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Farmers Nat'l Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa.

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THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA. J. S. Williams & Son, Public Sale Criers and General Auctioneers.

FROM EAST BENTON.

Will Ashelman, of this place is getting his timber sawed out this winter. C. W. Smith has the job. Will expects to build a barn next summer.

Last week we had solid winter weather. For three consecutive mornings the thermometer dropped to zero. Especially Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The hard freeze last week terribly hove up much of the winter grain, especially on low lands, where much water accumulated after the heavy rains.

The small pox scare takes hold even of our rural community, yet there are no known cases nearer than Plymouth. But a stitch in time saves nine—hence the better way is to vaccinate.

A Christmas anniversary was held on Christmas eve at the Hamline M. E. Church. But with what results we could not foretell as the event took place before the issue of this number of the COLUMBIAN.

Now that we are in the heart of the holiday season let us not forget our obligations which mutually depend upon all of us; and so discharge our duties we owe our fellow man less fortunate than ourselves.

The recent heavy rains and high water have delayed the arrival at Shickshinny of the boring machinery for the new oil well at Register. There are three cars of this boring freight. But the man, or boss borer, who operates the machinery has arrived nearly a week ago.

Judge Krickbaum, of this place, bought one hundred shares of oil stock in the Pine Creek Oil Company, and many others have invested in various smaller amounts. The judge also leased one hundred acres of his farm to the Pine Creek Oil Company.

Space is illimitable and we will not attempt to occupy it all. But newspaper space is not so extensive after all. Of course, the editor is always greater than his paper, and the correspondent greater than the space he occupies. But it altogether depends upon both, whether the paper is a current and circulating feast that appeases the intellectual appetite of the public taste.

Another drilling enterprise may spring into existence in our immediate locality in the near future. There is strong talk of boring with diamond drill in the vicinity of Hamline, prospecting for coal and other mineral. The neighbors all appear willing to contribute towards this manner of development. The general feeling is, that if we have rich mineral deposits, it is about time that we know it.

Benjamin McHenry—"Grandpa," as he is familiarly called, is at present with his son Alfred, at Cambra. He is very much interested in the prospecting for oil. He is well preserved for one of his years, being, as he informed us about a week ago, in his 90th year. His mental condition seems as active as ever. It is said that he is the oldest McHenry that ever lived in our community.

Much interest is centered in the old Salt Well near Register. Last Thursday as Alf McHenry, D. C. Brittain and the boss driller were standing by the old well, which continually emits blubbers of gas, a bubble burst and spread a scum several inches square on the surface of the water. Probably many do not understand how any one can watch and see these blubbers. The old Salt Well was started on the smooth surface of a rock, hence there is no soil on the surface rock, where the original drilling was done. And hence the well is all the time filled with water, and through it bubbles up gas, and at times spees of oil as in the case above mentioned. As the driller pronounced the appearance of same, "oil," it created quite an excitement, and, in consequence, the new well will be bored in very close proximity to the old.

There are several cases of measles in Pine township.

Jury List for February Term of Court.

- GRAND JURORS. 1 Breslin Hughes, foreman, Conyng'm Centre 2 Boyer, J. W., farmer, Centre 3 Cain, Patrick, P. Director, Conyng'm Centre 4 Cryder, John C., farmer, Centre 5 Critz, Mah, farmer, Main 6 Eisenhower, J. H., agent, Mifflin 7 Hickey, Thomas, merchant, Bloom. 8 Hagenbuch, A. C., farmer, Centre 9 Hill, David, laborer, Berwick B. 10 Hendershot, C. H., gent, Bloom. 11 Kline, Hiram, farmer, Benton T. 12 Kressler, Herman, farmer, Mt. Pleas. 13 Kostenbauder, Jeremiah, far., Franklin 14 Loreman, Samuel C., farmer, Franklin 15 Mensch, J. G., laborer, Catawissa B. 16 McHenry, H. A., mer., Stillwater B. 17 Monroe, Wm., gent, Montour 18 Jordan, George E., farmer, Mt. Pleas. 19 Reeder, D. M., farmer, Franklin 20 Schweppenheiser, Horace, far., Mifflin 21 Sands, Roy, farmer, Mt. Pleasant 22 Strauss, Charles, carp., Centralia B. 23 Trivelpiece, J. K., farmer, Greenwood 24 Young, H. F., laborer, Catawissa B.

- FETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK. 1 Albertson, H. F., laborer, Greenwood 2 Buckalew, Russel, liveryman, Bloom. 3 Baker, Grant G., undertaker, Bloom. 4 Boone, J. E., agent, Scott 5 Dyer, Samuel, landlord, Locust 6 Furman, G. A., Supt., Conyngham 7 Grimes, George, saddler, Scott 8 Harris, Jacob, farmer, Hemlock 9 Huber, John, farmer, Catawissa T. 10 Hoffman, John W., farmer, Bloom. 11 Hess, Jonathan, farmer, Jackson 12 Hawk, Charles, laborer, Berwick B. 13 Hess, Silas, farmer, Sugarloaf 14 Kline, Abram, farmer, Orange 15 Kilker, W. J., agent, Conyngham 16 Kline, Joseph, farmer, Fishingcreek 17 Kitchner, Albert, farmer, Centre 18 Kitchen, Calvin, farmer, Jackson 19 Michael, D. H., planing mill, Berwick 20 Mendenhall, Charles, clerk, Bloom. 21 Parks, Franklin, barber, Bloom. 22 Parker, Adam, farmer, Madison 23 Richard, Clinton, wagon mak., Bloom. 24 Rittenhouse, Morris, far., Briar creek 25 Rittenhouse, Jesse, farmer, Beaver 26 Ringler, George, druggist, Bloom. 27 Stecker, Raymond, teacher, Hemlock 28 Snyder, W. T., paper h., Berwick 29 Smith, Wesley, laborer, Madison 30 Seely, Charles, merchant, Benton 31 Sterner, George W., agent, Hemlock 32 Shoemaker, Hurley, farmer, Pine 33 Savage, Chas. E., merchant, Bloom. 34 Terwilliger, Chas., merchant, Bloom. 35 White, I. D., merchant, Bloom. 36 Yetter, Boyd, hotel keeper, Main

- SECOND WEEK. 1 Adleman, G. B., merchant, Sugarloaf 2 Baker, Jacob, coal dealer, Beaver 3 Beaver, Grant, laborer, Locust 4 Beaver, William, laborer, Locust 5 Croop, A. B., farmer, Briar creek 6 Dieffenbach, Henry, ice dealer, Bloom. 7 DeLong, John, farmer, Centre 8 Ent, Wm. M., tin smith, Scott 9 Eveland, A. A., farmer, Fishingcreek 10 Fowler, Freas, gent., Berwick 11 Hartman, Nelson C., farmer, Cata. T. 12 Hilday, A. C., hotel keeper, Montour 13 Harris, Philip, J. P., Centre 14 Hess, W. E., farmer, Fishingcreek 15 Hess, C. W., farmer, Mifflin 16 Ipher, William, farmer, Benton T. 17 Keeler, Irvin, laborer, Benton T. 18 Knouse, Alex., farmer, Jackson 19 Krug, Charles, carp., Bloom. 20 Lee, Harrison, farmer, Mifflin 21 Lee, Benjamin, farmer, Pine 22 Miller, George W., farmer, Briar creek 23 Mowry, George W., farmer, Mifflin 24 Mensch, C. C., farmer, Franklin 25 McHenry, A. W., clerk, Stillwater B. 26 Mitchell, Daniel W., livery, Berwick 27 Randall, Charles, printer, Catawissa B. 28 Rarig, Adam, farmer, Locust 29 Reedy, Daniel, carpenter, Berwick 30 Small, F. P., farmer, Cleveland 31 Sponsler, George, merchant, Centre 32 Shaffer, Edward, carpenter, Bloom. 33 Schweppenheiser, Ell, farmer, Centre 34 Troutman, George W., lab., Centralia 35 Thomas, Lewis, lime burner, Montour 36 Wenner, J. M., farmer, Fishingcreek

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS OF character and good reputation in each state (one in this county required) to represent and advertise old established wealthy business house of solid financial standing. Salary \$18.00 weekly with expenses additional, all payable in cash each Wednesday direct from head offices. Horse and carriage furnished, when necessary. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manager, 316 Caxton Build'g, Chicago. (161926)

The Little Blue Book.

This handy little publication for December contains the new time tables of all railroads in Pennsylvania, with their connections. Indispensable to a man who is traveling or who expects to. Published monthly at \$1.00 per year. Single copies, by mail, ten cents. Address W. P. Hastings, Milton, Penna.

The employes on the railroads of this country number 1,000,000, with nearly 5,000,000 persons depending upon them for support, and this great army is growing rapidly. It is pleasant to know that the relations between the railroads and their employes are steadily improving.

Advertisement for 'ELITE' CHINA. We invite particular attention to our showing of 'ELITE' CHINA. This make of china is now most popular and a few pieces should be in your collection. 'Elite' plates are made, costing from \$6 to \$100 a doz. We have some kinds in stock. If we can't suit you, we will take your order for special kinds. L. E. WHARY.

A Departing PRICE FOR THE Departing WEEK 1901 Coats, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Shirt Waists and Furs.

1. thing you have taught us this Holiday Season, and that is that you are prepared and willing to buy double the quantity that we expected you to buy. When the styles and qualities are exclusive and our prices lowest, you know it.

Our merchandise success for past three years, has placed us in a position to buy at factory prices. Our experience of a life time among you has educated us to buy such goods as suit the people of Columbia county, and as result, new customers are coming every business day of every week.

DRESS SKIRTS.

New garments at prices to sell this week. \$7.50 Skirts \$5.95 \$5.00 Skirts \$3.95 \$3.50 Skirts \$2.75

CLOTH CAPES.

Navy, Castor and red capes, extra long, good cloth, well lined, reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00.

GOLF CAPES.

\$7.50 Capes now \$5.95 \$4.00 Capes now \$4.95 \$5.00 Capes 3.95

PUSH CAPES.

Good plush, fur collar and front edge. \$12.50 now \$8.95 \$10.00 now \$7.95

CUT PRICE SALE.

Thursday, Dec. 20th to Tuesday night, Dec. 31st, we shall sell all of our Ladies', Misses', and Children's Coats, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Shirt Waists and Furs, at reductions as per description and quotations in this advertisement.

LADIES' SUITS.

Mostly black but all good. \$17.50 Suits, now \$12.50 \$15.00 Suits, now \$10.00 \$10.00 Suits, now \$7.50 \$7.50 Suits, now \$5.95

FUR COATS.

Several Electric Seal Coats, reduced from \$30.00 to \$24.50 \$35.00 to \$27.50 Fur collars and Muffs almost gone, will sell at very low prices.

PLUSH CAPES.

Good plush, fur all around collar and down front, reduced from \$10.00 to \$7.95 \$7.50 to \$5.95 \$5.00 to \$3.95

CHILDREN'S COATS.

Long and short coats in all colors and sizes. New this season Long coats reduced from \$9.50 to \$5.00 \$7.50 to \$5.95 \$5.00 to \$3.75 \$3.95 to 2.75

LADIES' LONG COATS.

The newest garments in our store, but they must leave us at once. Black and Tan Kersey, 42 in. coat, reduced from \$17.50 to \$13.75

2. things to make a merchant feel mean: One to have a good assortment of Holiday Goods, and not have customers to buy them. Next to have a stock nearly twice as large as previous years, and still be able to have sold \$1000 worth more, and not able to obtain the goods, due to manufacturers having been all sold out, which was our case this year.

AN APOLOGY of this matter is but just from us to the public but it grates hard against the lining of our purse.

LADIES' LONG COATS.

Black and Tan Kersey, 42 in. coat reduced from \$10.00 to \$7.95

LADIES' JACKETS.

Black and Tan Kersey Coats, 27 in. long. All new this season. Well made and lined. \$10.00 coats 7.95 \$7.50 coats 5.95 \$5.00 coats 3.95

SHIRT WAISTS.

The biggest line we have ever shown must now be closed out. \$3.95 waists 2.95 \$3.50 waists 2.50 \$2.95 waists 1.95 \$1.50 waists 1.00 \$1.00 waists .75 .75c waists at .50

I. W. HARTMAN & SON, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

GRAND HOLIDAY DISPLAY

F. M. LEADER'S BARGAIN STORE, Lockard Building, Main and Centre Sts., BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A, DON'T MISS IT.

We Will Save You Dollars \$ \$ \$ By making this store your Headquarters for Holiday Buying.

Make your headquarters here when in town. The following are our offerings for holiday season:

- A finer line of Christmas Goods was never seen in Bloomsburg. We mention a few of them: Fancy Cuff, Collar, Handkerchief and Jewel Boxes, for ladies and gentlemen. Toys galore for children. Jewelry, of the Guaranteed Kind, for everybody. Hess "Celebrated" Perfumes are the best. Wade & Bucher's Pocket Cutlery can't be beat. Our lines of high grade Fine Candies (at a price within reach of all) are making themselves popular.

We furnish them wholesale and retail, and parties buying for churches and Christmas entertainments are invited to call on us and get prices.

LEADER'S CANDIES ARE GOOD CANDIES. "You'll Have to Hurry," for although our Holiday Line is large, the first come receive the choice. Goods bought now can be laid away and delivered when you like.

Don't forget our motto: QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS AND FAIR DEALING TO ALL.

We shall be pleased to see you, at any time, and want your trade, and will try to please you.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE, F. M. Leader's Bargain Store, Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

McKinley Postal Card.

The new McKinley postal card will be issued at the beginning of the new year when the old ones will be recalled.

In the upper right hand corner of the new card is a portrait of the late President McKinley, three-fourths face looking to the left, with the words "Postage one cent" above and "1843—McKinley 1902" below the stamp and following its elliptical contour.

The portrait used for the subject of the stamp is one which was preferred by Mr. McKinley himself. The stamp is practically devoid of ornament. To the left of the portrait are three straight lines of lettering, containing in small capital letters the words, "The space above is reserved for postmark." The second line is made up of the words "Postal card" in large, plain capitals. The third line is in the same type as the first and reads "The space below is for the address

only." In the upper left hand corner is the coat of arms of the United States. Above the coat of arms, in the same style of capital letters used above the stamp, are the words "United States," and below it the words "of America," following the contour of the coat of arms. Black ink will be used in printing this card. Leases, 3c each, 30c a dozen. Notices to quit, 10c a dozen. For sale at this office.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 7, 1902. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Dec. 24, 1901":

Miss Mary Fritz, Dr. Elton C. Goodfellow, Mr. Wallace Slusser, C. H. Ustick.

One cent will be charged on each letter advertised.

O. B. MELICK, P. M.

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.

"Go way back and sit down" is the latest slang expression.