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The W. C. T. U. have requested the St. Louis officials to allow them to judge of the decency of any attraction within a mile of the exposition grounds. If their request is granted thirsty visitors will have to go far to get anything other than a "soft" drink.

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We are showing a very fine line of birch bark novelties and trinkets that are made by the Penobscott Indians of Maine. Trimmed with Indian sweet grass that never loses its fragrance. Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Dan Patch, on Monday smashed two world's records at Macon, Ga. To a high wheel sulky he lowered Direct's record of 2.06 to 2.04 3/4, and twenty-five minutes later to the usual track sulky he went two miles in 4.17, lowering Nervolo's record of 4.19.

We also have some burnt wood novelties that are both pretty and cheap at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Membranous croup caused the death of Elen Madalene, the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hassert on Wednesday. The funeral will take place tomorrow at two o'clock.

Rush Harrison has succeeded John Harrison as station agent for the B. & S. Railroad Company at Forks.

Judge Jacobs, of Dauphin county has declared unconstitutional the act of 1901, relating to the building of bridges over streams between two counties. The matter was brought before him on mandamus proceeding to compel the state to pay its share of building a bridge over the Susquehanna at Lewisburg.

There is a poster in the post office announcing that \$500 will be paid to any one who secures the arrest and conviction of the murderer of William H. Clendenin, telegraph operator at Brown's tower, Youngdale. The reward is offered by the New York Central Railroad Co. A full account of the crime was printed in our last issue.

The B. P. O. Elks will observe memorial day in their rooms in the Ent building on Sunday next. The interest in this beautiful service is growing with each succeeding year. John M. Garman, Esq., of Nanticoke will deliver the address, and vocal solos will be rendered by Miss Comba of the Normal School and Charles O. Skeer.

Prof. E. B. Beishline of Stillwater, is among the teaching force of the county that is attending the annual institute this week. Mr. Beishline is a man that gives authority to the great work in which he is engaged, and is in every way a teacher to command attention, respect, admiration and confidence. The writer is glad to have been a pupil of his, back in the 80's.

Both Benton and Millville are making a bid for the Monroe keg factory, which was recently destroyed by fire at Rupert. The former owing to its nearness to the lumber country, and its shipping facilities, would seem to stand the better chance of getting the industry, but the Millville people are awake, and will make a strong effort to land it.

Frank P. Hower was on Tuesday evening elected to succeed Prof. Calhoun as leader of the Band. Mr. Hower has been a member of the band for twenty years, and his election to the directorship proves emphatically his popularity. Joseph Perry was elected assistant leader. The organization now numbers twenty-seven, and regular weekly rehearsals will be continued throughout the winter.

"A Homespun Heart", a pure play of country life, as refreshing as a draught of pure spring water, to the base theatre-goer will be the bill at the Opera House Monday Dec. 7th. It is a rural play, full of country folks, homely clothes, and provincial conversation, but it has the scent of flowers, the atmosphere of the fields, the charm of the country village. It contains many beautiful pictures of life in the country, made more beautiful by living accessories to the scene painter's art.

DECEMBER 1st TO DECEMBER 15th.

To encourage you to make yourself for some friend a Christmas present of a pair of new eye-glasses or spectacles, I remit my fee for fitting during the month of December. This has been my custom for years. You are invited to call and get prices.
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PURELY PERSONAL

Geo. B. Hummer, of Elk Grove, was in town Monday.
 John G. McHenry, of Benton, was noticed on our streets yesterday.
 Mrs. E. M. Lantach, of Forks, was in town yesterday shopping.
 J. T. Brady, of Jamison City, transacted business here on Saturday.
 Guy Sleppy, of Scranton, spent Sunday with his parents on Fourth street.
 Morris Brondt expects to leave today for Arizona, for the benefit of his health.
 Mrs. E. B. Beishline, of Stillwater, was the guest of Mrs. John Barber yesterday.
 Miss Margaret Laubach, who was here attending the funeral of her father, returned to Philadelphia Monday morning.
 Mrs. W. K. Armstrong and daughter Miss Martha, of Sunbury, have been visiting Mrs. Armstrong's mother and sister on Catharine street.
 Miss Florence Conner, of Orangeville, who has been visiting her parents at home, returned to her studies at the Ethaca, N. Y. Musical Conservatory, on Tuesday.

Just one week till the Wheelmen will appear in minstrelsy. Don't delay in reserving your seat. The diagram is now open and the sale in advance is large. If appearances and indications denote anything, the attendance will smash the local play house record. It isn't necessary for us to say anything in support of the merit of the show. Everyone knows the wheelmen, and that they wouldn't put on anything that isn't first class. We will venture however, to say that the stage setting in the first part will be a thing of beauty, and will include colored and electrical effects. Again we say get your seat reserved before they are all gone.

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Three More Claims for Damages.

Claims for damages against the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company are piling up. The number already filed was augmented on Tuesday when Gere Jayne, of Berwick, entered three suits, one for R. S. Swayze whose daughter was killed by a car, in the sum of \$10,000, one for R. F. McHenry, and one for W. C. Holter. The two latter alleged to have been injured near Willow Grove, about midnight Sept. 10, and want damages not to exceed \$25,000.

Fire Destroys Barn.

Fire on Tuesday afternoon destroyed the barn on the Armstrong farm. All the summer crops were burned up. The horses were rescued but a young colt perished in the flames.

One of the members of the "Minister's Daughter" Company, made a big hit with the audience Saturday night, when walking out in front of an old street scene that has done service in the house for the past thirty years, he looked up, and remarked that "the building on the corner must be the new Opera House." The remark was received with enthusiastic applause. In this connection it may be a pleasing bit of news to many to know that the move to build a new play house in town is showing signs of new life. An option on a very desirable plot of ground has been secured, and the proposition promises to take tangible shape after the first of the year.

Warning to Hotels and Boarding Houses.

All hotels, boarding and lodging house keepers in Bloomsburg are hereby cautioned against taking in and keeping any known resident of the Conynghams or Centralia during the prevalence of small-pox in that region. This under penalty of being quarantined. By order of
W. M. REBER, M. D.,
 President Board of Health.
THOMAS WEBB, Health Officer.

OLD CHURCH COMES DOWN.

As announced in the last issue of this paper exclusively, the old Presbyterian Church will be torn down, and the work begins to-day. William Ferguson has the contract. The first church building used by the Presbyterians stood on the lot now owned by M. P. Lutz. It was a frame building with no steeple. The brick church was built in 1846, and later on the frame building was used for some years as the Bloom Poor House. About 1866 Judge Elwell bought it and tore it down, and erected the house now owned by M. P. Lutz, on the lot. Where the Mause stands was the Presbyterian burying ground.

Rev. D. J. Waller was pastor for over thirty years, and was succeeded by Rev. Dr. S. Mitchell who was here for eighteen years. Rev. I. E. Patterson followed him, and these three covered the entire time that the church was used as such. The new stone church was built in 1891, and since that the old building has been used as a chewing gum factory, festival hall, Centennial Museum meeting house, or any old thing.

Closing Out

This big stock must be closed out for our re-building---now we have made **BIG PRICE REDUCTIONS** on many lines of goods. In order to move this stock rapidly we will allow **10 Per Cent. Discount** off of all sales over one dollar on the entire Stock, besides the many price reductions already made.

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Attractive Clubbing Offers for 1904

Arrangements have been made whereby we can offer our subscribers some leading publications at greatly reduced rates. Below are four different offers. Read them over:

FIRST OFFER.	
THE COLUMBIAN for one year \$1.00, and as a premium we will give an Insurance Policy in the Pennsylvania Life and Accident Association of Philadelphia, good for one year, for \$100 in case of accident resulting in death, or \$5.00 a week for disability.	
SECOND OFFER.	
THE COLUMBIAN, \$1.00	\$1.00
"New York World", Thrice-a-week, \$1.50	\$1.50
Regular price of both, \$2.50	
We will send the two for one year for	\$1.60
THIRD OFFER.	
THE COLUMBIAN, \$1.00	\$1.00
"New York Tribune Farmer", \$1.00	\$1.00
Regular price for both, \$2.00	
We will send the two for one year for	\$1.25
FOURTH OFFER.	
THE COLUMBIAN, \$1.00	\$1.00
"The Cosmopolitan Magazine", \$1.00	\$1.00
"The Twentieth Century Home", \$1.00	\$1.00
Regular price for the three, \$3.00	
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The New York *Tribune Farmer* is an illustrated weekly, and one of the best of its class. It is full of valuable information to tillers of the soil. You can get it through our club for one-fourth its regular price. See third offer.

The *Cosmopolitan Magazine* is known in every home. There are none better and few as good.

The *Twentieth Century Home* is a new magazine published by the Cosmopolitan Company in their beautiful building on the Hudson. It has many new and striking features, and aims at the same high standard as the *Cosmopolitan*. We have made an arrangement by which we are enabled to present you with this valuable publication for one year free. Read our fourth offer.

Where can you get so much good reading matter for so little money? We cannot tell how long we will be able to continue these offers. Don't lose the opportunity, but send in your order now.

All orders must be accompanied with the cash.

Sample copies of *THE COLUMBIAN*, the *World*, and *Tribune Farmer*, will be sent on request. The Magazines can be seen at this office.

Address: The Columbian, Bloomsburg, Pa. **CEO. E. ELWELL, Proprietor.**

Notice to Stock Holders

There will be a meeting of the stock holders of the Beaver Lake Copper Smelting Co. at their office in Bloomsburg Pa. on Dec. 5th 1903 at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing officers, &c.

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CALENDARS FOR 1904.

We shall present our subscribers with calendars for 1904 as usual, under certain conditions. Calendars are expensive. It costs money to buy them. We give them away as an inducement to subscribers to pay up arrearages. That is the only benefit we get out of it. We shall give them only to those who have paid for *THE COLUMBIAN* within one year. None others need apply. We shall have no calendars for general distribution, but for our patrons only. 8t

Prof. Calhoun, who since early in the spring has directed the Bloomsburg Band, has resigned and gone back to Northumberland to accept his former position as leader of the band at that place. During his stay here he has done yeoman service with the band, and brought its playing up to a high standard. The ability to coach beginners and make their work of such a character as to satisfy critical listeners is Mr. Calhoun's to an extraordinary degree. Mr. Calhoun can be assured that he leaves Bloomsburg with the well wishes of every man, woman and child who knows him—and they are a host.

Roy Gardner, son of Dr. B. F. Gardner, has been selected as assistant superintendent of the Berwick Electric Light Company.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Miss Bess Jacoby of the clerical force at the post office is off duty on account of illness.

A large line of all kinds of books at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Mrs. Gny Jacoby has been confined to the house by sickness for the past two weeks.

Mrs. E. F. Row, who has been quite seriously ill for more than a week past is improving.

For Bibles and Testaments both large and small go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The big minstrel and variety entertainment Thursday night next. Get your seats reserved now.

A meeting of the executive committee of Fair Association is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Secretary's office.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expenses money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent, Travelers, 935 Madison Building, Chicago, Ill. 11-1918t

The skating has been excellent at the wide waters of the canal for the past several days, and hundreds of young people have been enjoying the exhilarating sport.

Lamps. The designs in lamps at Mercer's are far superior to any in Bloomsburg, take a look at them.

The Normal School excursion to Washington, which for the past several years has been conducted about the holidays, will be postponed this year until about Easter.

"The Minister's Daughters" was produced before a fair sized audience Saturday evening. The plot while old, was given a youthful dress, and was interpreted by a capable company.

Stand Lamps, Hanging Lamps, Hall Lamps, Bracket lamps, lamp fixtures of all kinds at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

It is certainly hard luck when a man falls heir to the comfortable fortune of \$25,000 and cannot have his freedom to enjoy it. But that is the position of a man who is serving a life sentence in Dannemora prison.

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The death of Mrs. Catharyn Schlicher, relict of the late Moses Schlicher, occurred at her home in Beaver township Thursday evening, aged 73 years. Surviving her are three sons and a daughter. The deceased was born and raised in Millinville.

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