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Mrs. John M. Brown was a visitor in Carbondale yesterday.

It is said that Rev. John Knox, of Sayre, will be called to the pastorate of the Forest City Presbyterian church, to take the place of Rev. P. E. Kennedy, recently resigned.

The Literary society of the Bethany Congregational church will discontinue its meetings until after the holidays.

Roger Williams, who is a student at the Pottie Institute, in Heightstown, N. J., has returned home to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

W. M. Bell, who has been superintendent for the Forest City Electric Light company for about two months past, has resigned his position. He will take charge of a plant at Taylor. His successor here has not yet been named.

Among the speakers who are down on the programme of the Christian Endeavor convention, which will meet here on Dec. 29, is Rev. Hunter Reid, an African missionary. Delegates expecting to attend the convention should send their names to James Jennings, the chairman of the entertainment committee.

Clarence W. Lewis, champion checker player of Susquehanna county, recently challenged John S. Carmichael, of Scranton, to play him a series of games for \$100 a side, the match to come off in Forest City. Carmichael has refused, alerring that he was not well used, while playing here before one time. The Forest City News, in its last issue, admits that we did not take the Scranton man to our bosom, figuratively speaking, but says that otherwise we sought to make things pleasant for him, and infers that Mr. Carmichael mistook an alligator for a log when he first met Lewis, and has made up his mind this time that it is easier to walk around the obstacle than to try to put it out of his way. But Mr. Carmichael may be heard from yet. At any event, there are those in Forest City who know that he is a very good player and that he has the scalps of many a victim dangling at his belt; among the others, we are sorry to say, being that of our own county champion.

De Reed Burns, of Scranton, and Dr. H. C. Wheeler, of Carbondale, were professionally engaged here yesterday.

MEETS HIS MATCH.

Waiter Gets the Best of the Too Precise Customer.

A man afflicted with the disease of finickism, an exaggeration of the value of details, was giving his order for breakfast to a hotel waiter, says "Jack" Murray in the Kansas City Star. The man was finical in the extreme and the exactitude of his order respectfully amused the waiter, who was somewhat of a judge of human nature, inasmuch as he had served breakfast to many men. Breakfast time is when you invariably get down to the bedrock of a man's true disposition. It is too early in the day and he is too close to nature itself to have put on

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the little disguising frills that he begins to assume along about 11 o'clock. At all events, the waiter understood and took his order respectfully, even servilely, without losing his own estimate of the man.

The man had a morning cough and sipped ice water as he gave his order.

"Bring me a pot of coffee," he said. "And mind, it must be hot—hot and strong—not forget to have it strong. And a stricken stink, rare; remember, have it rare and no fat, I can't bear the sight of fat in the morning."

"Yessir, yessir. No fat," replied the waiter.

"And bring me some dry toast, hot, mind you; hot toast, and have it made from stale bread. I don't want it toasted outside and soggy within. Now don't forget that."

"Nestr, all right, sir; not soggy inside, sir," echoed the waiter.

"And some sliced tomatoes," continued the man. "And take the chopped ice of the tomatoes and drain them. I want them dry, you understand, dry. Now don't forget that."

"All right, sir. Tomatoes must be dry."

"And, let's see? Yes, bring me some fried eggs. Fresh eggs, you know, perfectly fresh. And I want them fried on one side only. Don't forget that?"

"Yessir; fried on one side. And which side, sir?"

EXTRAORDINARY EXCITEMENT

ALL DAY YESTERDAY—IT WAS SQUEEZE OUR WAY IN OR GET LEFT—THE JAM TERRIBLE—ANOTHER CUT IN PRICES HAS BEEN ORDERED BY THE EXECUTORS FOR THIS ESTATE TO MOVE THE STOCK SO ALL WILL BE CLOSED ON WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

The great announcement of another cut in the already low prices which has been prevailing at the great executors' sale of high grade clothing, etc., now going on at the Chicago Combination Clothing Co., 21 Washington ave., directly opposite the Court house, Scranton, Pa. This announcement committed today paid into the sub-treasury \$8,500,000 in cash, the credit balance of that institution at the clearing house being \$7,750,739. It is the general belief in banking circles that cash money will not yield below 5 per cent. before the end of the year and may rule higher. The accumulation of funds in anticipation of January disbursements of dividends and in the interest will make further demands on the money market. Bankers deprecate the idea that there is any stringency of money in prospect, in view of the fact that the government will redeem the currency to the amount of over \$90,000,000 on December 24 before the next installment is due on the Union Pacific payment. Rates for time money for 60 and 90 days. Prices for some stocks rose at one time above yesterday's closing level, but all weakened before the close. The extreme decline in a great many cases was a point or over and in some cases net losses exceed a point. Total sales were \$22,600 shares.

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