

NINETEENTH ANNUAL

# Ball and Supper

You are respectfully invited to the  
Ball, to be given by Rescue  
Hook and Ladder Co., at  
Opera House, on New  
Year's night.

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Master of Ceremonies—E. D. Mumford.  
Floor Managers—E. D. Mumford, Jas. Cavanaugh, Jas.  
Farrell, Geo. Swartz, R. Kautz, Maurice Farrell,  
Ed. McCarthy.  
Executive Committee—Jacob Troup, Frank Mundy  
Ed. Blinzler.

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Dance Tickets, - - \$1.00

## "GET THE HABIT"

We are doing a splendid business. Our patrons seem to be so impressed with the deliciousness of our baked goods that many of them have "got the habit" of coming here regularly. We anticipate more of that "habit," because our bread and pastry is better than ever before. Get the habit—the health giving habit of eating the products of our sanitary shop.

### Emporium Bakery

BREAD OF QUALITY  
Next Door to Post Office, EMPORIUM, PA.

## Holiday Specialties

164 Cigars, worth \$2.25, a box \$2.00; half box \$1.00.  
Buckingham Cigars worth \$4.50, \$4.00.  
A full line of Heinz's goods.  
Lutze & Schram Co., Apple Butter, 3lb crocks 30c; two, 55c  
Heinz's Mustard, 20c per quart.  
25lb bag best Granulated Sugar \$1.40.  
50c pails of Cottolene 45c.  
25c can Peaches, 20c.  
Golden Shield Corn Starch 5c per lb.  
Home-Made Mince Meat, 15c lb.; 2lb for 25c.  
Home-Made Sausage 10c per lb.; 3lbs 25c.  
Bananas 25c per dozen.  
Will have a fine line of Florida Oranges, 200 size, 30c doz.  
Navel Oranges at the right prices.

DON'T FORGET OUR GUARANTEE

## We Stand Behind Everything we Sell

Anything you get here that is not right will be made right.

**With a \$5.00 Cash Order you will get**  
**50 Cents Worth of FREE GOODS.**

Can you do any Better than this

Give us a call and you will find that we will give you good goods and at the right prices.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous  
New Year, we are

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Yours truly,  
**G. H. GROSS & CO.**

## Christmas on An Ocean Liner

Trees For Passengers and Crew, Presents, Toasts, Singing and Dancing Make It a Gala Day.

**T**HE man who spends his life on board a big passenger ship sees about as many different kinds of Christmases as anybody, I guess," said the captain of a North German Lloyd steamship as he sat in his cabin preparing for a holiday voyage to the Mediterranean.

"With a crowd of jolly passengers aboard who are off on a trip to enjoy themselves Christmas is a day to be remembered. Friends and relatives send gifts on ahead, so that they may be handed to passengers at the right time, and of course this personal remembrance from home makes more enjoyable the celebration which is always prepared on board the ship itself. The 24th of December passes about as do other days until dinner time arrives, and then the chefs and stewards outdo themselves in providing an elaborate menu and in table decorations.

"If the weather is fine, as it is likely to be, the passengers are in high spirits, for the Christmas feeling is infectious, no matter where you go. Toward the end of the dinner speeches are made, songs are rendered, stories are told and toasts are given, and when this is completed all go to the main saloon, and the Christmas tree is revealed, standing there in the middle, under the big skylight. It is a big tree, too, just as big as can be obtained and put in place, and on it are hung gifts from the ship for every passenger—not costly at all, but remembrances that are likely to be long preserved as souvenirs of a pleasant occasion. Then, if the sea is not high, the candles are lighted, and the tree bursts into beautiful illumination.

"After the distribution of gifts from the tree a concert is given if the weather is bad, but whenever Christmas eve is pleasant and the latitude is suitable the passengers go on deck, which they find to be shielded from the wind by canvas, brilliantly lighted and decorated with flags and bunting. And, I tell



**TYPICAL BETHLEHEM FAMILY OF TODAY.** salem usually officiates in the grotto, but on this occasion he is represented by the Latin bishop. The interior of the church is most picturesque, for there are only a few chairs provided for foreign visitors, while the bulk of the congregation is made up of the Bethlehemite women in their blue dresses with red frontlets, wearing peaked caps when married and flat caps covered by white veils when single.

As they enter the church they at first kneel down and then sit upon the ground in true oriental fashion. "In the dimly lighted church," says one who has seen the service, "these squatting varicolored figures, with their beautiful faces lit up by fits and starts by flashes of the candles, intent on devotion, seem like so many modern Madonnas come to celebrate the glory of the first Madonna."

Precisely at midnight the pontifical high mass is celebrated, the figure of Christ is brought in a basket and deposited upon the high altar, and the procession forms to accompany it to the crypt. As the long, chanting procession winds through the dimly lighted church there is something weirdly solemn about the ceremony, and as the sacred image passes various acts of worship are performed by the devout attendants. On the procession moves through the rough hewn, dimly lit passages from the Latin church to the grotto of the Nativity.

When the procession of richly robed ecclesiastics reaches the silver star set in the pavement the priests pause and stand in a group about the basket, which is deposited upon the star. Around this star is the inscription, "Hic de virgine natus est" ("Here he was born of a virgin"), for this is the spot upon which tradition places the actual birth of Jesus. There the impressive narrative of the birth of Jesus as found in the gospels is slowly recited, and when the passage (Luke II, 7), "And she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn," is read the figure is reverently picked up from the star and carried over to the opposite side of the grotto, where it is put into a rock cut manger. This concludes the service.—London Sphere.

**The Reason Why.**  
Fred—I saw you let Tomkins kiss you under the mistletoe last night. Why did you refuse me permission?  
Cousin May—Because, you silly boy, you asked.

## Christmas Eve In Bethlehem

**B**ETHLEHEM, the central spot of interest in the Holy Land at Christmastide, is a Christian town set in the heart of Mohammedanism, where once a year the Greek church grants the use of the grotto of the Nativity to the Latin church. The ceremonies begin on Dec. 24 by the image of the youthful Christ being carried from the basilica of St. Helena to the sacred grotto of the Nativity, where the traditional spot of Christ's birth is marked by a silver star set in the rocky pavement.

The service begins at 10 o'clock in the evening. It opens with the chanting of psalms without any musical accompaniment. The patriarch of Jeru-



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**Mistletoe Myths.**  
Many English girls believe that they will not be wedded inside of twelve months unless they have at least one kiss under the mistletoe. In many countries a berry is plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss, and when there are no berries no kisses are allowed. Mistletoe used to be considered a charm or amulet to ward off the baleful influence of witches. It was also considered that its influence was irresistible, that no one could possibly pass beneath it without yielding to its power, and hence both matron and maid must submit to the salutation which has since become customary.—Self Culture Magazine.

**Christmas Candy.**  
To make chocolate caramels dissolve over a fire one cupful of molasses and two tea-cupfuls of sugar; add one-quarter of a pound of grated chocolate and a piece of butter the size of an egg; boil for fifteen or twenty minutes; pour into flat buttered dishes to the depth of a quarter of an inch and when cold cut into squares an inch in size.

**Christmas in Cornwall.**  
In Cornwall Christmas eve is a special holiday with children, who are allowed to sit up till midnight and drink to the "mock," as the Yule log is called there.

SECOND TO NONE.

**ADAM,  
MELDRUM &  
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396-408 Main Street,  
BUFFALO, N. Y.

## THE Christmas STORE

**YOU** will make no mistake if you come direct to this store to do your Christmas shopping. Everything to be seen in the other stores will be found here in much greater variety, in better qualities and at lowest prices. Every convenience is at your disposal; a large parlor, ample checking facilities, a popular price restaurant, free delivery to depots, etc. The store is in the centre of the shopping district and nearly all suburban cars arrive and depart within 100 feet of its doors.

**MAIL ORDERS.**  
To those who cannot come in person our Mail Order Department offers exceptional service. Trained experts do your shopping for you promptly and conscientiously.

**MONEY BACK.**  
There is also the satisfaction which comes from the assurance that if you're dissatisfied, or if you change your mind, the goods may be returned and you will receive your money back.

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| Dry Goods   | Rugs              |
| Linens      | Umbrellas         |
| Books       | Smoking Jackets   |
| Art Goods   | Gloves            |
| Hosiery     | Toilets           |
| Jewelry     | Boys' Clothing    |
| Cut Glass   | Laces             |
| SI-ware     | Handkerchiefs     |
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DR. CALDWELL'S  
**SYRUP PEPSIN**  
CURES CONSTIPATION.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
LETTERS of Administration, on the estate of J. RICHARD J. LOYD having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to

B. W. GREEN,  
Administrator.  
Emporium, Pa., December 12th, 1905.—43-61.

**Executor's Notice.**  
Estate of GEORGE A. WALKER, late of Emporium, County of Cameron, Pa., Deceased.  
LETTERS testamentary upon the above estate J. having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same are hereby notified to present them without delay and those indebted thereto to make immediate payment to

WILLIAM S. WALKER, Executor.  
Emporium, Pa., Nov. 11th, 1905.—39-61.

WANTED by Chicago wholesale and mail order house, assistant manager (man or woman) for this county, assistant manager and the election of a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1906, between the hours of one and three in the afternoon.

COOPER & CO.,  
132 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.  
42-101.

**ELECTION NOTICE.**  
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 6th, 1905.  
The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of a Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be laid before them, will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, January 3rd, 1906, between the hours of one and three in the afternoon.

T. B. LLOYD, Cashier.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Estate of ANNA B. MCCONNELL, Deceased.  
NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Anna B. McConnell, late of Emporium, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said Estate must settle at once and those indebted make payment to

E. L. KLOCK,  
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 12th, 1905.—43-41

**Administrator's Notice.**  
Estate of JAMES JOYCE.  
NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the Estate of James Joyce late of Emporium, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate must settle and all claims be presented without delay, to

THOMAS JOYCE,  
Emporium, Pa., Dec. 12th, 1905.—43-41

**Dissolution of Corporation.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 1905, the Cowley Run Logging Company filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron County its petition praying for a decree of dissolution and that a hearing upon said application for dissolution has been fixed by said Court for January 3rd, 1906, at eleven o'clock, a. m., at the Court House in Emporium, when and where all parties interested may attend and show cause against the granting of the prayer of the said petitioner if they so desire.

JOHNSON & MCNARNEY,  
Solicitors for Petitioner.  
Emporium, Pa., December 8th, 1905.—43-31.

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## White Suitings,

We have our new line of White Shirtwaistings and Suitings for Spring and Summer. Do not fail to see them. Prices very reasonable.

## Bate's Seersuckers.

We received lately 2000 yards of Bate's Seersuckers that we are selling at 12c a yard, and they are going fast. The patterns and color are much better this year than before.

## McCall Patterns

The McCall Patterns are always up to date. Use McCall patterns and you will always have a good fit, and you will have no trouble in doing your spring sewing. Fashion sheets free.

## Demorest Sewing Machines

We have a full line of Demorest Sewing Machines and all in good working order. The kind you need to do your spring sewing. Any person contemplating the purchase of a new sewing machine will do well by calling on us.

## Prices, \$19.50 to \$30.50

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