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 Full line of Children's slippers and shoes for Christmas.  
**The Progressive Shoe Store  
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**A Big Scheme for Light and Power.**

Application was made at Harrisburg for a charter for the Harwood Transmission Company, but for some reason Governor Pennypacker refused to sign the necessary papers, giving no reason for his action.

It is the intention of this company to manufacture electricity and furnish it for the purposes of light, heat and power in the counties of Luzerne, Columbia, Schuylkill Berks, Lehigh and Northumberland. The principal incorporator of the company is Calvin Pardee, Sr., of Philadelphia. The other stockholders are Alfred Pardee, Ario Pardee, Calvin Pardee, Jr., and A. W. Drake, general superintendent of the Latimer and Harwood coal mines. The coal operators have conceived the idea of manufacturing electricity at the mines, where fuel is cheap, and then marketing the magic fluid to all the country for miles around. A big power plant is being erected at Harwood and lines of wires will reach from the mines to Reading, Allentown, Sunbury, Milton, Northumberland, Danville, Mauch Chunk, Pottsville, Shamokin, Bloomsburg and all the towns and hamlets where electricity can be used. The idea of the coal operators is that they can manufacture and develop electricity at such a trifling cost that they can undersell any one else in the market. The main article so essential in the production of electricity, coal, is there in abundance. The men in this enterprise propose to utilize the vast banks of culm and rice coal that have accumulated during the last half century for producing steam with which to run the electrical works. The projectors of the Harwood Transmission Company are confident that the cost of electricity, taking into account maintenance of poles and wires and interest on the investment, can be considerably reduced by locating the power plants at the mines, thus saving the freight on the coal—\$1.75 per ton to Philadelphia and \$1.80 to New York—and the cost of its handling in the manufacturing centres where it is used now in generating electricity. For the present the projectors of the company do not care to give out any figures as to the probable percentage of reduction in the cost under the method they have in view.

**BIRDS INSIST SPRING IS HERE.**

A Tamauqua correspondent of the Philadelphia Record says:

Farmers are neither romancers nor prevaricators. When they speak their words are heavy-laden with truth. Such being the condition, general credence is given the stories that are being told by the worthy grangers of the West Penn and the Lehigh and Mahoning Valleys regarding the phenomena of a spring-like winter.

Blue birds have been seen by fully a score of farmers, while almost every granger who has stirred from his house has seen robins. One worthy ye-man, who is a deacon in a West Penn church asseverates that for the past five mornings he has been awakened by the piping of the robins. He also declares that the chorus of the crickets, blending with "me-rum" of the frogs in a swamp on his land, have lulled him to sleep for three weeks past. On one farm in Mahoning the cherry trees are in blossom and birds are mating and building their nests. The sloping fields of this beautiful countryside are blanketed with green and flecked with the golden dandelion flowers. Gazing upon this vernal scene, it is only natural that the hens in the barnyard should forthwith refuse to lay, take to a nest and clamor for eggs to hatch out. One farmer says that out of a flock of 25 hens 21 are "hatchy." This farmer is not a deacon in a church, but he does teach a Sunday school class.

But it is from the Lehigh Valley that the most amazing story comes. There the horses and cattle are shedding their winter coats, the leaves are coming out on the apple as well as the cherry trees and in the woods trailing arbutus is raising its head timidly above the dead leaves.

On a farm close to the Schuylkill line a granger and two of his helpers tell of a terrific battle they saw on Thursday last between a bull-finch and a snake. The tillers of the soil say on their honor that the bull-finch was protecting a nest in which there were two eggs. The snake, they say, was extremely lively, showing that he had been out of his winter quarters a sufficient time to allow his sluggishness to wear off. The bull-finch picked the snake to death.

MAKE A NOTE NOW to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membranes that line the air passages. It is made to cure the disease, not to fool the patient by a short, deceptive relief. There is no cocaine nor mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All druggists sell it. Price 50c. Mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.

**CHARTER NOTICE.**

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY:**  
 Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by ST. PETERS BY ANGELO, CAL LEUBERAN, CHURCH OF ARISTE, PENNSYLVANIA, to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation of certain corporations," approved April 28, 1874, and its supplements, for the approval and allowance of certain amendments to the charter of said corporation as set forth in the petition therof filed in said Court.

CHRISTINA A. SMALL, Solicitor.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of February, A. D. 1907, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter will be confirmed absolute.  
 The 3rd annual account of Joseph A. Karns Committee of Jacob Kluge, a lunatic of Fishing Creek Township.  
 The 3rd account of Herman T. Young, Committee of Lavina DeWitt, a weak minded person of Catawissa Boro.  
 The 3rd account of Herman T. Young, Committee of William Baumister, a weak minded person of Catawissa Boro.  
 C. M. TERWILLIGER, Prothy. Prothy's Office, Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 14, 1907.

**WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENT.**

Notice is hereby given that the following Widows' Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, on Monday, February 4th, A. D. 1907, by the Clerk of said Court and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed to same within four days they will be confirmed finally.  
 Estate of John Elliott, late of Roaringcreek township, deceased, personalty \$300.00.  
 Estate of Thomas J. Sullivan, late of Montour township, deceased, personalty \$33.33.  
 C. M. TERWILLIGER, Clerk O. C. Clerk's Office, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Jan. 14, 1907.

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.**

Estate of Joseph Kalwich, late of the Borough of Centralia, deceased.  
 In the estate of Joseph Kalwich, deceased, Letters have been duly granted by the Register of Wills upon the estate of Joseph Kalwich, late of the Borough of Centralia, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, deceased to Elizabeth Kalwich, residing in the Borough of Centralia, Columbia County, State of Pennsylvania to whom all persons who are indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and all persons having any legal claim against or demand upon said estate, shall make the same known without delay.  
 ELIZABETH KALWICH, Administratrix.  
 Edward J. Flynn, Attorney. 1-17-07. Centralia, Pa., Jan. 14, 1907.

**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 19th, 1907, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the election of officers for the ensuing year.  
 A. N. YOST, Secretary.

Charles O. Skeer has opened a studio for vocal music in the third floor of the Moyer Building, over Hess' jewelry store. Mr. Skeer is an accomplished vocalist, having made music a study at Boston Conservatory for several years. Last summer he took a course in Germany.

Every young man or woman who is dependent upon their own exertions for their success in life, should provide themselves while they are young and have the opportunity with the best equipment to make the most of their efforts. A practical business education has been the foundation for the success of some of our greatest captains of industry. We have in Bloomsburg the very best public schools. To afford an opportunity to young persons who are employed during the day a night course of study would be a good thing. If we had such a school, and it had as many pupils as it ought to have there would be fewer loafers about the streets and fewer young women gadding about making questionable acquaintances and drifting away from their homes and their home influences.

**Only One-Fourth Pure Whiskey**

Wilson Fine's That Blenders Get Remainder of Country's Output.

Secretary Wilson says that his visit to some of the Baltimore distilleries in company with Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, and George F. McCabe, the law officer of the Agricultural Department, has been productive of good results. They examined the operations of two distilleries, one blending establishment and a gin still, with a view to ascertaining precisely how the liquors are made.

At the gin still only six barrels of the liquor are manufactured each day. It is pronounced pure by Dr. Wiley, but not a gallon of it is sold in the market. It is sold exclusively to blenders, who mix the pure gin with neutral spirits and some flavoring material, and that product is put on the market as gin. They also discovered that three-fourths of the straight whiskey made in this country is sold to blenders, who use it in connection with spirits and flavoring and coloring matter to make their products.

As a consequence of the investigation it is quite probable Secretary Wilson will not recede from his decision, that the so-called "blended whiskeys," artificially colored and flavored, were "spurious imitations of whiskey and that 'the mixture of such an imitation with a genuine article cannot be regarded as a mixture of like substances within the letter and intent of the law."

McHenry Whiskey is pure and is sold only in bottles so that blenders cannot use it to mix with impure ingredients.

A fine new line of Wedding invitations just received at this office. 3t.

**OSCAR ALEXANDER PARALYZED.**

Oscar Alexander, of the well known firm of Alexander Bros. & Co., had a paralytic stroke on Saturday morning at his home on West street. He had just arisen from bed. His right arm and his tongue were affected. He was able to make his way back to bed, and is still confined to the house.

To Break in New Shoes Always Use Allen's Foot-Powder. It prevents tightness and blistering, cures swollen, sweating, itching feet. At all Drug-gists and shoe stores. Sample mailed FREE. Address, A. B. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 1-10-07.

**New Stationery Store.**

Paul Z. Harman will open a stationery store in the Sharpless store room, now occupied by G. W. Harder. He expects to be ready for business about March 1st.

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**Railroad Mail Too High.  
Congress Likely to Make a Cut of Ten Per Cent.**

The Post Office Committee of the House will recommend a 10 per cent. cut in the amount paid to railroads for carrying the mails. Railway mail pay and subsidies now amount to \$43,000,000 annually, and the proposed cut will mean a saving of about \$4,500,000 a year. The committee in an informal vote, stood 12 to 6 in favor of the reduction.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger was before the committee last week and propounded two startling propositions. Heretofore he has maintained that the money paid to railroads for carrying the mails is fair. He surprised the committee, therefore, by declaring that he favored a cut of 6 per cent. The committee went him 4 per cent. better.

Shallenberger's second surprise came when he said that there is no such tremendous loss to the department as has been claimed in the transportation of second-class mail matter. Up to this time the department has maintained that the ratio of loss was between 8 and 9 to 1. In the fiscal year the receipts from second-class matter were \$3,000,000 and the cost of transportation was estimated at \$27,000,000. Mr. Shallenberger now says there is no such tremendous difference as this. He now believes that second-class matter pays its own way. This will probably explode the movement to have the charge for carrying second class mail matter increased.

**I Give Honor to Whom It is Due.**

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y., cured me of Bright's disease and Gravel. Four of the best physicians had failed to relieve me. I have recommended it to scores of people with like success, and know it will cure all who try it.—Mrs. E. P. Mizner, Burg Hill, O. Price \$1.00, all druggists; 6 bottles \$5.00.

I. K. Miller has bought the property on the corner of Main street and Murray's Alley, now occupied by Miss Cox as a millinery store. He purchased from Miss Eva Rupert and Mrs. Sarah Steck, and will make improvements in the building.

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 Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 1-10-07.

J. W. Sands has sold his property on East street to Mr. G60rman of Mainville, for \$2000.00.

Frank Sloan of Baltimore, spent a few days in town this week visiting his father, C. P. Sloan.

If the photographer took people for what they are worth he would take some people for nothing.

The case of Beckley and Everett in the United States District court at Williamsport has been continued until June.

Tommy—"Pop, ears are always on the side, aren't they?" Tommy's Pop—"Yes, my son." Tommy—"Then what's a frontier?"

Frank Alderman, aged 9 years, was killed in Danville on Tuesday while trying to board a swiftly moving freight train on the P. & R. Another warning to boys not to attempt to get on moving trains.

Free magazine, worth ten cents, with every copy of The Philadelphia Sunday Press, every week. Best magazine published—stories, pictures, verse. Famous contributors Get The Press every day—you get all that's worth having.

Burglars broke into the Midway Sunday night, and stole a lot of ammunition, cigars, tobacco, &c. They got in through one of the windows. They were evidently frightened away, or they would have taken more.

**Send Your Cattle and Horse Hides**

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