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**WILL HE DO IT?**

The present administration affects to oppose a tariff on importations, but the view of the deficit of an amount that would stagger the average mind could it be comprehended, and the certainty that when the European war closes that goods will be imported in immense quantities and will be sold at prices that will close our mills and factories.

**The Reason.**

Christmas, the day of Peace on Earth and Good will Toward men, will be with us before another issue of the Commercial.

At that joyous time the hearts of the young will be made glad by loving print and remainders of various kind. Some are cared for by loving parent and friends while others are remembered by societies and other fraternal organizations. All will be happy and the day will be spent in festivities.

The season has been good the trade in holiday goods has been very extensive and is now at its height. The dealers have extra help and all are working full time and very actively.

Church and Sunday School will hold appropriate exercises on Saturday and Sunday the Christmas bells will ring anew—ad all will be joy and gladness and everyone will be wishing friends a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

**THE COMMERCIAL**

The Commercial has always been a feature in Meyersdale. It has always been in the dividend paying class—and is now. No one who knows the circumstances could blame the former editor for leaving. We all do the best we can for ourselves, and the position offered was a much better one than the one he held here, and he accepted.

Since we came here and have got the plant in shape to work we have been very well satisfied with the outlook. Our job department is full all the time and new subscriptions have come in far exceeding our expectations.

On Tuesday last we got cheery—One man called and angrily asked the amount he owed on subscription. When told the amount he paid it and asked to have the paper discontinued. He then asked "Do you think the Commercial will continue?" We told him, No. We would quit. But when he looked over our list and found that we had received five new subscriptions that day, we felt we could stand a jolt such as he meant to deliver. We were glad he called because we might have got extravagant and bought an auto or something of that kind, but his knock taught us prudence.

**WISE OR OTHERWISE**

The young and vigorous West has not joined any coalition in sentiment with the South, nor will it.—Rochester (N. Y.) Post-Express.

Oswego (N. Y.) Times—Compulsory military service is favored by many people who are old enough to be exempt.

Chestertown (Md.) Enterprise—The ultimate consumer is trying to figure out whether the wheat has swollen or the dollar has shrunk, or both.

Boston Transcript—We see that wheat has gone up another limousine per acre.

Walnut Cove (N. C.) News—All our life we have been telling other people not to worry, and now we wish some of you would pay up so we can quit.

Williamport (Pa.) Gazette & Bulletin—It would seem that Villa is being captured dead or alive very much the same way that Huerta wasn't made to salute the flag.

**CHURCH NOTICE**

Wills Creek Church, Reformed—A. S. Krsge, minister.—Preaching at Mt. Lebanon 10 a. m. and at Glencoe, 2 p. m.  
 The Mt. Lebanon Sunday school will render their Xmas program on Sunday evening December 24—at 7.30 p. m. The Glencoe Sunday school will give their Xmas entertainment Monday evening, December 25, at 7.30 p. m.

Read every adv. in this issue.

**WHITTENBERG.**

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Mankamer and family were Sunday guests at Simon Murray's.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Smith were callers at W. H. Knepp's on Saturday evening.

Mr. F. F. Smith of Delaware was a caller at the home of his mother, Susan Smith on Monday of last week.

Messrs. James and Irvin Geiger were visiting friends and relatives at Carrigansville on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. Knepp was a Sunday visitor at Elmer Petenbrink's.

Miss Mildred Murray who was on the sick list is slowly improving at this writing.

Mrs. Lewis Bittner was a caller at Elmer Petenbrink's on Saturday evening.

**UNION VALLEY.**

Everybody is on the lookout for Old Santa.

Mr. Tom Bracken, r., and Mr. Robert Kelley spent Saturday and Sunday in Johnstown.

Miss Elizabeth Bracken is on the sick list.

Mrs. H. F. Habel who has been under the doctor care in Meyersdale for the past eight weeks returned home Sunday some what improved.

Mr. John Kelly, signal repairman at Manila, who was on the sick list for about six weeks, returned to his home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Sturtz and Mrs. Leisure were Xmas shopper in Meyersdale one day last week.

Mr. Harrison Cunningham is working for H. F. Habel on the Sunnybrook farm.

Haary reports farm life very pleasant.

Leroy Crissey lost a very valuable horse last Thursday.

The Brown Lumber Company is running their mill full capacity.

Say, if you want to get all the news, subscribe for the Commercial.

**ST. PAUL**

Mrs. Richard Sipple and her daughter Elie were doing their Christmas shopping in Meyersdale on Saturday.

Miss Keller from Virginia has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at the parsonage during the past week.

Glenn Lepley, the son of H. G. Lepley, who some time ago fell from a horse and hurt his head, seems none the worse at this time for his experience.

Mr. Charles Wise of this place is moving to Ligonier, Westmoreland County, where he intend to follow farming, in the near future. We wish him success.

Mr. Norman Spetcher, who had been farming in Virginia, east Washington, moved into our midst last week. We have not learned what business he intends to pursue.

Mr. John Beals, who had been a tenant of the N. D. Hay house, moved into the vacated home moved into the home vacated by Charles Wise.

We are anticipating a large attendance on Christmas evening at the Reformed church to hear the singing of the cantata, "Around the Manger."

We share the editor's thoughts about the home. Not all persons are fortunate enough to be born into a petan home, amid surroundings conducive to the welfare and best development of those who enter them. Poverty, what ever the cause, is a very destructive factor in the home. It means a lack of proper food, clothing and shelter. It means lots of intellectual moral and spiritual progress. Would not some method of procedure, which would give all men equal access to the means of life, practically do away with poverty and put every home on a basis of security.

**MARRIED**

December 16, 1916, at the Reformed parsonage, Meyersdale, by Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., Robert C. Ringler and Lizzie Albright Mosholder were united in marriage, both of Berlin, Pa.

Holiday service at local postoffice Der. 25, will be as follows:  
 Lobby open 7 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.  
 General delivery and stamp window open 7 a. m. to 9 a. m.  
 City carriers will make one delivery in the morning over entire delivery route Rural carriers will make regular delivery over their routes.

J. T. SHIPLEY,  
 Postmaster.

Services in Amity Reformed church next Sunday morning as usual. In the evening a Christmas service will be rendered in the Sunday school building and an offering taken for the support of orphan children.

**SHOT A DEER**

Game Warden Harvey Bittner was called to Fulton County recently in connection with violations of the game laws.

While there he saw a deer, wearing horns with six prongs, one hundred seventy five yards ahead of him and he fired. When the animal dropped to the ground as if dead, but when he got to it and took it by the horns to turn it over he discovered it was very much alive, and a wrestling match was started right then and there with the chances somewhat against the game warden but J. E. Veach, of Wells Tannery, and Game Warden H. C. McElwee, of Defiance, Bedford County, came to his assistance and succeeded in getting the animal to yield to treatment. It was brought to Meyersdale on Wednesday evening and hung in front of the Meat Market of Mr. Meyers, where it attracted much attention. It dressed 160 pounds and the game warden is justly proud of his catch, and the antlers which he will have mounted.

**GLENCOE**

Roddy saw mill shut down for the winter. No splash in the dam with such temperatures. Every remaining man goes to the tall timbers.

Geo. R. Cook and wife spent the week with Mt. Savage relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Leydig was a visitor at the J. H. Spicer home of Cumberland last week-end.

Hazel Miller's back to High School at Midale after a week's illness.

Mrs. H. M. Poorbaugh spent several days at Cumberland with her children and doing Xmas shopping.

George Bittner left for Ohio last week to remain a fortnight with relatives.

Pearl Poorbaugh is doing the Smoky City this week.

On Xmas night the Glencoe Reformed Sunday school will give the cantata "The Uninvited Guests." On Monday Earle Poorbaugh of Akron accompanied his cousin Howard Bittner home—the latter has a severe attack of rheumatism.

Boys while getting the sleigh bells in tune—don't forget the wedding bells for rumor says they are going to blow.

An influx of "used-to-be's" are expected one this week that will make many hearts glad. Wow!

**SALISBURY**

Varsity Five Again Victorious  
 The game on Monday evening between Juniata and the Varsity five was an exceptionally clean and interesting one.

Following is the score and line-ups:  
 Salisbury—32 Juniata—27  
 Thomas ..... F ..... Miller  
 Stotter ..... C ..... Griffith  
 C. Swartzwelder G ..... M. Horner  
 Harding ..... G ..... G. Horner  
 Referee—Rev. I. S. Monn.  
 Honoree congratulated Rev. Honn on his square refereeing.

Games for Coming Week  
 The games scheduled to take place in Salisbury within the next week are as follows:

On Christmas afternoon Varsity five vs. Cumberland.  
 On Wednesday—Dec. 27—Varsity Five vs Akron Collegians.  
 On Saturday—Dec. 30th—Varsity Five Vs. Pittsburgh Eagles.

On Thursday—Dec. 28th The Boy Scouts Vs. Confluence.  
 The Varsity Five were booked to ply Berlin on Wednesday Dec. 20 but the game called off on account of the Salisbury center having incurred a bad sprain during the game on Monday.

Indisposition of Principal Prof. O. O. Saylor, the general principal of our school has been ill a few days this week but stoically remained at his post.

**Briefs**

Mrs. Winters and daughter Elsie who have been spending the winter in Johnstown have returned to their home on Union street.

Prof. J. C. Beahm of Conneville spent the week end with his family.

Mrs. Harry Wagner of Boynton was a Salisbury visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Newman of Springs visited at her home on Gay street on Sunday.

Miss Mary Maust was a business visitor to Meyersdale on Saturday. On her return she was accompanied by Miss Hester Shaw who spent from Saturday until Sunday evening at Miss Maust's home.

Miss Bertha Yoder was a supper guest of Miss Sallie Lichty on Sunday.

**CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK**  
 Meyersdale, Pa.—December 20th, 1916. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house Tuesday January 9th, 1917 between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.  
 R. H. Philson, Cashier.

**A Few More Shopping Days Left.**

Try and make it your business to call at Weinstein's Low Priced Store where you can save a great deal of your money.

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We have a full line of suits, overcoats, mackinaws, gloves, sweaters, dress shirts, neck-wear, hats, caps, suspenders and handkerchiefs.

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**MAKE QUICK DECISIONS.**

Wrong to Waste Valuable Time Over Trifling Problems.  
 There are some folks in this world who never appear to be able to come to a decision on any issue, either big or little. They are constantly harassed by doubt and the fear that they will make the mistake of picking up something by the wrong handle. They spend their lives sitting astride the fence because they lack the courage to get down on either side of it. They strive to propitiate everybody and please nobody.  
 What more pathetic spectacle than to see a strapping big man chasing back and forth between the hat counter and the mirror on the wall in the agony of doubt and despair over the momentous question as to whether he ought to purchase a straw hat with a red band on it or blue!  
 Sympathy goes out to the woman who for weeks perplexes her pretty head over the problems as to whether she will have her new gown cut obliquely or on the bias. In the end she has it cut scalloped, and every time she wears it her regret is that she didn't have it made severely plain.  
 If your processes of decision are going to halt and buck and stall over the color of a hatband or the cut of a gown how can you hope to decide the really serious problems of life? Blessed is he who can marshal his wits in calm judgment, then decide whether he will stay on this side or cross over and burn the bridge behind him.  
 Rather than dilly-dally and shilly-shally through life, you had better, in the interests of strengthening your moral fiber, make a mistake by a quick decision now and then. Focus the best judgment of which you are capable on the question at issue, then take your stand and hold your ground.—Boston Post.

Odd Coronation Ceremony.  
 In the old time ceremony of coronation in Abyssinia there was one most picturesque incident. Noble maids held a crimson cord in front of the church door, and the king, approaching on horseback, cried successively: "I am your king, the king of Ethiopia!" "I am your king, the king of Israel!" But the girls repudiated him. Then he cried, "I am your king, the king of Zion!" and cut the string with his sword, while the damsels cried, "It is a truth; you are our king!" and acclaimed him with hallelujahs.—London Chronicle.

**XMAS EATS**

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- Royal Scarlet Mayonnaise Dressing..... 10c
- Heinz's Worcester'shire Sauce..... 15c
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**PERSONAL**

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Jerry Steyer trip to the mountains one day last week. Special prices school teachers.

Victor and friends taking advantage to rush mine products. Largest stock oranges and lemons.

Urias Kensi his sister, Liz with their brother of Ohio.

Largest stock of Habel & Phillips. Menno Yoder at Frostburg with a very fine team purchased teams, engaged.

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The session which will be January 1-2 with a big 8. there will be farmers from try.

The very best

Game Warden received from mission for this season 200 and has been turkeys will be game, when different should propagate harvest next Stanton's pe

Among our face this week Beachey of Me would remind string to our the outside, a welcome.

Best Kansas or \$10.00 per bbl

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