

AT the close of the busiest holiday season we have ever enjoyed, we feel that not to thank you for the patronage you have honored us with would leave one of our principal debts unpaid. We thank you—and wish you—



A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year Ladies' Bazaar

8-10-12 South Fourth St.

BOLAN-REESER MARRIAGE EVENT OF THIS AFTERNOON

The marriage of Miss Mary Magdalene Reser, daughter of Mrs. Richard Reser, 233 1/2 North Fourth street, and Frank McC. Bolan, an employe of the Bethlehem Steel Company, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of the Augsburg Lutheran Church, with the Rev. A. Maxwell Sta-mets, the pastor, officiating. The bride who was unattended, wore a traveling costume of dark blue cloth with hat to harmonize and a corsage of violets. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bolan left for a trip to Philadelphia and New York. They will reside at 1506 Regina street on their return.

MANY PRENUPTIAL EVENTS FOR MISS CHARLOTTE IRWIN

Among the many pre-nuptial events in compliment to Miss Charlotte Von B. Irwin, a bride of next week, will be a dinner to-morrow with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saul, of 538 Seneca street, and a dinner Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shanholts, of White Hill, hosts. Wednesday evening Miss Irwin and Mr. Cooper will be honored guests of their best man, Russell K-well, 662 Schuykill street, at a dinner preceding the wedding rehearsal in the Pine Street Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gramm, of Niagara Falls are holiday guests of Mr. Gramm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gramm, 2201 North Second street.

Miss Helen Irwin, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irwin at 2128 Green street.



Santa will leave fat checks or gold coins in many Christmas stockings this year and instead of squandering the money you receive—as we are all so apt to do, — why not invest it in something that will bring lasting pleasure. You will find much to interest you after Christmas at the J. H. Troup Music House, 15 S. Market Square, where the stocks of pianos, players and talking machines is always complete no matter what time of the year you come, and even though you may have only a small sum to spend, this store will arrange to accommodate you with credit, and make it possible for you to buy just what you want.

Though the Christmas rush will be over in just a few hours, the H. C. Claster Jewelry Shop, 302 Market street is continuing to offer the new things just as fast as they appear, for new and fashionable things in jewelry and silver are not just a seasonal display with this store, but are offered all the year 'round. They are showing now the new flat link bracelets, which are one of the prettiest novelties in jewelry, while the hammered silver of which they show so beautiful an assortment is stunning for the home of good-taste. Indeed at this store, you will find a great many things that will tempt you to spend your Christmas money, but the pleasure you will get in these pretty things will make it well worth the cost.

If you are planning to arise in time for early Christmas morning services you will want a good cup of coffee to help you start the day aright, and the Studebaker Coffee Store, (now owned by Mr. George Barnes), Second street at the crossing of State street, offers a special blend of coffee for 32c a lb, which is of exceptional merit and because of its delightful flavor and aroma it is a favorite with many people who could afford to spend more for coffee, but realize that they get an exceptional value in this Special Blend, sold only at the Studebaker Store.

THE LAST GIFT THE BEST

Make the last gift that you buy the best, and though there are only a few shopping hours left before Christmas, you can spend them most profitably at the Douthett Store for Men, 304 Market street, picking up last minute gifts that may bring more pleasure than the very first gifts you selected. Every day has brought new shipments of neckwear to this "live store" and to-day the assortment is just teeming with new and beautiful scarfs, — and you will be delighted with the handsome neckwear offered for just 50c. It is such a satisfaction too to know that no matter when you go into this store, no matter how late the hour, or how great the rush, they are always ready to serve you cheerfully and helpfully.

AN ADVANCED SPRING DISPLAY

While we are all trying to catch our breath in keeping up with the Christmas rush it is pleasant to find at least one store so serene and so foresighted in its policy that it is ready now with an advanced display of Spring suits and millinery to give us an idea of what will be worn later. Astrich's, Fourth and Market streets have a most interesting exhibit of smart new fashions for Spring, and judging from the early showing the Spring fashions will be most beautiful. It is noteworthy that this store is always most advanced in style and the fact that their buyers are already searching the markets for new and desirable styles promises a season of exceptional interest.

CANDIES FOR CHRISTMAS

There is still plenty of time to remember your friends in one of the most delightful ways, — by buying candy for them, — and you will find at the Golden Seal Drug Store, 11 S. Market Square, an assortment of boxed chocolates which will especially please the most discriminating taste. The boxes are so attractive in design and coloring, so prettily and daintily arranged that they make the most beautiful of gifts while the candies are the delicious delicately flavored kind that just "melt in your mouth." The range of prices is so wide that it is easy to find at this store, candies to suit your purse as well as your taste.

1917 Calendars

The prettiest and cheeriest of New Year Calendars are shown at the Cotler Book Store, 9 N. Market Square in an assortment so large and varied that there is one to suit each of your friends, whatever his or her tastes or interest happen to be, and a remembrance of this kind for the New Year shows a very pleasing thoughtfulness. There are desk calendars, hanging calendars, wall calendars with cheery verses, Sunshine calendars, Business-men's calendars, and they are shown in many different sizes from the little "two-by-two" to the large and elaborate designs.

A NEW BOOT

A new boot that shows one of the smartest combinations in brown footwear is an advanced style offered by the Walk-Over Boot Shop, 226 Market street. The brown leather vamp extends up the front on either side of the lacing, while the rest of the uppers is in a slightly lighter shade of brown, making a contrast just noticeable enough to be decidedly smart and new, yet keeping the boot in the conservative style which is now preferred by the best-dressed women. This model is equally good for early Spring wear and is finished with a very pretty French heel which conforms beautifully with the graceful and distinctive lines of this boot.

A Hearty and MERRY CHRISTMAS A Prosperous and Joyous NEW YEAR to our patrons and friends

MESSIMER'S

Third St. at Briggs

Greetings

For the many business favors, for the splendid good we thanked to us thru the passing year—we extend you. May your Christmas be as merry as it should be and your New Year more prosperous than any before.

Bloom's

19 N. THIRD ST.

PERSONAL—SOCIAL

THE BEACH-FRY WEDDING AT NOON TODAY



The marriage of Miss Jennie L. Fry, of 217 Rely street to Merl A. Beach of this city took place to-day at high noon at the parsonage of the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker officiating. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Beach will reside in their new home at 615 North 15th street. The bride is an accomplished musician and Central High school girl. Mr. Beach, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beach is a steel inspector for Hildreth & Co., New York city. He is a Tech man, class of 1914 and a star player of the football team.

Barrington School in Christmas Exercises

The pupils of the Barrington School held their usual Christmas exercises Thursday morning, when the following program was given:

Play, "The Mouse's Joke," Anna Sourber, Sarah Jeanette Decevee, Sarah Jane Tunis, Jack Ambler, Elizabeth Blough, Elizabeth Sansom, Sarah Margaret Hawthorne, Dorothy Motter, Anna Sourber, George Howard, Foster Frey, Sarah Jeanette Decevee, Sarah Jane Tunis, Richard Walker, Carol, "Babe Jesus," the school; recitation, Rita Grunden; carol, "The Little Angels, Eve of Christmas;" recitation, Bertram Claster, Billy Ross, Luther Lenker and Samuel Taylor; carol, "Ring Merrily, Bells," kindergarten children, Margaret Hull, Martha Hill, Luther Lenker, Jim Fritchey, Charlotte Caum, Reginald Day, Emerald Nead, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Mary McConnell, Mary Elizabeth Black, Betty Orr, Mary Elizabeth Dechant, Gene Grunden; Scripture verses, Elizabeth Blough, Elizabeth Sansom, Sarah Margaret Hawthorne, Dorothy Motter, Anna Sourber, George Howard, Foster Frey, Sarah Jeanette Decevee, Sarah Jane Tunis, Richard Walker, Virginia Doehne, Robert McConnell, Rita Grunden, Billy Ross, Bertram Claster and Samuel Taylor.

MISS SHIRK WEDS GEORGE SHOTWELL

Couple Married in Philadelphia Friday December 22, at Noon

Miss Jessie E. Shirk, of Philadelphia, daughter of Mrs. Philip M. Shirk, was married to George Porter Shotwell, of Harrisburg, at noon Friday, December 22, in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Seventeenth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia. The Rev. Marcus A. Brownson performed the ceremony, at which only the members of the immediate families were present.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Dr. E. M. Shirk, of Baltimore.

Following the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Shotwell will reside in Williamsport, Pa., where Mr. Shotwell is an officer of the Williamsport National Bank.

The bride's home is in this city, which she left after graduating from the Central high school to take up a course of trained nursing in Philadelphia.

Holiday Surprise For Mr. and Mrs. John Early

A delightful holiday surprise was that given last evening by the employes of the almshouse for the steward and the matron of the institution.

The honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Early were presented with a lovely cut glass lamp. An evening of music and general good time was enjoyed by the donors, who included Miss Lehman, Miss Gingrich, Mrs. Souder, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. McMullen, Miss Anna Gordon, Mr. George, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Enders and Mr. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Loomis, of Washington, D. C., the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Wallace, 214 Pine street, Mrs. Loomis was formerly Miss Eleanor Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. John Price Jackson left last evening for New York city to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Winthrop Reynolds.

Edward Pelham Kerper, a student of the University of Pennsylvania, is home from Philadelphia for the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Parry W. Kerper, 228 North Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Colt and small daughter, Miss Eleanor Boyd Colt, of New York, are Christmas guests of Mrs. John Y. Boyd, 124 Pine street.

David Shotwell, a Princeton student, is at his North Front street home for the Christmas vacation.

Edwin M. Effe, of Perdue University, is spending the holidays at his home, 241 Maclay street.

Chicken Coop Visitors Nailed in by Owner

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 23.—Nailed in a chicken coop into which they had sought to escape a biting wind and to take a "wee nip" from a bottle Martin Morrissey and Bosley Coyne nearly perished from exposure when rescued by County Detective Smith, who came to arrest them at the behest of an irate Polish farmer. He had mistaken them for chicken thieves.

The Pole appeared at police headquarters in the morning and told of his capture. He said he had been missing chickens for several weeks and had decided to watch the hen-roosts. About 9 o'clock in the evening he had seen two men go into a coop, and without waiting to parley over their intentions, he locked them in and nailed a board across the door for extra security; then went to bed.

When Smith reached the barn he found it was necessary to use a crow-bar on the door to free the two men. With the mercury hovering near 15 during the night, they were nearly frozen.

50 Reasons Fail Man; Wife Wins Decree

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Notwithstanding Alfred P. Dalton, taxicab man, advanced more than fifty reasons why he should be granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Edna Dalton, Judge Graham granted the decree to Mrs. Dalton. Some of Dalton's reasons were as follows:

Ten minutes after their marriage in March, 1914, she told him, "Now I have you and believe me I'll make you do what I want."

Kept poison tablets in the bathroom, which she threatened to take almost daily.

Locked him out at night and he had to break down the front door to get in.

WITMER, BAIR & WITMER

Walnut, Near Second

Wishes one and all the compliments of the season—wealth, health and happiness.

\$29.75 for the best suit in the house, values to \$69.50

\$35.00 for the best coat in the house, values to \$59.50

Pre-Inventory Sale the Balance of the Year

Tuesday, 26th Tuesday, 8 O'clock

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES FOR AFTER XMAS SHOPPERS

Everybody wants a coat or suit and we are amply prepared to meet the demand in a wide range of materials and prices.

Rack of Coats—assorted styles and materials, in brown, navy and green; sizes 16 to 42; values to \$15; Pre-Inventory Price \$5.00	Limited quantity of Taffeta Dresses, in navy and Copen; sizes 16 to 38; values \$12.50 to \$14.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$6.95
Velour Coats, in navy, black and brown; flare model with Chase's beaver trimming; sizes 16 to 44; value \$15.00; Pre-Inventory Price \$10.00	Serge Dresses, in navy and black; pleated and straight line models; sizes 16 to 38; values \$15.00 to \$19.75; Pre-Inventory Prices \$10.00 and \$12.50
Cravenetted Mixed Coats, in gray; sizes 18 to 42; values \$13.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$7.50	Wool Jersey Dresses, in navy, purple, green, gold and helle; fur and head trimmed; values \$29.75 to \$35.00; Pre-Inventory Prices \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$19.75
Vicuna Cloth Coats, in green and brown; sizes 16 to 40; half lined and all around belt; wide band on collar of Australian opossum; value \$23.50; Pre-Inventory Price \$16.75	Velour Cloth Coats, in brown and Burgundy, full lined in peau de cygne; semi-fitted model; sizes 18 to 42; value \$29.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$19.75
Full Length, Full Sweep Coats, in choice mixtures for street or machine wear; values \$22.50; Pre-Inventory Price \$15.00	Twilled Velour and Bolivia Coats, full lined in silk, new all around belt and full back models; values \$39.75 to \$42.50; Pre-Inventory Price \$28.50, \$29.75
A choice selection of High Grade Coats, in Bolivia and velour; many with large fur collars in all colors; values to \$59.50; Special Pre-Inventory Price \$35.00	Assorted lot of Georgette Waists, in white, flesh and rose; also black lace and chiffon Waists; sizes 36 to 42; values \$4.95 to \$5.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$2.95
Plain and Fur Trimmed Suits, majority navy—a few green and brown; sizes from 16 to 42; values to \$19.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$12.50	150 Crepe de Chine Waists, in white and flesh; sizes 36 to 46; values \$2.50 to \$3.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$2.37
A wide range of novelty and plain tailored Suits including a number of the "Fashionable Figure" Suits, in serge, poplin, velour, broadcloth and gabardine—plain or fur trimmed with Hudson seal or mole; sizes 16 to 42; values to \$45.00; Pre-Inventory Price \$25.00	Entire stock of Cloth Suits divided into five groups—majority are late season models, in the shorter coat lengths—many tailored styles that can be used for spring.
Women's Large Plaid Angora Scarfs, for auto or street wear; values \$3.95; Pre-Inventory Price \$2.95	Poplin and Gabardine Suits, in navy; few green and brown, plain and fur trimmed; values to \$22.50; Pre-Inventory Price \$15.00
Children's, Misses' and Women's Furs; Pre-Inventory Prices 20%, or one-fifth less than regular prices; per set \$1.50 to \$42.50	Suits of serge, velour and broadcloth, in green, navy and black; sizes 18 to 42; values to \$39.75; Pre-Inventory Price \$19.75
	High Grade Suits, in brown, navy, green, black and checks; sizes 16 to 48 1/2, plain or fur trimmed with Hudson seal or Alaska martin, in serge, gabardine, velvet, velour and broadcloth; values to \$69.50; Pre-Inventory Price \$29.75
	Lot of Knit Wool Sweaters, in rose, green and Copen and corn—\$4.95 value, for \$3.95 \$8.50 value, for \$6.95 \$9.95 value, for \$5.50 \$16.75 value, for \$12.50

WITMER, BAIR & WITMER

Holiday Weddings at Grace M. E. Parsonage

Holiday time! Dances, parties, teas—and weddings. Dan Cupid is just as busy hurling his darts as Santa Claus is filling his pack.

On Wednesday, December 20, William Guy Bechtel and Miss Myrtle Mary Kerns, both of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Grace Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. John D. Fox, pastor of the church, officiating.

Thomas Francis Emery, of Altoona, and Miss Alice Leidy, also of that place, were married by Dr. Fox at the parsonage on Friday.

Another ceremony taking place on Friday was that of Robert Baer Sommersville, of Philadelphia, and Miss Fannie May Baumgardner, of Hope-well, Pa. This wedding also took place at the Grace Methodist parsonage.

TRIP TO THE SOUTH

Mrs. Peter Groff and daughter, Thelma Groff, of the Gernert Apartments, Crescent and Mulberry streets, left this morning for New Church, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays visiting relatives. Mrs. Groff has been in ill health for sometime past and expects to be benefited by her trip to the South.

UNIVERSITY CLUB SMOKER IS FOR ALL COLLEGE MEN

The University club smoker this evening in their rooms at Front and Market streets, will be most informal and all college men, both alumni and under graduates, are urged to attend for the sake of good fellowship. Moving pictures of various colleges will be shown and the evening promises to be a most delightful one.

FEDERAL TAXES DUE

All internal revenue taxes under the act of September 8, 1916, will be due and payable in the month of January, 1917, for the first six-month period, and to avoid a penalty of 50 per cent. additional to the tax must be paid on or before January 31, 1917.

Parted by Poverty, Her Lochinvar Returns

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 23.—She was the belle of the town and she was wooed by many. Came her Lochinvar from afar and they were wed. Fortune smiled and they were happy. That was years ago. Then a cloud settled on their happiness. It was poverty. They separated and out into the world Walter W. Bavington sought his way.

"Maybe," he told his wife. "I'll come back some day."

Bavington went to Oklahoma. His wife, Margaret, lost hope. Six years ago she got a divorce.

The other day Bavington came back. They were remarried, for a year ago he purchased a lease, struck oil and won wealth.

Christmas Dance

At Winterdale Monday evening, December 25.—Adv.

GREETINGS

With the wish that yours may be the merriest kind of CHRISTMAS

WALK-OVER BOOT SHOP

226 MARKET STREET

Season's Greeting

This Happy Yule Time we salute you. We greet you. We thank you. May your hearts glow with deeds well done. May you celebrate the merriest Christmas you ever lived, and live thru the happiest, most prosperous New Year that has ever dawned!

The Blake Shop

225 North Second St.