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CHRISTMAS GREETING!

Only a few more hours left in which to dispose of the balance of our stock of.....

TOYS, GAMES and FANCY ARTICLES

At prices that have astonished all who have favored us with a call in making their Christmas purchases.

THIS EVENING WE WILL MAKE STILL FURTHER REDUCTIONS.

MORGAN'S BAZAR.

COLUMBIA: BREWING: COMPANY
...BREWERS OF...
Lager Beer, Porter and Ale.

All the product of this brewery are made of pure malt and hops of which we buy the best and endeavor always to
MAKE THE BEST
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Reduction in Wall Paper.

From 25 cents to 20 cents; from 10 cents to 8 cents. All other grades accordingly. This stock must be disposed of at once, in order that I can enlarge my store. These bargains will hold good for a short time only. Come at once and take advantage of the reduction.

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ORANGES.
CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA AND VALENCIA ORANGES.

NUTS.
ALMONDS, Two Pounds for 25 Cents.
ENGLISH WALNUTS, Two Pounds for 25 Cents.
MIXED NUTS, Two Pounds for 25 Cents.

FOREIGN FRUITS.
ALMERIA GRAPES.
FIGS AND DATES.
RAISINS AND CURRANTS.
CITRON AND LEMON PEEL.

NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS BAKING MOLASSES.
NEW MINCE MEAT. O. J. B. CRANBERRIES.

JOSEPH REESE DEAD.
He Was a Well Known Mine Official. Many Children Survive.

Joseph Reese, formerly inside foreman of Packer No. 2 colliery, and widely known in mining circles, died at his home in Lost Creek at 3:15 last evening after suffering for some time from meningitis. The deceased was 53 years of age and is survived by fourteen children, all over twelve years of age. His wife and four children are dead. The former died about a year ago. Mr. Reese was very prominent in the mining circles of this valley, in that he was among the pioneers in the operations about Lost Creek.

He was a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and Shenandoah Lodge No. 511, F. & A. M. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p. m. and will be in charge of the Masonic fraternity. The remains will be brought to town for interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Handsome presents, hand decorated china, cut glass and statuary, at Brum's.

At Kopchinski's Arcade Cafe.
Cream of tomato soup to-night.

INTERESTING HYPNOTISM.
Prof. Sage's Subject Arroused From His Sleep Last Night.

Frederick A. Williams, the subject who was put to sleep by Prof. Sage, the hypnotist, in Ferguson's on Monday night, last, and remained on a cot in the window space of the store room on South Main street occupied by the Edison Company until 7 o'clock last evening, when he was carried back to the theatre, was awakened on the stage by the hypnotist at 9:45 o'clock, or exactly 48 hours after the sleep started. Owing to the muscular relaxation consequent upon the awakening six attendants on the stage were required to hold Williams. For about 20 or 30 seconds there was determined struggle in which the attendants found difficulty in retaining their hold; the subject then awakened, looked dazed for a moment or two, then his countenance brightened, a smile passed over it and Williams walked from the stage unassisted and with steady strides, after making a courtesy to the audience. Just prior to the awakening the subject was weighed by George H. Krick, who announced the figures as 131 pounds, Williams having lost 4 pounds during the sleep. He weighed 130 pounds on Monday night. The balance of the evening's program was both interesting and amusing to an intense degree. The hypnotic grouping for the tableau was heartily applauded. There will be no exhibition to-night, but two will be given tomorrow, in the afternoon and evening.

Not Hard to Solve
Why Womer, 124 North Main street, sells his fine footwear cheaper than others—he has not got the enormous expenses other dealers have. This is both beneficial to the buyer and seller.

For Your Interest.
Whoever intends to buy fine footwear will, if they go to Womer's shoe store, 124 North Main street, find it to their interest—they'll see what we mean by the above expression and what it means to their pocket books—an important difference whether in quality or price of goods. Footwear for old and young. Womer's, 124 North Main street.

Death in a Fall.
Mrs. Bridget Joyce, mother of Thomas J. Joyce, formerly editor of the Mahanoy City American, met instant death yesterday morning by falling down stairs at her home near East Mines and breaking her neck. She arose early yesterday and was about to descend the flight of stairs, when she tripped and fell to the bottom. When picked up by her daughter, Mrs. Julia Malin, she was still alive but died right after being put to bed. Mrs. Joyce was very aged. For many years she conducted a hotel in New Castle township.

Dressed Chicken and Turkey.
Meet me at the Iowa meat market, 103 South Main street, is a common saying among experienced marketeers. They have learned that the biggest stock of dressed chicken and turkey is waiting for your purchase at lowest market prices. Just received to-day. 12-23-24

A full line of gents' fine silk umbrellas, plain and silver trimmed handles, in prices ranging from 50c. to \$5.85. At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

Attention Odd Fellows.
All members of Shenandoah Lodge No. 591 are requested to meet at their hall at one o'clock on Saturday to arrange for attending the funeral of our late brother Joseph Reese, of Lost Creek. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Members of sister lodges are invited to be present.

JOHN D. TREZISE, N. G.
Attent.—JOSEPH HINKS, Sec'y. 11

Ladies' velvet slippers at 30 cents per pair. WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE.

Dear Lunch at Bicket's.
As a Christmas gift Mr. Bicket will serve deer lunch to his many patrons who pay his cafe a visit to-morrow. We have enough to supply all.

Diamonds, watches, rings, silverware, fancy goods, cut glass and banquet lamps with Dresden or silk shades, at A. Holderman's.

Turkey and Egg-Nog.
A fine Christmas treat in the form of a turkey dinner and egg-nog will be given free to-morrow at the Muldoon Cafe, corner of Centre and West streets. It

Plants make pretty and inexpensive presents for Christmas, and the finest can be had at Payne's nursery, Girardville. 12-14-09-eod

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The Concentric Point
on which the various circles of humanity depend for their purchase is the footwear for ladies and gents' alike, with its children, is Womer's shoe emporium, 124 North Main street.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES
Many Sunday School Entertainments Have Been Arranged.

SOME OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The Welsh Baptist Sunday School will entertain to-night—the Trinity Reformed, Methodist Episcopal, United Evangelical and Other Congregations will hold services to-morrow.

The borough presented a busy appearance to-day. Shoppers were upon the streets by the hundreds making purchases of presents and the whereabouts for the Christmas dinner. The pastors and congregations connected with many of the churches were also busy preparing for the usual services and entertainments, and none will be in need of a suitable place to spend a Merry Christmas to-morrow.

Among the events announced in this connection is an entertainment and annual presentation to the members of the Welsh Baptist Sunday school. It will take place to-night in the church at the corner of West and Oak streets. There will be no services in the church to-morrow.

Regular Christmas morning service will be held in All Saints church, on East Oak street, at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Christmas festival and entertainment will not be held until next Monday, by which time the congregation will take possession of its new church at the corner of West and Oak streets. The first service will be held in it on Sunday next.

An early Christmas morning meeting will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend at six o'clock. In issuing it Rev. Alfred Heebner, the pastor, says, "Let Christmas people, old and young, unite in the happy song of praise." Christmas exercises for the infant department of the Sunday school will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The exercises of the main school will begin at 6 o'clock in the evening. The doors of the church will be open to admit all not members of the school at 5:45. The church is very suitably decorated. There will be a very interesting program.

Special Christmas services will be held to-morrow morning in the Trinity Reformed church, on West Lloyd street. Special attention is called to the change of the hour from 6 to 10 a. m. Everybody is extended a welcome by the pastor. The Sunday school will celebrate Christmas in the evening. An excellent program of singing, recitations and drills will be offered. The church has been elaborately decorated for the occasion. Special offerings will be taken at both meetings.

Piano Scarfs.
A nice piano scarf with silk tassels and rich colors will win its way in a comfortable home as well as a Christmas dinner. We have them specially designed and carefully made from the best selected goods. At O'Neil Bros., 106 South Main street. 24

Turkeys! Turkeys! Turkeys!
Fresh, home dressed turkeys at lowest market prices. At Coslett's, 36 South Main street. 12-23-24

Birthday Party.
James Tobin, of West Oak street, celebrated his 50th anniversary yesterday, and last evening about thirty of his friends assembled at his home and presented him with a rocking chair and a number of other tokens of their esteem. Mr. George Holvey made the presentation and Mr. Tobin responded by serving an elaborate supper. Several very enjoyable hours were spent.

USEFUL X-MAS GIFTS.
Gents' Fine Nightrobes from 50 cents to \$1.65. AT MAX LEVIT'S.

More diamonds at Holderman's than any store in the county.

A Liberal Response.
The committee of five appointed by the "Y" to receive donations for Christmas distribution among the deserving poor desires to extend thanks to the people who so liberally responded to the invitation issued. The distribution was made to-day by the Flower Mission and donations are still received by the superintendent, Miss Mattie Price.

Entire Satisfaction.
The wise way to spend a dollar is to go where you get the best satisfaction in appropriate and desirable Christmas gifts. Our splendid array of holiday goods includes the new, the novel and the most beautiful at fairest prices. At Maley's, the jeweler, 10 North Main street.

The Mercantile Appraisership.
The County Commissioners, it is said, have decided upon the appointment of a Mercantile Appraiser. Commissioner Martin favored the selection of P. J. Ferguson, of Lost Creek, the defeated Democratic candidate for Commissioner; Messrs. Rentz and Myers, however, will name Commissioner Allen for the place.

Boy's carpet slippers size 11 to 12, 25 cents. WHITELOCK'S SHOE STORE.

A chance with every 30c. purchase will be given at the Factory Shoe Store on the handsome French doll, displayed in their window.

Young Man's Fatal Fall.
Peter Lynch, a prominent young man of Forestville, fell from a platform at Phoenix Park colliery and crushed his skull. He was removed to his home and died Tuesday night from his injuries. He was a son of J. G. Lynch, of the above place.

Everybody Says
That A. Holderman's jewelry exhibit is the finest. The goods are of a superb quality carefully selected. The prices lower than elsewhere.

Newsweek's Prosperous Year.
Our veteran horseman, William Newsweek, will leave shortly after New Year for the West to bring in his first consignment of horses for 1897. His books for the present year show that he has disposed of 500 horses in private and public sales, which he intends to out do in the coming year. His reputation as well as his sales need no comment, as every horse that leaves his sales stable is

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We have a very fine select stock and our

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.
This Afternoon Devoted to Very Interesting Exercises.

Before closing its sessions for the Christmas holidays the High School devoted this afternoon to an entertainment of a very interesting character at which the following program was rendered: Chorus, "Merry Christmas," School; address, "Purity of Motive," President; recitation, "Vision of Missa," Miss Newlin; referred question, "Antonio Maceo," Miss Mary McClure; Sentiments, Misses Markel and Kirk and Ray Douglas; instrumental solo, "Last Rose of Summer," Lorena Self; reading, "Hod Pinar of Madrid," William O'Donnell; referred question, "What is meant by the Greater Republic," Miss Fishburn; recitation, "Men always Fit for Freedom," John Stein; Sentiments, Miss Parker, Clyde Glover and Harvey Walls; trio, "The Sunbeams are Gleaning," Misses Deenbach, Hughes and Llewellyn; Discussion, "Resolved, That the United States should recognize the Independence of Cuba," A. B. Whitely; Misses Graeber and Veir; negative, Charles Hughes and Miss Mansell; chorus, "Wonderful Star," School; referred question, "Manufacture of Postage Stamps," Burton Davis; oration, "How to Avoid Failure," Philip Coyte; referred question, "Peter Cooper, The Great Philanthropist," Miss Powell; recitation, "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud," Miss Sarah Burke; duet, "Murmuring Sea," Misses Burke and Cardin; reading, "The Burden of Debt," Miss Agnes O'Hara; referred question, "Hosier Poet," Miss Keitlan; recitation, "Lord Ellen's Daughter," Miss Whitaker; Sentiments, Miss Lizzie Hand, J. Conroy and Miss Lessig; vocal solo, "Love's Sorrow," Miss O'Hara; reading, "Little Minded's Christmas," Miss O'Connell; referred question, "What was the Newfoundland Conference?" Miss Reilly; recitation, "The Burning Ship," Miss Letzler; Sentiments, Miss Sterner, H. Aregood and Miss Riche; quartette, "Last night," Messrs. Hinton, Straub, Keogh and O'Donnell; debate, "Resolved, That the United States has reached its Golden Age," affirmative, Misses Heebner and Meehan; negative, Clara Matter and Miss Shueby; chorus, "Sweetly Singing," school. Arthur Levine was president of the gathering, Miss Dougherty secretary and Charles Bashore clerk.

Brennan's New Restaurant.
Oyster soup to-night.

Diamond rings, solitaires in prices from \$5.00 to \$150. Diamond earrings, diamond pendants and lace pins at A. Holderman's, corner Main and Lloyd streets.

A Sample Brick.
The Pottsville Republican last evening contained the following editorial utterance: "Hon. John Wannamaker had a rousing audience at Erie last night, and his speech was overflowing with good things." This is a fair sample of the fake political information furnished by the readers. Wannamaker wasn't within three or four hundred miles of Erie—about as close to that town as he will be to the United States Senate.

The Principal Motive
actuated this government in taking in this matter is of the persons and property of the United States now owned and sugar planters in Cuba and the planters generally are in thiz with the Cubans, it reached this government in the native Cubans, if wholly maintain a stable and satisfactory annexation to the United States, the government next favor government under the vision of Spain.

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Tossed by an Anger
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Nels millionnaire packer, had a from being gored by a steer yesterday, and J. C. Bohart Commissioner, an competitor. They went into a stock yards to inspect a cattle, when a steer made two men. Mr. Morris just escape, but the steer caught squarely and threw him to the fact he owes his made frantic efforts to get horns were so wide it could down into the trough whay uncomensurable Mr. Boy was dislocated, he was by the head and neck, and ter

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Slight Wreck
Miners' train No. 35 last night fast freight at Mahanoy crossing over from the north to south bound track. One of the freight cars were wrecked. Road was delayed for a short time.

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NEW TREATY IS NEGOTIATED
Between the United States and Spanish Government.

HOME RULE FOR THE MADRID GOVERNMENT.
Would Willingly Make Compromises. Insurgents Would Only Such Arrangement as Relative Defeat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—W. congress may finally take the Cuban resolution, the facts of the present administration will continue to be of an autonomous government. During the correspondence this country and Spanish system has repeatedly been a model which Spain to follow in granting home ban colonists. The object has been made, and with some is admitted, that a system work admirably with her interests in Canada might also be applied to the Cubans.

This Spain has intimate certain conditions she would to granting a reasonable nule to the Cubans is by she however insists that no a disastrous defeat in battle insurgents to heed such p. It is regarded in Madrid as ttempt any of the reforms a Weyler strikes a decisive bl ement, however, does not i that view of the case, and is making some progress in for peace on a basis alike honorable to the Cubans Spain.

So far as Spain is concerned to believe she will w treaty as a means of securing which the present war has vital, but will insist on treaty revision until Cuba large measure at least.

The two main features feels the need of reorganizing the naturalization of Spanish Cubans after brief residence States, and commercial rolling the rate of duty and change on the sugar and to and Porto Rico and on the products of the United States Spanish colonies.

The change as of chief importance which asserts that the protection citizenship is infrequent genuine American citizen, very frequently by person nominal American citizen, the protection it affords at Cuba where they then continue to reside.

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