

CENT A WORD COLUMN

CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS at Weaver's Jewelry Store.

ONLY NINE more days to Christmas. Select your purchases now—before the rush. C. PETERSEN.

SOME PEOPLE are having pictures taken in the new styles of art at Ridgeway's Studio. Be given to their friends for a present at New Year.

FINE line of gold and plated jewelry at Weaver's Jewelry Store.

BRING the picture you want framed for Christmas this week. I have moldings cheap or dear to frame any kind of picture at Ridgeway's Studio.

Our show windows will give an idea of what the interior of the store looks like. Step in and convince yourself. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

FOR SALE—Ray house, on East Extension street. Large lot with sixty feet front. M. E. Simons.

Our six foot show case full of Ladies' and Gents' Gold and Gold Filled Watches. Three hundred different designs to select from. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

YOUR FRIENDS' homes will look brighter at Christmas time if you buy them a fancy picture of art from my new stock. Just received. Come early and get your picture at Ridgeway's Studio.

STUFFED birds, squirrels and animals make a nice Christmas gift. Buy them at Ridgeway's Studio.

We have a wonderful display of Clocks all the leading makes and latest styles. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

FOR SALE—The restaurant building on 7th street, including front and back bars and furnace, now occupied by John Tschoband. Well known as one of the best business stands in Honesdale.

IT MAY be a camera your friend wants for Christmas. Buy them at Ridgeway's Studio.

ALL PICTURES taken up until the 21st. will be ready for delivery Christmas eve. 24th, at Ridgeway's Studio.

Six foot show case full of Ladies' Gents' and Children's Solid Gold Signet and Stone set Rings. Fifteen hundred different styles to select from. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

IT WILL BE a Merry Xmas to your friends if you give them a photo of yourself. All styles at the Ridgeway Studio.

FANS—dainty gold and silver spangled, hand painted chiffon Fans, at Petersen's.

SOUVENIR and single teaspoons. We have a splendid line, and engrave initials or monogram free of charge. C. PETERSEN.

100 ACRES FARM—Good buildings—for sale or exchange for a house in Honesdale or Hawley. JOS. STERNBAUER, Hawley, Pa.

In Bracelets we have every style new this fall. In Gold and Gold Filled. Quality guaranteed. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

I FORBID all persons to remove hay from the estate of Clifford L. Chapman. GEO. A. CHAPMAN, Administrator.

EXQUISITE Water Colors and Oil Paintings, many of local subjects, by Miss Brownson and Wm. H. Ham, for sale at Petersen's. Prices most reasonable.

Mail and Telephone orders promptly filled. G. E. SOMMER, Jeweler.

FOR SALE—Lot and building located at 1122 Main street. Enquire or write C. E. Gibbs, Honesdale, Pa.

All goods sold engraved free of charge. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

HOLIDAY FURNITURE at BROWN'S. Parlor Suits at Brown's. Bedroom Suits at Brown's. Couches at Brown's. Fancy Chairs at Brown's. Dining cane and wood Chairs at Brown's.

In Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets and all other toilet articles we have an endless variety. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

THOSE PICTURES you want framed for Christmas, bring this week to Ridgeway's Studio.

We carry the largest stock this side of New York and Philadelphia of Sterling or Solid Silver Ware, staple and fancy pieces, beautiful designs. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

Chains, Lockets, Lavelieres, Brooches, Pobs, Belt Pins, Vell Pins, Collar Sets, Back Combs, Side Combs, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links, an endless variety. SOMMER, The Jeweler.

LOCAL MENTION.

—"My Dixie Girl," an unusually fine attraction, will be given at "The Lyric" at matinee and evening performances on Christmas day. Full particulars in next Wednesday's issue.

—Wayne Rebekah Lodge has elected the following officers: Mrs. Flora Dreyer, Noble Grand; Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Vice Grand; G. W. Penwarden, Treasurer; Mrs. Edna Gray, Mrs. G. W. Penwarden, Trustees. They will be installed on Dec. 29th, when the brother Rebekahs will furnish a "spread."

—Water must be low indeed when there isn't enough for the fish to drink. It has been found necessary to transfer the fish from the State hatchery at Conneaut to Union City for lack of water. A herd of cows, on account of the drought, were driven by the boy in charge of them from their usual watering place to a small dam in which the State stores its water. The cows drank the pond practically dry, and the men were obliged to carry water 1,000 feet to keep the hatchery going.

—By Sheriff's sale in Milford, Pike county on Saturday last, 388 acres of land, including a considerable portion of the village of Lackawaxen, became the property of John F. Meyer, who for some time past has been the proprietor of what was known as the Ascher Hotel, at that station. Mr. Meyer's purchase includes the old Keystone Hotel property, originally the Williamson House, together with valuable blue stone ledges, and the water privileges of the place, upon which the Erie Co., at that point is largely dependent. Mr. Meyer, who is a brother of Herman Meyer, of the Oak Cafe, of this place, intends to lay out his purchase in building lots, with a view to making it eventually an attractive village of summer homes for city people. It is certainly beautifully located for that purpose.

THE POST OFFICE.

Where the Fault Lies for Our Unsatisfactory Delivery Service.—The Railroads to Blame.

The Post Office Department at Washington having written postmaster Allen, stating that complaint had been made of unsatisfactory city delivery service in Honesdale, and asking for a statement of facts, Mr. Allen has forwarded to the First Assistant Postmaster General the following reply, which cannot fail to convince the department, and incidentally ought to satisfy the patrons of the office, that the fault is not with the postmaster or carriers but with the miserable train service to which they are subjected, and of which we are the victims:

United States Post Office, Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 14, 1908. Hon. First Assistant Postmaster General, Div. of City Delivery, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In answer to your letter (D. W.) of the 8th inst. would say, mails arrive at this office at 9:50 a. m.; 1:38, 4:10, 7:29 and 8:09, p. m.; and depart at 6:55 and 8:27 a. m.; 1:20, 2:50 and 4:30 p. m. It is therefore necessary for carriers to make delivery and collection and return to post office not later than 4:00 p. m., in order to dispatch their collections at 4:30 p. m., which is the last dispatch, this being the last train leaving Honesdale. At 9:50 a. m., we are receiving from 1,500 to 2,000 letters, and perhaps 1,000 pieces of paper mail, including the New York, Philadelphia and Scranton dailies. At 1:38 we receive a small mail and should we hold carriers for 1:38 p. m. train, there would be more complaint regarding the delay of daily papers, etc., and carriers could not return to postoffice in time for the last dispatch. Under the present schedule carriers make first collection at 6:00 a. m., and leave on first delivery and collection trip at 8:00 a. m., returning at 12:15 p. m. This delivery includes mail arriving at 1:38, 4:10, 7:29 and 8:09 the day before, and on second delivery and collection trip carriers deliver mail received at 9:50 a. m., leaving office at 1:00 p. m.

There is also a window delivery from 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. I am of the opinion that the service cannot be improved under the present train schedule, and it is to be regretted that a county seat the size of Honesdale, having nine large cut glass factories, elevator works, silk mill, box factory, three semi-weekly papers, two large shoe factories, knitting mills, two grist mills, two planing mills, four banks, two underwear factories, brewery, and numerous other industries, cannot receive their first mail before 11:00 o'clock a. m., and cannot dispatch their last mail later than 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Very respectfully,
MARTIN B. ALLEN, P. M.

OBITUARY.

Wellington Geary died at his home in Hawley on Saturday last, Dec. 12, 1908, aged 49 years. He was expecting to start with his wife for Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the winter, when he was seized with an attack of acute indigestion which proved fatal. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Simons, of Cleveland, Ohio; and by two brothers, Fred, of Hawley, and Samuel, of Lancaster.

Veit Wildenstein, a well-known resident of Mount Pleasant township, died at his home on Monday, Dec. 14, 1908, aged 59 years, 9 months and 10 days. He was born in Fischbach, upper Bavaria, February 28, 1849, his parents, Bartholomew Wildenstein and wife coming from that place to America two and a half years later. For a time the family resided at Seelyville, but later moved to Mount Pleasant township, which became their permanent home. Mr. Wildenstein, the subject of this notice, was the oldest of eight children, only four of whom are now living. He was married February 19, 1878, to Margaret Hauenstein, who with the following children survives him: Wm. F. Hopp, of Honesdale; Henry Wildenstein, of Creamton, and Anna, at home. One son, Martin, died about a year ago. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: George and Frank Wildenstein, of Mount Pleasant; Mrs. George Erk, of Seelyville, and Mrs. Wm. Rosemer, of Aldenville.

Mr. Wildenstein was a member of the German Lutheran church, and a devoted Christian husband and parent. No father was more fond of his home and family; no man a kinder friend and neighbor. The funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. W. F. Hopp, at the German Lutheran church, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, were largely attended by relatives and friends. Interment was made in the German Lutheran cemetery.

Henry H. Clough, son of David Clough and Durinda King, was born at Mount Pleasant, Pa., July 29, 1842. He grew to manhood at his home there, and at the age of 21 came to Michigan, three years later coming to Prairie Farm, Wis. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Wenzel in 1871. She died April 6, 1892. Immediately after his marriage he moved to Cottonwood county, Minn., remaining there about four years, again returning to Prairie Farm, where he spent the remainder of his days. To this union were born five children, Eva, married to Fred. Champion in 1893; David, married to Lillie Monton in 1906; Alice, married to Charles Raasbuck in 1907; Robert and Mary. After coming West he spent twenty winters scaling logs for Knapp, Stout & Company. In 1878 he moved to his farm in the town of Dallas. He has taken an active part in organizing creamery companies, also the Prairie Farm, Ridgeland and Dallas telephone companies. The deceased had been ill but a short time with Bright's disease. Shortly after taken he went to Duluth for treatment, but nothing seemed to help. On the night of the 24th he had a sudden change for the worse, and from then failed rapidly, two days later losing consciousness. At 6 o'clock P. M., Nov. 28th, he passed peacefully away at the home of his son, David at Duluth, aged 66 years, 3 months and 29 days. He leaves to mourn him, his five children, two sisters, Mrs. Anna Long and Rachael Clough, one brother, Ernest, six grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. All the children were present at his funeral except Mrs. Fred. Champion,

who was unable to attend. The remains were brought to his home in the town of Dallas. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church of Prairie Farm. A host of friends and neighbors were present to show their last respects to the deceased. Interment in Prairie Farm Evergreen cemetery. Rev. George Hanson officiated.—The Barron County (Wis.) Shield.

We are a few steps farther up town, but the difference in the price of our goods and those of our competitors makes it worth your while.
O. G. Weaver, Jeweler.

MENNER & Co. will close out a lot of single suits for Ladies and Misses at less than cost. 41e17

A lot of Ladies' cloth capes to close out at MENNER & Co.'s at very low prices. 41e17

The Farview Hospital.

Fine Progress Being Made With the Work—Fifty-two Men and Ten Teams Employed.

Work on the new Pennsylvania State Hospital for Criminal Insane, now in course of construction at Farview is being carried on very satisfactorily.

The forty ton steam shovel is doing splendid execution and is removing from 1,000 to 1,200 cubic yards of earth per day. On Thursday of last week two experienced engineers, William Pritchard and Eugene Young, were placed in charge of the shovel and since then extraordinary results along those lines have been obtained. The D. & H. R. R. Co. have constructed a siding on the State grounds, east of the D. & H. station, which will accommodate a large number of cars. There are in all about fifty-two men and ten teams employed. A report became current a week ago that a strike for higher wages had occurred among the owners of teams but such was not true. A few farmers who had more than enough work in lumbering, after sleighing commenced, did take their teams from the works but the supply is greater than the demand.

A welcome addition to the corps of employees in the person of Mr. Jason Johnson arrived from Philadelphia on the 9th inst., and took charge of the clerical department. Many years ago Mr. Johnson was assistant paymaster for the D. & H. Co., and many old railroad men will be glad to know that the genial "Jase," although now 73 years of age is as youthful in feeling and action as when he paid the employees of that company forty years ago.

The men from Philadelphia who have accompanied Contractor Glenn, and are employed at the Hospital, are pleased with Farview and its surroundings, and many of them say they will never again return to the City of Brotherly Love, but will make the pretty little village of Waymart their future home. Chief Architect of the Hospital, J. C. M. Shirk, makes weekly visits to Farview for the inspection of the work, and last Friday he was accompanied by State Senator Sterling R. Catlin, of Luzerne Co., who is a member of the Commission to erect the Hospital.

During the early part of the past week the Consolidated Telephone Co. placed a telephone in the Contractor's office, and by the 19th inst. telephonic communication will be established with the proposed Hospital.

How It Happened.

Mrs. Mary S. Roper, of Brooklyn, whose involuntary and thrilling aeronautic experience at the Ellenville (N. Y.) Fair, August 29, 1906, was in part described in our last issue, told her story in the Supreme Court in session at Kingston, N. Y., on Monday last, as a witness in her own behalf against the Ulster County Agricultural Society for \$25,000 damages. After being sworn she testified as follows:

"With some other Brooklyn people who were spending the summer at Walker Valley, where I was finishing a six weeks' vacation," she said, "I attended the fair. A watchman told us to be careful until the poles fell that supported the balloon. Then everybody crushed up close to the balloon and nobody tried to keep us back."

"The first thing I knew I felt something tagging at my ankle. I reached down to see what was the matter, and the first finger of my right hand was caught. The next thing I knew I was being dragged through the crowd."

"My body struck against a man and knocked him down. Then my face hit against the gas pipe, and I remember going up. I think I fainted."

"When I came to, I was away up in the air, hanging by my ankle and one finger. Maggie Daily was the aeronaut. She called to me to hold up my head."

"My God, I cannot! I called back to her. 'It's hanging down and I can't.' 'Then I fainted again, and was unconscious when we landed. When I came to again she was rubbing my hands, but I told her not to do it because it hurt.'"

Mrs. Roper said her injuries included a broken finger, bruised face, cut eye, fractured collar bone, sprained ankle and strained back.

Mrs. Mary Hesy and Frank H. Breitenbacher, of Brooklyn, testified that no attempt was made to keep spectators away from the ropes. A photograph showed Mrs. Roper as a mere speck against the sky. She was taken up nearly half a mile.

A motion for a non-suit on the ground of contributory negligence was denied. The defense claims the crowd was continually ordered back, but insisted on pushing forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Local Institute for Damascus township will be held at the High School, on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Two sessions will be held.

Rev. Dr. P. H. Brooks will conduct services in the Waymart Presbyterian church, on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th, at eleven o'clock.

Rev. Wellington G. Carl, of Kane, Pa., will hold services in the Honesdale Baptist church, on Sunday, morning and evening, and will remain over until after prayer services on Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. Carl is a prospective pastor of this church.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Swift will speak next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church, on "The Marks of a Gentleman." He has received definitions of a "gentleman" from one of the brightest judges in eastern Pennsylvania; a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, whose life has been spent among men; a brainy Doctor of Divinity, and the Vice President-elect of the United States. These definitions will be analyzed in the discourse. All are cordially invited, particularly club men.

The Choral Society, under the leadership of Geo. B. Phillips, of Scranton, will suspend all drills until the first Tuesday in January.

Rev. William F. Hopp will conduct Lutheran services at the White Mills school house, Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. The choir of St. John's Lutheran church, of Honesdale, will sing at the service.

Does it pay to keep hens? is a question propounded by one of our subscribers. At nearly four cents apiece for eggs—more than good oranges cost—the present price, we should say it did. A Harrisburg man kept 14 hens during the past year, at a cost of \$1.15 per hen, and gathered from them 1,456 eggs, and Esquire Klugh, of New Cumberland, writes that he has fed 19 hens the past year at a cost of \$1.05 each, and has had from them 2,178 eggs, an average of 144 eggs per hen.

Don't fail to get our prices before you buy elsewhere. We can save you money. O. G. Weaver, Jeweler.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

ESTATE OF DEINA BLOCKBERGER, late of the township of Dyberry, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement. 41e17
W. L. LEMNITZER, Executor.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Honesdale National Bank, at the banking house, on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1909, between the hours of one and four o'clock, p. m., for the election of nine Directors for the ensuing year.
By order of the Board,
E. F. TORREY, Cashier.
Honesdale, Dec. 18, 1908. 41e17

FOR Holiday Decorations

Plants, Cut Flowers, and Christmas Greens, Call at the Maple City Greenhouse Store, NEXT TO SCHUERHOLZ'S CIGAR STORE.

GREAT Clearance Sale NOW ON

The entire Stock of J. N. C. Bader, consisting of Mens', Youth's' Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Ulsters, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Waists, Underwear, Sweaters, Gloves, Neckwear, Collars, Suspenders and Overalls

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Dress Goods
Jacket suits
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GENTS'

Umbrellas
Winter Underwear
Gloves and Mittens
Ties and Collars
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Bath Robes, etc.

CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES

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Holiday Gifts!

AT

MENNER & CO.

Store open evenings for holiday trade after December 12th to December 24th.

JUNIOR and MISSES'

Nobby Suits
Jumper Dresses
One Piece Dresses
Winter Cloaks
Muffs and Boas
Fur Caps and Hats

GIRLS' and INFANTS'

White Dresses
White Skirts
Hoods and Capes
Gloves and Hosiery
Muslin Gowns
Muslin Underwear
Ribbons, Mufflers, &c., &c.