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Will Be Open  
Christmas Day  
Until Noon.  
Deep Cut  
in the Prices  
of Holiday Goods  
This Week  
At **NORTON'S**,  
322 Lackawanna Ave

**Shavings**  
The use of Shavings for bedding  
for horses or cows is not  
**New**  
But put up like straw in  
**Small Bales**  
Is something new.  
**Cheaper Than Straw.**  
**Cleaner Than Straw.**  
**Better Than Straw.**  
We keep it.

**The Weston Mill Co**  
SCRANTON, OLYPHANT, CARBONDALE.  
**ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT PAIN**  
EXTRACTION OF TEETH WITH  
"ANAESTHESIA" FINEST DEN-  
TAL WORK IN THE CITY.  
**DRS. HENWOOD & WARDELL**  
36 LACKAWANNA AVE.  
**PERSONAL.**

Miss Sallie Price, of Lost Creek, is visit-  
ing Christmas friends.  
Attorney J. Alton Davis has returned  
from Old Point Comfort.  
Dr. H. Reynolds, dentist, is visiting Sus-  
quehanna county relatives.  
Alderman W. S. Miller will spend Christ-  
mas at his farm in York state.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McTigue, of Carbon-  
dale, were in the city yesterday.  
Otto Ericson, of Jefferson Medical col-  
lege, is the guest of Dr. N. Y. Lee.  
John P. Dugan, of St. Bonaventure  
college, is home for the holidays.  
Miss Edna Horton, of Fairdale, is spend-  
ing a few days with friends in the city.  
Miss Grace Bailey, daughter of Mayor  
Bailey, will spend Christmas in Williams-  
port.  
Artist R. A. Lyons is spending Christ-  
mas at Muncy, Pa., with his brother, Dr.  
R. Lyons.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wisner, of Brooklyn,  
N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W.  
Kingsbury.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Merrill, of Mon-  
trose, are visiting friends and relatives  
in the city.  
Miss Florence C. Hunt, of Olive street,  
is spending Christmas with relatives in  
Wyoming county.  
Alderman and Mrs. John T. Howe will  
spend Christmas Day as the guests of  
Friends in Blakely.  
Dr. C. C. Laubach, the Wyoming ave-  
nue dentist, is ill with rheumatism at his  
home, on Vine street.  
Miss Maud S. Shumway, daughter of  
Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Shumway, will spend  
the holidays in Harrisburg.  
Ralph Weeks, J. Morris Gregory and  
Harry Wilbur, of Poole & Shear company,  
spend today with friends in New York.  
Will E. Powell, son of ex-County Treas-  
urer D. W. Powell, is home from Wyoming  
county and will spend the holidays with  
his parents on Linden street.  
Miss Genevieve McCann, Alice Burke  
and Elizabeth Clarke, of the Sacred Heart  
academy, of New York city, are spending  
the holidays with relatives here.  
Miss Mary Ellen Perkins, of Morristown,  
N. J., late of Devonshire, England, will  
spend the holidays in this city with her  
cousin, ex-County Treasurer D. W. Pow-  
ell.

**Holiday Slippers**  
We have just what  
you want.

For the Commercial Travelers' Fair  
tickets may be purchased to New York  
city, good going on train leaving Dela-  
ware, Lackawanna and Western sta-  
tions, Scranton, at 8.00 a. m. Saturday,  
Dec. 26; good for return until Dec. 30,  
at \$4.50 for the round trip.  
**SGHANK & SPENCER,**  
410 Spruce Street.

**PROPOSED NEW NO. 6 SCHOOL.**



Plans have been prepared by Architect John A. Duckworth for a new school building to replace old No. 6 building on Hickory street in the Eighth ward. No. 6 is a reminder of the long ago, having some time ago outlived its real usefulness. It is probable that the handsome structure which is designed to take its place, a cut of which is given above, will be erected next year. The plans have been approved by the board of control.  
The new building is to be of brick veneered with steel ceilings and will be finished in a fine material. The floors will be of oak and the gutters of copper. There are to be eight class rooms 21x24 feet in size and on the second floor in addition to the four class rooms there will be four teachers' rooms and a committee room 12x19 feet in size. The stairs in the building are to be of iron and the building throughout will be supplied with all modern improvements. The cost of the building will be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.  
F. L. Wormser is controller of the ward in which the new building is to be erected and it is due mainly to his energy that old No. 6 is to be replaced by a beautiful modern structure. The plot of ground on which No. 6 now stands would not be large enough to accommodate the new structure and additional land adjoining the school lot on the west has been purchased by the board of control.

**FARMER BLEW OUT THE GAS AND DIED**  
His Home Was at South Auburn, Susquehanna County.

**LOOKS LIKE A CASE OF SUICIDE**  
John Lose went into the Bristol House Wednesday and was assigned to a room--Yesterday Morning when Called He Refused to Get Up and a Few Hours Later His Lifeless Body Was Found.

John Lose, a middle-aged farmer from South Auburn, Susquehanna county, drove up to the Bristol House on Wednesday afternoon with a team and a wagon containing a load of coal. He engaged a room and retired at 8 o'clock in the evening. He awoke yesterday morning and he was found dead in bed, having been suffocated by gas. The evidence indicates that it was a case of suicide. Lose was assigned to room 11 and he left no word when retiring as to what time he wanted to be called. The bell-boy knocked at the door of the room at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and found no answer. He called again at 11 o'clock and found the door open. He entered the room and found the door open and the smell of gas. He notified Proprietor Mabey. When the door was opened Lose was stretched on the bed lifeless. His boots were off and his overcoat hung on the wall. With these exceptions he was entirely dressed. There are two gas jets in the room, and one of them, the one nearer the bed, was open and the gas was escaping.  
There were three letters on the stand, one addressed to Lose, and had not been opened. No writing was left behind to convey the reason the man had for terminating his life. The bell-boy was positive that the transom was partially open when he called Lose at 8 o'clock, but it was closed tightly at 11 when he found him dead.  
Coroner Longstreet was notified and went in the afternoon to the undertaker establishment of D. D. Jones & Son, to which the body had been removed. A jury consisting of Dr. D. H. Jenkins, C. E. Hamlin, John B. Little, John O. C. Custard, D. L. Jones and Patrolman Finley Ross was empaneled and the following verdict was rendered: "We find that John Lose came to his death from the effect of inhaling illuminating gas and further that his death was accidental and that all precautions were taken by the proprietor of the hotel in which this occurred, namely, the Bristol House, George Mabey, proprietor."  
Undertaker Timman, of Montrose, arrived in the North End at 6 o'clock and took the remains to the late home. Lose was about 40 years old.

**WENT TO NEW YORK TO WED.**

**Step Taken by Well Known West Side Young People.**  
Two well-known young West Side people, Louis Howell and Miss Bess Ben Joseph, left quietly for New York on the 5:15 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train yesterday morning with the intention of getting married there last evening. The ceremony was arranged to take place at the home of Charles Hartley, the well-known ventriloquist, of Harlem, formerly of this city, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Howell. The reason for the elopement is said to be the objection of the girl's mother to the match.  
Mr. Howell is employed by the Lackawanna Trust and Safe Deposit company. The bride is a very popular young lady and well known throughout the city as a soprano soloist. Upon their return they will make their home at the residence of Mr. Howell's father on Washburn street.

**HIRAM LODGE OFFICERS.**

Installed in the North End Last Night by D. D. G. M. Wells.  
The officers recently elected by Hiram lodge, No. 291, Free and Accepted Masons, were installed in the lodge rooms in the North End last night by District Deputy Grand Master T. F. Wells. The officers installed were: Evan R. Morris, president; Walter M. Simpson, senior warden; D. M. Jones, junior warden; T. S. Morgan, secretary; and Charles Zeigler, treasurer.  
Emlyn Morris, the retiring master, was presented with a pastmaster's jewel. There was no banquet following the installation, that feature being postponed until the spring.

**ELECTRIC CABS.**  
Fast, Cheap, Noiseless, Vibrationless and Very Easy of Control.  
From the New York Herald.  
While French enterprise is expectantly awaiting the perfection of the horseless carriage on the gasoline or gas engine principle before embarking extensive capital into so new a field, the English have found a practicable automobile by the use of electricity as a motive power and have already put it to a practical application. A

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Miss Conrad in defense said she knew nothing of the bank; that no dimes were found in her trunk and that she had never seen the child since. She showed him her pocketbook which contained only three dimes and which she averred was not kept in her trunk. The jury thought Miss Conrad was guilty and said Mrs. O'Brien assisted in the prosecution and Mr. McGinley represented the defense.

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but objects to being kissed, and when she lately approached her face the unhappy creature barked at her and she naturally, Mile. Dufay got aggrieved at the injury to her pretty face, and she is now suing the owner of the monkey for damages. The case will come on before court, and the grocer has been ordered to produce the offender in order that the magistrate may be satisfied that he is not naturally a ferocious character or not.

**STORIES OF CONGRESSMEN.**

**How One Member Turned the Point on a Bishop.**  
Washington Letter in The Sun  
A member of congress from Tennessee coming into Washington over the Chesapeake and Ohio one night last week was telling stories. In the smoker with him was a Methodist bishop who is a good fellow himself, and he was telling stories of the kind of moral material which found its way into the make-up of statesmen.  
"Which of you reminds me," said the member, "of the bishop in a corner."  
"A good many years ago we had a fox law in my state to the effect that \$2 would be paid for the scalp of each animal which was delivered to the county clerk of each county. We also had a statesman of the kind my good friend the bishop thinks we all are, to wit, he was a bold, bad man. That is to say, he was remotely suspected of removing horses from the premises of their owners; he had also been interested, so rumor said, in a money making scheme in the mountains, said money being counterfeited. In other respects he wasn't much better."  
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ence. As the race progressed it was seen that Cole was getting rather the better of Coke and the Coke crowd made a superhuman effort, so to speak, and got one of the best speakers they could find to speak at a big barbecue they were to give.  
"When the time came, much to the dismay of the Coke party their best speaker was taken sick and could not be on hand. What to do was the question of the hour, and calling a meeting of the committee they discovered in a very short time that no talent was available except a rough-and-tumble sort of a fellow who had been a coal miner in West Virginia before he came to Texas. He consented, of course, when called on, and the committee was in fear and trembling, wondering what he would do. But they didn't fear and tremble long.  
"Feller citizens," said the speaker in a voice that would shake the state roof off of a vein of coal. "I am here today to talk to you about Coke and Cole. You know me, do you know I know what I'm talking about, and I want to ask you if you know the difference between Coke and Cole. But it ain't necessary; every man of you knows that the difference between them is the gas that is in the Cole."  
"I don't remember the rest of his speech," concluded the Texan, "and I don't believe anybody else did, but I'm mighty sure that Cole never forgot that much of it. And what's more, I believe the effort he made to do less talking killed him, for he died before he was forty."

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