

A PROUD POSTMASTER.

McKean Pleaded With the Showing Made by the Postoffice.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS WROUGHT.

Advantages of the Fast Mail Train That Has Just Been Secured.

BUSY NOW WITH CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The new furniture for the second story of the new postoffice building is expected to arrive in Pittsburgh this morning, and the Pension office, the Internal Revenue Collector's office and the Collector of Customs' office will be removed there at once.

The importance of the Pittsburgh postoffice is growing rapidly. In postoffice business Pittsburgh stands as the ninth city in the United States. The city is thirteenth in population.

A Long-Felt Want Supplied. Postmaster McKean received many warm congratulations yesterday from bankers and business men on the department having succeeded in placing swift mail facilities between Pittsburgh and New York.

CABLES FOR MONEY. Lawyer Monaghan's Name Signed to an Australian Message.

WEST CHESTER, Dec. 17. [Special.]—R. Jones Monaghan, the missing West Chester lawyer, may be found, or someone may be trying to victimize his family.

Officials Entitled to Credit. The officials of the Postoffice Department who were most instrumental in securing the new and improved mail service...

Postmaster McKean yesterday issued a number of suggestions to the public regarding the use of the mails during the holiday season, to avoid the annoyance of Christmas gifts being delayed or lost.

CHRISTMAS COMING! Refer to the Following for Assortment of Gifts.

Book cases, Easels, Blacking cases, Enclure tables, Butler's trays, Easy chairs, China closets, Fancy chairs, Curtain cases, Gold divans, Card tables, Gold chairs, Cheffoniers, Hat racks, Chevals, Hall glasses, Cabinets, Hall chests, Chairs, Hanging cabinets, Dressing tables, Mantel cabinets, Dining tables, Music cabinets, Divans, Music portifolios, Desks, rockers, Reed chairs.

Opera Glasses. These Spectacles are superior to those that some firms are advertising at \$3.50.

MAX KLEIN, 52 FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY. Send for Catalogue and Price List.

PEARL, worth \$18, for \$10. Oxidized Silver, \$18, for \$11. Black Morocco, \$5, for \$3.

NAVIGATION IMPEDIMENTS.

Suits Which Are Being Watched With Interest by Rivermen—A Government Engineer Tells of the Difficulty of Removing Obstructions.

A harbor tug losing some barges the other day by contact with the mounds in the Ohio river renewed the interest to a considerable extent among navigators relative to the issue of suits now pending to render sand diggers amenable to the United States for obstructing the channel.

Through Central Ohio there are hundreds of miles of gravel roads that are superior to any in this county outside the cities and they are made exclusively of gravel.

Onyx Clocks, Tables and Lamps. The largest assortment in the city—all new and fresh patterns—lovely lamp shades, grand display of bric-a-brac and cut glass in our art room.

Happy. Results so often follow the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla for Dyspepsia and similar troubles that we are warranted in urging a trial of this medicine upon every sufferer.

NO HUMBUG! Positive fact. Come and see what no other liquor house in the State can show you.

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WE KNOW WHY.

All know why we sell the most pianos and organs. Their quality and durability. None not first class.

A Christmas Dinner. Without Marvin's golden fruit cake will be as barren as a Fourth of July without fire-crackers.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ALVIN THEATER. CHARLES L. DAVIS, Owner and Manager. Three Nights, MONDAY, DEC. 21. Jefferson Comedy Company.

THE ALVIN THEATER. CHARLES L. DAVIS, Owner and Manager. Dec. 21, 22 and 23—JOSEPH JEFFERSON. THE EMPRESS OF DANCA, CARMENITA.

Bijou Theatre. TO-NIGHT "Carmen up to Date." Matinee Wednesday and Saturday, Dec. 21—MAGGIE MITCHELL.

HARRY WILLIAMS' ACADEMY. Matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. THE CITY CLUB VAUDEVILLE AND BURLESQUE CO.

MESSIAH. By the MOZART CLUB, AT OLD CITY HALL, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22. Tickets on sale at Mellor & Hoene's, 77 Fifth Avenue.

GIVE YOUR BOYS A USEFUL PRESENT. Press and Outfits \$1.75, 2.50, 5.00, 7.50, 10.00, 21.00 to 31.00.

KAUFMANN'S Overcoats. Holiday Umbrellas. More to choose from than you can find in any three stores in this city combined.

\$1.25 for Ladies' or Gents' fine Gloria Silk Umbrellas, gold and silver plated or natural handles.

\$1.75 for Gents' silver mounted, natural wood or Ladies' antique silver handles—finest Laventine silk.

\$2.50 for Fulmer Clogg's celebrated Como Silk Umbrellas, sterling silver trimmed natural wood handles.

\$3.00 for Gents' tight rolling "Toothpick" Umbrellas, pure silk, finest natural handles.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CUT THIS OUT. And save an extra 5 per cent. To be plain, by bringing this "ad" with you. RUBEN Will give 25 instead of 20 per cent "off" on all.

Seal Caps and Gloves. The well-known change in the firm is rapidly approaching. This compels us to close out all kind of winter goods, and especially Seal Caps and Gloves.

RUBEN, The Hatter and Furnisher, 421 and 423 SMITHFIELD STREET.

VOLTAIC DIAMONDS. I'll bet another five thousand that no other person or firm can sell you Voltaic Diamonds.

THE MERCANTILE AGENCY. R. G. Dun & Co., Westinghouse Building, corner Penn Ave. and Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

COME AND SEE. THE XMAS BARGAINS AT OUR STORES. The grandest bazaar ever seen in these two cities of Holiday Goods are now exhibited, containing all sorts of articles from a Jumping Monkey to the finest Piano Lamp.

OUR STOCK IS NUMEROUS. But we have the Holiday presents to suit all people, young and old, in Games of all kinds, Alarm Clocks, Piano Lamps and other Lamps, Vases, Books, Toilet Sets and Toilet Articles, Perfumes, etc.

DOUGLASS & MACKIE, 151, 153 and 155 Federal Street, Allegheny. CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS. GOLD SPECTACLES, GOLD EYGLASSES, PEARL OPERA GLASSES, FIELD GLASSES.

J. DIAMOND, OPTICIAN, 47 Goods sold lower than any other house in this city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE SHORTLEDGE MEDIA SCHOOL. For Young Men and Boys. SWITHIN C. SHORTLEDGE, A. B. & A. M. (graduate of Exeter and Harvard), MEDIA, P. A. (14 miles from Broad St. Station, Phila., Pa.)

CURRY UNIVERSITY, SIXTH STREET. CURRY Collegiate Department, The Best. CURRY Normal School, The Best. CURRY English Training School, The Best. CURRY Business College, The Best. CURRY School of Shorthand, The Best. CURRY Conservatory of Music, The Best. CURRY School of Education, The Best. CURRY Faculty and Discipline, The Best. Call or send for catalogue. H. M. HOWE, President.

GRAY. 92 N. HAYS' HAIR RESTORER by youthful color and beauty by improved chemical and scientific process. Best, safest, most cleanly dressing. Druggists and Dealers. Sold by J. S. FLEMING & SONS, and druggists.

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS. A wild profusion of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Handkerchiefs—in silk, linen lace—plain, embroidered, scalloped, hemstitched, initial, etc.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS. Plain white, hemstitched, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 19c. Plain white, all linen, hemstitched, 20c, 25c, 35c and 50c. White, embroidered, Swiss goods, 10c, 15c, 19c, 25c and 35c.

READ THE REDUCTIONS BELOW: There's nothing imaginary about them. They are stern realities—to our cost and sorrow. WE MUST—not wish—turn our immense stock of Overcoats into cash, without delay.

\$9 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$6. \$12 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$8. \$15 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$10. \$18 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$12. \$21 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$14. \$24 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$16. \$27 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$18. \$30 Overcoats. Now Closed Out at \$20.

A DISCOUNT OF 33 PER CENT. OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

KAUFMANN'S. A Solid Oak Blacking Case or Silk Umbrella Free With Every Suit or Overcoat Costing \$10 or More.

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