania train at 4 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, but the train could not get through owing to washouts. Passengers for the D. L. & W. at 6.36 were informed that there would be no trains run through to New York. The water was over the track between Nanticoke and Plymouth, and also between Rupert and Catawissa, and at other points. Mr. E. S. Fornwald, ticket agent, informs us that at one point on the main line there was a washout a thousand feet long, and thirty-five feet deep. On the Syracuse division all the bridges were washed away.

The mails reached here over the Pennsylvania, on Monday morning, but in many places this road suffered severely. At Newbury, above Williamsport, a bridge gave way while a freight train was crossing, and the engineer, fireman and a brakeman were all killed. Their bodies could not be recovered until the water subsided. The men all resided in Sunbury.

At ten o'clock Monday morning the water was 23 feet above low water mark at the Reading railroad bridge at Rupert.

Fishing creek was very high, but not so high as in 1889. The road along the creek below the double bridge was flooded. Considerable damage was done at Mainville by the overflow of Catawissa creek. A county bridge over this stream, at Peter Fisher's in Beaver township, was carried away.

Supplements.

Owing to the demand upon our space by advertisers at this season, two supplemental pages are issued this week and next, so that our readers may have the usual amount of entertaining reading matter and not feel that THE COLUMBIAN is an advertising sheet only.

The use of our columns by advertisers shows that the paper is known to be a good medium for publicity. At the same time subscribers should bear in mind that it is the advertising that enables the publisher to sell the paper at the low price of only one dollar a year.

Gilmore's Toy Bazar.

The entire first floor of Gilmore's large building is devoted to toys. No stairs to climb. The largest and most varied assortment of toys of all kinds, Christmas tree ornaments, dolls, etc., in the county. The public is invited to call and see the stock and get prices. We can show more toys than all the other stores combined, and feel sure that customers will be satisfied with our prices.

Christmas Dance.

Invitations have been issued for the sixteenth annual Christmas Dance, to be held at the Exchange Hotel, Bloomsburg, on Monday night, December 30th. The committee having the matter in charge consists of Samuel H. Harman, A. W. Duy, E. F. McCabe, C. W. McKelvy, W. Clark Sloan and Geo. E. Elwell.

Holly Club Dance.

The first annual dance of the Holly Club will be held on Christmas afternoon and evening. Wyle's orchestra of Danville will furnish the music. The committee having the dance in charge consists of R. G. Phillips, Gerald Gross and Herbert Wyle.

Deeds.

A new lot of deeds have just been printed at this office, conforming to the Act of 1901. They are as good as the best, and cheaper than some. Price, 6 cents each, or 5 for 25 cents. Orders filled by mail on receipt of the cash.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business Dec. 10, 1901 (in Business Twenty-Eight Months).

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and investments.....	\$353,565.46	Capital stock.....	\$ 60,000.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	8,000.00	Surplus and profits (net).....	30,745.38
Cash and reserve.....	57,517.15	Circulation.....	59,500.00
		Deposits.....	268,837.33
	\$419,082.61		\$419,082.61

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

HARTMAN'S ENLARGED STORE.

A Busy Place These Days.

Notwithstanding the very large addition recently made to the store of I. W. Hartman & Son, by throwing the entire first floor of their building into one room, they still find that they need more space for the proper display of their large and varied stock, and they have therefore fitted up the basement for mercantile purposes. This gives them another good sized room, easy of access, down a short and easy stairway. Here they have arranged on shelves and counters a fine lot of china, vases, plates of various kinds, fruit dishes, and many other well selected pieces; toys of all kinds, and many other goods desirable for the holiday trade.

The main store room is handsomely decorated and presents a very attractive appearance. Additional clerks have been employed so that all customers can be promptly waited on. The rush of visitors to this old and reliable house indicates that the public appreciates the progressive spirit that is shown by the firm in endeavoring to cater to the wants of their trade. Christmas purchases will not be complete without a visit to the store of I. W. Hartman & Son.

Railroad to be Sold.

The Wilkes-Barre & Western Railroad, running from Orangeville to Watsonstown, is to be sold for non-payment of interest on a mortgage, from January 1st, 1895, up to January 1st, 1901. It will be sold by the Central Trust Co., of New York, the trustee named in the mortgage, at public sale to the highest and best bidder, on the 10th day of March, 1902, at the Fourth street entrance to the Philadelphia Bourse.

Picturesque Bloomsburg.

This book is just the thing for a Christmas gift. It contains 84 full page half-tones of buildings and scenes in Bloomsburg. It is bound in two styles of covers, silk stiff cover, and flexible. For the next two weeks only they will be sold at 65c and 40c. The first edition sold for \$1.00 and 75c. After Christmas the books will be sold at the regular prices. It ought to be in every house, and now is the time to secure one at the reduced price.

Topic Cards.

Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Societies will find several new designs in topic cards at this office. Orders should be placed now, so that the cards may be ready for use on the first Sunday in January.

Rescue Ball.

The fourth annual ball of Rescue Hose Co. No. 2, will be held in the Town Hall on Friday night, 20th. Metherell's orchestra will furnish the music. A grand cake walk will be one of the features.

Notes.

Four different forms of notes have just been printed at this office. They are, a common promissory note, promissory with waivers, judgment, and judgment with waivers. Neatly bound in books of twenty-five, 10 cents.

Normal School Excursion.

The Normal School excursion to Washington left here on Monday morning with a party of one hundred and fifty-two people. The train consisted of five vestibuled cars.

Christmas presents for men and boys. Ben Gidding.

AN OLD NEW STORE.

Pursel's Mercantile House in Holiday Attire.

A few weeks ago we attempted to describe the improvements at F. P. Pursel's store, made by the erection of a large addition to the building. With nearly three times as much floor space as before, this old stand is more crowded with goods than before the enlargement, and yet there is plenty of room for the accommodation of their customers and for the convenient handling of the varied lines of merchandise.

The store is nicely decorated with arches and plants, and the effect is very pleasing. Among the attractive counters are those containing china, cut glass, silverware, glass ware, dishes, jardiniere, lamps, &c. The furniture department on the second floor contains bed-room suits, couches, book-cases, side-boards, rockers and numerous other handsome pieces of furniture. A large assortment of dolls and toys is a new feature, and excites the admiration of the little folks. Space forbids special mention of the various departments. A visit to this store will assist in the selection of Holiday gifts. A large force of salespeople are ready to attend to the wants of all customers.

CALENDARS FOR 1902.

As has been our custom for several years, THE COLUMBIAN has issued a handsome calendar for the coming year. They are intended for subscribers who have paid in advance, and for our patrons and customers generally. They are not for promiscuous distribution and will not be given to children. The printing was done entirely at this office, except the date pads. Each one contains a half-tone picture showing the buildings from THE COLUMBIAN to the First National Bank. This calendar is easily worth ten cents; at least it is a handsomer calendar than some we have seen which were ordered from out-of-town parties, and which cost the purchasers ten dollars a hundred, or more.

Persons desiring this class of work would save money by consulting us before ordering from strangers.

Mackintoshes and Rain Coats, Ben Gidding.

Get a Paul E. Wirt fountain pen at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

CHRISTMAS.

20 DIFFERENT PATTERNS

TOILET ARTICLES
TO SELECT FROM.

Sterling Silver,
25c. to \$12 Each.

Complete Desk Sets,
Brush and Comb Sets,
From \$2 Up.

See my advertisement on page 5.

J. Lee Martin,
Jeweler.

Telephone 1842.

Christmas Greetings.

Now For the Holidays.

With the passing of Thanksgiving our thoughts turn toward that great Gift-Giving Day—Christmas—which is only a few weeks away. We've been preparing for the Holiday trade for weeks and weeks—brought the best here for you to select from—useful articles at prices that are sure to tempt you. No trouble finding just what you want at just the price. Never have selections been more beautiful. We urge early buying—the stocks are at their best now, and many of the finest fancies cannot be duplicated.

For a Man's or a Boy's Christmas buy what he is going to buy for himself, if you don't, buy it where he buys—at a man's store.

COME AND SEE OUR

Xmas Haberdashery, Mufflers,
Bath Robes, Gloves,
Night Robes, Hosiery,
Sweaters, Underwear,
Silk Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs,
Suspenders, Hats,
Neckwear, Caps,
Shirts, Umbrellas,
Dress Cases, Cuff Buttons,
Valises, Collar and Cuff
Trunks, Boxes,
Watch Fobs, Mackintoshes,

BEN GIDDING, THE CLOTHIER.

Come in and see us, we'll treat you right.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen basket ball team covered itself with glory at Scranton Friday night, walloping the "Crackerjacks," the much exploited organization of that city, before an audience of two thousand people. The score was 31 to 22. Manager Moore showed up in old-time form and threw four baskets. Of the other eight thrown Lewis secured three, Richey three and Holmes two. The boys have designs on the title of "champion" this season and they propose to give all other aspirants for that honor a chase.

Mirrors, Comb & Brush Sets, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, collar & cuff boxes, jewel cases, smoker's sets, photo holders and boxes and all kinds of Christmas presents at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

For a nice Christmas present for father, brother or husband or friend go to TOWNSEND'S.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Nickel

Bath Room
Fixtures,

Nickel

Chafing Dishes,
Tea Pots,

Coffee Pots,
Skates,

Toy Bedsteads,
Parlor Pistols,

Sleigh Bells.

J. G. WELLS,
GENERAL HARDWARE.

The Leader Department Store.

About Our Rug.

Have you sent in your guess yet?
Do it to-day. Not many days left!

About Christmas.

Here are a few of our many attractions:
BOOKS.—Nothing better for a Christmas present. A pleasant reminder of the giver for the whole year.

\$1.00 Each. \$1.00 Each. \$1.00 Each.
"Dri and I," "The Right of Way," "Helmet of Navarre,"
"Sky Pilot," "Lazarre," "Cavalier," "Crisis" and others.

UMBRELLAS.—Another pleasant reminder! A person can't have too many, at least that's the feeling a man has when he is caught in the rain and his umbrella is not with him. Our stock is large and the quality guaranteed to be just as we represent it. Take our cheapest, for gentlemen—\$1.00. The covering is a mercerized cloth, paragon frame, natural wood handle—a good, strong, substantial article. From this to \$4.00 is a big jump, but we have a half dozen other qualities between. Ladies' Umbrellas range from \$1.25 to \$5.50. These latter are beauties—pearl handle, with Sterling silver trimmings. The covering is Taffeta silk. Between these two extremes there are a dozen different prices and qualities.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Did you ever know anyone that had too many of these useful and necessary articles? Prices, from 5c. to 50c. We are putting the higher priced ones up in a very artistic box. These latter are very pretty. You cannot get their duplicate at any store in town, as the patterns are private to us. They will add to the attractiveness of your gift, if you are giving handkerchiefs.

TOYS.—The largest line we have ever had. Particularly strong in medium priced goods. Starting at 10c., and from that to \$1.00. Dolls enough to start an orphan asylum.

WE HAVE BOUGHT 1,000 FANCY BOXES and have divided them into four lots—5c., 10c., 15c., 25c. The biggest value for the money offered in Bloomsburg. You will miss it if you do not look these over.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.,
Fourth and Market Sts.,