

THIS IS THEIR DAY.

Many Needy Homestead Children to Be Made Happy This Afternoon.

1,500 WILL BE PRESENT.

Public and Parochial School Teachers to Help Distribute.

SANTA CLAUS NOW ON HIS WAY.

A Caravan Loaded With Thousands of Mysterious Packages.

FULL LIST OF THE GENEROUS DONORS

Early yesterday morning a string of two-horse teams wound about the city streets collecting supplies for the many merchants who had assisted THE DISPATCH Christmas fund for the benefit of Homestead children.

Received With Delight. When THE DISPATCH wagons and commissioners started out over the snowy hills for Homestead, they were sent with many merry wishes from the city and received with delight at Homestead.

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Success and honors are heaping upon THE DISPATCH fund. Not to be outdone in the good work, many observations come in late, but far better late than never.

While the success of the whole affair is sufficiently pleasing to all concerned, the banks of THE DISPATCH are overflowing with money ready to respond so promptly to the little ones' appeal, and assure them a merry Christmas, indeed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1892.

The full list of contributors: W. E. Schertz, Jr., \$20.00; Friends of the Children, \$10.00; Adams Express, \$10.00; etc.

Table listing names and donation amounts for the Christmas fund, including W. E. Schertz, Jr., Adams Express, and various individuals.

NATURAL GAS SHORT.

The People of Homestead Now Suffering for Want of Heat. The shortage of natural gas is causing considerable suffering among families at Homestead.

A communication from German Typographical Union No. 16, Pittsburgh, containing a check for \$20 for Homestead relief fund.

COULDN'T FIND BALL. A Pittsburgh shoe dealer is held for alleged false pretenses.

George Gregory, the well-known shoe dealer of 4413 Butler street, was given a hearing before Alderman Gripp yesterday afternoon on a charge of obtaining over \$6,000 worth of goods under false pretenses.

The information was made by William O. Hay, a wholesale shoe merchant of Easton, Pennsylvania.

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The shortage in natural gas during the past two days has been greatly felt on the Southside.

He Was Only a Poor Carpenter Looking for a Job. F. J. Weaver, the man who was arrested at Bradford on Thursday on suspicion of being a burglar yesterday released from custody by Squire Holtzman as it was discovered that Mr. Weaver instead of being a burglar was an unfortunate carpenter looking for work.

Superintendent O'Mara became interested in the case and found Weaver to be a deserving man whose family was in reduced circumstances.

THE COMPANIES REPORT A GOOD-SIZED INCREASE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. The holiday express business is something like the holiday trade in general.

Christmas Eve. In order to give everyone a chance to see our Christmas display, our store will remain open until 11 o'clock this evening.

Christmas Cards and Booklets. Fresh goods. New designs. R. S. Davis & Co., 96 Fifth Avenue.

Holiday Furniture. At cost to close out. HENRY BERNER, 643 and 644 Liberty Street.

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Chessman Optical Co., 42 Federal St., Allegheny, Pa.

FINE WEATHER, THIS.

Quite Chilly, but Authorities All Call It Very Seasonable.

BOTH HORSES AND MEN SUFFER.

Parish Jugglers Are Adept in Sliding Down the Streets.

VERY BAD WEATHER FOR RAILROADING.

About 9 o'clock last night a lively snow storm broke over the city. The flakes fell in a shower, and for a time it looked as if sleighing would give an added pleasure to Christmas Day.

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SISTERSVILLE PROPERTY SOLD.

The Independence Oil Company sells to the Victor for \$200,000. The sale of the Independence Oil Company's Sistersville property to the Victor Oil Company was closed last evening in Pittsburgh.

The members of the Independence Oil Company are S. P. Ferguson, of Washington, Pa.; Charles E. Duell and William Johnson, of Pittsburgh, and J. W. Copman, of New York.

Hamilton's Holiday Sale. Beautiful Swiss music-boxes, ornamented and artistically engraved and carved.

NEW UPRIGHT PIANO, \$200. Henricks Music Co., Ltd. The above offer for today and to-morrow only.

Second-Hand "Uprights" for \$135 and Up. Metlor & Hoone, 77 Fifth Avenue.

Important Notice. All pianos and organs purchased from us before 9 o'clock this evening will be sold at a special price.

Royal Worcester and Don'ton. Equipped for today and to-morrow only.

Hardy & Hayes. Store open every evening. Only a short time to buy Christmas gifts.

Christmas Gifts. Here are ideas that may help you to decide (if you haven't already done so): Rings, Pendants, Bracelets, Brooches, Pins, Watches, Locketts, Etc., etc.

All Diamonds, Pearls and Diamonds, Opals and Diamonds, Emeralds and Diamonds, Rubies and Diamonds, Etc., Etc.

Then, little jewelry for men's wear: Shirt Studs, Collar Buttons, Cuff Links, Watch Fobs, etc.

Opera Glasses and Handles. A very large assortment at specially low prices.

YULE-TIDE tales by Speaker Crisp, General McClellan, Secretary Foster, Amelia E. Barr, Nat Goodwin and others in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

Hamilton's Holiday Sale. Continuing with a great rush. Stop for a moment and look in window; then step inside and you will see that the window although wonderful is but a small show of what is inside—plenty of everything in the music line.

The Late Christmas Buyers. Have just as full and choice assortments to pick from as ever.

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B. & B.

All the Fine ART POTTERY, CUT GLASS, REMARQUE PROOF ETCHINGS, SATIN ART PRINTS.

That were in reserve and in our wholesale departments, have been brought to retail and are to be sold to-day—if you want choice presents, come to this.

SECOND FLOOR ART ROOM. ONYX TABLES and CABINETS, TAKONABI UMBRELLA VASES—in plain and gold decorations.

VASE LAMPS, BANQUET LAMPS, Humidors—moist boxes for cigars, \$2.25 to \$15.

PORCELAIN STUDIES. NICELY FRAMED PICTURES, \$1 to \$10.

Handsome PEARL IN-LAID EASELS, SCREENS and thousands of choice articles, 25c to \$60 in this SECOND FLOOR ART ROOM that are worth seeing, because thousands can suit themselves and for less money.

PLATES: The great purchase of several thousand FINE DECORATED CHINA PLATES, real value 75c, \$1, \$1.25.

BOGGGS & BUHL, ALLEGHENY. GRATEFUL-COMFORTING. BREAKFAST.

EPPS'S COCOA. A thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operation of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has prepared our breakfast tables with a delicate and flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills.

For the Holidays. FLEMING WINES! WHISKIES: Old Port, '81, Guckenheimer, Golden Wedding, Gibbon's, Private Stock.

JOS. FLEMING & SON, Wholesale and Retail Druggists, 412 Market St., Col. Diamond.

JOS. HORNE & CO.

You Have Only To-Day and To-Night to Buy Christmas Stockings.

A big new lot of Children's Winter-weight All-Wool STOCKINGS HALF PRICE, 25c a Pair.

They are fine, imported genuine English Cashmere Stockings that would be cheap any time at 50c a pair.

Store Open Until 9 To-Night. JOS. HORNE & CO. 609-621 PENN AVENUE.

HUGUS & HACKE. STOCK-TAKING AND HOLIDAY SALE. Upholstery Department.

Special values offered this week suitable for Holiday Gifts in Eider Down Comforts, Blankets, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Fancy Cushions, Brass and Iron Bedsteads, Antique Oak Screens, Umbrella Stands, Stools and Music Portfolios.

A magnificent assortment of Drapery Silks, plain and figured in all the desirable colorings, 32 in. wide, 50c a yard.

COR. FIFTH AVE. AND MARKET ST.



A SLAUGHTER OF PRICES. IN OUR TOY DEPARTMENT TOILET ARTICLES.

WE OFFER Air Rifles reduced from \$1 to 68c. Tricycles reduced from \$6.50 to \$4.80. Rubber Tire Tricycles reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.88. Iron Wheelbarrows reduced from 75c to 50c. Small Wagons reduced from 25c to 19c. Large Wagons reduced from \$1 to 75c.

World's Fair Game reduced to 20c. Disco Game (new) reduced from \$3 to 2.00. Baseball Games reduced to 50c and 75c. Patent High Chairs reduced from \$5 to 3.00. Large Sets of Tents reduced from \$1.25 to 75c.

FANCY PLUSH AND WOODEN BOXES. Work Boxes reduced from \$3 to 2.00. Smoking Sets reduced to 1.38. Shaving Sets reduced to 2.75. Toilet Sets reduced from \$3 to 2.00.

ALBUMS. We offer a magnificent line of extra fine Albums, ranging in price from \$2 to \$10, all of which will be reduced fully one-third.

TOILET MIRRORS. Fine Mirrors, trimmed in silver, reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.75. Fancy Mirrors, with silver trimming, reduced from \$1.50 to 1.00. Extra large Toilet Mirrors, trimmed with silver, reduced from \$3.50 to 2.50. Fancy Shaving Mirrors reduced from \$3 to 2.25.

FLEISHMAN & CO., 504, 506 AND 508 MARKET ST. MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

"CARRY THE NEWS!" HOUSEKEEPERS HELPED TO HAPPINESS. BIG CREDIT REDUCTION SALE.

FURNITURE, CARPETS, STOVES, BEDDING, ETC. HAVE YOU BEEN THERE? HAVE YOU SEEN THE GOODS? HAVE YOU HEARD THEIR LIBERAL TERMS?

MURPHY BROS. CO. RELIABLE HOME FURNISHERS. No. 27 Seventh St., 'Round the Corner from Penn Ave., PITTSBURGH, PA.

Credit for \$1 to \$100—Holds good on anything from a pretty Rug or Table to a full carpeted floor or handsome Suite. We're not looking for money \$200, we're looking for YOUR TRADE. You may have the goods and pay us \$50, \$1, \$2 or whatever sum we may agree upon weekly.

NOTICE OUR FIRST PAYMENTS: 50 Cts. CASH AND 50 Cts. WEEKLY ON \$120.00 WORTH. 1.00 CASH AND 1.00 WEEKLY ON \$25.00 WORTH. 2.00 CASH AND 2.00 WEEKLY ON \$50.00 WORTH. 2.50 CASH AND 2.50 WEEKLY ON \$75.00 WORTH. 3.00 CASH AND 3.00 WEEKLY ON \$100.00 WORTH.

MURPHY'S MAMMOTH REDUCTION SALE. GET CHRISTMAS PRESENTS THERE. 27 Seventh Street, 'Round the Corner from Penn Avenue.

YOU must give us the opportunity and we'll save you \$10.00 on a Suit of Clothes. There's no way of your knowing the good value of our \$25.00 Suits unless you place your order. Remember, made to measure, perfect satisfaction and fitting guaranteed.

Have you seen the Swell, Swagger Overcoats. Ready to put on. Finest made. Not much over half price, \$20, \$25 and \$40. WANAMAKER & BROWN, 39 SIXTH ST. GREENOUGH COAL CO., LTD. T. S. KNAP, MANAGER. Youghiogheny Gas and Steam Coal. White and River Sand.