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### PLAIN & FANCY PRINTING

OF ALL KINDS,  
Executed in the BEST STYLE, at the shortest notice, and at the LOWEST PRICES.

### BUSINESS CARDS.

H. O'LAY HAMERSLY,  
**Attorney at Law,**  
CATASAUQUA, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNA.  
March 6, 1866.

JACOB S. DILLINGER,  
**Attorney at Law,**  
Corner of East Hamilton St. and Law Alley,  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
April 15, 1866.

P. WYCKOFF,  
**Attorney at Law,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
OFFICE on the south side of Hamilton street two doors west of Milton J. Kramer's store, and opposite the Eagle Hotel. [Jan 19-66]

EDWIN ALBRIGHT,  
**Attorney at Law,**  
Eight Doors Above the Court House,  
ALLENTOWN, LEHIGH CO., PA.  
Feb. 13, 1866-ly

ELISHA FORREST,  
**Attorney and Counsellor at Law,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Feb. 20, 1866.

WILLIAM H. SOWDEN,  
**Attorney and Counsellor at Law,**  
Office East Hamilton Street, 2 doors above Law Alley, ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Feb. 20, 1866-ly

EDWARD HARVEY,  
**Attorney at Law,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office with Hon. Samuel A. Bridges. [May 1-ly]

JOHN RUPP,  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office with A. W. Schreyer, Esq. opposite the Court House. Can be consulted in German. [May 1-ly]

ADAM WOOLEVER,  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office opposite the Court House. [May 1-ly]

THOMAS B. METZGER,  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office: No. 62 East Hamilton Street. [May 29, 1866]

JOHN D. STILES,  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office: Second door above the Court House. [May 29, 1866]

GEORGE B. SCHALL,  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
Office: First door above Law Alley. [May 29, 1866]

PAUL BALLET,  
**UNDERTAKER & FURNISHER,**  
Seventh Street, below Walnut, West Side,  
ALLENTOWN, PA.  
April 11, 1866

### Gross' Palace of Art Photographs

IN Oil, Water Colors, India Ink or Platin, from Miniatures up to Life Size. Cards \$2 per dozen. Over Frank Kraus' store, corner of 6th and Hamilton streets, N. Allentown. [Mar. 20, 1866]

### GULDIN & GREASER, DENTISTS,

Office: No. 46 East Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. Aug. 8, 1865.

### LIFE LIKE PICTURES.

Cartes de Visites, \$2 per Dozen.  
ALL NEGATIVES REGISTERED.  
S. W. BURCAW, No. 7 East Hamilton St. ALLENTOWN, PA.

G. M. RUNK & F. A. R. BALDWIN,  
**RUNK & BALDWIN, Attorneys at Law.**

HAVING associated themselves together in the practice of law, at the office formerly in the occupancy of Wm. S. Marx, deceased, will attend to all the unfinished business of the late firm of Marx & Runk, and of Wm. S. Marx, deceased. Any inquiries relative to said business, address to them, either in person or by letter, will receive prompt attention. Office, 51 E. Hamilton St., Allentown Pa. [Sept 1-3m]

### EAGLE HOTEL

227 North Third Street,  
Between Pine and Vine,  
PHILADELPHIA.

The subscribers respectfully inform the public generally that they have been keeping the above-named Hotel for the last two years, and it is their intention to make it a home, superior to any in the city, of the same class, which they will endeavor to do by the most judicious and liberal patronage. The house is located in the center of business and contains One Hundred and Twenty Rooms, is equipped to accommodate over Two Hundred Guests. Charges, \$2.00 per day. [Jan 1-3m] 1866-1867. H. H. BERRY, Proprietors.

PRICES EVEN AS LOW AS

William D. Kichtenwalder, M. D.,  
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,  
MILLERSTOWN, PA.  
TAKES this mode of informing the people of the neighborhood, that he has located himself near T. Knealy's Hotel, Millerstown, where he is ready to serve the people either day or night. (April 1-ly)

### WATCHES & JEWELRY.

**WATCHES! WATCHES!**  
KELLER & BRO.  
**JEWELRY STORE.**  
A SPLENDID STOCK OF GOODS SUITABLE FOR  
Bridal or Birthday Presents.  
Now is the time to make your purchases. The stock is entirely new.

### LADIES' & GENTS' GOLD WATCHES.

We have the finest assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches ever brought in this city.

### GOLD SILVER WATCHES.

We have the largest stock that has ever been brought to Allentown. We also have the celebrated American Watch, and all styles of English and Swiss Watches suitable for ladies and boys.

### JEWELRY.

We exceed in quantity and variety of the latest styles. New and beautiful styles of Ladies' full sets Pins, Eardrops and Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' FINE GOLD CHAINS, Gents' Silver Chains, Ladies' Gold Thimbles, and a very large variety of Silver Thimbles, Necklaces, Belt Buckles, Rings, of rare and beautiful designs, and also the Plain Ring suitable for engagements, and a large variety of other things too numerous to mention.

### GOLD PENS.

We have a very large assortment. Also Gold and Silver Holders of all styles suitable for Ladies and Gents.

### ELEGANT SILVER WARE.

In this line our stock exceeds in quantity and variety of styles, anything ever offered for sale in this city, and cannot fail to please the most fastidious.

### FULL SETS OF TEA SETS, CAKE BASKETS, FRUIT BASKETS, CASTORS, SILVER CARD STANDS, SILVER PITCHERS, CREAM CUPS, SYRUP CANS, SALT CELLARS, GOLD AND RUBY LINED OYSTER LADLES, PICKLE FORKS, BUTTER KNIVES, TEA DESERTS AND TABLE SPOONS, Etc.

### GOLD AND SILVER SPECTACLES.

We have a very large assortment; persons cannot fail to suit themselves, and all of the most fashionable styles.

### CLOCKS! CLOCKS!

We have the largest assortment of Clocks that has ever been brought to Allentown. Persons desiring a good Clock, cannot help but suit themselves. All new and all of the latest style.

### REPAIRING.

All kinds of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry carefully repaired and warranted.

### WATCHES! WATCHES!

**Clocks! Clocks!**  
JEWELRY JEWELRY!! JEWELRY!!

WORTH OF  
**\$15,000**  
Clocks, Watches & Jewelry,  
TO BE SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICES.  
The largest and best selected assortment of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, in Lehigh county, is to be sold.

### CHAS. S. MASSEY'S,

NO. 23 EAST HAMILTON STREET, Allentown, Pa. We have no desire to boast, and we speak only of what we do. We desire to inform you that we have more complete than all the jewelry establishments in the county put together. Just received a very choice and elegant assortment of

### HUNTING WATCHES.

GENTS' GOLD & SILVER HUNTING American & English Levers,  
GOLD, SILVER & PLATED CHAINS, SILVER AND PLATED SPOONS, FORKS, NAPKIN RINGS, FRUIT KNIVES, etc.,  
With an endless variety of the latest style of Jewelry. Also, a large and complete assortment of

### SPECTACLES.

in Gold, Silver, Steel and Plated cases. We desire to call attention to our stock of

### MELODEONS.

We have constantly on hand a full assortment of G. A. PRINCE'S Celebrated Melodeons, of glass suitable for churches or parlors.  
N. B.—Particular attention paid to the Repairing of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. All work warranted. We desire to inform parties living in the country, that any Clock repairing they wish done at their homes will be promptly attended to.

H. S. MASSEY,  
No. 23 East Hamilton Street,  
ALLENTOWN, PA.

HENRY HARPER,  
NO. 520 ARCH STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA.

### Watches, Jewellery, Silver Ware.

Has a large stock of fine watches, Jewellery, Silver Ware, and SILVER PLATED WARE, Suitable for Holiday and Bridal Presents!

PURE LIBERTY WHITE LEAD.  
The Whitest, the most durable and the most economical. Try it! Manufactured only by  
Ziegler & Smith,  
Wholesale Drug, Paint & Glass Dealers  
Jan 10-17] No. 187 N. Third St., Philad

CLOSING OUT PRICES.

### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Wm. H. Seip  
HAS OPENED HIS  
**BOOT, SHOE, HAT AND CAP STORE,**  
AT NO. 35 EAST HAMILTON ST.

APPOINTED KRAMER'S ONLY store, where he will give him a call, the very best and most fashionable goods ever offered to the eyes of Allentown, at the following low cash prices:

Men's calf boots, fine, \$5 00 to \$9 00  
All kip, double sole, 3 75 " 4 75  
Boys' children's boots, 1 75 " 4 75  
Men's glove kid, Congress, 1 00 " 5 75  
Kid shoes, 1 00 " 3 00  
Men's, women's, boy's and misses' glove kid, lasting galley, 1 75 " 5 75  
Women's glove kid, lasting galley, 2 50 " 4 75  
" fine goat Morocco boots, 2 50 " 4 00  
" men's Morocco calf, 1 75 " 2 50  
" shoes, 1 50 " 2 00  
" common shoes, 1 50 " 2 00  
Men's, women's, misses', boy's and child's slippers, 25 " 1 00

No action given in my store, but from the best manufacturers. I also have all kinds of HATS, CAPS AND STRAW GOODS of every kind, at the lowest cash prices. Call and see for yourself. WILLIAM H. SEIP, April 17.

### Biery & Mertz

HAVE JUST OPENED A  
**Boot & Shoe Store,**  
At No. 85 West Hamilton St.,  
TWO DOORS BELOW NINTH.

WHERE they will keep constantly on hand a well assorted stock of all kinds of Ready-Made Boots and Shoes, of Eastern City and home-manufacture, which they will sell CHEAPER than the same can be bought elsewhere, because they sell

Exclusively for CASH.  
They invite all to call and examine their stock before purchasing elsewhere, as they feel confident that customers can suit themselves, both as to price and quality.

All kinds of CUSTOM WORK AND REPAIRING receive prompt attention. They employ none but the best workmen and are therefore prepared to manufacture Boots and Shoes, unsurpassed by any other establishment.

Particular attention is given to the manufacture of French Calf and Patent Leather Boots. Shoemakers can be supplied with stock and findings, at reasonable prices. S. E. Mertz, May 8, 1866

### REMOVAL!

**J. F. Bohlinger's BOOT AND SHOE STORE**

AS been removed to East Hamilton Street, opposite the German Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., where he keeps constantly on hand, of his own manufacture, and also of Philadelphia, New York and Eastern City, a large stock of Boots and Shoes, which he is disposed to offer to the public at a small advance above cost. He also will make to order all kinds of Boots and Shoes, and repair and renovate worn-out shoes, and in general, do all the work pertaining to the shoe business. He also has a large stock of ready-made boots and shoes, which he is disposed to offer to the public at a small advance above cost. He also will make to order all kinds of Boots and Shoes, and repair and renovate worn-out shoes, and in general, do all the work pertaining to the shoe business. He also has a large stock of ready-made boots and shoes, which he is disposed to offer to the public at a small advance above cost.

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### A GOOD TIME TO BUY MUSLINS, ALL CHEAP, Some Even as Low as 10 Cts. Fair Bleached at 12 1/2 Cts. A Large Lot of WHITE, GREY, and BROWN, Extra Cheap!

Sold at a liberal discount before the cold weather commences. Fail not to see them. They are really a CHEAP LOT.

**Lawler & Steckel, No. 20 E. Hamilton, ALLENTOWN, PA.**

### Music! Music!! Music!!!

SHEET MUSIC DEPOT!  
A large supply on hand—If we have not got the piece you want, we can get it for you in ten days if you will leave the name of the piece with us.

EXTRACTION BOOKS for all kinds of Instruments constantly on hand at Foster's Variety Store.

At all prices. Violin Strings, Tail Pieces, Pegs, Bow, Rosin, Blank Music paper, at Foster's Variety Store.

STAMPING! STAMPING!!!  
Done at short notice—receiving new patterns constantly. Call and see the patterns at Foster's Variety Store.

NOTIONS! NOTIONS!! NOTIONS!!!  
Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, Threads, Sewing Silks, Pins, Needles, Combs, Brushes, and Hair Skirts. Call in—pay to get round the corner to Foster's Variety Store.

BASKETS! BASKETS! BASKETS!!!  
Men's Baskets, Dinner Baskets, Traveling Baskets, Cake Baskets, Card Baskets, Fruit Baskets, Fancy Baskets, at Foster's Variety Store.

WHERE IS FOSTER'S VARIETY STORE?  
Sixth Street, Sixth Street, Sixth Street, Fourth door from Hamilton, in one of the rooms under Col. Good's (American) Hotel. [May 22-3m]

### YOUR ATTENTION IS REQUESTED

to the fact that at the **Friedensbote Book Store** you can always buy **BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c., &c.,** cheaper than at ANY OTHER PLACE.

**\$90 A MONTH—AGENTS wanted for six months.** For particulars, call on Address: G. T. GARRY, City Building, Bedford, Pa. [Dec 1-ly]

CALL AND EXAMINE

### FURNITURE.

**EYES THIS WAY.**

TO THE GREAT **CABINET WARE ROOM** OF **John Malburg,**

IN ALLENTOWN, LEHIGH COUNTY. JOHN MALBURG takes this method to inform his friends and acquaintances of the public in general, that he is now carrying on the business on his own account, in his building,

NO 52 WEST HAMILTON STREET, opposite Hagerty's Hotel, where he is now preparing to engage in keeping house, and his present stock is not to be surpassed, and consists in part of the following articles:

Bureaus, Bedsteads, Pier, Centre, Card, Dining, and Breakfast Tables, Book Cases, Cupboards, Whatnot and Sofa Tables, Parlor Tables, Sofas, Piano Stools, Spring Seat Chairs with the General assortment of variety, Rocking Chairs, Bedsteads of every variety, in a well regulated establishment.

Manufacturers also every variety of Furniture to order, after the latest styles, and of the best quality. They must be as represented, and will be satisfactory.

House-keepers and especially young persons intending to engage in keeping house, should not neglect to call on him before purchasing elsewhere, as he feels satisfied that he can offer bargains that cannot be surpassed anywhere outside of Philadelphia.

For the liberal patronage already received he is very thankful, and will still endeavor through liberal prices to merit a continuance of the same. Don't forget the place, No. 52 West Hamilton Street, where you can call and satisfy yourself of the truth which is herein stated. JOHN MALBURG, Allentown, July 2, 1865

### IMPORTANT NEWS!

HEIMBACH, HELFRICH & CO.,  
**CABINETMAKERS AND UNDERTAKERS,**  
No. 25 West Hamilton Street, ALLENTOWN, PA.

THE undersigned take this method of informing their friends, and the public generally, that they have constantly on hand a full supply of

SUCH AS Bureaus, Bedsteads, Dining and Breakfast Tables, Whatnot and Sofa Tables, Book Cases, Sofas, Bedsteads, Washstands, &c., &c., &c., and in general every article which is kept in their line of business.

They also have on hand a large stock of ready-made boots and shoes, which he is disposed to offer to the public at a small advance above cost. He also will make to order all kinds of Boots and Shoes, and repair and renovate worn-out shoes, and in general, do all the work pertaining to the shoe business. He also has a large stock of ready-made boots and shoes, which he is disposed to offer to the public at a small advance above cost.

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### Dry Goods Cheap

PRINTS, (Calicoes) Again at 12 1/2 cents. Suitable for comfort. **MERINOS** A LOT OFFERED CHEAP. No one who sees them can help buying. All choice and fresh goods.

A FRESH LOT OF **Dress Goods** Offered at a Bargain!

At Lawler & Steckel's, 20 East Hamilton St., (Late Lion Hall) ALLENTOWN, PA.

### LOOK THIS WAY!

AN ENTIRE NEW CARPET STORE!  
**Guth & Troxell.**

THE undersigned would hereby respectfully inform the public that they have a new **CARPET STORE**, South-west corner of 9th and Hamilton streets, Allentown, Pa., where they have a large stock of all kinds of Carpets, comprising the best as well as the most durable, and patterns that may be called for, also, a splendid

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SELECTION OF OIL CLOTHS, Mats, &c., in fact, whatever may be looked for at a similar establishment.

As a matter of course, all their goods are quite new and cannot be surpassed for beauty and quality in this county; and, moreover, their prices are considerably more reasonable than anywhere else.

Give us, therefore, a call, and see for yourselves, before purchasing elsewhere, and you will find to your interest to buy from us.

Thankful for past favors, we solicit a continuance of the same. URNAH GUTH. DANIEL TROXELL, Oct. 9th, 1866.

### Lion Hall Clothing Store.

Great Inducements OFFERED

In Ready-made CLOTHING. 500 Overcoats, 500 Dress & Business Coats, 1000 Pants,

1000 Vests, WILL BE SOLD AT A BARGAIN AT Breinig & Leh's Lion Hall CLOTHING STORE.

PURCHASING ELSEWHERE.

### BLAZE AWAY!

Ahead of Competition!  
OUR GUN HITS THE MARK EVERY TIME

EXTERMINATION AGAINST ALL HIGH PRICES AND UNDUE PROFITS.

### KRAMER'S Popular Store!

OPENING IMMENSE

FALL AND WINTER STOCK, UNDER THE MARKET PRICE.

### DRESS GOODS,

the largest and most elegant assortment outside of New York, and will be sold at a small advance of New York prices, consisting of

FRENCH MERINOS, in every color and price. FRENCH KERSEYS, do. do. IRISH and FRENCH POPLINS, WOOL DELAINES, plain and figured. MOHAIR, LUSTRES, EMPIRE LUSTRES, CHIFFONS, black and white. PLAID POPLINS, STRIPED POPLINS, PLAID WOOL DELAINES, PLAID AND STRIPED ALPACAS, PLAID CLOTH, etc., etc., etc., which for extent, variety and general adaptation to the wants, taste and pockets of the people, are unsurpassed.

### SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS IN THE Shawl Department,

Broche, in every style and price, at least 40 per cent lower than last season's prices, long and square Blanket Shawls, in every style and price.

### ASTONISHING LOW PRICES. BEST BALMORALS

at \$2.50 full size.

### WOOLEN BLANKETS,

in every color, and will sell lower than the lowest.

### MUSLINS, SHEETINGS, DIAPHRINES

and everything belonging to housekeepers, sold at REDUCED PRICES.

### MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR.

This department I make a specialty. Having the command of the best of the country, I can furnish you with the latest styles, adapted to the wants and taste of old and young, and at a saving of at least 30 per cent.

### RUSH OF BUSINESS

which has hitherto attended the efforts to please the fancy of all, and having again entered into the field for the Fall and Winter campaign of the trade, I am determined to reply, if not entirely to vanquish, the great system of monstrous prices and murderous profits, adhering in the future as in the past, to the motto of *large sales and small profits.* The *best goods for the least money.* All I ask is a call, if not to purchase, then to correct ideas of the prevailing fashion. This will find them beyond competition. M. J. KRAMER, Opposite the Eagle Hotel.

### IMPORTANT.

THE ARGEST, CHEAPEST AND MOST Complete Assortment OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Ever offered for sale in this section, can be found at the **"Friedensbote" Book Store.**

### REMEMBER

That if you want any kind of a Book, the place to buy it is at the **"FRIEDENSBOTE" BOOK STORE.**

### BLANK BOOKS

Of every description suitable for all kinds of business.

### DIARIES FOR 1867

All styles and prices.

### ALL PEOPLE

Should bear in mind that if they want anything in the line of

Books, Stationery, &c., to purchase them at **E. D. Leisenring & Co's,** No. 19 E. Hamilton St., ALLENTOWN, PA. Oct. 30, 1866.

### The Allentown Shovel Factory

REMOVED TO **CATASAUQUA!**

THE undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has purchased the Allentown Shovel Factory from D. F. Boyer, and has removed it to Catasauqua, where he intends to keep on hand all kinds of

SELECTION OF OIL CLOTHS, Mats, &c., in fact, whatever may be looked for at a similar establishment.

As a matter of course, all their goods are quite new and cannot be surpassed for beauty and quality in this county; and, moreover, their prices are considerably more reasonable than anywhere else.

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### NEW COAL YARD!

THE undersigned has opened a New Coal Yard in the FIRST WARD, on North side of Hamilton Street, between Third and Jonathan streets. They will keep constantly on hand a full assortment of

All kinds of Coal

### The President's Message.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

After a brief interval the Congress of the United States resumes its annual legislative session. An all-wise and merciful Providence has abated the pestilence which visited our shores, leaving its calamitous traces upon some portions of our country. Peace, order, tranquility and civility have been restored, and declared to exist throughout the whole of the United States. In all of the States civil authority has superseded the coercion of arms, and the people, by their voluntary action, are maintaining their government in full activity and complete operation. The enforcement of the laws is no longer obstructed in any State by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceeding, and the animosities engendered by the war are rapidly yielding to the beneficent influences of our free institutions, and to the kindly effects of untroubled social and commercial intercourse.

An entire restoration of the national feeling must be the earnest wish of every patriotic heart; and we will have accomplished our grandest national achievement when, forgetting the sad events of the past, and remembering only their instructive lessons, we resume our onward career as a free, prosperous, and united people.

In my message of the 4th of December, 1865, Congress was informed of the measures which had been instituted by the Executive with a view to the gradual restoration of the States in which the insurrection occurred to their relations with the General Government. The constitutional officers had been appointed, conventions called, Governors elected, Legislatures assembled, and Senators and Representatives chosen to the Congress of the United States. Courts had been opened for the enforcement of laws long in abeyance. The blockade had been removed, custom houses re-established, and the internal revenue laws put in force, in order that the people might enjoy the benefits of the postal operations had been renewed, and efforts were being made to restore them to their former condition of efficiency. The States themselves had been asked to take part in the high functions of national government, and thus sanctioning the extinction of African slavery as one of the legitimate results of our interminable struggle.

Having progressed thus far, the Executive Department found that it had accomplished nearly all that was within the scope of its constitutional authority. One thing, however, yet remained to be done before the work of restoration could be completed, and that was the submission to Congress of loyal Senators and Representatives from the States whose people had rebelled against the lawful authority of the General Government. This question devolved upon the respective Houses, which, in the Constitution are made the judges of the elections, returns, and qualifications of their own members; and its consideration at once engaged the attention of Congress.

With this view, the Executive Department proposed to Congress that it should be permitted to re-admit to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the States whose people had rebelled against the lawful authority of the General Government, and that it should be permitted to re-admit to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the States whose people had rebelled against the lawful authority of the General Government, and that it should be permitted to re-admit to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the States whose people had rebelled against the lawful authority of the General Government.

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