

SPECIAL HOLIDAY BULLETIN.

Only two weeks yet to shop. Why not buy early and secure the choicest offerings. Our stock is rapidly going and this is the reason, the goods are right and the price is always right.

WE QUOTE A FEW PRICES:

- Tree Ornaments. Now in the 'H' to get the best you ever saw. Glass balls 2 and 3 for 5c. Tinsel ornaments, 6 for 5c and up. Tinsel, 6 yards for 5c. DOLLS. Our 9c Dressed Doll is a surprise. We have some as low as 25c. Kid Body Dolls, 24c, 48c, 96c. Patent Head. 18 inches long, 10c. BOOKS. If you want assortment, here is where you can get it. The best value possible for the money. Toy books in colors, 5c up. Linen books, 5c up. Children's story book, 10c up. Select Notes on the S. N. Lessons for 1898 are now ready at our special price of 5c. Catholic Prayer books from 5c to \$1.00. Should be 75c to \$1.25.

- GAMES. The best of the old ones and all the new ones. Pillow Box, 25c. Old Maid, Aithora, etc., 5c. Grand Boy, Telegraph Boy, Bicycle Race, etc., 25c. The Famous Inlin Game, 25c. Chess Game, \$1.00 everywhere. Here only 80c. IRON TOYS. Nickel Engine and three cars, 25c up. Book and Ladder Trucks at 44c to 98c. Fire Engines, Wagons, Sulkies, Mechanical Toys in endless variety.

Special Drive in Magic Boxes. This Week Only 43c.

- Baby Coaches, 25c, 48c, 95c. Trains, 25c, 48c, 95c. Blackboards, 48c, 95c. Tinny Boxes, \$1.00 size at 80c. Steel Boxes, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.00. Dressing Cases, 25c up. Jewel Boxes, 25c up.

NOTICE.

Visit our store. Examine our goods. Compare our prices and we are convinced you will do your shopping here.

HOOKS & BROWN.

X-MAS.



- Carpet Sweepers, \$1 to \$3. Inlaid Lamps, Fancy Glass Shades. Silk. White Celluloid Handled Knives, Forks. Black Rubber. 1847 Roger Bros. Silver. 1847 " " At Teaspoons, \$1.50 doz. 1847 " " At Teaspoons, \$3 doz.

SWALM'S HARDWARE STORE.

PITHY POINTS.

Appointments Throughout the Country. Freedland talks of buying a chemical fire engine. The Berks county criminal court docket contains 340 cases. Lots at Marion Heights, near Mt. Carmel, are reported as selling rapidly. Wanted—A girl for general housework. Apply at 30 North Main street. Inside Foreman King, of Silvercreek colliery, has tendered his resignation. Mrs. Elmer Johnson, of St. Clair, has given birth to twins. Both have since died. The Loudon-Tanawha electric railway will have their cars equipped with air brakes. While chopping down a tree Jacob Fisher, of Fickville, Northampton county, dropped dead. A hog weighing 1012 pounds was slaughtered at Barville, Berks county, by William Mott. Dr. J. B. Shaw was appointed a member of the Board of Pension Examining Surgeons at Stroudsburg. At Media Peter Bland was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for assaulting Officer Henry Hoyer on the main line. Patrick Maloney died yesterday at Plains, near Wilkesbarre, of a broken neck, the result of being struck by a car. The operators of the Sandy Run colliery will, beginning January 1, conduct their company store on the main line. Philadelphia purveyors have written to Mr. Carmel's Board of Trade for a proposition to establish a silk mill at that place. During the month of November the Schuylkill colliery mined and shipped nearly 48,000 tons of coal. Mr. Carmel Mason celebrated the installation of their officers last Thursday evening with a banquet at the Valley House. Mr. Michael Glenn and Miss Nellie Duffy, both of St. Clair, were quietly married by Rev. J. O'Connor the other evening. The Alaska and North Ashland colliery employees got orders Saturday not to go to work to-day owing to a scarcity of cars. Proceedings have been commenced for freeing five miles of the Douglasville and Yellow House trackage, in Berks county. The Welsh double quartette who appeared in Mahanoy City in October, appeared in Lansford last Wednesday at a crowded house. Charlie Leonard has sued Herman Aukard & Company, of Lebanon, for \$10,000 damages for injuries received while in the firm's service. The State Board of Public Charities has recommended the erection of a hospital in Schuylkill county for 75 years of the county's indigent insane. Work has been started on the steel tower to be erected at the Gilberton water shaft. The tower will be ninety feet high and it will require about six weeks to erect it. William Lewis, of Wakefield, Berks county, disappeared Friday with two helpers that he had been engaged to drive to the home of a farmer who had bought them. Don't leave your Christmas buying until the last day. You can do much better and have a larger selection of goods to choose from by making your purchases betimes. Lansford is objecting to the high premiums charged by insurance companies, but as these automatic increases do as they please the objections will not have much effect upon rates. Letters of administration were granted to Emma M. Cooper on the estate of V. T. Cooney, late of Pottsville, deceased. Also to Frank E. Beneman on the estate of Charles Beneman, late of Yorkville, deceased. A special passenger train passed through White Haven on the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Saturday afternoon with 2000 inside people on board who were being removed from Ward's Island, New York, to the insane asylum near Utica. For carache, put a couple of drops of Thomas' Electric Oil on a bit of cotton and place it in the ear. The pain will stop in a few moments. Simple enough, isn't it? Women as Commercial Agents. Women are entering almost every vocation of life, and the latest announcement is as "commercial tourists." Mrs. Richmond, Misses Lena Becker, Annie Gorp, Mame Davidson and Ida Halesley, all of Mahanoy City, represent a large flour establishment and are at present making a house to house canvass at Mt. Carmel. They are said to be meeting with much success. They canvassed Shenandoah successfully a few weeks ago. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems sent as a special providence to little folks. Pleasant to take, perfectly harmless, absolutely sure to give instant relief in all cases of cold or lung trouble. Against the Salmonkeepers. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company again notified the hotel keepers of Lansford that after January 1, 1898, the company would take legal steps to possess itself of all properties on which liquor is being sold in violation of the clause in the title deed preventing its sale. All the old hotel keepers of Lansford have applied to have their licenses renewed and there are three new ones. Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment will cure the worst case of itching Piles there ever was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a single night. Get Doan's Ointment from your dealer. Buy Keystone Flour. Be sure that the name LUSKIE & BAKER, Ashland, Pa., is printed on over sack.

Word in Passing.

County Controller D. R. Severn, who suffered from an attack of la grippe the past week, was able to visit Pottsville today. Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of Mahanoy City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Richards in town yesterday. Justice and Mrs. W. H. Shoemaker visited friends at Pottsville today. C. E. Titman is reported to be suffering from a slight attack of pneumonia at his home in Philadelphia. Mrs. Edward J. Holland, of East Apple alley, gave birth to a son this morning. Mrs. Crane, and son, Robert, of Lost Creek, were visitors to the HERALD office this morning. Robert is the budding carrier of the HERALD in and about Lost Creek. Mrs. T. Burns, Miss May Conghlin, and Messrs. Harry, Patrick and James Dowling, all of Philadelphia, were Sunday visitors at the Dowling homestead, on West Cherry street. William Helms, of Mahanoy City, spent yesterday evening in and about Lost Creek. Col. D. P. Brown, and family, of Lost Creek, left this morning for California. They will spend several months there. If you need out of "repair," have headache and constipated bowels, take Dr. Bull's Pills; these will cure and build you up again. Take only the genuine, Dr. John W. Bull's Pills. He is a Mark. Farmer Keller, of Marsh Valley, complains that one of his employes has duped him by selling large quantities of truck and instead of turning over to his employer three-fourths of the receipts placed it in his pocket and disappeared. Farmer Keller was brought into notoriety about nine years ago when two stock of his employes sold him a gold brick for \$4000. They escaped to a western part of the country with their ill-gotten wealth and succeeded in eluding the clutches of the law. However, one was captured and was being brought to Pennsylvania on the charge when he managed to buy off his captor before crossing the state line near Pottsville. Several years later Mr. Keller, who had a great many shares in a Mt. Carmel saving and loan association, lost heavily through its failure. Next he endorsed a note for a farmer living in his vicinity. The note was not paid and the good hearted old man had to pay out the amount, losing several properties as a result. Later the aged farmer married a girl of twenty years of age and created quite a stir when he became a proud father at the age of 73 years. The employe who has duped him is a brother of the young wife. New Colliery. The money expended by the P. & R. E. & I. Co. at the North Franklin colliery, at Trevorton is equal to the expense of opening up a new operation. The work done has been of such an extent that it is practically new, and will ship a large quantity of coal to market when it is all completed and ready for business, as it is expected to be in March next. This is one of the oldest collieries in the region, but had been temporarily abandoned. The demand for the Shamokin free burning white ash coal has been so great that the barbers anthracite of this section of late that the authorities have found it necessary to reopen it in order to supply the demand, and they are doing it with all the facilities now known to the skilled officers of the company. Peace Disturbances. A crowd of about twenty Lithuanians who have been attending a christening at the western end of Coal street witnessed excitement last night by firing shots from revolvers, shouting and upsetting the peace of the neighborhood generally. They kept up the shooting for about half an hour. The police hurried to the scene, but only caught one of the offenders. The rest escaped to Fortville and indulged in more shooting. Fortunately nobody was struck by any of the shots. The man arrested is in the lockup. "Salvation Oil cured me of a shoulder lameness and pain in back, contracted playing ball last season. I tried several other remedies and all failed," Chas. Means, 128 Water St., Cleveland, O. Girard College Anniversary. The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Girard College, Philadelphia, will be celebrated on January 1st, 1898, in an appropriate manner. The date of the celebration may be changed to suit the convenience of President McKinley, who has signified his intention of being present. Forty Hours Devotion. The celebration of the Forty Hours of Devotion is in progress at St. Casimir's Polish Roman Catholic church, Rev. J. A. Lenarkiewicz, pastor, officiating. Services were held last evening and were of an impressive character. The edifice was crowded to the doors with worshippers. Deeds Recorded. From Henry Williams and wife to Thomas Williams, premises in Girardville. From E. J. Dailly and wife to Patrick McCreesh and wife, premises in McAdoo.

Coughs That Kill.

are not distinguished by any mark or sign from coughs that fail to be fatal. Any cough, neglected, may sap the strength and undermine the health until recovery is impossible. All coughs lead to lung trouble, if not stopped. Ager's Cherry Pectoral Cures Coughs. "My wife was suffering from a dreadful cough. We did not expect that she would long survive, but Mr. R. V. Royal, deputy surgeon, happened to be stopping with us over night, and having a bottle of Ager's Cherry Pectoral with him, induced my wife to try this remedy. The result was so beneficial that she kept on taking it till she was cured." E. S. HULL, BRIDGE, Sainsby, Va. "My little daughter was taken with a distressing cough, which for three years defied all the remedies I tried. At length, on the urgent recommendation of a friend, I began to give her Ager's Cherry Pectoral. After using one bottle I found to my great surprise that she was improving. Three bottles completely cured her." J. A. GRAY, Trav. Salesman Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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FACTORY: 231-240 NORTH EMERICK ST., SHENANDOAH, PENNA. RESIDENCE: 230 NORTH WEST STREET, SHENANDOAH, PENNA. Parties intending to get fences in the spring, can save ten per cent. by ordering in the winter months.

RUPTURE CURED.

A Specialist on Rupture from Williamsport, will visit Shenandoah Every Thursday AT THE Ferguson House, from 9 a. m. till 1:30 p. m.

SPOONT'S,

108 & 112 East Centre Street. HOLIDAY FURNITURE.

Can be bought from us this year 35 per cent. cheaper than during any other season. This is our holiday inducement. Fine Cane Seat Dining Room Chairs, 75c. Square Extension Table Handsomely decorated, \$2.75. Bed Room Suits in Eight Pieces, \$15.00.

FREE EYE EXAMINATION!

Do you have headache, or feel drowsy after reading a short time, or when reading do the letters or words run together? If you have any of these symptoms your eyes need attention. All cases of astigmatism and muscular deficiency carefully corrected and every pair of glasses guaranteed to be satisfactory. Examination Made at the House or at Our Store. THOMAS BUCHANAN, OPTICIAN, No. 7 South Main Street.

ONE CARLOAD OF Plush - Rockers

For Christmas Gifts, \$1.00 up. CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS At Factory Prices. Call on us. No trouble to show goods.

SPOONT'S,

108 & 112 East Centre Street. HOLIDAY GOODS

In this store are now receiving the attention of our many patrons. Every department of this leading Dry Goods house has its special attraction for these seeking good values. We have stocked our shelves and counter with all choice things and having bought in large quantities for cash, we are enabled to give you prices that none of our competitors throughout the county can touch.

KAIER'S Opera House,

J. J. QUIRK, Mgr. MAHANAY CITY PA. WEDNESDAY, EV'G., DEC. 15.

MORRISON'S

Original, Famous Scenic and Dramatic Production of... "FAUST."



We have just received another large lot of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats which will be sold 25 per cent. less than their real value. Also a lot of Ladies' Fur and Plush Capes at manufacturer's prices. These garments will not last long and we would advise you to come early and make your purchase. Compare our goods and prices with those of other houses and you will be astonished to see what a saving it will be to you to purchase from us.

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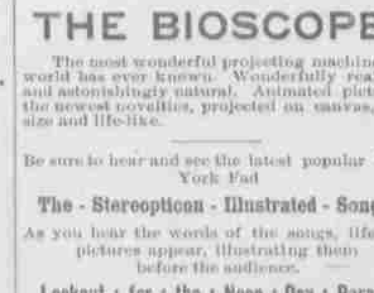
FOUND—A silver watch. Owner can have same by proving to party and paying for advertisement. Apply to Wm. Morgan, 41 West Hampshire alley. FOR SALE—Cheap. A large, second-hand heater. In first-class condition. Apply at No. 28 North Javlin street. 12-19-97. FOR SALE—The popular Ashland open-cake, with gymnasium attached, known as Brock's sporting resort throughout Mahanoy valley, must be sold at once. Reason for selling, party engaging in other business. Reasonable price for the party. Apply at Herald office, or Geo. Bruck's Cafe, Ashland. 11-30-97.

Friday, Dec. 17th.

LEON W. WASHBURN'S DOUBLE Minstrel Enterprise. 2-Big Shows in One-2 ONE COMPLETE WHITE COMPANY. ONE COMPLETE COLORED COMPANY. Two entirely separate and distinct companies, entertaining THE WORLD'S GREATEST ARRAY OF MINSTREL TALENT. The finest equipped Minstrel Company traveling. In addition to the most complete Minstrel show in the World, we present THE BIOSCOPE. The most wonderful projecting machine the world has ever known. Wonderfully realistic and astonishingly natural. Animated pictures, the newest novelties, projected on canvas, life-size and life-like. Be sure to hear and see the latest popular New York Fad. The - Stereopticon - Illustrated - Songs. As you hear the words of the songs, life-size pictures appear, illustrating them before the audience. Lookout for: the : Noon : Day : Parade. Prices. 25, 35 and 50 Cents. Chart at Snyder's Drug Store.

COSLETT,

36 S. Main St. O'HARA'S LIVERY! BOARDING AND SALES STABLES.



Undertaking in - - all its Branches. Open Day and Night. Cor. White and Lloyd Streets, Shenandoah. Mansion and House Stables, MAHANAY CITY.

BUTTERICK PATTERNS.

In using Butterick Patterns you run no risk of ruining your garment, but instead are assured a correct and fashionable fit. We keep a large stock of patterns always on hand and are prepared to fill orders without delay.

P. J. GAUGHAN,

No. 27 North Main St. BEST LINE OF GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED, HAY and STRAW. Floor and Table Oil Cloths. E. B. FOLEY, 27 West Centre St.

CONWAY'S FAMOUS 5 AND 10c STORE NO. 7,

102 North Main Street. Next Door to Gill's Dry Goods Store. Only eleven more shopping days, and then Christmas. If you want to buy Toys at Factory Prices, buy them of us. Why? Because we are cheaper than any other store in town. We are never underpaid if we know it.

CONWAY'S FAMOUS 5 & 10c Store No. 7,

102 North Main Street. Next Door to Gill's Dry Goods Store. We quote a few prices: A Dressed Doll, Bisque Head, worth \$1.50, our price 50c. Games from 5c up as high as you want to go. Iron Toys from 10c up as high as you want to go. Baby Coaches, 25c, 48c and 95c. Drums, Tool Chests, etc., 25c up. Writing Desks from 50c up. Blackboards from 25c up. Tree Ornaments, the largest stock in town to select from. We have them to up. Wash sets and Kitchen Sets, from 25c up.

CONWAY'S FAMOUS 5 & 10c Store No. 7,

102 North Main Street. Next Door to Gill's Dry Goods Store. We have added to our Toy Department, on the second floor, a full line of Pictures, Vases, Bisque Images at cut prices. Don't Forget the Name and Number.

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102 North Main Street. Next Door to Gill's Dry Goods Store.



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PRICES THE LOWEST.

We aim to sell better goods for less money than any other store in the county. WHY? Because we have the largest store twice the stock of all our rivals and imitators. This gives us a purchasing power no one can equal. Our big Day-Light Store is full of great values that are low prices to you. CLOAKS AND WRAPS. For a dozen years we have held the lead for low prices for Cloaks and Wraps, Coats and Jackets, for young or old. Our stock is large and fully up-to-date in style and prices.

DRESS GOODS.

A remarkable stock in richness of weaves, in newness of styles, in lowness of prices. All these combine to make this the leading store for Dress Goods Bargains. TAKE YOUR PICK. Is it a Handkerchief, a Silk Umbrella, Gloves, Neckwear, Shirt, Hosiery, Underwear, Fine Linens for table use, or Stamped Linens for Embroidery, Lace Curtains, a New Dress, Cloak, Wrap, a Nice Celluloid or Porcelain Hand Painted Box of Collars, Cuffs, or Sundries. We claim to sell better goods for less money than any other store.

L. J. WILKINSON,

MAIN and LLOYD STS., SHENANDOAH, PA.

There's a Thousand

Things we can't mention. The HERALD isn't big enough to make a slight mention of our marvelous stock, but come and see us. Shenandoah's best store can't afford to do things by halves. We have bought the best of the season's offerings and most cordially ask you to come and see the great stock of reasonable goods, whether you want to buy or not. No trade in this vast stock of honest goods. Nothing but dependable stock, that you won't be ashamed to offer as a gift to any one.

Sensible Gifts,

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