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Sparkling Cut Glass. Our Crystal Room is an exposition of the newest and choicest patterns.

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Bracelet Watches. An exquisite line—guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

Match Boxes. Sterling silver. 85c to \$7.50.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION REPORTS

With the Coming of Winter the Railroad Field Parties Are Being Transferred From the Northern Roads to Those of the South

Washington, Dec. 10.—In its annual report to Congress to-day the Interstate Commerce Commission makes these principal recommendations:

Laws to control railway capitalization. Compulsory use of steel cars in passenger trains and prohibition of the use of wooden cars between or ahead of steel ones.

Definite penalties for violations of the hours of service act. Laws to make explicit and certain the authority of the commission to examine all documents and records of railroads.

The definitely fix one period—preferably three years—in which legal actions may be started relating to transportation charges.

All the commission's recommendations are made in extraordinarily brief form and without discussion. Otherwise, the commission's report is a chronological review of its work of the year.

The work of physical valuation of railroads is well under way. With the coming of winter, the field parties are being transferred from northern roads to those in the south. There are now eight parties at work surveying about 1,500 miles a month.

The number of parties will be increased on January 1 to about twenty for each of the five districts.

At some length, the commission reviews its investigation of accidents. Collisions caused by improper flagging continues to be a prominent feature of those investigations, the report says, and cases of inexperienced men have been found. The number of collisions due to engine men failing to regard block signals has decreased.

The inherent weakness of the train order system continues to manifest itself as a prominent feature of the accident record," says the report, calling attention to the need of legislation to make standard operating rules.

The general movement among the railroads for higher freight rates, the commission dismisses with a brief review of the proceedings in the eastern advance case which it decided last August, and which is now again awaiting a supplementary decision.

Various decisions of the commission carried to the Supreme Court are discussed in some detail with references to their application to interstate traffic.

To Hold Election of Officers. William H. Moran, L. D. B. of L. F. and E. No. 673, Thirteenth and Derry streets, on December 20 will vote on the following nominees for his officers for the coming year:

President, J. C. Asper; vice president, Ora Blizard; recording secretary, R. B. Sheely; financial secretary, Thomas Yost; trustee, C. E. Kinsely; legislative representative, Charles Liebman; local protective board, Middle division, J. L. Yoder; chairman, R. B. Sheely and J. C. Asper; local protective board, Philadelphia division, W. F. Heckenberg; chairman, E. M. Dawson and A. J. O'Leary; medical examiner, E. E. Darlington; local organizer, J. E. Wittie.

Will Address Historical Society. Benjamin N. Nead will deliver an illustrated lecture, "First Confederate Invasion of Pennsylvania," abridged from a series of historical lectures, entitled "The Crimsons Tread," before the Historical Society of Dauphin county, which will hold a meeting to-night in the society's building, 9 South Front street.

MANY IN HARRISBURG USE FAMOUS COMPOUND. The famous mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika, is much used here in Harrisburg. This is the most complete bowel cleanser ever sold, being even used successfully in appendicitis.

Best for Kidneys—Says Doctor. Dr. J. R. Neal, Greenville, S. C., says that in his 29 years of experience he has found no preparation for the kidneys equal to Foley Kidney Pills. Pain in back and hips is an indication of kidney trouble—a warning to build up the weakened kidneys, make them vigorous, ridding your blood of acids and poisons.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Barn. Marietta, Dec. 10.—The large barn on the farm of Martin Pickie, near Smithville yesterday was destroyed by a fire of incendiary origin, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. The live stock and a number of the farming implements were saved. The adjoining buildings were saved with difficulty.

Flees From a Hospital. Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Annie Kougler, of New Philadelphia, a delirious patient at the Pottsville hospital, was returned to that institution yesterday after she had undergone a thrilling experience in her delirium. Last night she fled into the snowstorm in her bare feet and clad only in her nightgown.

Plan Baths as Hobo Preventative. Reading, Pa., Dec. 10.—Reading police officials may give all vagrants free baths in the near future. As a means of discouraging the gathering of tramps and hoboes in this city and to make police station conditions more sanitary, baths have been recommended and may be installed.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE OF PRACTICAL GIFTS

Presents for Christmas LARGE SAVING

On any gift that you wish to make, I can positively save you ONE-THIRD in buying. Low Rent (being only a few doors from Market street) is the reason for LOW PRICES.

For forty years I have been in the jewelry business and my customers get the benefit of this long experience.



GENUINE DIAMONDS. WATCHES CLOCKS JEWELRY. STERLING AND ROGERS' SILVERWARE.

It is my pleasure to help in the selection of acceptable gifts and my guarantee is behind every article sold. My assortment of Ebony Ware is the largest in the city. "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early," while the stock is large. I will lay aside any article for future delivery.

Open Every Evening From Dec. 5 WM. PLACK Jewelry Expert 23 S. Second St.

AMUSEMENTS

MAJESTIC. To-morrow afternoon and evening, "Billy, the Kid." Saturday afternoon and evening, "Damon and Pythias." ORPHEUM. Every afternoon and evening, high class vaudeville.

COLONIAL. Daily continuous vaudeville and pictures.

"Billy, the Kid" One of the most amusing scenes in the ever-popular melodrama, "Billy, the Kid," which comes to the Majestic to-morrow, matinee and night, occurs in the fourth act of the play.

"Damon and Pythias" No story with a heart beat in it has ever lasted and lived more vividly through all the ages than the wonderfully beautiful narrative of the friendship of "Damon and Pythias," which comes to the Majestic, Saturday, matinee and night.

"The Colonial" The Salon Singers, presenting one of the finest vocal offerings of the Busy Corner has seen, will head a bill of comedy, beauty and song that's to be inaugurated at that playhouse to-day.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

The Spirit of Yuletide Giving Is On and Nothing Can Stop It—Bible Makes Useful Present

At this season of the year comes the thought of what to get for Christmas presents. There's the immediate family to consider and then there are aunts and uncles, cousins and second cousins, nephews and nieces, and everyone else who can claim a relationship.

Here's a timely suggestion: Clip certificates and lay in a supply of beautiful limp leather Bibles. Such a book is an honor to the donor. While the fact remains that it is a \$5 volume at the same time you get it for only one certificate and a small expense bonus amount that only defrays the expense items of distribution.

Everybody will appreciate this Bible. It is appropriate alike for young and old, and is not only useful but highly ornamental. No matter how many Bibles one may have, they become useless when the Star-Independent's Bible comes into use. Why? Because this Bible is illustrated, which make the old ones entirely out of date.

Supply your Christmas wants by clipping Star-Independent certificates appearing daily on another page.

NAME IS "DORA ARNOLD" Police Uncover All of Inscription in Texas Girl's Bible

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 10.—The young woman, taken into custody by the police here Monday night, said to have in her possession a Bible on the fly leaf of which was written the name "Dorothy Arnold," yesterday denied that she was or ever had known the missing New York heiress, and the police were inclined to believe her statement.

To Pay Fraternal Visit A fraternal visit will be paid by the several councils of the Order of United American Mechanics, of this city, to American Council No. 3, Order of United American Mechanics, to-morrow night at their room, Kinnard's hall, 303-305 North Third street.

When You Have Pineapples The knife used in peeling a pineapple should not be used in slicing it, as the peel contains an acid that will cause a sore, swollen mouth. Salt is an antidote for this acid.

Its Seasoning "My wife is apt to serve up a course of tongue with the dinner." "So does mine, and with tartar sauce."—Baltimore American.

Much lies in laughter. It is the elpher key wherewith we decipher the whole man.

EIGHT MORE EXAMINATIONS

Salaries Range From \$400 Per Year to \$2,250

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following open competitive examinations which will be held in this city. Persons who meet the requirements and desire any of the examinations should apply for the necessary papers to the secretary, third civil service district, Philadelphia, or the local secretary in this city.

Editor in farm management, male, \$2,250, December 22; agriculturist, and field agent, male, \$2,640, December 29; gas waste engineer, male, \$2,400-\$3,600, January 5; die and tool-maker, male, \$4 per diem, January 5; cook, male and female, \$400-\$500, January 5; band leader and instructor, male, \$840, January 5; assistant photographer, male, \$840-\$1,200, January 6; geologic aid and assistant geologist \$60 per month to \$1,500, January 6-7.

Mary Garden Sails for United States London, Dec. 10.—On board the Baltic, which sailed yesterday, were Mary Garden and Sir Horace Plunkett. Sir Horace, besides going to look after his American business interests, is especially interested in the attitude of Irish-Americans toward the war.

Suffrage Vote in Montana Helena, Mont., Dec. 10.—Women suffrage carried in the November election in Montana by a majority of 3,714, according to the official canvass that was completed yesterday. The vote was: For, 41,362; against, 37,589.

Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy is Home-Made Easily Prepared in a Few Minutes. Cheap but Unequaled

Some people are constantly annoyed from one year's end to the other with a persistent bronchial cough, which is wholly unnecessary. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make you wonder what became of it. Get 2½ ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) from any druggist, pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals the inflammation in a painful cough with remarkable rapidity. Ordinary coughs are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, winter coughs and bronchial asthma.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup mixture makes a full pint—enough to last a family a long time—at a cost of only 54 cents. Keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant. Easily prepared. Full directions with Pinex.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in guaiaic, and is famous the world over for its ease, certainty and promptness in overcoming bad coughs, chest and throat colds.

Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for "2½ ounces Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

DISCUS TRADE DEPRESSION State and Jersey Railway Employees Attack Government Officials

Reading, Pa., Dec. 10.—That labor organizations should oppose Government ownership of railroads, and that the business depression is the result of faulty legislation in regard to railway companies, were important sentiments expressed in the report of Grand Secretary-Treasurer Charles E. Schuyler, of Trovose, at yesterday's session, the second annual convention of the Independent Order of Pennsylvania and New Jersey Railway Employees.

The report attacked governmental officials and hypocritical neophytes and theorists, who were presenting bill after bill to throw the country in chaos.

One hundred delegates from Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Williamsport, Camden and Atlantic City were in attendance.

CATTLE INFECTION SPREADS Valuable Herds in Vicinity of Marietta May Have to Be Killed

Rowena, Dec. 10.—The foot and mouth disease is spreading in East Donegal, and fear of many fine herds becoming affected are entertained. On the Spangler farm, a large herd will be killed this week. The Engle dairy herd, near Marietta, valued at \$10,000, may have to be killed, as only fifty feet away from the stable where these registered cattle are housed the disease prevails and on the farm above the cattle will be killed. One of the cows on the Engle farm is valued at more than \$600. In the lower end of the county the disease is abating.

BIG FIRE AT MT. CARMEL

Two Double Blocks and Part of Another Destroyed

Mount Carmel, Pa., Dec. 10.—Nine families are homeless as a result of a fire in local suburbs yesterday, destroying two double blocks and partially burning another, causing a loss of \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

The fire originated in a basement occupied by Peter Buscavage, and in a short time the entire building was a mass of flames which spread east and west, destroying the residences of Anthony Lohm and Edward Wilson.

Apparently the fire cut its way through the row of houses, that residents had scarcely time enough to save their clothes.

A house, occupied jointly by Theodore Halevich and Paul Rubick, was next burned, after which the hotel of Stephen Homiak fell a prey to flames, together with virtually all the furnishings of the building.

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Extensive Land Owner Dies Rawlinsville, Dec. 10.—Jesse Harner, 65 years old, one of the largest and most extensive land owners in the county, died yesterday following an illness from a complication of diseases.

Strychnine Pills Kill Child Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 10.—The 18-month-old son of Harry Greiner, of South Williamsport, died yesterday as a result of swallowing several strychnine pills. While alone in a room he climbed to the cupboard in which the pills were kept and had eaten a number before his act was discovered.

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