

THE GIFT QUESTION SOLVED.

Those of you who visited our store on Saturday were pleased with the large quantities of goods we have available for gifts. It is impossible for us to tell you what they are, they are too numerous to be appreciated, and the best of all the prices are right. A few of our leaders.

Framed Pictures.

Six designs in white and gold frames, 7x9 1/2, \$1.00. 10x14, \$1.50. 20 subjects to select from. Large size \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

BOOKS.

Toy books in paper covers, 5c up. 10c up. 15c up. 20c up. 25c up. 30c up. 35c up. 40c up. 45c up. 50c up. 55c up. 60c up. 65c up. 70c up. 75c up. 80c up. 85c up. 90c up. 95c up. \$1.00 up.

DOLLS.

China doll, 5c up. 10c up. 15c up. 20c up. 25c up. 30c up. 35c up. 40c up. 45c up. 50c up. 55c up. 60c up. 65c up. 70c up. 75c up. 80c up. 85c up. 90c up. 95c up. \$1.00 up.

Celluloid and China NOVELTIES.

Pin trays, 10c, should be 15c. Pin trays, 25c, should be 35c. Jewel boxes, 25c up. Dressing cases, 25c up. Work boxes, collar and cuff boxes, 25c up. Albums, Rose Bowls, 25c up. China handkerchiefs and gloves set \$2.50.

HOOKS & BROWN.

Blankets and shawls are now selling fast. We handle only those of superior quality, and we purchase them in case lots direct from the manufacturers. 60x80 fine all wool White Blankets, \$1.75 per pair. 70x82, \$1.75 per pair. 74x84, \$3.50 a pair. A good wool blanket is now at \$2.75 the pair. 44 colored wool Blankets, \$2.25 to \$5.75 the pair.

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.

Our stock of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's Underwear in cotton, wool and merino, has been selected with great care, and is certainly worthy of your inspection. You will save money by taking advantage of the bargains we have to offer in this line. We handle only the best makes of the leading manufacturers, and they are sold to you with a guarantee.

Ladies' fleeced ribbed Vests, extra weight and quality, fine finish, at 25c; finer grade at 50c. Ladies' natural and scarlet all-wool Vests, \$4.00 to \$1.25. Men's natural wool shirts and drawers, 40c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75.

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GAMES.

Grand Boy, Messenger Boy, Bicycle Race, Telegraph Boy, India, Race Partridge, 50c.

IRON TOYS.

Iron train, nickel, 25c. Largest 50c and \$1.00 train made. Horse and surrey, nickel 1 1/2 in. long, 25c. The "Maggie" box 50c. Mechanical toys 25c and 50c. Steam engines 50c up. Fire engines \$1.50. And many others.

Tree Ornaments.

Glass balls 2, 1 1/2, 1 and 1/2. Yard lamps, 25c. Tinsel ornaments to 10c. Moss for the yard, 2 bundles for 25c. We can't be undersold on this line. Over 100 styles to choose from.

Miscellaneous.

China dishes 10c up. Pewter dishes 10c. Mirrors 25c. Cups and Saucers. Fruit Plates 25c to 75c. Lemonade Sets. Glass Vases. Smoking Sets. Tin Trays. Fine Stationery, Cards, Booklets, Calendars, etc.

Don't forget that a year's subscription to a popular paper or magazine makes an acceptable Christmas gift.

Goods purchased now will be fast aside until Winter.

Word in Passing.

—Miss Bridget Flynn has returned home from a visit to Philadelphia.

—Anthony Monaghan, a student at the Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, is home on a visit.

—Rev. M. J. Kane, of Phoenixville, is being warmly greeted by his many acquaintances in town. Rev. Kane was Rev. Nayler's predecessor as curate at the Annunciation church.

—Miss Emily Lemcke has returned to town after spending several days with friends in Mahanoy City.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Zulek returned from last evening from their wedding tour.

—Comedians "Jack" Jenkins and George Lower, of the "Old Southern Life" Company, spent Sunday in town.

—Mr. H. Mahone returned home from his trip of a few days to Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Cyrus Geise, of West Lloyd street, has given birth to a daughter.

—A. P. Smith transacted business at Girardville today.

—George Fricke and lady friend, of Port Carbon, visited friends in town today.

—Mrs. Annie Mann left for Philadelphia this morning and will spend several days there visiting friends.

—James Champion, of Scranton, a former resident of town, shook hands with friends here yesterday.

—Mrs. William Cole, of West Hackberry alley, has given birth to a boy.

—Mrs. Joseph Duto and daughter, Ida, spent yesterday as guests of friends at Mahanoy City.

—Dan Sully, "O'Brien, the Contractor," and his company passed through town this morning, enroute for Pottsville. They spent a few minutes at the Lehigh depot in conversation with friends they have made here.

—Timothy J. Conkley, of Mahanoy City, was a town visitor today.

—Rev. Alronitis, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian church, spent today transacting business at the county seat.

—Edwin D. Strouse, of Hazleton, and Messrs. T. J. Mack and Paul Drexler, of Shamokin, were registered at the Hotel Francy yesterday.

"I have been trying Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and I am well pleased with it. My son had the whooping cough and a bad cold followed, I tried your Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and in three nights he was better. Moses Yerby, Lancaster Court House, Pa."

POLITICAL POINTS.

A hack horse is being groomed in this town or the Legislative nomination on the Republican ticket.

Considerable attention is already being given to the contest next February.

Congressman Brumm leaves this week for Washington, accompanied by his private secretary.

The recent conference between Martin, Magee, Hastings and McCormick was held in the interest of the latter as a candidate to succeed the "hero of Johnstown."

The best recommendation a candidate can have for this district is that the American is against him. Such opposition should render him dear to the honest man.

Next year's campaign will be an important one. In addition to a Governor, there will be voted for in this county a Judge, Congressman, District Attorney, Controller, Coroner, Poor Director and Surveyor.

The Democratic politicians are just now laying plans for the selection of county chairman and secretary. Those officers will be chosen from the newly-elected committee meet on January 15th. Quite a number favor the re-appointment of Chairman Marr and Secretary McLoughlin.

Well, the agency is over at Girardville, and Bittz will write P. M. after his name shortly.

Men who for years have been suffering with a distressing affection of the neck or kidneys have been immediately relieved and permanently cured by the judicious use of Sulva-tion Oil, the great pain cure. Apply according to directions.

Sued Her Mother.

Miss Katie Walsh appeared before Justice Toomey Saturday night as complainant against her mother, Annie Walsh, charging her with assault and battery, and \$300 bail was furnished for trial at court. The daughter alleges that she was cut severely on the head by being struck with a spoon. The mother says the girl abused her when ordered to do work.

Miser Hints Meet.

The heirs of the Burkhardt Miser estate, who claim the right to a large tract of coal land in possession of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., situated in the Panther Creek Valley and Tamaqua, met Saturday at Reading. It was agreed to bring suit to eject the company to regain possession. The land is estimated to be worth \$14,000,000.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. Instant relief and a certain cure are afforded by One Minute Cough Cure. C. H. Hagenbuch.

Old Fellows' Demonstration.

The state gathering of Old Fellows in Wilkes-Barre next May is going to be a big affair. Public demonstrations have not been held by the Pennsylvania Old Fellows for years, but permission to have a parade on Tuesday, May 17, in that city not earlier than 4 p. m., was granted recently by the Grand Lodge, and it is expected to be a monster affair.

Even in the most severe cases of sprain or bruise, cut or burn, Thomas' Electric Oil gives almost instant relief. It is the ideal family liniment.

The School Board.

A regular monthly meeting of the School Board will be held in the Directors' room on Wednesday evening, next, at 7 o'clock.

Is a Good Thing for a Bad Cough.

What? Pan-Tina, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

LA GRIPPE CURED.

This modern malady has become dreaded not more for its direct fatality than for the weakness of body and mind it leaves behind it. Prolonged debility, permanent prostration, melancholy and suicide follow La Grippe. For this disease there is no remedy superior to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"The best remedy for the grippe that I know of is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."

REV. JOHN K. CHASE, South Hampton, N. H.

"My wife and five children were taken down with the grippe, while the disease was widely prevalent. I dosed them with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and before using quite two bottles my family was restored to health. I know of several obstinate cases of the same complaint which were also cured by this remedy."

J. PARMENTER, Paolieta, Miss.

"I was cured of the grippe by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."

G. B. THOMPSON, Pub. "Signal," West Farmington, O.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is put up in half-size bottles at half price—50 cents.

PITHY POINTS.

Appointments Throughout the Country. Circulated for Hasty Perusal.

Christmas falls on Saturday this year.

The Lehigh Valley railroad police are to have new badges.

Robbers are operating at Shepton; in fact, at almost every town in the region.

James McCool, of East Mahanoy township, has entered judgment against Daniel F. Boyl for \$100.

James O'Neill, of Girardville, has received the contract for driving the tunnel at the Midway colliery, at Mt. Carmel.

Davis Brothers expect to have their new breaker at Board Mountain erected by January 15, taking the place of the one destroyed by fire.

Up to Saturday at noon 150 applications for liquor licenses were on file in the Clerk of the Courts office. December 13 is the last day.

Don't fail to see the beautiful electrical palace set used in "North and South" by "The Ideal" company.

Charles Tris, aged 21, was instantly killed by a fall of coal at Leitz Lilly & Co.'s colliery, Mahanoy City, yesterday.

Orders for 8000 bicycles have caused the Keystone Manufacturing Company, Lebanon, to increase its force from 60 to 150 men.

There are about 200 prisoners in the county jail.

Curtis Womans was instantly killed by a fall of coal at Packer colliery No. 2, Saturday morning. He was found beneath a solid mass of coal and his body was removed with great difficulty.

The four-year-old son of John Miller, of Gilbert, fell into a bucket of hot water on Saturday, and was badly scalded.

At Reading on Saturday a young couple aged 16 and 14 years, were granted a marriage license.

W. H. Parker, collector for the Good Intent Fire Company, Pottsville, has been dismissed since Monday evening last, and has caused much anxiety.

Ex-Judge T. H. B. Lyon, who has been seriously ill at his home in Mahanoy City, is improved.

Frankville's public schools have 779 day and 118 night pupils.

Charles DeBorja, Mahanoy City, was injured by a fall of coal at North Mahanoy colliery Saturday morning. He was pinned to the ground and his leg was badly hurt.

In the case of George W. Kroll vs. Nathan Houser, tried before Judge Koch in civil court, the jury found a verdict of \$130 in favor of the plaintiff. This is a Mahanoy City chicken case.

Quire Johnson, of Girardville, on Saturday committed Anastasia Farrell, on the charge of vagrancy, incorrigibility and general bad conduct, in compliance of her father. She is 17 years of age.

Buy Keystone Brand. Be sure that the name Lapsio & BARR, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every sack.

Scouted to Death by Escaping Steam. Pottsville, Nov. 28.—John Mullen was killed and five others badly injured last evening, the result of a boiler explosion at the old Moorhead and McLean blast furnace, operated by Laughlin & Co. Mullen died shortly following the accident, after suffering intense agony. His body was literally cooked by the escaping steam. Seaford Arner's condition is critical.

Reduction in Wages Reported. Pottsville, Nov. 28.—John & Laughlin notified their 2500 iron workers known as day men, that commencing Dec. 1 the wages will be increased 10 per cent. This restores the reduction made some months ago, as promised by the firm as soon as improved conditions would warrant.

Threatened Lynching in Camden. Camden, N. J., Nov. 28.—John Brumm, who claims to live in Philadelphia, narrowly escaped lynching yesterday at the hands of an angry mob because of an attempted assault on a 12-year-old mulatto girl named Florence Pierce. The girl, who lives in the lower part of Camden, was on her way to Sunday school, when Brumm, who is a white man, and about 18 years of age, is said to have dragged her into the bushes. Her screams frightened him away, and he took refuge in a house close by. He was captured by some citizens, and preparations were being made to hang him to an electric light pole when the police arrived and took him into custody.