

The Smart and Silberberg Co.

Centre Street at Elm, Oil City, Pa.

On the Eve of the Holidays

Just a matter of two or three days now. Probably you have completed all your preparations. If however, you find yourself at the last minute unable to decide what to give some relative or friend, we cordially invite you to take a trip to Oil City and let us help you.

We're splendidly ready to take care of your needs. Every department is on its mettle. The salesforce has been practically doubled, and is competent to serve you courteously and well in the midst of the merriest rush.

Last minute shopping is trying at its best—we want you to give us the chance to make that shopping as easy and pleasant for you as possible.

A Noteworthy Display of Oriental Rugs

Is being held on our second floor, under the direction of Mr. Rashid, of Rashid Bros., of New York, who is particularly well known in this locality, after nine years of business connections at Warren, Titusville, and Chautauqua Lake.

The present collection is beyond a doubt the most comprehensive ever shown in this vicinity. It includes some of the finest products ever put forth by Eastern looms, in practically any size and at any price. To look at a display so superb will be a rare treat.

Prices will be found most attractive in every case.

Plenty of Time for a Good Day's Shopping.

Railroad schedule seems to have been arranged with the idea of giving you a comfortable trip to the Smart & Silberberg stores. Arriving in Oil City a little before noon, you have over four hours to make your purchases and see the sights in this wonderful Christmas store, before the train gets you home in plenty of time for the evening meal.

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\$880,000.00.
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\$3,324,000.00.
Assets,
\$4,212,000.00.

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Oil City, Pa.

HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

Take Care of Your Teeth.
Great care should be given to the selection of powders or pastes used for cleansing the teeth. In view of the fact that a woman's beauty may be marred if not made by her teeth, it is wise to pay attention to whatever is applied to them. There are many cleansing agents in which cuttlefish bone, ground, is a part. Used once a week this would be harmless, but there is sufficient roughness in the material to wear the enamel if the former is applied every day. Be it understood that once the enamel, which is a thin shell covering the tooth structure and not the tooth itself, is injured, cracked or worn, trouble is bound to ensue. The tooth beneath the enamel is spongy, absorbing all liquids and crumbling to pain and destruction.

First Calculating Machine.
The first calculating machine was invented and constructed by Blaise Pascal, a Frenchman, in 1642, in which year he was but nineteen years of age. It was made by him with the aid of one workman and was presented to the chancellor of France. During the revolution it was found in a junk shop at Bordeaux and at present is the property of M. Bougouin of that city. All of the four simple mathematical operations can be made with it.

On the Spur of the Moment.
"Walter, these eggs are as hard as a stone. I told you not to boil them more than three minutes and a half."
"Yes, sir; that's just the time they were in to a second, but the water was hard, sir."—Chicago Tribune.

Doing and Thinking.
Mamma—Bessie, why don't you wash the dishes? It is easier to do a thing than to sit and think about it. Bessie—Well, mamma, you wash the dishes, and I'll sit and think about it.

The Puzzle of the Press.
There used to be an aged elevator man who operated one of the lifts in the house wing of the capitol. Most of his passengers were either representatives or newspaper correspondents. The old man got to know all of the correspondents very well and always had a cheerful greeting for them. It was often noticed, too, that he seemed to be greatly interested in their conversation.

One afternoon, as three of them stepped out of the elevator, Seneca Payne of New York stepped in. As the car went down the old elevator man turned and said:
"Mr. Payne, I can't understand about those newspaper men. They puzzle me."
"What's the trouble with them?" asked Mr. Payne.
"Well, Mr. Payne, every day they ride in this car one fellow will turn to another and say, 'What do you know today?' And the other fellow will answer, 'Not a thing. What do you know?' Then the first fellow will answer, 'Nothing.' And yet, Mr. Payne, the papers are just full of news every day. It beats me where they get it."

"It beats me too," said Mr. Payne.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Old Time Strawberries.
Strawberries have improved very much in flavor since the fifteenth century. Until then the only strawberries eaten were wild strawberries of a kind which would never find a market nowadays. By 1480, however, they were beginning to be cultivated, for Hollinshed records under that date a particularly fine crop grown by the bishop of Ely in the grounds of his palace, now covered by Hatton garden. He quotes the Duke of Gloucester as saying to the bishop: "My lord, you have very good strawberries in your garden in Holborn. I require you to let us have a mess of them." This speech was copied almost verbatim by Shakespeare in "Richard III." Still, even the bishop's fruit would not appeal much to modern connoisseurs, for the garden strawberries at that period were only transplanted wildlings, the plants being sold at about fourpence a bushel.—London Standard.

Guests At Tule

Edmund Clarence Stedman



NOEL! NOEL!
Thus sounds each Christmas bell—
Across the winter snow—
But what are the little footprints all?
That mark the path from the churchyard wall?
They are those of the children waked tonight
From sleep by the Christmas bells and light:
Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!
Their beds are under the snow—
Noel! Noel!
Carols each Christmas bell
What are the wraiths of mist
That gather near the window-pane
Where the winter frost all day has lain?
They are soulless elves, who fain would peer
Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer:
Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!
They are made of the mocking mist

Noel! Noel!
Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!
Under the holly bough,
Where the happy children throng and shout,
What shadow seems to flit about?
Is it the mother, then, who died
Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?
Hush, falling chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!
The guests are gathered now.



STRENGTHENED BY NEW SCHOOL CODE

Keystone State's Advanced Position in Popular Education.

LIBERALITY OF LEGISLATURE

Removal of Limitations in Former System and Higher Standards in Scholarship.

In popular education no other state has taken a more advanced position than Pennsylvania. The superiority of the Keystone State's public school system is attracting the attention of leading educators throughout the country. Recently a New England critic in a magazine article called attention to the fact that Pennsylvania's poorest paid country school teachers receive larger salaries than thousands of teachers in New England; that the scholarship standards and professional training in the normal schools of this state have reached an exceptionally high standard of excellence; that normal school principals in Pennsylvania receive 60 per cent higher salaries than those, for instance, in Massachusetts; that this state appropriates more money for her common schools than all of the New England states combined and, what is of the highest importance, politics has played no part in the administration of the state's schools for many years.

The public school system of Pennsylvania was further strengthened by legislation at the recent session of the legislature, which enacted a new school code law and appropriated \$15,000,000 for the support of the public schools during the next two years. This appropriation brings the total appropriation during the past twenty years in which the Republican party has been supreme in the state to the magnificent sum of \$121,000,000. During all the years that preceded the total appropriation for that purpose amounted to less than \$40,000,000.

Development of Public School System
The enactment of the new code law marks an epoch in the development of

popular education in Pennsylvania. It is the essential elements of the public school system as established during three quarters of a century are preserved, while many of the defects and limitations of that system are removed. It strengthens the department of public instruction by giving the state superintendent an increased force of assistants and an intelligent body of advisers in the state board of education. It seeks to prepare the way for the gradual accumulation of a state school fund, the revenues from which can be used to assist the weaker districts and to make school facilities more nearly equal all over the state. It provides medical inspection at state expense for rural districts and for all communities which have a population less than 5000. Many a child can be placed on an equal footing with other children in its eyes, ears, nose, teeth and throat are examined by a skillful physician and if existing defects are brought to the attention of the parents and corrected by careful treatment. The public has come to believe in the conservation of our national resources. No asset has greater possibilities than the children who are now at school and who will shape the future destinies of the Republic.

Equal Opportunities For Pupils.
The care of the child's health is of supreme importance. Poorly constructed school houses are a menace to the health of both teacher and pupil. The code provides for suggestions and criticisms by an experienced architect whenever school houses are to be erected. In heating, lighting, ventilation and general comfort, the latest school houses excel the average home, and under the new plans for building school houses, the child's health may be expected to improve from the day it enters the public schools.

The new code also reduces the size of the school boards and confers upon the school directors larger powers for effective education. It permits the voters to say whether the directors in office have given the children satisfactory school privileges. If they have not furnished adequate school facilities, new men can be elected in their places. In so far as the directors have been faithful to their trust, the people can continue them in office. Provision is made for the introduction of new forms of agricultural and industrial education. The law seeks to place within reach of every child the advantages of a standard high school course, thus opening the doors of entrance to the occupations which pay

best and which now aspire to be ranked as learned vocations. Under the new code the public schools, more than ever before, will mean equal opportunities for all the children of the commonwealth.

Retirement Fund For Teachers.
In the code care has been taken of the teachers already in service. This is in imitation of the laws governing the practice of dentistry and medicine. The state has always avoided interference with the sources of a livelihood upon which those in the professions were dependent, but the higher standards of entrance have been made to apply to those who are preparing to enter upon a professional career. On the one hand the code does not interfere with the certificates of teachers in the service, but on the other, it supplies a stimulus to beginners, who should push their studies until they can pass the examination for a life certificate. The constitution prevents pensions except to sailors and soldiers in the service of the state or the nation. Hence it has been impossible to provide pensions for teachers out of state funds. Laws permitting the local authorities to provide retirement funds for teachers have been enacted, and the wisdom of this legislation as exemplified in many sections of the commonwealth has added further laurels to the record of the Republican party.

The legislature also provided for the organization of a bureau of professional education for the purpose of securing reciprocity with other states in medical, dental and pharmaceutical licenses. Pennsylvania has always been foremost in her colleges of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, and the new legislation will serve to perpetuate the supremacy of schools in professional education.

Distribution of School Funds.
The liberality of the legislature in aiding the institutions of higher learning is unrivaled in the history of the state. It has substituted for the three medical examining boards a single and separate board of examiners which will pass upon the qualifications of all medical students, thereby placing all the schools of medicine upon the same basis and requiring them all to attain the same standard of qualifications.

The new method of distributing the school appropriation is an improvement on all former methods. After deducting from the gross amount the minimum salary set and for free tuition in the state normal schools for the training of teachers, the remainder is divided into two equal parts. One-half is distributed upon the basis of the number of teachers employed, and the other half is distributed upon the basis of the children between six and sixteen years of age. This will prevent any injustice from the padding of the roll of taxables by the enumeration of temporary sojourners in the crowded centers of population.

Jumping Coccins.
Many visitors to the southwestern states and Mexico have amused themselves by watching the queer motions of "jumping beans," the seed vessels of a plant, each of which contain the pupa of an insect whose spasmodic movements cause the bean to hop and roll about.

More remarkable are the "jumping coccins" found in South Africa. The cocoon is formed by the mother insect and is very hard. The pupa when ready to emerge must cut its way out. The front of its head has a sharp, chisel-like edge, and by driving this against the inside of the shell it gradually makes a hole. The violent motions of the pupa within cause the cocoon to leap so that one has been seen to spring out of a small glass tumbler.—St. Louis Republic.

Flow of Solid Metals.
Metals flow into each other just as gases and liquids mix, though more slowly. If a cube of lead is placed on one of gold, the surfaces of contact being kept smooth and clean, and left for a month a small quantity of gold will be found to have penetrated the lead.

Not Playing the Game.
Mrs. Fitz Subiria—"The next door person must be a very suspicious character. Hubby—Why so? Mrs. F. S.—She employs a maid who is deaf and dumb, the mean cat!—New York Journal.

Fire and sword are but slow engines of destruction in comparison with the babblers.—Steele.

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