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OPENS TO-DAY AT TROUP BROS. WAREROOMS

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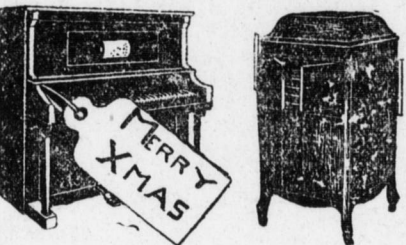
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Used Pianos and Used Players

Table listing various piano models and prices, including Ives & Pond, Doll & Sons, Stultz & Bauer, Sterling, etc.

From now until Christmas the store will be open every evening until 9 o'clock for the convenience of those who cannot call during the day.

TROUP BROS., 317 Chestnut St.

HARRISBURG IN '52 DESCRIBED

President Klein Addresses Historical Society on City's "River Bank"

Two outstanding features of the regular meeting of the Historical Society of Dauphin county, held last evening in the Kelker building, were the remarkably interesting address of the president, Theodore B. Klein, and the presentation by Benjamin M. Nead of a number of relics of other days that in the years to come will increase in historical value.

President Klein chose as his subject "The River Bank of Harrisburg," describing its scenic beauties, remarkable improvements, and enlarging upon the continuation of its attractive shore line north of the city as far and farther than Millersburg.

A curious old business directory of the Town of Harrisburg for the year 1852, the gift of William H. German to the Historical Society, was presented by Mr. Nead with explanatory comments and reminiscences of the period and the people to which the old directory relates. Contained in this interesting volume are the names of many of the old families who conducted the business of Harrisburg in its formative period and who laid at that time the foundations for the thriving community into which the little town of '52 has grown. Mr. Nead also presented on behalf of Mr. German one of the mammoth wrought iron nails used in the construction of the old market sheds that were at one time planted in the center of Market Square.

The election to membership in the society of Henderson Gilbert preceded the address and presentation.

JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS

Winners this afternoon in the junior oratorical contest at Central high school were: First, \$25, to Willard Smith; second, \$15, Otto Lippman; third, \$10, Richard Mount.

CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY. Includes listings for French Cleaning and Dyeing, Goodman's tailoring and repairing, Fire Insurance and Real Estate, J. E. Gipple—Fire Insurance—Real Estate—Rent Collecting, Photographers, Daughten Studios—Portrait and Commercial Photography, Tailors, Signs and Enamel Letters.

ROOMS ENGAGED FOR EDWIN R. COX

Headquarters Will Be in the Commonwealth Hotel Right Near Baldwin Rooms

Headquarters for Representative Edwin R. Cox's campaign for the speakership were engaged at the Commonwealth hotel to-day and the big parlor which is across the hall from the Baldwin headquarters will be the reception room. Additional rooms have been taken for Mr. Cox and his friends. They will be opened the day after Christmas and will be manned by friends of the Philadelphia and some administration men.

Several representatives known to be administration men were here to-day to see Governor Brumbaugh upon his return from Washington and it was declared again that everything was looking fine. Secretary Ball received the visitors in the absence of the Governor.

Rumors were again busy to-day about officials who might resign, but nothing transpired while the Governor was away. One story that Forestry Commissioner R. S. Conklin, of Columbia, might not be reappointed was put to flight by a remark that the administration is not going to irritate Congressman Grist, who is a power in Lancaster. Mention of names of officials who might be irritated to the point of resigning, if they were not asked to do so, took a wide range. The Governor will have to name the new county treasurer of Amherst as County Treasurer Meyer died yesterday. The administration is anxious to capture votes in Cambria.

Today Is the Birthday Anniversary of—

Portrait of D. E. GLAZIER. Text: Mr. Glazier is in charge of the Arcade Laundry, and is widely known in the West End. He is a native of Dayton, Ohio.

MORRIS ADOPTS BABY GIRL HE SAVED FROM FIRE

Rushes Into Building at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; Mother's Dying Request Is Granted

New York, Dec. 15.—Whatever may be said about the fighting of Carl Morris, the Oklahoma fireman, no charge has ever been made about his nerve or about his fierceness in dealing with an opponent in the ring. Morris' inappreciable feature of his fighting.

Psychologists might be interested in the contrast in character of the big heavyweight in and out of the ring. In his home life he is completely at the mercy of a little mite of a 2-year-old girl with curly yellow hair.

Behind this affection lies a story of bravery that Morris or no other fighter ever equaled in the ring.

Rescues Little Girl

The mite of a girl, Dorothy Nell Morris, the heavyweight's adopted daughter, was rescued from a hotel

fire in Sapulpa, Okla., in which her parents died, by Morris, who entered the hotel as a gas explosion started the blaze.

Morris rushed into the building and fought his way through the flames and smoke in the hotel office to the main hall, where he stumbled over the body of a woman.

Half unconscious, the woman thrust a baby into his arms and told him to carry her to safety. After leaving the child outside Morris again fought his way into the hall and carried out the woman, who proved to be Mrs. James Friends, a friend to Morris and his wife. She died two days later from burns. The father had been killed by the explosion.

At the mother's dying request, Morris adopted the child.

RILLING FROWNS ON DUPLICATION

Public Service Commissioner Quotes Policy in Perry County Case

Public Service Commissioner John S. Rilling, in an opinion refusing to grant extensions asked by the Perry Telephone and Telegraph Company from Newport to Liverpool and Bloomfield to Liverpool known the policy of the Commission in regard to duplication of telephone facilities. The Perry company had asked approval of thirteen extensions in Perry, Cumberland, Juniata and Franklin counties and the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company objected to two of them, claiming it was already adequately serving the communities.

"The general policy of this Commission is against the duplication of facilities of public utilities in the same district unless they are necessary for the accommodation, convenience or safety of the public therein," says Mr. Rilling. "The policy of telephone regulation by the Commission will ultimately lead to great improvement. It makes it incumbent upon every company to so maintain its facilities and to furnish such service that in intercommunication with other companies can be properly made and in this way the telephone service in the State will be brought to a high degree of efficiency. It is most unfortunate that the present existing competitive conditions in telephone service exist or were ever permitted to be created in our State. In many of our communities the public is bearing the burden and suffering the inconvenience and annoyance of two telephone systems. A divided service is offered and many are obliged to pay a rental to each company; two pole lines obstruct and disfigure the streets and the duplication of the necessary wires is an added danger. To permit the extension of the lines of one telephone company into the territory served by another as is asked in this case, can only result in inconvenience and annoyance to the patrons of both and in the end will affect the service of both companies. The time will soon come when one will give way as the patience and endurance of the public, long suffering though it may be, will not permit itself to be

imposed upon by a duplication of telephone systems.

Mr. Rilling refers to the policy adopted by the commission "whereby unnecessary and useless competition should be prevented," and says it is based on "sound reasoning."

Continued Apprehension Over Peace Causes Violent Liquidation in Wall Street

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock market experienced another feverish session of violent liquidation to-day, credited to continued apprehension over the effect of possible peace on the earnings of munitions, steel and kindred concerns which have profited by the war.

Losses in the stocks of these companies ranged from 3 to 12 points under yesterday's lowest quotations with 2 1/2 for Bethlehem Steel. It was the third severe downward movement since the announcement of the German peace proposals Tuesday.

The selling came from all quarters, the out of town element being a considerable factor. Bearish aggressions meant since the announcement of the exchange to such an extent that bonds remained unquoted during the forenoon.

In the opinion of some observers the peace developments served as an excuse rather than the real reason for part of the heavy selling of the last four days. It was pointed out that the market had become top heavy as a result of a large and unwieldy bull market which made it easily susceptible or vulnerable to any untoward events. Another important factor was the attitude of local banking interests which had expressed disapproval of further market excesses, this being shown in the sharp scrutiny of speculative stocks and loans.

U. S. Steel was again the outstanding feature, almost 400,000 shares changing hands before noon as an extreme loss of 4 1/2 points. Greater weakness was shown by Industrial Alcohol, Marines, Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, Central Leather, Lackawanna Steel, Utah Copper and International Paper. Sales to noon totaled 1,300,000 shares.

Rallies of 1 to 3 points were made in the early afternoon but the market continued extremely sensitive.

POMEROY SENDS IN RESIGNATION

Complies With Governor's Request and Draws Attention to Reasons For Dismissal

A. Nevin Pomeroy, of Chambersburg, whose resignation was requested by Governor Brumbaugh yesterday for political reasons, to-day sent his resignation to the Governor to take effect January 1. The Governor was in Washington when the letter reached his office and will not be here until late in the day. No statement as to who the successor of the supervisor of printing would be or when the announcement would be made was obtainable. It is intimated that it will not be made hastily because of the speakership contest, which is the reason for other appointments being held within the Governor's bosom.

Mr. Pomeroy came here this morning with his letter written. There were reported last night that he might refuse to resign, but he speedily laid them at rest by sending the letter to the executive offices and issuing a copy.

The resignation says:

"In compliance with your verbal request of yesterday, I herewith tender my resignation as superintendent of public printing and binding, the same

to take effect January 1, 1917, as suggested by you.

"I appreciate the statement made by you to me in requesting this resignation; that it was not any malfeasance in office or inefficiency on my part that prompted your request, as the department of printing and binding had been most satisfactorily conducted under my administration, but because I had failed at various times to agree with you on matters of a political nature."

Capitol Hill expressed the greatest interest in Mr. Pomeroy's action and his letter stating his gratification that there had been no fault found with his efficiency and that political matters forced the break caused much comment.

"I have sent my resignation to the Governor and will be glad to give my successor all the help possible when he assumes the office. I think my letter to the Governor contains all I wish to say," said Mr. Pomeroy.

Speculation as to the Governor's selection of a successor was greater than in the stock market to-day. It is expected that there will be numerous applicants for the \$3,000 place, which has always been especially attractive to newspapermen. The names of A. Nevin Detrich, chairman of the late Washington party state committee; Howard E. Butz, Mt. Union, the Governor's boyhood friend; E. J. Lafferty, Philadelphia member of the anthracite coal price probe commission; Anderson H. Walters, Johnstown publisher, active Washington party man and former congressman; R. H. Thomas, Jr., Mechanicsburg publisher, and others were waited about the Capitol on the snowy breezes to-day.

The Capitol is now wondering who is to be next.

PRINCIPAL FARM CROPS OF NATION SHOW BIG DROP

Corn, Wheat, Potatoes Far Below Average, Government Forecasters Estimate

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Final estimates of this year's production of the country's principal farm crops, announced by the Department of Agriculture to-day, are: Corn, 2,582,241,000 bushels, compared with 2,732,457,000, the 1910-14 average. Wheat, 629,586,000 bushels, compared with 728,225,000, the five-year average. Oats, 1,251,992,000 bushels, compared with 1,157,961,000, the 1910-14 average. Barley, 180,957,000, against 188,295,000. Rye, 47,483,000, against 37,568,000. Buckwheat, 11,810,000, against 17,022,000. Flaxseed, 15,459,000, against 18,353,000. Rice, 41,982,000, against 24,378,000. Potatoes, 285,437,000, against 360,772,000. Sweet potatoes, 70,955,000, against 57,117,000. Hay (tame), 89,991,000 tons, against 66,234,000. Tobacco, 1,150,622,000 pounds, against 991,958,000. Cotton, 11,511,000 bales, against 14,259,000. Sugar beets, 6,671,000 tons, against 5,391,000. Apples, 67,635,000 barrels, against 65,966,000.

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