

The Smart and Silberberg Co.

Centre Street at Elm, Oil City, Pa.

Oil City's Biggest Store Bids You Welcome Next Week at The Great Shopping Festival

The Greatest Shopping Carnival ever held in Northwestern Pennsylvania starts next Monday at Oil City.

To give you an added incentive to come to town, and to make you better acquainted with the store where you can shop best and most economically,

This Store Will Hold, Commencing Monday, December 1, A Christmas Preparation Week.

A Great Sale to Adjust Our Stocks to
the Demands of the Christmas Season.

Dozens of small lots and broken assortments—but reasonable, desirable, and stylish merchandise just the same—will be closed out at sacrifice prices far, far below the regular values. Every Department will contribute its full share of values.

There will not be a day next week when anyone who visits this store will not be impressed with the wonderful opportunities for saving presented on every side. Many of the articles will be especially suitable for Christmas gifts—all will be very desirable.

This Underselling Event Commences Monday,
December 1st, and Lasts the Entire Week.

Let nothing prevent you from coming to town
while the Christmas preparation sale is in progress.
Oil City merchants will pay your fare.

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OIL CITY, PA.

Oil City's Banking Resources Aggregate \$11,904,143.35.

Of this total we have

\$6,277,955.22.

With these resources, we invite your business.

Oil City Trust Company Oil City, Pa.

Better Than Gold.
Gold is generally looked on as the last word in costliness, but, as a matter of fact, there are more metals dearer than gold than there are cheaper. The number of known metals is above seventy. Iridium, for instance, is three times as expensive as gold. Osmium is another metal much dearer than gold. It is by far the heaviest of all known substances, being more than twenty-two times as heavy as water. This metal has the peculiar property of being able to stand without melting the most intense heat known. Palladium, which is twice as costly as gold, is just the reverse. It is quite easy to make palladium vanish in steam. Being of a white, silvery color and unchangeable, it is used for the divisions on scales and delicate scientific instruments.—London Answers.

When the British Retreated.
One of the speakers before the banquet of the Massachusetts society of the Sons of the American Revolution told of an experiment which he made several years ago. He first consulted historical records and ascertained the exact time of day that the British left for Lexington. He then started to go over the same ground. From a fast walk he soon found it necessary to break into a run and then a sprint. Then he found himself getting so far behind time that he had to take a trolley car. He left Lexington at the time of day that the British left, and, although they are said to have reached Charlestown at 7 o'clock in the evening, he did not get there until after 7:30, thus proving that the British beat the time of the modern trolley cars.—Boston Traveler.

Had to Think Quickly.
Maud—What in the world made you buy more postage stamps? Ethel—Why, I went into the drug store to get some face powder, and who should be there but Jack.—Boston Transcript.

Angelic.
Howard—Why do you term your wife an angel? Coward—Because she's always ready to fly, she's continually harping, and she hasn't an earthly thing to wear.—Life.

Perseverance gains its meet and patience wins the race.—Bernard Bartow.

Spending.
Spending is merely puffing out your personality. It is like the trailing feathers to a peacock-like the long train to a fashionable woman. Why does the barefoot negro boy acquire four yellow dogs? They add to his personality. Why do we all—shopgirls and plumbers, fashionable financial hacks and gentlemanly literary platitudes—spend every cent we get, honestly and dishonestly, wisely and otherwise? We stretch out as far as we can, and vanity, my friend, is the only balloon that never bursts. Why does the stag grow horns until it can hardly make its way through the forest? And why did Absalom wear his locks so long that they caught in an oak tree and held him until Joab and his men came up? Vanity! Vanity! In some tribes they worship the fat man, who has put much food under his glistening skin. Among other tribes they worship you for the servants you employ without using, for the food you purchase without eating. To spend to use is vulgar; to spend to waste is the only admirable and admired spending. Finis!—Walter E. Wegt in Saturday Evening Post.

Necessities of Life.
A merchant in the West Thirties takes pride in selling novelties, tricks and puzzles—things that wiggle or wriggle or wobble or woggle. He buys instantaneously those clever mechanical inventions, toys and devices. They are originated daily and die perhaps as quickly. You know the kind. When you see them on the sidewalks you stop and look, then dig your hand in your pocket and say, "That's pretty clever. I'll just take one of those home." Then you make it wiggle or wriggle or wobble or woggle for the family, and the next day the spring is broken.

How to display these things and make a department of novelties was a poser. Finally, however, he lumped them in one corner of his establishment and hung over them this description: "These are things you don't know you are obliged to have until you see them." And standing room in that corner is at a premium.—New York Post.

The Distinctive Garment Store

You Always Find SOMETHING NEW IN WAISTS AT THIS STORE.

Priced less than elsewhere, of course.

The woman who wants a waist—who appreciates cleverness and originality—who knows values—finds our Waist Department the most interesting in the city—our prices the lowest.

An Unsurpassed Sale of Women's Coats and Suits.

There is no place like the Distinctive Garment Store for value.

The Distinctive Garment Store

Henry J. McCarty,

111 CENTRE ST., OIL CITY, PA.

Hopes to Be First Man to Swim Panama Canal



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NO MORE HANDSHAKING

Wilson Abandons Custom of Giving New Year's Reception.

The intention of President Wilson to take a fortnight's holiday during the Christmas recess of congress and to give up the regular New Year's reception at the White House is generally accepted in Washington as marking the termination of the New Year's handshaking which custom has for more than a hundred years been forced upon the president.

One objection to the New Year's reception has been the indiscriminate handshaking. The secret service men have advised against it. They think the chances of some mishap are greater at the receptions than at any other time.

President Taft was once compelled to have his hand bandaged in order to allay the pain occasioned by the gripping of 8,000 hands.

The president's plans for his Christmas holiday season are in an uncertain state. Secretary Garrison is very anxious that the president make an informal visit to the Panama canal. President Wilson, however, may decide to accept an invitation from one of his numerous southern friends to occupy a country house in the gulf section or in Florida.

The Parrot's Threat.
Among the countless presents sent to Victoria by her subjects early in her reign was a parrot from a bird fancier at Bristol: "Poll was too shy on her arrival at court to speak, but when Victoria, struck with the beautiful plumage and fine symmetry of the newly arrived guest, entered, with great condescension, into conversation with her, Poll's shyness wore off, and she suddenly screamed, 'If you don't send £20 I'll go back.' The queen sent the £20—an inducement to all teachers to impart profitable instruction to their pupils."—"Married Life of Queen Victoria."

Spelled His Alibi.
A man can't be too careful in the selection of his alibi. Recently the head of a family returned home early in the morning. He had boasted to his wife that he would be home early and wanted her to know that he had kept his word, although he had not done so. Very quietly he turned the hands of his watch back, then turned the hands of the parlor clock and the clock in the dining room. Then he threw his shoes on the floor and awoke his wife. "Late again, I suppose," she remarked. "My watch says one minute to 12," he replied. She hopped out of bed and surveyed the dining room clock. Not believing her sleepy eyes, she turned to the timepiece in the parlor. "All right, but how did you do it?" she asked. He was about to give her an explanation, when the chiming of a nearby church sounded two, and his alibi was shattered. An altogether different explanation was given, but he was too surprised to make it convincing.—New York Tribune.

Portland Cement.
The making of a barrel of portland cement will consume about 450 pounds of limestone and 150 pounds of clay or shale. A plant making 1,000 barrels a day will therefore use in the course of an ordinary year about 65,000 tons of limestone and 22,000 tons of clay or shale. Assuming average density for these materials, a 1,000,000 barrel plant will use up almost 1,000,000 cubic feet of limestone a year, together with 250,000 cubic feet of shale, the United States geological survey points out.

"As the investment in the plant is heavy it would be folly to locate a cement plant under ordinary circumstances at a point where less than twenty years' supply of raw materials is in sight," the government scientists suggest. A 1,000 barrel plant, therefore, should have 20,000,000 cubic feet of limestone and 5,000,000 cubic feet of clay or shale on its properties.

The Paper Mark Twain Liked.
An interesting anecdote about Edwin Litchfield Turnbull, an alumnus of Johns Hopkins university, is told in the News-Letter, the weekly student publication of his alma mater. Mr. Turnbull, when thirteen years old, published for the benefit of a local charitable organization an amateur journal called the Acorn. He ran the paper entirely, doing the writing, typesetting and subscription soliciting. Among his subscribers were the late Mark Twain, the humorist, and Sidney Lanier, the "Hopkins poet."

One day he received the following letter from Mark Twain: "Dear Sir—Yours is the kind of paper for me—one that comes but six times a year and can be read in five minutes. Please send it to me for ten years. Check enclosed. Yours truly, S. L. CLEMENS."

A Safe Topic.
In his book "The Balkan War" Mr. Philip Gibbs, the war correspondent, says that the official regulations for war correspondents who were sent out to the Balkans were appallingly severe. Mr. Gibbs found that he was forbidden to describe the disposition of troops, to give the names of generals, the names and numbers of the wounded, the success or failure of Bulgarian troops, the state of the soldiers' health, the conditions of the climate, and so on. When the censor had told him all this Mr. Gibbs asked him politely: "Will you tell me, sir, if there is anything about which we shall be allowed to write?"

The censor thought deeply for a moment and then answered quite gravely: "There is much interest in Bulgarian literature."
"Perhaps," Mr. Gibbs suggested sarcastically, "I may also be permitted to describe the song of the birds?"
"By all means," said the censor cordially.

Enlivened the Scene.
One night the father of Kitty Stephens, who afterward became Countess of Essex, went on the stage between the acts and was standing close to the drop scene, with his back to it. When the stage manager gave the signal for the raising of the curtain. Slowly the cloth went up, and as it rose the coat tails of Mr. Stephens became involved in the roller, and, feeling himself caught, he began to struggle for freedom. His efforts were unavailing, however, and when the roller reached the top there was in full view of the audience, suspended by his coat tails, his head and feet downward, his figure resembling a half open knife. Then the stage hands became alive to the situation and the drop scene was lowered again amid the boisterous merriment of the audience, the sounds of hilarity increasing as the victim, almost black in the face, landed on his hands and knees on the stage and crept into the wings.—London Mail.

Queer Eskimo Customs.
Every ten years the Eskimos hold the dance to the dead, when ghosts are supposed to come out of their coffins and visit the Kos-ka, where they are given a feast, and retire well filled for another ten years. Sometimes the food is taken to the burying ground to save the spirits the trouble of moving. When a child is born among the islanders it takes the name of the last deceased member of the family, and on it devolves the duty of feeding its foster father's spirit. The Eskimos have a horror of being childless because their spirits will languish and their name be forgotten. As they say: "S'pose no mik-a-nina (children)—ghost plenty hungry." Often an Eskimo will beggar himself, giving a great feast in honor of his illustrious ancestor, but he gains great renown thereby and places all his visitors under lifelong obligations to him.—Wide World Magazine.

The Poor Little Girl in the Story.
"Time was," said Lucinda, "that the poor heroine in the story when she had a bid to a party got out her one poor old white dress and wore that. It was old, and it was worn and shabby, but she let out a tuck or two, cleaned it and pressed it and put on a new bow, and in that poor dress thus refurbished she was the belle of the ball."
"But the poor girl couldn't do that now. No, no. In these days she would simply have to be in the fashion, and everybody nowadays, rich and poor, seems to have good clothes, too—good, as well as in the style. I don't know how they do it, but they do. Oh, my, no! The poor girl couldn't wear that old dress now. But I love to read about her in the story."—New York Sun.

Gasoline Evaporates Rapidly.
One pint of gasoline left in an uncovered basin in a room at a normal or average temperature will entirely evaporate within twenty-four hours. As gasoline vapor is denser than the surrounding air, unless disturbed by active air currents, its presence in the room may be detected for many hours. One pint of gasoline will make 200 cubic feet of explosive mixture, and this mixture is seven times more powerful than gunpowder.—Popular Mechanics.

Familiar.
Yeast—Did your wife read the riot act to you last night?
Crimsonback—No.
"Why, you thought she would when you got in late, didn't you?"
"Oh, no. She shouldn't have to read it to me now; she knows it by heart."—Yonkers Statesman.

Comforting.
She—Here's a story of a man who bartered his wife for a horse. You wouldn't swap me for a horse, would you, darling? He—Of course not. But I'd hate to have any one tempt me with a good motorcar.—London Tit-Bits.

Corrected.
Teacher—If I should say, "Your two sisters are coming," would that be correct?
Johnny—No, ma'am. I only have one sister.—Exchange.

Why They Fail.
It takes some people so long to be sure they are right that they never get time to go ahead.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Appropriate Name.
Mr. McCorkle was showing some visitors over the house. Arriving at the nursery he remarked, "This gentleman, is the buwi room."



Shirts made to order \$2.00 and upward.

Suits made to order \$15.00 and upward.

At the Corner of Seneca Street and Center,

At the Union Station, at all the Churches, at the different Lodge Rooms, at the various Hotels, at all places that men gather, you will find

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The men who wear them are men qualified to enter anywhere that good clothes are required. Our Suits and Overcoats sell at from
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Thanksgiving Thursday

The coming of this great national feast day with its round of pleasing social events is an occasion for correct dressing.

"What shall I wear?" This question is uppermost in the minds of many. Is it a Coat, a Suit, a Skirt, a Party Dress, a Wool Dress, a set of Furs, a Lace or Chiffon Waist?

This Second Floor Garment Section just now is wonderfully well equipped to satisfactorily supply the needed garment.

IF A COAT—Selection can be made here from a well high unlimited assortment \$6.50, \$8.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.50 to \$150.00.

IF A PARTY DRESS—There's exquisite gowns and dancing frocks most moderately priced.

IF A SUIT—This sale of high class Tailored Suits at \$8.75, \$12.75 and \$17.75 will interest you.

IF FURS—You'll find every fur favored of fashion \$6.50 to \$187.50 set.

Sweater Coats

There's scores of knitting mills in America trying to make Sweaters. Trying, we say, for their product is a travesty. There's a mill in Brooklyn makes Sweater Coats for this store—garments that dignify the name and become at once a standard of quality. This mill uses a high grade yarn, their garments are compactly knit, perfect fitting garments. For women, for misses, for girls, for boys and for infants—priced less than sweaters of inferior quality.



Ousted From Cabinet of President Huerta



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MANUEL ALDAPE.

TENER TO HEAD NATIONAL

Accepts Tender of Big League Baseball Magnates.

Governor Tener, in Philadelphia, said he had agreed to accept the presidency of the National league of baseball clubs for a term of four years. Governor Tener declined to discuss any new policies he may inaugurate when he assumes leadership of the league, saying that probably he would have a statement to make after his selection.

The governor's salary will be \$25,000 according to reports circulated, but about which the governor and the representatives would not make any official statement.

DUCKS THE PEN SENTENCE

Drunkard Prefers to Live in Dry State of Kansas.

Given his choice between a thirty-year term to the penitentiary and banishment to the dry state of Kansas, William Hogan, a drunkard, in Franklin, Pa., chose the latter.

Hogan had pleaded guilty to larceny and because he had been in the penitentiary twice before he would have gone back for thirty years automatically if sentenced there by the judge. Hogan will be sent to Kansas by his friends.

IF IT HAD, BUT IT DIDN'T
250 Pounds of Dynamite Failed to Explode in Wreck.
A car carrying twelve miners collided with a car hauling 750 pounds of dynamite 400 feet from the entrance of the Pultney mine, near Belaire, O. Both cars left the rails. All the men were injured, six fatally, it is believed. They were foreigners.
The dynamite did not explode. If it had the twelve men would have been killed.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Pittsburg, Nov. 25.

Cattle—Choice, \$3.40@3.65; prime, \$3@3.35; good, \$2.50@2.75; heifers, \$2@2.40; bulls, \$4.50@11.25; cows, \$3.50@7; fresh cows and springers, \$6@8.50.

Hogs—Prime heavy, \$7.90@7.95; heavy mixed, mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$7.90; light Yorkers, \$7.50@7.60; pigs, \$7.15; roughs, \$7@7.25; stags, \$6@6.50.

Cleveland, Nov. 25.

Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$8@8.40; good to choice, \$7.50@8.25; choice heifers, \$7@7.50; milchers and springers, \$6@8.50.

Hogs—Yorkers, \$7.75; mixed, \$7.75@7.80; heavies, \$7.95; pigs and lights, \$7@7.25; stags, \$6.75.

Lamb—Good to choice, \$6.75@7.90; fair to good, \$5.50@6.50; culls to common, \$4.50@5.40.

Sheep—Mixed, \$2.15@4.35; bucks, \$3@3.50; culls, \$3@3.75.

Calves—Good to choice, \$11@11.25; heavy and common, \$5@8.50.

Chicago, Nov. 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000 head. Bulk of sales, \$7.55@7.85; light, \$7.25@7.50; mixed, \$7.40@7.50; heavy, \$7.35@7.50; rough, \$7.35@7.50; pigs, \$5@7.

Cattle—Receipts, 16,000 head. Beeves, \$6.70@9.65; Texas steers, \$6.50@7.75; stockers and feeders, \$4.90@7.50; cows and heifers, \$3.35@8.30; calves, \$6.50@10.

Sheep—Receipts, 40,000 head. Native, \$3.90@5; yearlings, \$5.15@5.35; lambs, native, \$5.85@7.50.

East Buffalo, Nov. 25.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.60@8.75; cows, \$8.50@8.75; bulls, \$5@7.25; heifers, \$5.50@7.50; stock heifers, \$4.75@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$5.70@7; fresh cows and springers, \$40@87.

Hogs—Heavy, \$8; mixed, \$7.90@8; Yorkers, \$7.50@8; pigs, \$7.25@7.50; roughs, \$7.15@7.35; stags, \$6.50@7; dairies, \$7.75@8.

Sheep—Lamb, \$5.50@7.50; yearlings, \$4.50@6; wethers, \$4.50@4.75; ewes, \$3.50@4.25; sheep, mixed, \$4.25@4.50.