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 Now that CHRISTMAS is so near it behooves every one who intends giving presents to make their selection now. We have everything in the line of **FOOT WEAR, OVERGAITERS AND LEGGINS.** Our assortment of **SLIPPERS** for Men, Women, Boys, Youths, Misses and Children is complete at from 50 cents upward.
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THE COLUMBIAN.
 BLOOMSBURG, PA.
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903.
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AT THE THEATRE.
 Strong, stirring dramatic situations, thrilling climaxes, a love story of absorbing heart interest, amusing, natural and unforced comedy scenes, allied with a plot that can be followed by everybody, are the really component parts of a successful melodrama. Add to the above, a wealth of scenic splendor, new and intricate mechanical devices and a company of superior excellence, and the reason for the universal success of "Human Hearts" is found.
 "Human Hearts" is possibly the most successful and meritorious melodrama on the stage today, and it will be shown to our play goes on Thursday evening Dec. 17th.

Christmas Dinners.
 Would you not have greater enjoyment at your Christmas dinner if you had contributed in some way in seeing that those less fortunate than yourself had been provided with dinners?
 The United Benevolent Society will, as usual furnish a large number of dinners and will appreciate your assistance in supplying any of the following: Money, potatoes, turnips, cabbage, sugar, coffee, beans, rice and canned goods. All kinds of clothing is also much needed.
 Through the kindness of H. J. Clark, the ladies have been given the use of room in his building on Centre Street, where a committee will be on hand to receive donations, Saturday afternoon, December 19, from 2 to 5 o'clock.
 We trust every one will do something to help in this worthy cause.
 The United Benevolent Society.

(Bell Telephone.)
ALL READY FOR
Christmas Shoppers.
MENU FOR
Christmas.
 Traveling Cases, Pocket Books, Purses, Music Rolls, Cigar Cases, Card Cases, Letter Books, Hand Bags, Shaving Sets, Burnt Leather, Japanese Gongs, Steins, French Stag Clocks, Tobacco Jars, Wedgewood Ware, Japanese Vases, Ebony Brushes, Fbonoid Brushes, French Stag Brushes, Aluminum Brushes, Foxwood Brushes, Sterling Silver Brushes, Military Brushes, Medicine Cases, Stag Smoking Sets, Hudnut's Toilet Articles, Hudnut's Perfumes, Baker's Fine Confections, Saturday Candy, Mirrors in Ebony, Stag, Oak, Celluloid, Desk Calendars, Cigars in boxes of 13, 25, 50 or 100. Sterling Silver Novelties.
HAND PAINTED CHINA.
 Name or Initials Burned on any light leather goods free of charge.
 No trouble to show goods.
 Come in and see "What's New."
W. S. RISHTON,
 Market Square Pharmacist.

R. S. Bowman's term as postmaster at Berwick expires this month, but he has no opposition and will be re-appointed. It strikes us as being strange that there are not a dozen or more after the place.

William Chrisman on Saturday purchased the farm of the late Jacob M. Girton, situate in Madison township. The farm contains 232 acres, nearly one fourth of which is timbered. The consideration was \$2425.

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

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of George E. Straub to Miss Elizabeth Bomboy. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's mother at Espy, at seven o'clock, Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th.

W. M. Harder, an attorney, of Des Moines, Iowa, is visiting his parents at Catawissa. He went west five years ago, since which time, that section of the country, he says, has picked up wonderfully. He called on Bloomsburg friends Monday afternoon.

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

Eggs are eggs. Down in Boston the grocers who cater to the best people in the Back Bay district are charging 70 cents a dozen for them. Even for common people the price has run up to 60 cents, and the prospect is that the top of the market has not yet been reached.

The New Century Correspondence Schools, Wilkes-Barre, of which J. K. Miller is the local representative, opened a new branch in Berwick on Monday. It is the purpose of the new branch to reach the children of the foreign populace in Berwick. Mr. Miller assisted in the opening.

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.

Among the first and early callers at our office Monday morning was Ex-Sheriff John Mowrey, of Kulp, Pa. He has taken advantage of our clubbing offer with the New York *Thrice a Week World*, and will be kept posted on the great presidential campaign, upon which we are just entering.

HIGHEST cash prices paid for all kinds of raw furs by F. R. Drake, 440 East 4th St., Bloomsburg Pa. Always home on Saturday.

Blessed is the poor man. Pickpockets don't bother him, nobody tries to borrow from him, and no one asks him to indorse a note; he is not robbed or harassed by litigations; burglars never invade his premises, and he sleeps in peace; when he dies nobody questions his will or attempts to steal his body.

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

A remarkable event in religious circles occurred in Paterson on Thanksgiving day; an occurrence probably unprecedented in this or any other country. It was a union service of Presbyterian and Jewish congregations held in the synagogue of the latter. The Presbyterian clergyman delivered the discourse and the rabbi would have spoken but was called away to attend a funeral. Verily, "the world do move."

Subscribe for **THE COLUMBIAN** and get the *Farm and Fireside* and a handsome picture free. The regular price of the three is \$2.50. We will give them all to you for one dollar.

The order of removal proceedings of Mifflin twp., Columbia county Poor District, against Schuykill county Poor District, which were heard before John Berger and Guy Jacoby Esq's., have been continued until the twenty-fourth of the month. Mifflin is seeking to remove Harvey Gearhart, a person liable to become chargeable to Schuykill county. T. J. Vander-slice and Grant Herring Esq's represent Mifflin township. Wm. Chrisman Esq. is looking after Schuykill county's interests.

DECEMBER 1st TO DECEMBER 15th.
 To encourage you to make yourself or 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.
HENRY W. CHAMPLIN, M. D.,
 EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST.
 Ent Building, Bloomsburg, Pa.

LOCAL NEWS.
 Legal advertisements on page 7.
 The girl who loves to help mother will make a model wife some day.
 Lamps. The designs in lamps at Mercer's are far superior to any in Bloomsburg, take a look at them.
 William Blass of Kulp, has added his name to our subscription list.
 Albums will never go out of use and are very useful Christmas presents. See Mercer's stock before you buy.
 The Wheelmen's Minstrels was the most successful entertainment, financially, ever given in town.
 We will show you a nice line of Holiday goods for Christmas 1903. J. H. Mercer, 108 Main St.
 Postmasters and rural mail carriers are only allowed seven holidays in a year and yet some people complain when they take them.
 A little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stohner of North Iron Street is lying seriously ill with rheumatism. The disease has affected his heart.
 Eight new members were initiated into the Knights of the Golden Eagle last week. The order now has two hundred and sixty members.
 Stand Lamps, Hanging Lamps, Hall Lamps, Bracket lamps, lamp fixtures of all kinds at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.
 The High School at Stillwater, will receive \$164.00 as its share of the special appropriation to High Schools for the year ending June 1st, 1903.
 When it gets to be the style to have a new hat on Thanksgiving, the same as on Easter, it will be possible to get people out to church on that day.
 "The Fatal Wedding" will be here Monday evening next. It is one of the strongest melo dramatic attractions that is to come our way this season. Regular prices.
 A large line of all kinds of books at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.
 The contract for filling the approach to the new river bridge at Mifflinville, has been awarded by the commissioners to C. H. Reimard and he has already commenced the work.
 The largest line of crepe paper all colors, in Bloomsburg at Mercer's.
 The hearing in the case of Chas. F. Harder, of Catawissa, the Alta Idaho Gold & Copper Mining Co., prosecutor, will be heard before Squire Jacoby Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.
 Not for many years have we had so much cold weather so early in the season. Local merchants say it tends to stimulate the holiday trade, the volume of which is in excess of former years.

PURELY PERSONAL
 Miss Carrie Smith, of Catawissa, has been the guest this week, of Mrs. R. K. Dent.
 R. R. Dent, of the firm of Dent & Sharpless, made a business trip up the west Branch this week.
 Miss May McHenry of Stillwater attended the meeting of the Wednesday Club last week. She was the guest of Mrs. F. H. Wilson.
 C. B. Achenbach, who for many years has resided in the west, principally in Kansas, was the guest of his brother, W. W. Achenbach, last week.
 The death of Mrs. Millard Kelenner occurred at her home in Fishingcreek township yesterday afternoon. Internal cancer was the immediate cause of death. She is survived by a husband and three children. The funeral will take place Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

According to a recent ruling of the Civil Service Commission, which affects the district in which Bloomsburg is included, the annual examinations for clerks and carriers is to be abolished, and examinations will be held only when there is a vacancy, or when there is a vacancy about to occur.
 There are about 5,000,000 farmers in the United States, and they are the people who pay for keeping up the country roads. The 50,000 automobilists do not pay one dollar out of every thousand expended for the making and repairing of these roads. Whose rights are to be considered first—those of the great multitude or those of the few? Who shall have the right to the middle of the road, the millions who have maintained the public highway from time immemorial or the thousands who have suddenly invaded it with new and strange machines?
 There does not appear to be much room for doubt as to the ownership of a prescription which a person may take to a drug store to be filled, but in New York recently the ownership had to be settled in court. Of course it was decided in favor of the man who took the prescription to be filled. The court decided that the druggist had no right or title to the prescription, but the druggist only gave it up to escape going to jail for larceny. A similar decision has been made in the case of a photographer's negative. The court decided that the patron who pays the photographer's price owns the negative, a just decision.

Bachelors should be awakened to the touch. Next year is leap year. Forewarned is forearmed. The question is: Will you pop now and get your ultimatum from one of your choice, or wait until January 1 to be popped to and take your chances? Two of the maiden ladies who each vow to get a man this leap year or bust a toga band, are the old girls who always let down their folding bed to look under it in the hope of finding a man there, and the antiquated Nancy, who is credited with saying, "Oh, Lord, anything." If you hesitate and allow yourself to become common prey, one of the archaic specimens may insist on warming her feet against your vertebrae the rest of your natural nights. Thus is repeated the admonition, be warned in time.
 Work of Benevolent Society.
 The Union Benevolent Association at a meeting decided to receive from the school children of town, in the basement of the Clark building on Centre street next Saturday afternoon from two to five o'clock any clothing, money or provisions that they desire to contribute to charity. This announcement will also be made in the public schools. A special meeting of the association will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
 Another Case of Small Pox at Berwick.
 The alarm occasioned at Berwick last week, by the discovery of a case of small pox within the town limits was increased on Tuesday when it was learned that the dread disease had marked another victim. The second case is that of Lillian Petit, the fifteen year old daughter of Simon Petit, residing on La-Salle Street. The house was immediately quarantined, and everything possible is being done to rid the town of the plague.

GET IT AT GILMORE'S.
 Are you looking for toys or games for the little ones? If so visit W. H. Gilmore's Toy Bazaar. You will find there an immense line of goods suitable for Christmas gifts. Never before has he had such an assortment, and you are sure to find just what you want for the little folks. There are Dolls, Wagons, Iron Toys, Dishes, all kinds of Games, Toy Decorations, and a thousand other articles. Every Holiday wish for the little ones can be gratified. The entire third floor is filled with goods and you are invited to call, and look over the line.

THE TIME IS NEAR
 When you will be wished a Merry Christmas and you will want to make a gift to some as a remembrance. Clark's offer you now an opportunity of saving 10 cents on every dollar's worth of goods you buy. The goods are right. They're priced as low as equal grades are sold by any and on many lines they are less. You can do your Christmas shopping at Clark's on *Useful Goods* and save money. Useful articles are what most people are giving now. Our stock is complete. Never before have we offered you such good values at Christmas time. We allow 10 per cent. discount on every dollar's worth of goods bought. The entire stock is at your disposal. The reduction of the stock is called by our re-building. Your opportunity to save on your Christmas purchases. Think, 10c on every dollar.

DRESS GOODS.
 Our entire stock has been reduced—we allow you 10 per cent. What more useful gift than a dress pattern.
LINENS, ALL KINDS.
 A nice piece of linen is always acceptable as a Christmas gift. Our stock of table linens, pattern cloths, towels, napkins, lunch cloths, etc., is very complete. All less 10 per cent. discount.
WHITE MATERIALS.
 All kinds for all purposes. See the big line of waistings. They make nice gifts.
HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR
 Always useful and they make nice gifts. Our stock is complete.
UMBRELLAS.
 Full lines—all prices.
KID and GOLF GLOVES.
 Full lines—all styles.
COUNTERPANES.
 Full lines—all grades—useful gifts.
 Colgate's extracts, Rogers' silverware.

FURS, FURS.
 Good reliable furs. The most wanted goods. It pays to buy good furs. Dark blended real mink with real tails and claws at \$44.00.
 Dark blended Jap mink with real tails, ornament and claws at \$20.00.
 Subtle fox, 2 brush tails \$12.00.
 All less 10 per cent. with lots of others.
SILKS and SILK WAISTS
 A nice silk waist pattern makes a useful gift. Then there is the ready made silk waists. Either one will be acceptable on Christmas morning.
HANDKERCHIEFS.
 You never get too many. This stock offers you bigger assortments than ever. Better values than ever. You should see them.
RIBBONS and LACES.
 Full lines—all kinds—all styles.
LEATHER GOODS.
 Pocket books, wrist bags, automobile bags.
SEPARATE SKIRTS.
 In wool and silk. They will make a useful gift. See the line.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

TALK NO. 51.
Gifts for the Holidays!
 The best of everything for Christmas. Right to the front of all competition we place our elegant new Holiday Stock, the best ever shown in this locality. Popular selections at popular prices are features of this magnificent stock which particularly recommend it to holiday buyers. Fall in line all you people who wish to see a bright and beautiful display of charming Christmas novelties for the season of 1903.
Geo. W. Hess,
 OPTICIAN AND JEWELER, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

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.
 We will give **THE COLUMBIAN** for one year, regular price \$1.00, with the *Farm and Fireside* for one year (two issues each month), regular price 50 cents, and a Peerless Picture (your choice of 24), regular price \$1.00 (total value \$2.50.)
All THREE For \$1.00
SECOND OFFER.
THE COLUMBIAN, \$1.00
 "New York World", *Thrice-a-week*, \$1.00
 Regular price of both, \$2.00
We will send the two for one year for \$1.00
THIRD OFFER.
THE COLUMBIAN, \$1.00
 "New York Tribune Farmer", \$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
 "The Cosmopolitan Magazine", \$1.00
 "The Twentieth Century Home", \$1.00
 Regular price for the three, \$3.00
We will send the three publications for one year for \$2.00
Address: The Columbian, Bloomsburg, Pa. GEO. E. ELWELL, Proprietor.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for a well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$20.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 330 Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill. 11-12 166

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 expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope, Superintendent, Travelers, 605 Monon Building, Chicago, Ill. 11-12 167