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THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1903. Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

CALENDARS. It is our custom to present a calendar to all subscribers who have paid within a year. We are adhering strictly to that rule this year. Those of our Bloomsburg subscribers who come under this head, can get a calendar by calling at the office. Those residing out of town will receive them by mail next week. If you do not get one, look at your last receipt and see if you are entitled to it.

Centralia Loses School Principal. W. S. Robinson, supervising principal of the Centralia public schools, was elected professor of mathematics in the Shamokin High School, succeeding E. E. Arnold, who takes a position on the Mineral Mining Company's engineering corps on January 1st. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of Bucknell, and went to Centralia from Berwick at the beginning of the present term. The Centralia schools have been closed during the smallpox epidemic. Mr. Robinson was popular there and many will regret to see him go.

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, Ebony 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.

The White Milling Company, in keeping with its custom, yesterday presented each employee with a nice large turkey.

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.

Mrs. Mary McHenry passed away at the home of her son, George McHenry at Benton, Thursday of last week, in her seventy-eighth year. The funeral took place on Saturday. Services were held in the Christian Church at Derr.

The Mantelli Grand Opera Co. which was to have appeared here Saturday last was cancelled by the Opera House Manager. The attendance at the play house of late has been so discouraging that he feared he could not raise the guarantee.

"Whitewashing Julia" is the title of a new play. This opens up new possibilities for the playwrights, who have recently had hard work finding titles for their pieces. We may also expect to hear of "Scrubbing Susan," "Painting Penelope," "Rubbing Rebecca," etc.

Light Street is to have a genuine up to date minstrel entertainment on New Year's night. Nothing in minstrelsy has been overlooked, and the show promises to be one that will do the young men credit. The proceeds will go to the Light Street Band, and the P. O. S. of A. Hall should be packed.

Edward Broadt will leave to-day for East Prospect, Pa. where he will be married to-night to Miss Maggie Lee, formerly of town. The lower side of the Funston property, corner of Market and Fifth Streets has been furnished for their occupancy and they will go to housekeeping at once.

We have received from J. H. Maize, agent of the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, of Scranton, a large desk blotter. This company does a general business in its line, furnishing security on bonds of administrators, guardians, trustees, public officers and everybody who has to give a bond for faithful performance of duty.

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

That the product of the School Furnishing Factory is in big demand across the water as well as at home is shown by two car load shipments made, one last week to Liverpool and one this week to South Africa. Orders are constantly being booked, and the plant is kept running to its fullest capacity.

What Shall We Have for Breakfast? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! simply add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day. 10 cents. 12-17 4t

On the evening of Christmas day the Sunday School of the M. E. church of Buckhorn will render the service entitled, "Christmas Joy Bells." The noted fan drill conducted by Mrs. J. E. A. Bucke will be given by fourteen girls. Also a "Magic Christmas Tree" will be displayed. All are invited.

The Elks are planning to have open house New Year's eve. An entertaining and enjoyable program is being arranged including magic, mirth and music. They have secured S. Ansbach, the celebrated magician, for the occasion, and an orchestra will be present. Elks will be here from other towns, and the evening will be a delightful one.

This is the weather when one wishes his ears were made of tin or some other nerveless stuff. The man in charge of the cold gates must have let 'em fly open and then gone off on a vacation. One thing sure, if this Maine weather keeps up it will swell the Esquimo mission fund. One needn't be out of doors more than ten minutes to get up a supply of sympathy for the poor wall-eyed denizen of the icy hut up in reindeer land. But those unfortunate of the land of sunless days are lucky in one respect: they don't have to count out \$400 for a polar bear skin coat.

HENRY W. CHAMPLIN, M. D., EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST. Ent Building, Bloomsburg, Pa.

PURELY PERSONAL John G. McHenry of Benton, was in town on Friday. Clyde Hirleman, of Benton, was in town on Tuesday. Louis Buckalew is clerking in Dentler's Shoe Store. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wigfall are visiting in Philadelphia. Joe Cohen is home from Penn'a. University for the holidays. Frank Zarr is home from Gettysburg College, for the holidays. Dr. J. S. Lazarus, of Mt. Carmel, spent yesterday in town. Elwell Funk is home from Lehigh University for the holidays. Donald Herring of Princeton University, is home for the holidays. Geo. Mausteller, of Jerseytown, dropped in to see us on Monday. I. E. Roys has placed a handsome new cash register in his store. E. H. Sloan of Orangeville, was circulating on our streets yesterday. Miss Ruth Turner went to Philadelphia on Tuesday to visit relatives. Ray Hagenbuch is home from school at Lawrenceville for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Williams, of Scranton, are spending the holidays here. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Yorks arrived home from New York City Saturday afternoon. Mrs. B. A. Gidding and daughter, are visiting Mrs. Gidding's parents at Mt. Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Lutz went to Chicago on Monday to spend a week with their son Frank. Capt. John M. Buckalew, one of Fishing-creek township's stalwarts was in town on Friday. Samuel J. Harvey, one of Benton's representative citizens was notified on our streets Tuesday. Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Aldinger went to Wilmington, Del., on Monday to spend Christmas. Mrs. Wm. Leverett, of Phila., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Elwell. Mr. Leverett will arrive today. Lafayette Keeler, of Benton, passed through town on Tuesday on his way to Pike County, where he is engaged on a lumber job. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kirk and daughter of Watsonstown, are the guests of Mrs. Kirk's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Frymire on East Street. Harry Wilbur, a student of Dickinson College, Carlisle, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Wilbur, on First Street. Miss Leah Shultz arrived at her home at Rohrsburg, on Saturday, from Montrose, Pa. where she is teaching school. She will remain over the holidays. William Peacock who is employed by P. McManus & Co. at Glen Campbell, Indiana County, is spending the holidays with his mother on Centre Street. Mrs. C. W. McKelvey and daughter Margaret went to Philadelphia to spend a week, and Mrs. McKelvey had an attack of grippe which kept them through the second week, and as soon as she was able to come home Margaret was taken sick with tonsillitis, which delayed them another week. Mr. McKelvey went down after them, and contracted a severe cold. They all returned home on Monday.

The Wheelmen cleared \$242.00 on their minstrel show. The largest line of crepe paper all colors, in Bloomsburg at Mercer's. Sheriff-elect William W. Black took oath of office before Register and Recorder J. C. Rutter, Jr. yesterday. He is now ready to take charge of the office on January 1st.

For Bibles and Testaments both large and small go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store. Roy Workheiser of Jerseytown, sold nearly four tons of turkeys in the Mahanoy City markets this week. He will go to the same market next week with two more tons.

The Catawissa Hose Company has issued invitations for its first annual dance to be held in Irvin's Hall, Dec. 29. The Friendship Fire Company of town will attend in uniform, accompanied by their wives and ladies.

This is a hard season for traveling theatrical troupes, and they are falling by the way daily. No less than fifteen local engagements have been cancelled within the last week, and unless something turns up in the meantime the town will be showless till Jan. 15. Worry, Care, Grief, overwork of mind or body, exposure, loss of sleep, too much food, too little food, the wrong food, or any of fifty causes may provoke an attack of rheumatism, kidney trouble or gout. On first signs use Dr. David Kennedy's new medicine, Cal-cura S-Ivent, and write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondout, N. Y., for a booklet, and a free sample bottle.

\$8,000 for the Loss of a Leg. The case of Herman Fuller vs. the New York Central Railroad Company, the plaintiff suing for damages for the loss of a leg, was tried in the civil court at Williamsport last week. The defendant's attorney took the stand that no negligence had been shown and called to witnesses. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$8,000. Fuller was an employe of the company and was making repairs under a car which was struck by a shifting engine.

A Merry Christmas to all!! H. J. CLARK & SON. CLOSING OUT SALE.

We have made many big reductions on many lines of goods. You have an opportunity of saving money on your purchases now caused by our rebuilding. Come and see. DRESS GOODS. Here's where you will find big reductions. 1.25 Black Cheviot, now 1.00 a yard. 1.00 Suitings, now 85 cts. 62c. Suitings, now 50 cts. 1.20 Suitings, now 90 cts. 85c. Suitings, now 65 cts. FINE FURS. The balance of our choice fine furs at a big reduction. If you want a fine fur a real bargain awaits you. SEPERATE SKIRTS. Both in Dress and walking lengths, all this season's styles at a big reduction. TRIMMED HATS. The remainder of our fine trimmed hats at a big reduction in price. See them. SILK REMNANTS. Goods that sold at 1.00 and 1.25 a yard now closing out on the basis of 50 cents a yard. No pieces cut.

EXTRA—We allow 10 per cent. discount on all sales of \$1.00 and over. H. J. CLARK & SON.

TALK NO. 52. The Last Call to Christmas Bargains. The Gift Buyer who comes to us makes no mistake. Every purchase from our beautiful stock means a Merry Christmas for some one. We know what you want. The pleasing selection—the good quality—and the reasonable price. We give it. You will delight in our new stock because it is in close touch with the times and anticipates your every want in gift making. Presents for everybody. Good things—plenty of them—suitable for old and young. Come and get the very best and save in the buying. Geo. W. Hess, OPTICIAN AND JEWELER, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

A 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 \$1.60. 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.

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