

GRAND CLEARANCE and SAMPLE SALE of BOOTS and SHOES

We have begun a grand Clearance and Sample sale, and intend to make the month of January which is usually a quiet month, one of the busiest in the year and in order to accomplish our purpose we have marked all goods away down and have placed three large sample counters in our store crowded with bargains.

Grand cut in all lines, none will be spared—We need the money and you need the goods. Each line represented in this grand slaughter sale. All can be suited, shoes for every person, and a bargain for every person. Attend this sale and get a pair of sample shoes at reduced prices and you will be well pleased.

Felt boots and overs	reduced to	\$1.50 per pair	
Mens gum boots	reduced to	2.00 per pair	
Boys gum boots	reduced to	1.75 per pair	
Youths gum boots	reduced to	1.50 per pair	
Childrens gum boots	reduced to	.90 per pair	
Mens box toe shoes double sole and tap regular prices	\$2.25	go at	\$1.60
Mens satin calf shoes regular price	1.75	reduced to	1.25
Boys satin calf shoes regular price	1.35	reduced to	1.00
Youths satin calf shoes regular price	1.00	reduced to	.75
Ladies fine dongola shoes regular price	3.50	reduced to	2.50
Mens fine dongola shoes regular price	2.00	reduced to	1.50
Childrens fine dongola shoes regular price	1.50	reduced to	1.00
Childrens fine dongola shoes regular price	1.00	reduced to	.75
Balance of our Holiday slippers which sold at \$1.00, .81.25 and \$1.40, your choice			
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(A box of leather pomade FREE, ask for it.)

Call and see us,

JOHN BICKEL,

128 South Main St., Butler Pa.

"Oh, I Guess That'll Have To Do."

Customers never say that in our shop. We don't keep the "have-to-do" kind of stock. You can get exactly what you want here. The only trouble you can possibly experience is to know just what to choose, from so much that is Stylish, Elegant and Suitable. Our table are piled high with the choicest weaves from the best looms of America, England and the Continent. If we are not already making your clothes, come in, and experience the real luxury of buying from a stock complete, varied and beautiful. If you come once you'll come again.

J. S. YOUNG,
Tailor, Hatter and Men's Furnisher.

101 South Main Street, opposite Hotel Lowry.

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Pocket Kodaks

Loads for 12 exposures, price \$5.00

The "Day" Camera

Size of picture 3 1/2 X 5 1/2, price \$5.00.

The "Quad" Camera

Size of picture 3 1/2 X 3 1/2, price \$5.00.

The "Birds Eye"

Size of picture 3 1/2 X 3 1/2, price \$5.00.

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241 S. MAIN STREET.

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If you need anything in the furnishing line we can supply you. If you want a hat or cap we can show you the best Up-To-Date stock in the county, at very low prices.

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HUMPHREYS'

Nothing has ever been produced to equal or compare with Humphreys' Witch Hazel Oil as a curative and healing application. It has been used 40 years and always affords relief and always gives satisfaction.

It Cures Piles or Hemorrhoids, External or Internal, Itch or Bleeding—Itching and Burning, Cracks and Fissures and Fissures. Relief immediate—cure certain.

It Cures Burns, Scalds and Ulceration and Contractions from Burns. Relief instant.

It Cures Tons, Cut and Lacerated Wounds and Bruises.

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It Cures Sore Throat, Sore Gums, Sore Lips or Nostrils, Corns and Bunions, Sore and Chafed Feet, Stings of Insects.

Three Sizes, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00.

Sold by Druggists, or sent post-paid on receipt of price.

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is a LOCAL DISEASE

and is the result of colds and sudden climatic change.

For your Protection we positively state that this medicine does not contain mercury or any other injurious substance.

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THE CITIZEN.

Astronomical Items.

The solar eclipse of the 1st inst. which was not visible in Butler—

was not of that class which interests astronomers in general. As unlike the total eclipse, the annular eclipses afford no opportunity for investigating the nature of the "corona" and hence contribute little or nothing to scientific knowledge.

At opposition to the sun on the 17th the moon makes a very close approach to the shadow of the earth, and there would be a partial eclipse of the sun as viewed from the moon. If, at the distance of the moon the shadow of the earth were as broad as the moon itself the moon would enter the shadow and be partially eclipsed. But the shadow of the earth being in the shape of a cone, decreases considerably between the sun and the moon, and vanishes at a distance of about 640,000 miles beyond the moon's orbit. The vanishing point of the earth's shadow is thus point in space in a line with the centers of the earth and sun, where the earth's angular diameter becomes smaller than the angular diameter of the sun.

Contrary to the general supposition, the quantity of light given by full moons is different from time to time. This is because the moon is not always at the same distance from the earth—the orbit being elliptical—and the amount of light a full moon gives is inversely proportional to the square of its distance, or is directly proportional to the apparent area of its visible surface.

Accordingly when the moon is full at its least possible distance from the earth it gives more light in nearly the ratio of 4 to 3 than when full at the greatest distance. The most brilliant full moon of 1897 will be Easter moon of April 17th and the least brilliant will be that of December 8th.

The planet Jupiter which will shortly be conspicuous in the evening sky, is now in the constellation Leo and is only a few degrees from the star Regulus in the heart of the Lion. On the evening of the 20th inst. Jupiter rises at 5.30 at an amplitude of 14 degrees north of the east point, and his radiant vector, or distance from the sun on that date is 499 million miles, and distance from the earth 408 million miles.

Mars is in the constellation Taurus, the Bull, and is almost in a line with the bright star Aldebaran and Capella, the former of which is popularly known as the "bull's eye". Aldebaran resembles Mars in color but it is only half as bright. The relative motion of Mars is from the earth at the rate of nearly a million miles a day, and it is therefore constantly growing less brilliant. On February 1st, its distance from the earth was 89,475,999 miles, and on the 15th, its distance from the earth will be equal to one astronomical unit which is equivalent to the earth's mean radius vector, and is 92,500,000 miles.

Even the casual observer will have noticed the growing brilliancy of Venus which illuminates the evening sky with striking splendor. The "queen of the planets" is now in the constellation of the Fishes, and will be at her greatest elongation of 46 deg. 30 min. east from the sun on the 16th inst. She sets on that evening at 9.31 at an amplitude of 10 deg. north of the east point.

Venus resembles the earth in many ways and is known to have an extensive atmosphere. It therefore is to be inferred that this planet as well as Mars is inhabitable. The law of analogy interposes no insuperable barrier to such an inference, but on the contrary rather supports it, and it must be admitted that a plurality of worlds is more likely than the opposite opinion. But at the same time it is most improbable that all the planets of this solar system are inhabited, for aside from the earth, only Venus and Mars appear to be favorably situated with respect to the sun. Not only is an atmosphere absolutely indispensable to the support of life but a proper degree of light and heat is also requisite, and when these are absent or deficient, it may safely be assumed that no life of a higher order can exist. Hence we may deduce that the phenomenon of life as known to us on earth is certainly absent from such remote planets as Uranus and Neptune.

AUGUST CROSS.

The standard blood purifier, strength builder and nerve helper is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Very often a girl's disdainful shrug of her shoulders when in company may be traced to a combination of red tangles and backache cakes.

RHEUMATISM—Many cases treated with other remedies have been cured with Armstrong's "Cure for Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Neuralgia, Sciatica, etc."

Any one doubting that Butler has some fast horses will only need to stand for a few minutes on any of the principal streets of town to be convinced of their error.

ARMSTRONG'S Little System Pills, the fastest and most reliable. A true liver pill that is sure to please.

A Kansas farmer has calculated that one hen is nearly equal to an acre of land.

DIPHTHERIA—Nine times it is a physician will not be needed if Armstrong's Diphtheria and Quinsey Drops are used as soon as soreness is felt in the throat.

Over four million cigarettes were smoked in America during the last year, an increase over the record for 1895 of \$2,687,340. And yet popular education is said to be spreading.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache, Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

"Your wife has such a liquid voice," said Mr. Fosdick.

Washington's birthday next.

"Myrtle Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. It acts upon the system in a remarkable and rapid manner. It removes all the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose gives relief, the second cures. Sold by J. C. Reddy, and J. P. Ralph Druggists, Butler, April 9th.

Thermometers have their ups and downs.

And some people predicted a warm winter.

There was no discount on January as a winter month.

Braking on a freight in zero weather is no joke.

NATURE'S Compound is gaining in favor every day. Give every day. C. P. Stewart, Manager, Pa. says: "It has helped me more than anything else. It builds up the system gives a good natural appetite."

M. A. BERKIMER,

Funeral Director

337 S. Main St., Butler Pa.

DEVOID OF ANIMAL LIFE.

A Ceaseless Struggle Between Fire and Water in Antarctica.

The antarctic is a continental land, unique in the world. Its desolate shores, rarely approached, are under most favorable conditions, are lavied by an ocean, the richest on the globe in its marine life, animal and vegetable, says the Ladies' Home Journal. Seals and whales in incredible numbers abound in its waters, and countless sea birds cover with nests and eggs the few favored land spots which are free from snow during the brief, comfortable summer. It is a continent where abundance no land animal life, either mammals, birds, insects, spiders or reptiles. No mammal exists within 500 miles of its borders. It is also devoid of land vegetation (except the lowest forms of cellular tissue, lichens, which have been found in two places), having neither ferns, flowering plants, shrubs nor trees.

Here, however, nature displays her forces on a scale elsewhere unknown. Over the millions of square miles of this austral continent ceaselessly continues a titanic struggle between the opposing elements of fire and water. In this the volcanoes pour forth streams of molten lava and shoot upward pillars of fire. Welcoming the lava as a protecting, non-conducting covering of the lowest strata of regular glaciers, the continental icecap restlessly advances, certain that in time, when the processes of erosion have lowered the elevation of the volcanic center, the apparently unextinguishable fires that now shake from end to end the continent of Antarctica.

A CIRCULAR RAINBOW.

A Singular Phenomenon Witnessed in the Mountains of India.

One of those peculiar atmospheric phenomena, circular rainbows, was observed in India by Lieut. Wheelock, the Chicago Journal. Mr. Wheelock was climbing a mountain spur at sunrise. The atmosphere was clear, but there was a heavy fog hanging over the valleys. As the sun rose a rainbow, round as a circus ring, was seen in the fog which all but obscured one of the beautiful lakes which are so common in India. Mr. Wheelock is a trained meteorologist, and was not at all astonished to see a circular rainbow, knowing, as he did, the conditions under which it was found. But what attracted his attention in particular was the presence of a bright spot in the exact center of the circular "bow." This spot was so intensely luminous that the observer thought it might be a bush fire some distance away, but this supposition was soon dispelled by further developments. Slowly and regularly, and from all sides at once, the bright center spot became surrounded by clouds of radiating light, each containing all of the primary colors, in fact, each was a perfect miniature circular rainbow. This wonderful phenomenon continued for some time, and until the reflection sank back against the mountain side. Mr. Wheelock watched it until it had almost faded away, pronouncing it the most beautiful and wonderful sight he had ever beheld.

BASEBALL IN THE DESERT.

The Bedouins Were Daily Frightened by the Ball.

Jimmy hit the ball, a slow one, and simply sent it out of sight. Away over Bob Bettie's head it flew, as though bound for the middle of the Sahara, says the Sportsman's Magazine. Two hundred and fifty yards from the line of the sand dunes, the ball was seen to be striking a small hut, and the Bedouins, who were gathered there, were greatly alarmed. Whether or not they saw the ball coming I know not, but that one of them with never forgetful eyes, saw the ball, and the Bedouins, who were gathered there, were greatly alarmed. Whether or not they saw the ball coming I know not, but that one of them with never forgetful eyes, saw the ball, and the Bedouins, who were gathered there, were greatly alarmed.

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