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The policy of the *The Citizen* is to print the local news in an interesting manner, to summarize the news of the world at large, to fight for the right as this paper sees the right, without fear or favor to the end that it may serve the best interests of its readers and the welfare of the county.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1911.

State Health Commissioner Dixon says the ideal time for shopping is in the morning, when the vitality is at its highest point and exertion is least felt.

EXTINGUISHING THE STATE'S DEBT.

State Treasurer Wright's informal statements as to the revenue and condition of the sinking fund show that the Commonwealth has never been in a better financial position. Not only is revenue increasing, but the operations of the sinking fund are reaching the point when the virtual disappearance of the debt of Pennsylvania will have been accomplished.

"Mail your gifts ahead of the rush, but don't open before Christmas," is the slogan of the Postoffice Department in its campaign to minimize the annual congestion of Christmas mail. Postoffices all over the country are preparing for the Christmas gift mails that make the ordinary volume of postal traffic look small by comparison. The postal officials are hoping that gift senders shall get their mail in early and put the inscription noted on the outside of the package.

Local pride is an excellent thing, particularly when it is based on creditable achievement. A striking manifestation is the action of Iowa, which has adopted a trademark, duly registered with the Secretary of State. Hereafter this trademark, consisting of a hawk's head within a cogwheel bearing the words, "Made in Iowa," will be affixed to the products of Iowa factories, and thus constitute an effective advertisement of the state's industries. Iowa is said to be the first state of the Union to adopt such a device, though it is quite likely the example will be widely imitated.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

The spirit of Christmas is with us. Stores, shop windows and interiors reflect it. Children in their merry glee stand with awe before the spangled bedecked windows, inspecting the many gifts therein artistically displayed, pointing out first one and then another different toy which they want Santa Claus to bring them. The Christmas spirit does not stop with the children, but is contagious and has taken possession of parents and friends as well.

The Citizen has also contracted the Christmas spirit and in a most interesting manner unfolds its story to its many thousand readers in this issue of the paper by getting out a large Christmas edition. Had it not been, however, for the liberal support of our many advertisers, the edition would have been an impossibility. At this time we want to express our sincere thankfulness to the merchants, business men, industries and banks, who by their liberality, have unitedly supported The Citizen in the execution of this, the largest Christmas edition ever to have been printed in Wayne county.

The paper is divided into three sections, each part consisting of eight pages. The cover, or supplement number one, is printed on heavy book paper and is profusely illustrated with half-tone engravings. The first page is devoted to an interesting Christmas story by Homer Greene, entitled "A Christmas Eve Reconciliation." In the center of the page is a beautiful half-tone reproduction, "Madonna Adoring the Child," from a painting by Correggio. The second and third pages contain large advertisements of some of Honesdale's business houses and institutions. The lower half of the third page is a brief sketch of Honesdale, written from an industrial, historical and descriptive standpoint. A fine half-tone engraving graces the page, which portrays a beautiful view of the Lackawaxen river with Hotel Wayne in the background.

Pages four and five of this supplement are devoted exclusively to "Wayne County's Natural Resources," with fine half-tone engravings. We are indebted to the Herald Press Association for the use of the cuts. We invite our readers' attention to this article. It is exceedingly interesting. The data was especially written for The Citizen by an experienced electrical engineer and is based upon facts and figures. Pages six, seven and eight also contain advertisements of some of the town's most prosperous business houses.

The second supplement is typical of Christmas. The department "Yes, We Believe in Santa Claus," is nicely illustrated and contains short sketches by prominent men and women, who claim they believe in Santa Claus. Half and quarter-page advertisements are interspersed among reading matter throughout the supplement, representing a number of Honesdale's leading merchants and business institutions. In this supplement there is a considerable amount of bright and appropriate Christmas reading. We desire to call our readers' attention to "Baby's First Christmas" on page three. It is cute enough to frame; also the little toy writing to Santa Claus. These are both found under the caption of Children's Page. "A Christmas Tree Talk" on the fourth page is unique, while other Christmas stories upon the same page are very interesting. By special permission we present on page five a Christmas carol, entitled, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Words by Bishop Phillips Brooks and music by W. C. Williams. The carol consists of four stanzas. It is finely illustrated, pictures of Bethlehem being shown. "Garland's Gifts," by Howard Fielding, on the eighth page of supplement two, is very entertaining.

In addition to the above-mentioned supplements is the regular news section of The Citizen. It, too, contains many advertisements. Notice is called to the half-page block advertisements under the caption of "Patronize Advertisers Who Help Boost Honesdale."

Several thousand additional copies of the large circulation of The Citizen were published. The papers were distributed to all parts of the county. If you desire extra copies send a two cent stamp for each copy desired and same will be promptly forwarded to your address. Townspeople and advertisers can secure the papers at The Citizen office.

The Citizen desires to take this opportunity of calling the public's attention to its modern job plant and facilities it has for executing fine job work. Several new series of the very latest faces of type have been purchased and the office is now in shape to do any and all kinds of work. We make a specialty of law briefs, being able to execute the work on short notice. Our Mergenthaler Linotype machine, number five model, was the first linotype machine installed in Wayne county. With the aid of this indispensable machine we are able to do magazine, book and pamphlet composition for other offices, far and near, and make a specialty of this class of work. If you need anything in the line of printing consult The Citizen.

The Citizen is very grateful to all who help make this edition the success that it is. It wishes all readers, contributors and advertisers a Merry Christmas.

YOU BET THERE'S A SANTA CLAUS.

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"
VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 West 95th Street."

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah! Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of our's man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Santa Claus, the spirit of the Christ-Child—the greatest exemplar that ever dwelt on the earth—is exemplified in millions of people over the civilized world, in preparing for the celebration of the birth of Him whose love and helpfulness went out to all humanity. We see Santa Claus the spirit of Christmas in evidence in every home in some form, but the most unselfish, the most Christ-like is that which goes out to the poor, needy and suffering. We see Santa Claus in the spirit which prompts the sending of Christmas dinners for the Salvation Army to dispense, money, eatables and wearables to the home for the Friendless (orphan and founding asylums, Day Nursery, district nurses, Associated Charities, House of the Good Shepherd, missions, hospitals, the guilds, churches, Sunday schools, fraternal organizations, to the many avenues of distribution, to bring hope, joy, peace, to renew faith in humanity. Santa Claus is real. The brotherhood of man, the helping hand, the true Christmas must come when all men are at peace with one another, when there shall be no more war—may we not advance to a higher civilization, when men will learn to abolish the system which now brings into the world the great bulk of idiots, criminals and weaklings, which cause our penal and eleemosynary institutions to overflow. We would that the spirit of Santa Claus would be with us all the year, not the mere gift giving but the kindlier and more humane spirit of cheer and helpfulness.—New York Sun.

ARLINGTON.

(Special to The Citizen.)
Arlington, Pa., Dec. 6.

On December 1, the Arlington Epworth League reorganized with the following officers: President, Mrs. A. L. Finley; first vice-president, Mrs. William Altmeir; second vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Noble; third vice-president, Mrs. William Altmeir; fourth vice-president, Miss Louise L. Reer; secretary, Lester M. Carlton; treasurer, Miss Cora Bidwell; organist, Miss Cora Bidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Eastwood left for Philadelphia on November 29.

Mrs. Detrick, who has been spending some time in New York, came home Thanksgiving day.

Some of the young people of this place attended the social at Avoy on Thanksgiving night.

D. W. Bidwell and F. G. Carlton are attending auditor's meeting at Hamlin to-day.

Joseph Dunfield is moving to Chinchilla to-day.

Timothy Louison is able to be about.

Charles Bidwell is able to be about.

C. F. Harris is working at Paupack.

John Lennon, Audell, was killed December 4 at Lackawaxen supposedly by an Erie train. The particulars are not known at present. He was about forty years old and is survived by his two sisters, Kate and Sarah and his brother Thomas. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery, at Ledgedale, December 6.

Miss Grace E. Bidwell and Homer Bidwell expect to be in the government service soon.

—If you want to buy a seasonable gift for a lady, you can find at Menner & Co. genuine furs in muffs and collars, hats and handsome coats.
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- HOSIERY IN HOLIDAY BOXES.
- SHIRTS IN HOLIDAY BOXES
- SUSPENDERS IN HOLIDAY BOXES
- FUR LINED GLOVES
- MEN'S COMBINATION SUITS
- SCARF PIN AND HOLDER SETS.
- TIE AND LINK SETS

CUFF LINKS, BOXED

- UMBRELLAS
- MUFFLERS
- BATH ROBES
- HOUSE COATS
- FUR CAPS
- SCARF PINS
- PAJAMAS
- FANCY VESTS
- SUIT CASES
- WATCH FOBS
- TRAVELING BAGS
- KID GLOVES
- KNIT GLOVES
- INITIAL H'd'k'fs.
- SILK H'd'k's.
- SCARF HOLDERS
- NIGHT ROBES
- GARTERS
- SWEATER COATS
- COLLARS
- HATS

Don't Forget that we carry a line of Men's and Boys' Clothing which is "as good as they come."

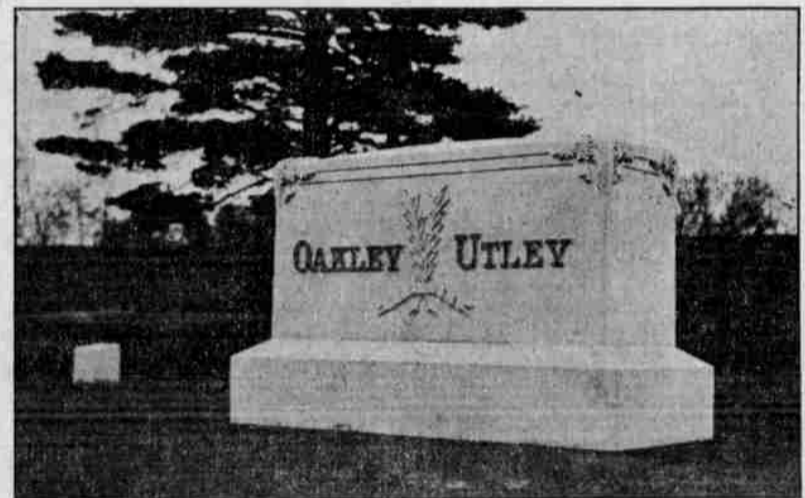


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FROM KLONDIKE QUARRY.

ROUGH STOCK IN BLUE GRANITE WHITE " PARK RED "

WESTERLY, R.I.

Nov. 21, 1911.

Mr. Martin Caufield, Honesdale, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly give me the Base size also the total height of the Oakley-Utley job you erected, as we want to use same in our booklet.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

Yours very truly,

Thos. Gourlay

Martin Caufield, Honesdale, Pa.