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A Merry Christmas!

The time to buy your Christmas Presents is early in the season, thereby getting the first choice and best selections.

Before making your purchases you should see our line of Gold and Silver Novelties in Toilet Articles, Watches, Chains and Rings, also our grand display of hand decorated Japanese Chinaware. It surpasses anything else of the kind shown.

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Over 2,000 lbs. Candies At Lichliter's.

ALL KINDS. ALL PRICES. Don't miss seeing our line before making your Xmas purchases. Special bargains to churches and teachers.

Dull Mercantile Co., Ltd., Salisbury, Pa.

Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS.

Finest of Groceries, Hardware, Miners' Supplies, Shoes, Clothing, Etc. The best Powder and Squibs a Specialty.

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Don't let beer get the best of you.

Get the best of it—

Monastery,

brewed at Latrobe, Pa., and recognized by chemists and judges of a good article as a pure, wholesome, beverage.

Delicious! Refreshing!

Sold at the West Salisbury Hotel, West Salisbury, Pa.

CHAS. PASCHKE, Propr.

New Firm!

G. G. De Lozier, GROCER AND CONFECTIONER.

Having purchased the well known Jeffery grocery opposite the postoffice, I want the public to know that I will add greatly to the stock and improve the store in every way. It is my aim to conduct a first class grocery and confectionery store, and to give

Big Value For Cash.

I solicit a fair share of your patronage, and I promise a square deal and courteous treatment to all customers. My line will consist of: Staple and Fancy Groceries, Choice Confectionery, Country Produce, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.

OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE, SALISBURY, PA.

A Handsome Calendar

Should find a place in every home.

The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, of Pittsburgh, Pa., will mail our readers on request a copy of their 1907 Art Calendar—one of the most beautiful calendar conceptions of the year. The subject is the famous painting "Rhoda," by the celebrated American artist Jas. Flann. The painting is faithfully reproduced by the Three Color process, preserving all the rich, yet delicate, coloring and the soft tones of the original, and delineates a very attractive type of womanly beauty. As a work of art and a fine example of the Art Preservative, it is unsurpassed. The picture is not defaced by any advertisement. It is mounted on a beveled board 14x14 inches, and supplied with a silk hanging cord. Send four cents in stamps to prepay postage. Sent, postage paid, to those having accounts with the bank by giving account No. If interested in money saving and profitable investments, do not fail to request the bank to also mail you a free copy of their illustrated booklet E. L.

All kinds of Legal and Commercial Blanks, Judgment Notes, etc., for sale at THE STAR OFFICE.

Wagner's RESTAURANT, Ellis Wagner, Prop., Salisbury. (Successor to F. A. Thompson.)

OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE!

Also headquarters for Ice Cream, Fresh Fish, Lunches, Confectionery, etc. A share of your patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed.

They are telling of a negro whom the Republicans took from the Preston county jail for the purpose of voting him, after which he was taken back to serve out the remainder of his sentence. Reminds us of when the Democrats were in power in this state, and when they practiced the discharging of inmates from the Hospital for the Insane, permitting them to vote, provided they were far enough gone intellectually to vote the Democratic ticket, and then swear out new lunacy warrants for their recommitment.—Weston (W. Va.) Independent.

The Prohibition State Committee spent about \$13,000 in the recent campaign, or a little more than fifty cents for every vote cast for its candidate for Governor. The Democratic State Committee disbursed a little over \$18,000, or about six cents for every Democratic vote given to Emery. The Prohibitionists were plutocrats by comparison with the Democrats, says the Somerset Democrat, but our esteemed contemporary forgot to add that Democratic whisky costs only about six cents per pint, and a pint apiece usually brings out the Democratic vote pretty well. The Democratic State Committee evidently knew their people.

THERE are 150,000 Democrats in Pennsylvania who are for the party three hundred and sixty-four days in the year, including Sundays, and who turn up among the missing on the only day of the year on which there is need of their democracy, says the Somerset Democrat. Well, that is no loss to the country, Alex., no loss whatever. There isn't much harm in being a Democrat if a fellow don't vote. Just think what a good thing it would have been for this great country if there had only been enough stay-at-home Democrats to defeat Grover Cleveland in 1892. Had several hundred thousand Democrats refused to vote at that election, a Republican President would have been elected, and one of the worst panics in the history of the country would have been averted. The non-voting Democrat is the best Democrat on earth.

DR. DAVIS' PRESCRIPTION FOR HEADACHES.

When we recommend and guarantee Ake-In-The-Head tablets for headaches and neuralgia it is because we know you must obtain relief or we stand ready to pay your ten cents back. Safe, sure, and always cure. E. H. Miller. 1-1

CHRISTMAS.

The glad, joyous, festal time draws near, and unnumbered hearts are beating in delightful anticipation. Store windows are decked in holiday attire. The holly and evergreen hang in festoons, and the wonderful Christmas tree is gradually putting in appearance. Cheerful voices ring out in rehearsals of song and chorus for celebration night. Merry Christmas will soon be here, and Christmas songs are songs of peace. Christmas greetings are greetings of good will. How they soften hard hearts, purify base desires, sweeten bitter thoughts, and make every deed purer and holier; every wish kinder and tender. Let hearts expand, sympathies enlarge, and good will reign. Let benedictions drop from lips, and substantial gifts fall from overflowing hands. Make cheerless homes radiant, and hopeless hearts to thrill with unspeakable gladness. Forgive your enemies. Bury the past. Rise above the mean and petty resentments which you may have harbored against those who have not used you well. Be generous. Get ready to start the new year with more kindly feelings and more noble ambitions. Make the Christmas of this year a day to which you can always look back with pleasure and gratitude. Peace and good will unto you, dear reader, and a merry, merry Christmas to all.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We call your attention to the fact that Dermakola ointment is a positive cure for Eczema, ulcers, wounds, piles, and every kind of skin or scalp trouble. It costs 25 cents if it cures. If it don't we return your money. E. H. Miller. 1-1

A CHEERFUL GIVER.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and "It is more blessed to give than to receive," are faithful sayings, and worthy of all acceptance. Give where your gift is needed, where it brings joy and gladness, and your own heart will swell with real pleasure. To lavish gifts upon the rich, the strong, the powerful, in the hope that you may receive in turn, is mean, groveling and pitiful. Don't belittle yourself that way. Give freely only where love prompts, or better yet, go out among God's poor, hunt out those less favored or less fortunate and do acts that will brighten human lives, and the brightness will come, back into your own heart by reflection.

The great and noble characters of the world, the men in all ages who have been admired and loved have been the generous men. The shunned and hated and despised creatures of the human race have always been the misers, the stingy, grasping, hoarding pinching wretches who valued money above human souls, and hugged their wealth in the face of misery. The world shouts and laughs when such men die, but it follows the generous man to his grave with tears and real sorrow.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life-giving tonic pills on earth. 25c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 1-1

DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN 1906.

The destructive floods that occurred in the United States during 1906 are described by Mr. Edward Charles Murphy and other hydrographers of the United States Geological Survey in a recent publication of that bureau, which is listed as Water-Supply and Irrigation Paper No. 162. The very destructive floods of that year were few. The most remarkable flood or series of floods of the year were those in Gila River Basin in Arizona. From January 18 to April 30 occurred a series of 7 floods—almost a continuous flood—remarkable for the total volume of flow. In November there was in this basin another flood, which was notable for its magnitude, being the largest on record on Salt River. The other large floods of the year occurred on comparatively small streams. Few lives were lost and the damage was small compared with that of some previous years.

Among the floods described in this paper are those on Poquonnock River, Connecticut, on Sixmile Creek and Cayuga Inlet, New York, on the Unadilla and Chenango rivers, New York, on Allegheny River, Pennsylvania-New York, on Devils Creek, Iowa, on Purgatory River, Colorado, on Pecos River, New Mexico-Texas, on Hondo River, New Mexico, on Rio Grande, New Mexico-Texas, in Colorado River basin and in Gila basin.

A discussion of the flood discharge and the frequency of floods in the United States together with an index to the literature of American floods adds to the value of this paper. Maps and views to the number of fifteen are included. Besides Mr. Murphy, the chief contributors to the paper are Messrs. T. W. Norcross, R. E. Horton, C. C. Covert, and F. W. Hanna. It is published for free distribution, and application for it should be made to The Director of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

LONG TENNESSEE FIGHT.

For twenty years, W. L. Rawls, of Belle, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 1-1

Wonderful Display of Christmas Goods.

Just now C. T. Hay's big department store is coming in for a large share of favorable comment. To look over Mr. Hay's stock one is almost forced to believe that old Santa Claus has turned over everything in his possession to Mr. Hay. And the store decorations—well, we can't find words to do them justice. The store is a marvel of beauty, and it is worth going miles to see. There is nothing to excel it in all Somerset county, and it is stocked with good goods (everything, in fact), and good bargains from cellar to the very joists of the third floor. It will be worth your while to see this store while dressed in its holiday attire, whether you wish to buy or not.

A CLEVER IMPOSTOR.

A clever impostor and forger has been operating in some parts of the county, victimizing farmers and others. Sheriff Bagley has received notice of \$300 reward for his capture, also a request to warn farmers of Somerset county against him, as he is likely to turn up with his game in any part of the county.

The fellow last worked near Quincy, Ill., in Adams county. He has several working names, among them being John L. Butler, John Hoover, John H. Kline, and others. Sheriff Edward P. Smith, of Quincy, is looking for the fellow who is wanted in many other parts of the county.

His plan is to go into a strange community, representing that he is in search of a farm to purchase for his son or another relative with whom he intends to make his home. He visits the farmer, talks the matter over and induces the farmer and his wife to loan him an abstract of title. He also gets them to go before a notary public and sign an agreement to sell him the farm at a certain price, usually a good one, and this agreement is acknowledged by the farmer and his wife before the notary, who also signs it and places his seal thereon. The sharper now has an abstract of title, signatures of the farmer and his wife, the notary and the seal of the notary. He then visits a lawyer, explains that he is contemplating the purchase of the farm, and, if necessary, takes the farmer and his wife along to verify his statements. He asks the lawyer to look over the abstract, and after a few days of negotiation returns and requests the lawyer to draw up a deed. He asks to carry this deed to the farmer for signatures, and in some cases has allowed the lawyer to mail it to the farmer. In the latter case he secures possession of it on some pretext or other, retires to his hotel, cleverly forges the signature of the farmer and his wife and the notary.

In the meantime he has made an exact duplicate of the notary seal which he secured with the agreement relative to the sale of the farm, and this he places on the deed. The letter, bearing all the marks of genuineness, he takes to the lawyer and explains that he has paid cash down for the farm, and is therefore a little short of funds, and as he will need considerable money to make contemplated improvements and bear expenses of moving, he requests a loan on the farm. As he has a deed apparently properly signed, he usually gets money without difficulty, readily giving a first mortgage on the property. The mortgage upon the forged deed is recorded, and the sharper, with the money in his pocket, disappears. It is usually some time before the farmer discovers that a deed for his property is on record, and in the meantime the impostor has made good his escape.

This scheme has been worked in many parts of the country. While the one who lends the money is out of pocket, the farmer is subjected to the annoyance of having the deed declared a forgery and removed from record.—Somerset Democrat.

OUTWITS THE SURGEON.

A complication of female troubles, with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her, this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. Try it. 1-1

THE OLD DANCE TUNE.

Sonny, fetch dat fiddle down
An' play a tune—jes' one.
I likes to hear dat music soun'
When daytime's gone an' done.
I want a quick an' lively dance;
You know de one I means.
Good gracious! How dese feet could prance
When I was in my 'teens.
I half way shets my eyes an' sees
Yoh mammy by my side,
A-dancin', too, wif graceful ease,
Dat made me smile wif pride.
Dem days when I were in my prime
I used to dance for sho'.
An' she dance wif me ev'ry time
Dat I stepped on de flo'.
She was my partner in my joy,
An' when de trouble came,
She was, I wants to tell you, boy,
My partner jes' de same.
So play dat old quadrille once mo',
It sort o' soothes my pain,
To dream we's in de long ago,
A-touchin' hands again.
—Washington Star