

THE CITIZEN.

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A Merry Christmas to All.

It makes but little difference whether this particular day is the anniversary of the Nativity or not; we are content to know that the event was of such supreme importance that some day is set apart for its commemoration.

Neither does it make any difference whether Christmas rejoicings are borrowed from the Saturnalia of the Romans or whether at this season of the year we adopt a pagan custom which stretches back to time immemorial.

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HARRISBURG.

An order has been sent from National Guard headquarters to every member of the Guard adopting the annual drill manual for the year 1897.

The appeal to the Supreme Court of the attorneys for Mrs. Hill, who was to have been hanged in Pittsburgh last week, has caused comment everywhere.

The fraudulent debtor's act of July, 1887, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Who is responsible for the criminal waste of one of our most valuable products—oil? Out of 430 wells completed during the month of November, producing 11,202 barrels of oil daily.

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Scrambling For China.

Vienna and Berlin are watching to see how Great Britain will take Russia's occupation of Port Arthur after the Russian occupation of Manchuria.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Down in West Virginia elections are public, and the people make a holiday of the day. John Morgan was hanged in the presence of five thousand people last Thursday.

The sexton of the Methodist church at Tuckahoe, L. I., found a swarm of bees and 60 pounds of honey under the church eaves.

Here is a water works item a little out of the ordinary. Julia L. Green on Friday obtained a verdict of \$50,000 against the Ashland, Va., Water Company.

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SPECIAL.

Election Proclamation!

To Vote For or Against a Poor Farm.

To the Honorable John M. Greer, President of the Board of Quarter Sessions of Butler County, Pennsylvania:

We, the undersigned, being the majority of the voters of the West Virginia precinct of the county of Butler, under the Act of Assembly...

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THE WAY TO HAVE A Merry Christmas. Ladies' Misses' and Children's SLIPPERS. Novelties of Rare Designs in SLIPPERS.

3-Reasons Why--3 The Right Goods At the Right Prices In the Right Place EXPLAINS WHY WE ARE SO BUSY.

A. RUFF & SON, THE BARGAIN MAKERS IN SHOES. BUTLER, PENN'A.

WE SAVE YOU 25 PERCENT ON Xmas Presents Such As DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE, SILVER NOVELTIES, ETC.

C. F. T. PAPE & BRO., 122 South Main St., Butler, Pa. JEWELERS.

J. S. YOUNG, Tailor, 101 S. MAIN ST., BUTLER, PA. "Christmas" Presents.

GEO. W. WHITEHILL, Plumber and Gas Fitter. "Christmas" Presents.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure.

Hotel Willard. Reopened and ready for the accommodation of the traveling public.

Everything First-class. MRS. MATTIE REIHING, Owner.

Use It Daily. Our brush should be used daily in place of the ordinary hair brush.

Dr. Scott's Hair Brush. will do all we claim for it send it back and your money will be refunded.

One Dollar. It is Guaranteed to Cure Nervous Headache in five minutes!

Rooms for Rent. Three furnished rooms, suitable for house-keeping, can be secured at Mr. Sherman's, Fork's house on Willow St.

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