

## NARROW

policy makes a narrow store too narrow to gain and retain the support of the public. The merchant who does business in an unattractive store cannot please the public so well as one in a daylight store filled with the brightest, newest merchandise. That's why we are building, our patrons compel us to make room.

## 118 Styles of Flannels and Outing Flannels.

They look like French Flannels; coming in stripes, figures, Persian designs, plain colors, polka dots and plaids. Every grade worth keeping and mostly at less than regular prices. 8, 10, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 15c. a yard.

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That Fit.

If they are a little too loose, or a little too tight we alter them just as a tailor would. We don't want to sell a misfit—because it don't suit you, therefore don't pay us. Several kinds of navy and black suits. Lines that we can't re-order, now reduced to close out at 18.50, 17.50 and 16.50. Suits for 13.75.

**P. E. Hartman,**  
SUCCESSOR TO  
**I. W. HARTMAN & SON**  
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

In speaking of "The Fast Mail" the Detroit Free Press of Aug. 6th says:—"The first week of the new season at Whitney's Opera House, was begun with a matinee yesterday, when there was a successful and memorable revival of "The Fast Mail." This was one of the first popular hits that Lincoln J. Carter arrived at as an artificer in the fields of the mechanical drama, and from season to season it has yielded that indefatigable worker and enterprising manager a large measure of prosperity. It is still in excellent condition, better, in fact, than in some other years—and at the present representation of it such as to command the emphatic approval of the numerous Whitney contingent of play goers. The scenes are in good taste and admirably fitting the story, and the sensational effects are produced with an appearance of truth to life that moves the spectator to turbulent admiration. Among the most assertive of these are the Engine Room of the Steamer "St. Louis" the mid-river wreck, the whizzing train in the act of grabbing U. S. Mail, and the moon light view of the Niagara Cataract. Pleasing specialties are employed by way of embroidering the performance proper. The Fast Mail will be at the Opera House tomorrow night.

## ORISMAN'S AIM WAS GOOD.

He Discharged the Contents of a Shot Gun Into Jesse Rambo's Head.

Thomas Chrisman, living on the Samuel Turnbach farm below Lime Ridge, was assaulted by his hired hand Jesse Rambo yesterday. The assault was made after Mr. Chrisman had refused to give Rambo money with which to buy drink. A dollar was the amount demanded and when it was not forth coming Rambo pounced upon his employer and beat him to the ground, at the same time muttering a threat that he would kill him. Chrisman's family heard the noise and his daughter grabbing a shot gun ran to aid her father. When she reached the scene the two were fighting desperately. She placed the gun against the fence where she thought her father would get it. In an instant Rambo made a dash for the weapon but the girl was too quick for him. She picked up the gun and tossed it to her father. Realizing that Chrisman had the upper hand of him, Rambo took to his heels. Chrisman placed the gun to his shoulder and pulled the trigger, but the shot missed fire. The second attempt discharged the contents of the gun, striking Rambo in the back of the head. His ears were perforated and his neck pretty badly spotted, but not seriously. He had reached a good distance as a result of the gun's failure to act the first time and to this fact he probably owes his life.

Rambo is a bad character. It was he who mixed up with Joe Fest in a fight here last summer and in which he was stabbed.

The American Limestone and Cement Company of Watstown with a capital of \$15,000 was granted a charter on Monday. The directors are John G. McHeery of Benton and C. D. Eatou, Alice L. Eaton, J. R. McNall and Charles C. Evans of Berwick.

## Visions of Thanksgiving.

Now doth the turkey see in dreams  
The visions of a day  
That makes his heart go pit-a-pat  
And turns his feathers gray.

The smell of celery gives him pain,  
And though his eyes are wet  
With tears of coming sorrow, he  
Tries bravely to forget.

A little cranberry is to him  
The crimson badge of fate  
That he must wear when he is called  
Into his future state.

An oyster makes him shut his eyes  
To miss the sight of it;  
And when he sees an axe Great Scott!  
He almost has a fit.

He thinks about the people who  
Will sound his requiem,  
And wonders how it's going to feel  
To be inside of them.

Ah, guileless dreamer, you are up  
Against Thanksgiving Day;  
You've got to starve yourself to death  
Or die the other way.

William J. Lampton, in New York "Sun."

## Licensed to Marry.

Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts W. H. Henrie has issued marriage licenses to the following couples:

Elmer Yohe of Locust township and Miss Katie M. Berger of Locust township.

Coriel W. Hess of Berwick and Miss Eva J. Hagenbuch of Orange township.

Anthony T. Conway of Centralia and Miss Mary E. Brennen of Ashland.

Ray C. Hassert and Miss Atta Titman, both of Bloomsburg.

Bruce E. Sutliff of Asbury and Miss Martha A. Hartman of Waller.

## ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Co., for the election of a President, board of Directors and a Treasurer will be held on Monday, November 24th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the office of the Company in Bloomsburg, Pa. N. U. FUNK, Secretary

## SHOES

If you have not seen our line of SHOES, it will pay you to see it. We have the largest

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of any store in this section. Made by the best Manufacturers especially for me, and will FIT AND WEAR.

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**Public Sale Criers and  
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Fifteen years experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Best returns of any sale criers in his section of the State. Write for terms and rates. We never disappoint our patrons.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Ladies' euchre at the Wheelmen's club house tonight.

No cracked collars at the Gem Steam Laundry. Try us.

Sunday Schools are rehearsing Christmas programs.

Ask Mercer for it, if he has not got it he will get it for you. Try it.

Seven years in business is our reference. Gem Steam Laundry.

Send your work in early. Gem Laundry will be closed Thanksgiving.

Give us a call and be convinced that we are the best. Gem Steam Laundry.

Pure Drugs at popular prices is what you get at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The report of the Strike Commission is the next great event of public importance.

Try Dr. Hess' Chicken Panacea, it will make your hens lay. At Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

C. W. Nuss has secured employment in Pittsburg. Mr. Nuss is an expert moulder.

Brook's celebrated Chicago Marine Band will appear in the Opera House, Danville, tomorrow night.

The great laugh provoker "A Dutchman's Honeycomb" will appear at the Opera House Monday night.

Theta Castle No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle will attend services at the Lutheran church Sunday morning.

The diagram for the Normal School Minstrel entertainment is now open at Bidleman's. Get a seat now.

A number of our merchants are away this week, replenishing their stock, in anticipation of a big holiday trade.

D. D. Dyke of Centralia has sold his hotel to John Tretter. The new proprietor took possession Tuesday morning.

D. L. Chapin of New Columbus, was called to Easton, Pa., on Tuesday of last week, by the death of his sister Permilla.

A number of our representative young people are planning to attend the Americus Club dance at Sunbury Thanksgiving eve.

Hog Cholera medicine at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Guernsey Lyons has secured a position at barbering in one of the leading shops in Altoona. He left for that place on Monday.

All Philadelphia papers 2 cents, by the month delivered 30 cents, 25 cents a month at the store. J. W. MOYER.

John P. Conway will be one of the vocalists in a select minstrel entertainment that is now in process of preparation at Hazleton.

B. F. McLaughlin returned on Monday from a hunting trip at Beaver Lake. He brought with him 33 rabbits, 14 quails, 9 pheasants and 5 squirrels.

## THE OLD RELIABLE

**ROYAL**  
  
**BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE**

H. H. Hulme, A. V. Kressler and John Welliver, viewers for a road from Millville to Welliversville, met on Tuesday. Their report was against a road.

Lincoln J. Carter's "Fast Mail" at the Opera House, Nov. 21st. This attraction is well known in Bloomsburg. The scenic embellishments are very elaborate.

The vacancy on the teaching force of the Berwick schools caused by the resignation of Harry Hess has been filled by the election of S. J. Johnston of Millville.

The Young People's Society of the Lutheran church will hold a social Tuesday evening next. A very pleasing musical and literary program will be rendered.

Prof. C. H. Albert was an instructor before the teachers' institute of Monroe county at Stroudsburg this week. He returned home Wednesday evening.

Blank books, ledgers, day books, journals, counter books, cash books, legal paper, fools cap, letter paper and all stationery supplies at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

James D. Shaffer and family have moved to Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Shaffer's house on Third Street will be occupied by Cashier Milleison of the Farmer's National Bank.

The County Commissioners on Saturday received from J. N. Thompson his check for the \$96,000 issue of county bonds together with the accrued interest at four per cent to 1903.

Lamps to burn at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Dr. C. H. Senn, who for several months past has been a resident physician of United States Marine Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, has located at Washingtonville and taken up the practice of the late Dr. J. P. Hoffa.

We carry a nice assortment of Twelve Mo. Books bound in cloth for 19c. Some of the more popular titles are Robinson Crusoe, Black Beauty, Black Rock, John Halifax, Arabian Nights, etc., at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Sylvester Sittler of Light Street has for sale a brood mare and well-bred colt. The mare is of good size, and will work anywhere. The colt is of pacing stock. Any further information can be obtained by addressing Mr. Sittler. 4t.

In the stomach of a cow butchered near Montrose, Susquehanna county, a good-sized pocketbook with a large brass clasp was found. The pocketbook contained a roll of bills and 43 cents in change. A shingle nail and a hairpin were also found. —Reporter Journal.

Fire on Thursday evening last completely destroyed John Musselman's house a short distance from Rohrsburg. The fire was first discovered in the roof, and was caused by a defective flue. The house was only recently constructed, and its destruction entails a loss of nearly \$2000.

Normal won from Susquehanna University on Saturday by the score of 13 to 0. To those who did not witness the game the score is indication of a close contest. It was, however, very one sided and the locals had an easy time of it. The attendance at the game was only fair.

If you want a hot water bottle, fountain or bulb, syringe, nipples or baby fittings go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The time of the year is coming when farmers coming to town should bring with them horse blankets to keep their horses warm while standing for hours on the streets. The men who neglect their duty to poor dumb brutes should be tied to the post and made suffer like a horse.

While hunting in the Pocono Mountain last week, Clarence Trego, of Berwick, shot a forty pound catamount. When the animal was discovered in a tree it leaped for the hunter. Trego dodged and then fired seven shots from a Winchester rifle into the beast before it died.

You don't want to miss the Normal minstrels next Monday night. You will enjoy a good hearty laugh. The jokes are all new and good, with plenty of good singing. The end men will be M. Cuff and Bert Marcy from the School and Frank Colley and Gerald Gross from town. The olio, or afterpart will consist of some neat acts, such as dancing, club swinging by Alfred Armstrong, vocal solos by Frank Colley, and illustrated songs by D. J. Tasker. Seats are now on sale.

One of the unexpected results of the extension of the rural free delivery service is the discontinuance of post offices in the smaller rural communities. As a result of the extension of the service last year 1,906 post offices were discontinued effecting a saving in the salaries of postmasters aggregating \$116,807.

At no time during this season have the sunsets been of such rare beauty as those which accompany these latter days of autumn. Nearly every evening, when the sky is clear the sun leaves behind a trail of glory which fills the whole western sky and lingers for nearly an hour while twilight deepens.

The largest line of lamps in Old Columbia County at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Emmanuel (Heller's) Reformed Church in Madison township on next Sunday morning, Nov. 23, at 10.30 o'clock. There will be preparatory services and infant baptism on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present at both these services.

A change has just become effective in the passenger service of the Catawissa branch of the P. & R. J. J. Lewis, who for some years has been train-master at Newberry, has resumed his old position as conductor of the mail train, causing Patrick Gordon, formerly of Ashland, to return to the train that is known as the Bloomsburg annex.

This is the season of the year when newspapers caution those who use guns, to be careful, as accidents of a fatal or painful character take place each fall. For some reason each gunner seems to think that he will be exempt from danger and becomes careless. Guns are deadly weapons, should be handled with extreme caution and never pointed at a person, even in jest.

District Attorney elect A. W. Duy, is the first republican elected to that office, in the history of the County. Columbia County is now eighty-nine years old. It was formed from a part of Northumberland county by an act of assembly passed in 1813. Mr. Duy will have charge of the Commonwealth's cases at the February term of court.

Young Bros. big horse sale was well attended on Saturday afternoon. The horses were all nice looking animals and in the main brought good prices. C. C. Moyer of Danville, purchased a handsome team of sorrels. There were several other horses bought by Danville men. Young Bros. it is understood will be back here in March with another lot of horses.

"Uncle Zeke" says we are going to have a cold, snowy winter. Nature has told him so and he declares Nature never tells a lie. Corn husks are thick and the silk heavy; the woodchucks are going to sleep while the clover is still green about their holes; the feathers pull hard from the wild ducks and the goose bone is white from tip to tip.

Some unknown vandal or vandals broke open the door of the Winona Fire Company's parlor in the Town Hall a few evenings ago and did considerable damage to the furniture. The chairs and sofas were upset, stand turned up-side-down and other articles in the room thrown about in chaotic fashion. If the perpetrators can be caught they will be taught a lesson. They certainly deserve the limit of the penalty.

It is announced from Washington that the gold dollars to be struck in commemoration of the centennial celebration of the Louisiana Purchase by a World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904 will be ready in December of this year. Two designs will be used, one the head of Jefferson, who negotiated the great purchase, the other the head of McKinley, who issued the proclamation of the World's Fair.

The Lackawanna's attempt to burn oil as a fuel for locomotives has proved a failure; oil falling far short of requirements. The tests were conducted by experts in the use of oil fuel in locomotives and worked fairly well up to a speed of 40 miles an hour with light trains. But greater speed, heavy trains and grades stalled the engines as steam could not be made fast enough.

It is impossible to keep some men down and equally impossible to lift some men up. When a fellow once gets the corner grocery and dry goods box habit and his wife takes in washings to support the family, you have got a hard proposition. It would be a good thing if all such men could be drafted into the army, for they are of no use whatever to either their families or the community at large.

J. G. Hoffman, who so successfully conducted several performances of "The Man in the Moon" here about a year or more ago, produced the piece in Lewistown last week, to tremendous business. The people of Lewistown were delighted with the show.

Nothing appeals to the thrifty housekeeper's tastes so strongly as fine china. L. E. Whary's assortment comprises table plates, bread and cake plates, fruit saucers, cups and saucers, sugar and cream sets and many others, all beautifully decorated and in the latest and most artistic shapes.

Go and see L. E. Whary's china bazaar. His stock is larger and finer than ever before.

It will interest many in this vicinity who have relatives in the service to know that the government has decided not to send a special Christmas ship to the Philippines as has been done in the past. When the large army was in the Philippines one vessel carried no less than 10,000 packages. The government announces that all Christmas packages addressed to soldiers will be forwarded to the various points so as to be delivered during the holidays.

"Circumstantial Evidence," Sun and Fowler's much exploited production, held the boards at the local play house Tuesday evening. The show had been extensively advertised and a large audience was present. The play did not come up to expectation. The general impression appeared to be that if the proprietors would expend a little more money and get people who can play the roles and a little less on advertising, the show would be more of a success.

No nicer, in fact none as beautiful as the lamps that Mercer the Drug-gist is selling.

The life of Rev. Ebenezer A. Smith, a retired minister, came to an end peacefully Sunday evening at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Jerama Brittain on west First street. The deceased had been afflicted with consumption for many years and it was this disease that compelled his retirement from the ministry. He was seventy-five years of age and his life throughout was most exemplary. A wife survives. Short funeral services were conducted here at noon on Tuesday and the remains taken to Springfield, Mass. for burial.

If you are looking for something in the line of china ware, you can find just what you want at L. E. Whary's. Don't make your purchases until you see his stock.

The music loving people of our community will have a treat in the M. E. church on Friday evening Nov. 21st at which time a grand concert will be rendered by the following famed vocalists. Miss Grace Spencer of Scranton, a soprano that is hard to excel. Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert, Philadelphia the famed contralto. T. R. Williams, Pittston, the superb tenor that captivated the great audience here last season and O. H. Yetter whom we are all proud to call our own always holds his end down well. Mrs. Grant Herring who always delights and entertains to a high degree will be the reader on this great occasion. The benefit is a piano fund for the Sunday school and the tickets have been placed within reach of everybody. 25 cents to any part of the auditorium.

## 120,000 Starving.

We mean the 120,000 hairs on your head. They are starving. Their food is so poor they are already leaving you very rapidly. Soon you will not have one left unless you use Ayer's Hair Vigor. This stops falling of the hair and makes the hair grow rich and heavy.

## Sheriff's Sales.

Sheriff Daniel Knorr will expose to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg on the following dates. Sales will commence at two o'clock of each day.

Saturday, Nov. 29, property of John K. Lockard, situate in Bloomsburg, consisting of a large three story brick store building known as the Lockard Block, located on Main street, and a large two and a half story brick dwelling house, frame stable and out buildings on Fifth street.

Saturday, Dec. 6th, property of Jennie E. Sponger consisting of a house and lot situated in Catawissa borough.

The above sales are in addition to those advertised elsewhere in this paper.

Box papers from 10c. to 50c. Tablets from 5 to 25c. Envelopes from 5 to 16c. per pack. All stationery at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.