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THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A Happy New Year to all. Legal advertisements on page 7. See our unusual clubbing offers on 5th page. Gerald Gross won the Wheelmen's progressive euchre prize Tuesday evening. Swartz' orchestra furnished excellent music for a dance in Townsend's Hall on Tuesday evening. The diagram for the Normal Students' Lecture Course opened at Bidleman's book store this morning. One of our exchanges defines a promoter as "a man who can double his money without putting any in." Hon. Fred Ikeler lectured at Pittsburg Tuesday evening. He was number two of the Y. M. C. A. course of that city. The explosion of an oil stove completely destroyed the home of John Middleton at Berwick, late Friday afternoon. Mary Emerson, the emotional actress, in "His Majesty and the Maid" is a forthcoming attraction at the Opera House. Fifteen Cent Dinners. The Grand Restaurant, Opera House Block, Bloomsburg, Pa. will serve a full dinner daily from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. for 15 CENTS on and after January 1st 1904. J. R. Fowler, Proprietor. Sw.

Another Big Invoice of those 25c. TOOTH BRUSHES just came in. These are the ones we guarantee.

Notice. We will give a new brush for any returned as unsatisfactory. Try one and you will use no other. Hundreds are using them.

W. S. RISHTON, Market Square Pharmacist.

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hess, was celebrated at their home in Center township on Thursday. Many relatives and friends were present, and the occasion was one long to be remembered.

Ellis Fritz, son of J. F. Fritz, of Sugarloaf township, died Saturday aged seventeen years. He had been in failing health for some time, suffering from consumption. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment at St. Gabriel's.

We overheard a man the other day remark that this country needs good cooks, and he just about expressed our sentiments. Our present educational system unfits women for home life by lowering her ideal of home, yet it does not fit her for anything else.

The case of the Alto-Idaho Gold & Copper Company against Chas. Harder of Catawissa, was up before Squire Jacoby last week. All the witnesses and attorneys were present. The defendant waived a hearing and gave bail in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at Court.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Bertha M. Richey and Mr. Jess R. Wenner. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Richey, at New Columbus, on Wednesday Jan. 13th at seven o'clock p. m.

An evening with Riley interspersed with special music, will be given in the Town Hall, Espy, Pa., on Saturday evening, January 2, 1904, by the friends of Harry H. McCollum as a benefit, who will be the reader of the evening. Miss Delia Geisinger will have charge of the music.

Quite a number of the Wheelmen are going to Light Street tomorrow evening to witness the Minstrel show. The Light Street boys will use several of the jokes and songs given at the Wheelmen's recent entertainment, and the locals want to hear how they sound from the front.

A three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernest, of near Grovania, fell with a bottle in his hands. The contact with the ground smashed the vessel, and splinters of glass cut his face in several places. Dr. I. W. Willits was summoned and dressed the injuries.

The present cramped quarters of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen is shortly to be relieved. The partition in the pool room is to be removed, and the room extended back about twelve feet. This will permit of another pool table which will be installed as soon as the improvements are completed.

David Calhoun, who will be remembered as the star third base man of the Milton base ball team in the days of the Central Penna. League, was frozen to death at Terre Haute, Indiana, last week. Calhoun, beside being a fast fielder, was particularly strong at the bat, being recognized as the League's heaviest hitter.

Council 81 Daughters of Liberty will hold a box social and entertainment in their hall in the Wells building, this evening. An excellent program has been prepared and a good time is anticipated. At the same time the beautiful quilt now on display in the window of J. G. Wells' hardware store will be changed off.

A man who experienced difficulty in securing laborers adopted these rules: "Wages will be \$6 a day in advance. Breakfast will be served in bed. Working hours will be from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. All heavy work to be done by the boss. Cigars furnished free. Any hand working the entire season can have the farm."

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Bomboy and Geo. E. Straub was solemnized amid pleasant surroundings, at the home of the bride's mother at Espy, last evening. The room was very prettily decorated with palms and flowers and the whole scene was one of delight and beauty. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Hartman, pastor of the Espy M. E. Church. The bride was becomingly attired in brown poplin, and carried pink and white carnations. The couple enter upon their new relations with the hearty good wishes of a host of friends. They will reside in Espy.

Boyd Patterson of town, and Geo. S. Fleckenstine of Orangeville, have been drawn to serve as jurors in the United States District Court at Williamsport. The former is a grand juror and the latter a petit juror.

An oyster supper will be given in the United Evangelical church, of Almedia, Jan. 2, 1904, for the benefit of the church. Ice cream and other things. All are invited to attend. Fine music will also be furnished.

Miss Edith Vincent, of Detroit, a member of the "Weary Willie" theatrical company, which exhibited here Wednesday evening of last week, was admitted to the Miner's Hospital, at Ashland on Friday. She is affected with double sciatica.

J. R. Fowler is tearing out several of the partitions in the Grand Restaurant, and transforming the entire lower side into a large dining room, preparatory to serving fifteen cent dinners. He was the pioneer in town of the hot beefsteak sandwich with brown gravy for five cents, and he enjoys the reputation of serving the best in this line that can be had. He promises something fine in the way of a fifteen cent dinner.

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

PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Edith Miller is visiting in Mahony City. T. F. Forest of New York is spending the holidays here. Tom. Robt. R. Little is presiding at Court in Danville this week.

Miss Neilson of York is the guest of Miss Myra Moyer on Market Street. Mrs. John Chamberlin of Millville, visited in town during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wirt will receive their friends on New Year's Day. Mr. Howard Cook is visiting relatives and friends in Sunbury and Williamsport.

Max Dillon will entertain a company of his young friends at his home to night. Arthur Grotz of New York City is spending this week with his parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Traupe, of Hughesville, spent Christmas in town. Wallace Vannatta has returned home from a two months visit in Philadelphia.

Miss Margaret Brooke and brother Walte are visiting their grandfather in Philadelphia. Wm. Leverett returned to Philadelphia on Monday. Mrs. Leverett went down this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fairchild of Bridgeport, Conn., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wirt. Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Arment entertained a company of friends at six-hand euchre on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ent spent Christmas and the two following days, with the latter's parents at Weatherly, Pa. Miss Nola Cook, who was the guest of Miss Bessie Swank, of Sunbury, over Christmas returned to her home on Monday.

George Sloan spent Christmas with his father on Market Street. He returned to his home at Baltimore on Monday. Neil Chrisman, who is in the employ of P. M. Maus, Mahafey, Pa. spent Holiday week with his parents on First Street.

William McHenry, of Stillwater, and O. J. Hess, of Van Camp, came down on the early B. & S. train to-day, to transact some business. Elijah Strohm of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents in town. He is a machine operator in one of the large job printing offices of that city.

Benjamin Carpenter arrived home unexpectedly from San Francisco, Christmas eve. His parents and sisters were overjoyed at his arrival, they thinking him many miles away. He will remain in town for some time.

Morris Broadt and Chas. O. Skeer departed on Monday for Los Angeles, California. The length of time that they will remain in the flowery land has not been determined upon, but will depend largely upon the condition of his health.

W. H. Sherwood, at present in business in West Virginia, spent a few hours in town with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. Harman, on Monday. He took the evening train for St. Marys, Pa. to spend a few days with his family.

Steam heat has been placed in the game or amusement room of the Y. M. C. A. The room, owing to the low temperature, has been used very little of late, but the steam heat will render it more comfortable and interest in the various amusements will in all probability be revived.

Christmas day marked the opening of the new Centre and Clearfield electric railway, which has just recently been completed by M. F. D. Scanlan & Co. Everything worked nicely, and eight thousand passengers were carried. As a contractor for construction work of this sort, Mr. Scanlan has few superiors.

The "Hello Bill" theatrical company, was given a cool reception here last evening, though the show was one of considerable merit. Poor business for the past two weeks has greatly depleted the company's finances, and the manager was compelled to wire for funds to get out of town. The engagement at Hazleton to-night was cancelled.

TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE. About 750 people, mostly women and children were killed in ten minutes in a fire in the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, yesterday afternoon. The fire broke out during the second act of "Mr. Bluebeard." Some were burned to a crisp, others were suffocated, and some leaped in frenzy over the balcony rail into the auditorium and were incinerated. Dozens perished in their seats. The fire was the result of a grounded electric wire.

Where There is a Dull Heavy Feeling in the head; a bad taste in the mouth; tongue turred and taste blunted; skin dry and feverish; whites of eyes streaked with yellow; sour risings in the throat; fugitive pains in the head, chest and back, etc., take Cal-cura Solvent Dr. Kennedy's new medicine, right away and be well in a few days. Write to the Cal-cura Company, Rondout, N. Y., for free book and sample bottle.

ELECTION NOTICE. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association will be held in the Court House in Bloomsburg on Saturday, January 16th, 1904, at two o'clock p. m. for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS. The following bonds of the Columbia County Agricultural Society have been drawn for payment. Numbers 7, 25, 42, 61, 71 and 75, amounting to \$1,500. Interest on these bonds will cease January 1st, 1904. Any other person holding bonds not drawn for payment may receive the money for them by presenting them to the treasurer.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for a well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$50.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 880 Dearborn St. Chicago, 11-12 1st.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business, local territory. Straight salary \$50 paid weekly and expenses money advanced. Previous experience essential. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House, 880 Dearborn St. Chicago, 11-12 1st.

=Closing Out Sale=

You know we are closing out our stock before our re-building commences. We must close out many lines of goods. You will find the best values at Clark's Closing Out Sale. We advise frequent visits to the store, as many lines will be placed on sale from day to day at reduced prices that will never be in print to tell you. Come and see.

DRESS GOODS.

Our entire stock of wool dress goods has been greatly reduced in price. 85c for 1.00 Broadcloths. 85c for 1.00 Zibelines. 1.00 for 1.25 Black Cheviots 50c for 62c Wool Serges. 44c for 50c Albatros. 1.15 for 1.25 Reed's. Lansdown. 41c for 50c Wool Cheviots. 1.00 for 1.25 Suitings. EMBROIDERIES.

We place on sale this week a big lot of embroideries suitable for all purposes at a big reduction in price. You must see the goods, all grades. Just when you need them you buy them for less than usual. WHITE GOODS. We have made reductions on many lines, especially in the mercerized suitings. Just the goods for shirtwaist suits, childrens' dresses and waists. FINE FURS. We have a few pieces of fine neck furs at a big reduction in price to close out.

SEPARATE SKIRTS. All this season's newest styles. Now you buy them at big reduction in price. Come and see the values we offer. The goods in them are worth the price let alone the making. MILLINERY. We have made extra big reductions from our former low prices on all Trimmings Hats and Felt Shapes. You can save money on this line now. We do millinery work of all kinds. WAIST SILKS. A lot of Corded Wash Silks worth 50c., to go at 35c a yard. Also a lot of ends of silk at big reductions. These ends we do not cut. COMFORTABLES. We have reduced the price of these just when you need them. Some filled with down, the others filled with clean white cotton. All satine covered. 8c outings 6jc. Heavy shirtings 8c. yd. Yd. wide silkenones 10c. Heavy toweling 9c. yd. Heavy cotton flannel 9c.

—WILL DISCONTINUE.— We will discontinue allowing 10 PER CENT. discount on and after Jan 1, '04.

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.

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 \$7.00 (total value \$2.50.) All THREE For \$1.00 SECOND OFFER. THE COLUMBIAN, "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, "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, "The Cosmopolitan Magazine", \$1.00 Regular price for the three, \$3.00 We will send the three publications for one year for \$2.00 Address: The Columbian, Pa. GEO. E. ELWELL, Proprietor.