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The awning in front of the St. Elmo Hotel has been removed by Landlord Wagoner. It is a great improvement.

Japanese table ware and fancy china in beautiful designs, at L. E. Whary's china store.

At Gilmore's toy store the goods are all up-to-date, and the prices reasonable. Take a look.

See the large line of Christmas Calendars, at Mercer's.

We invite a careful inspection of our stock before making your Holiday Purchases. Geo. W. Hess, Jeweler.

Christmas turkeys are not flooding the market as yet, and the price asked for those offered is up in the air.

Diaries for 1908 at Mercer's.

A beautiful line of dolls at Gilmore's.

Dinner sets in open stock, in Haviland, Elite, Johnson's English Porcelain, and Austrian, at L. E. Whary's china store.

Mirrors, Shaving Sets, Military Sets, Traveling Cases, Fancy Box Paper, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

The McKinley-Darragh Co. has declared a dividend of four per cent. payable January 15th. A large amount of the stock is held in Bloomsburg and vicinity.

Christmas tree ornaments at Gilmore's.

Paul E. Wirt Fountain Pens at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

Collar and Cuff Boxes, Necktie Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Jardinières, cuspidors, vases, glassware, and a great variety of beautiful holiday gifts at L. E. Whary's.

Prof. O. H. Yetter has charge of the music at the teachers' institute at Indiana, Pa., this week.

Umbrellas Special Prices at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

An Edison Phonograph Outfit will make an excellent Xmas Gift. You can get it and all the latest and best Records at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

Fred B. Allen has returned home from Panama, where he has been employed on the engineering corps for some time past.

A fine line of Hawkes and Dorringer Cut Glass at Geo. W. Hess' Jeweler.

The 23rd Christmas at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Sheriff Ent and his assistants Joseph Sands and Pugh Clossen took nine prisoners to the Penitentiary at Philadelphia on Monday.

An endless variety of plates, cups and saucers, cream and sugar sets, chocolate sets, salad and berry sets, mayonnaise bowls, chamber sets, at L. E. Whary's china store.

Electric light is going to cost less now, but you can see at nice line of Lamps of all kinds, big and little at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Miss Bell, clerk in the office at the Normal, has recovered from a serious illness, and resumed her duties.

**CASORIA.**  
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#### Farmers' Week at State College.

Superintendent W. W. Evans has issued the following notice concerning farmers' week at State College:

"Believing that many of our people are anxious to keep in touch with the wonderful advancement in matters pertaining to the improvement of rural life, I have decided to extend an invitation to all those who share in this desire, to join a party which is being arranged to visit State College, two and a half days during what is known as 'Farmers' Week.' I know of no other opportunity for gaining so much valuable information as this at so little expense of time and money. Complete program may be had by writing to the College.

All teachers, directors, pupils of high and grammar schools, Grangers and any others who are interested in any of the various phases of agriculture are cordially invited to join our party.

We shall leave East Bloomsburg at 7:25 on the Penna. the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 1. From Sunbury we shall go by the Reading to Lewisburg, where we shall lodge and breakfast, arriving at State College about 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Returning we shall leave at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon arriving in Bloomsburg that evening at 6:05 on the D. L. & W.

The entire cost of the trip will be somewhere between eight and ten dollars. All persons who expect to join us should write me in ample time that I may make all necessary arrangements.

W. W. EVANS, Co. Supt.

#### Christmas in the Philippines.

(From Leslie's Weekly.)

Although they are dwellers in a tropical country, where the environments differ greatly from those in their own land, the Americans now in the Philippine Islands will celebrate Christmas with quite as much zeal and in nearly the same fashion as the people of the "States." So far as the soldiers stationed there are concerned, the authorities at Washington have done their share to make the day a pleasant one. What is said to be the "largest Christmas dinner ever sent from any port in the world" was shipped recently from San Francisco to Manila, on the transport Sherman. The good things thus characterized were intended for the military men in our Asiatic possessions and their families. Every member of the little army in the Islands—including, also, it is to be hoped, the native constabulary—is to be supplied with a regular Christmas meal of the Occidental kind. For this purpose the Sherman carried from the Golden Gate not less than 35,000 pounds of turkey, five hundred gallons of cranberry sauce, big cases of homemade mince meat for pies, and hundreds of tins of plum pudding. In order to convey these delicacies in safety and good condition to their destination, an immense ice-box was especially constructed to contain them. The fowls were all raised in California, and were of the finest quality. This generous contribution by the government to the typical observance of the great religious holiday is expected to put Uncle Sam's fighting men in good humor and to lessen to some extent that "home-sick feeling" which frequently attacks the exile. The personal friends in this country of the soldiers have also taken a hand in adding to the latter's contentment, by forwarding to them multitudes of gifts of various kinds. Nor will the American civilians there be forgotten by the relatives and friends from whom they are separated so far.

#### BRITISH VS. AMERICAN BOYS.

Taken as a general proposition, Kirk Bowden's assumption that the English boy is superior to the American boy in the matter of learning a mechanic's trade and keeping at it is a libel on the youth of this land. The British boy who learns a trade is still, despite the democratic advance in his native country, subject to class conditions and traditions. In the average case he looks upon himself as having been born to a station in which he is destined to remain. He is not dazzled by sudden flights of his fellows to wealth and power. His forming mind is diverted by no visions of a seat in Congress or the chair in the White House. He is a shoemaker who sticks to his last.

Contrasted with the spirit of workaday solidity thus indicated is the vaulting ambition to reach social and financial heights which frequently causes the American boy to run and leap where he might more wisely take time to trudge. Vain dreams of quick wealth and easy soaring become readily mischievous in young minds. They are far from inevitable to American youth. But they find promotion in an educational system rich in book culture and regrettably poor in practical trades teaching.

#### A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, (NO. 4.)

Probably nine-tenths of the people of Bloomsburg never saw me, neither heard tell of me. I ask your pardon for indulging in personal references, relating to myself. This I do because we are not generally acquainted with one another.

I was born on the 10th day of April, 1836, hence I am in my 72nd year. I was married on the 1st day of January, 1859, and hence by next New Year, will have been married 49 years. I am hopefully looking forward for the 50th anniversary of our marriage. I have grown gray with the passing years, but I am not in the least bald. My eyesight has never failed. I always read and do all my business without the aid of glasses, except when I read by artificial light. The glare of the light hurts my eyes and I protect them with glasses. I never bought any spectacles, nor never looked through any, through which I could see any better than without them.

At present my health is par excellence and I am stout and vigorous for my years. This you can judge from the fact, since my hired help left me on the 28th of September without the possibility of getting any help whatever by the day. I was left with seven acres of corn standing to be cut up and husked and over 200 bushels of potatoes in the ground to be dug besides other farm work. With the aid of my daughter at home I have gathered and housed all. It was not the intention that either of us should perform all of this work, as I am crippled and my daughter not stout, but we had no other alternative, except to let these crops perish, and go to ruin. This we could not permit. I would not have run the farm this summer had I foreseen such a condition. It will not be repeated.

In the winter of 1861 I had an attack of malignant diphtheria when the disease broke out in my school. There were four cases of it in two families—three children in the John Ikeler home and my own. Two of the Ikeler children died. Happily there was no Board of Health, nor quarantining done, and the disease did not spread. Three years ago this winter I had a serious attack of pneumonia, and my recovery was thought to be very doubtful. Last winter I had an attack of Bright's disease and for six weeks I did not know where I was. The swoon of hallucination however, was very agreeable, and I could not recollect of people visiting me in my sickness. Of course, everybody said I could not rally from my sick condition, but people never know. So long as there is life, there is hope.

I have corresponded with various newspapers for twenty-five years, and I clipped every article I wrote, and scrapped it in a book. I have now five completed scrap books, which will be a treasure to my posterity in years to come. I have three daughters—two married and one at home. My daughters both married Ashelmaus, half brothers. One lives in Wilkes-Barre and one a near neighbor to her old home. The one living in Wilkes-Barre, lived a year or two in Fernville, adjacent to Bloomsburg.

This article closes my opportunity to chat with the people in Bloomsburg. If I have not been entertaining I at least wish you all well.

I wish you all a happy Christmas.  
JOHN C. WENNER,  
Benton, Pa.

Souvenir Post Cards are printed at this office. Half tones supplied.

#### "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl."

That A. H. Woods is not afraid to spend money, is proven by the magnitude of his new production, "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl" which will be at the Opera House on Friday, December 20th. This play is given in four acts and twelve scenes, each of the latter being a masterpiece of modern scenic art. The locality in which the story is laid is New York; the time the present. Among the stage pictures presented are "The Grand Central Station; Central Park; The Tenement Quarter;" "The Sweet-shop;" "The Egyptian Room; the Motor Boat Chase on the Hudson; The Engine House of Co. No. 12; The Burning Tenement House; The Bertillon Room in the Tombs Prison and the Criminal Court. "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl" will be played by a splendid cast of competent performers.

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## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

### Bulletin.

#### THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON THE RAILS.

At no other period of the year does home-hunger grip the human heart with such an eager yearning as at Christmas time. The lasting memories of the old homestead, the tender welcome of the older and the merry greetings of the younger dear ones, the happy reunion about the festal board, the pungent odor of the cedar, the witchery of the holly, the lurking sentiment of the mistletoe, all combine to make a lure well nigh irresistible.

It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-goings and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is always popular at holiday times. Its system is so far-reaching, and at the same time so closely interwoven with the needs of the traveler; its trains are so numerous and so well equipped for the accommodation of every class of travel, and its ticketing arrangements so satisfying that it might be termed the Santa Claus route.

Its Limited trains carrying the highest grade of travelers, completely appointed in every detail, offer exceptional advantages to the children going home from school for the Christmas vacation. The boys naturally gravitate to such trains; the girls will find every comfort and safeguard, as well as a maid at their command.

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