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The Punxsutawney Spirit made its appearance last week looking as neat as a new pin. It has been enlarged from a six to a seven column, eight-page paper, is now cut and pasted and has a new dress of type. The Spirit has always been an attractive paper, but with its stylish appearance now it will be more attractive. Progressiveness is the motto of the Spirit.

The subscriber who comes in these days and pays the printer is blessed and in the kingdom to come will be given a high place. His name will be written at the top of the column, next to pure reading matter, and nothing in the house will be too good for him. He will get "comps" to all harp recitals, have a reserved seat beside the editor, while all the delinquent subscribers will have to carry water for the performers and sit up in the gallery, says an exchange.

Christmas, with all its gaiety and sometimes revels, has never entirely lost its distinctively Christmas character; it does much to help the most of us keep our hold upon the higher and better things of life; the annual celebration brings nearer and makes more real to us all the great events it commemorates. It is well not to forget the real significance of the day; the remembrance of what it is and what it does, ought surely to make its joys all the more joyful.

It is difficult to predict the future work in the magazine field. No one would have conceived, ten years ago, that a thirty-five-cent magazine would ever contemplate the use of expensive lithographic processes in printing. But a ten cent magazine has put in a large and complete lithographic plant with the avowed purpose of furnishing a certain amount of color work every month. The first result is the reproduction of a water color, drawn by Rossi for the Cosmopolitan, and redrawn upon stone by the Cosmopolitan lithographic artists, and printed upon the Cosmopolitan lithographic presses. Work upon even a more extended scale is promised for the January number.

In the mind of Christendom the Christmas season has for centuries been set apart as a time of peace and good will among men. To the religious feeling originally prompting this distinction has been added a sentiment cultivated by the social customs and usages of the people of all Christian lands. It is the time of gift-making, of reconciliations, of reunions, of the overcoming of resentments, and the burying of feuds and enmities. It is the season when men try harder than at any other time to cultivate the spirit of happiness and peace. It is because of this effort, because of this prevalent feeling that the Christmas season is generally associated with what is tenderest, sweetest and holiest in human life, that it is so pleasant always in anticipation and so delightful in recollection. Who can doubt that each recurring Christmas-tide does leave the whole world positively better than it found it, a gentler, kinder spirit among men, more love and more sympathy.

The man whose ha! ha! reaches from one end of the street to the other may be the same fellow who scolded his wife and spanked the baby before he got his breakfast, but his laughter is only the crackle of thorns under the pot. The man who spreads his laughter through his life—before a late breakfast when he misses the train; when his wife goes visiting and he has to eat a cold supper; the man who can laugh when he finds a button off his shirt, when the furnace fire goes out in the night, and both of the twins come down with the measles at the same time—he's the fellow that's needed. He never tells his neighbor to have faith; somehow he puts faith into him. He delivers no homilies; the sight of his beaming face, the sound of his happy voice, and the sight of his blessed daily life, carry conviction that words have no power to give. The blues see before him as the fog before the west wind; he comes into his own home like a food of sunshine over a meadow of blooming buttercups, and his wife and children blossom in his presence like June roses. His home is redolent with sympathy and love. The neighborhood is better for his life, and somebody will learn of him that laughter is better than tears. The world needs this man. Why are there so few of them? Can he be created? Can he be evolved? Why is he not in every house, turning rain into shine and winter into summer all the year, until life is a perpetual season of joy.—Ladies' Home Journal.

S. S. Program.

Program for Rathmel Union Sunday school, to be held Christmas eve, Dec. 24, 1895, "The Shepherds of Bethlehem."

- 1 Organ Voluntary.
- 2 Singing by School—A Hearty Welcome.
- 3 Invocation.
- 4 Address of Welcome by Supr.
- 5 Singing by the School—Songs of Peace and Glory.
- 6 Responsive Reading—Shepherd Boy of Bethlehem.
- 7 Singing by School—God Called Him from the Sheep-fold.
- 8 Primary Exercise—The Good Shepherd.
- 9 Recitation—Long Years Ago, Annie Barclay.
- 10 Recitation—Santa Claus, by Emma Hays.
- 11 Recitation—Kitty to Christ, by Jennie Mitchell.
- 12 The Shepherd's Psalm.
- 13 Responsive Reading—The Watch by Night.
- 14 Recitation—At Christmas Tide, by Willie Weant.
- 15 Singing by School—While Shepherds Watch their Flocks by Night.
- 16 Recitations by Willie Hill, Little Mitchell, Libby Northy and Leon Phillips.
- 17 Dialogue—A Bunch of Flowers, by eight girls.
- 18 Recitation—Dolly, isn't Christmas jolly? by Irene Hughes.
- 19 Song—Toy Land, by the Children.
- 20 Recitation—The First Christmas, by Mary Wylam.
- 21 Dialogue by two boys, Joe Mohney and Artie Beverago.
- 22 Dialogue by two girls—The World is What we Make It.
- 23 Recitation—On the Way, by Mary Marshall.
- 24 Singing by the School—Ring the Bells.
- 25 Dialogue by three boys and four girls.
- 26 Recitation—Christmas at the Poor-house, by Laura Hughes.
- 27 Motion Hymn by five little girls—The Little Ones of Bethlehem.
- 28 Recitation—Frank Rubies' Christmas, by Eliza Smitton.
- 29 Recitation—Down Blackberry Lane, by Alice Beverago.
- 30 Recitation—Clara Tinch.
- 31 Singing—We Three Kings.
- 32 Recitation—Christmas Bells, by Jennie McIntosh.
- 33 Singing—Other Girls and Boys' Gifts, from the Scholars.
- 34 Gift to the Scholars.
- 35 Closing Song—We have had a Very Pleasant Time.

Ed. Gooder has the finest line of chain bracelets. Call and see them.

Just received a nice line of men's pants for holidays at Bargain store.

Go to J. S. Morrow's for shoes.

Wreath of Roses.

Change of date has not been made. The original entertainment by the Catholic little children's temperance society, Wreath of Roses, will be given at the opera house Dec. 26th—day after Christmas. Through a misunderstanding the white tickets of a later exhibition have been purchased. All such tickets will be received in exchange, or for admission at the door, as the benefit is for the same purpose. The following program has been arranged:

- PART I.**
- Chorus—"O, Sweetly Ring"..... Members
 - Opening Address..... Four little Girls
 - Dialogue..... Lizzie Sughron
 - Dialogue..... Boys and Girls
 - Recitation..... Agnes Bolger
 - Drill..... Little Girls
 - Dialogue..... Two Girls
 - Recitation..... Susie Gurgoon
 - Music.....
 - Pantomime and Tableau..... Boys and Girls
 - Fables and Brownies.....
- PART II.**
- Song..... Four little Girls
 - Recitation—"Kissing Papa Through the Telephone," Cecelia Schultze
 - Recitation..... Unitas Farrell
 - Duet—"Song of the Doves," Mary McDonald
 - Doll Show..... Nine Little Girls
 - Recitation..... Mary McDonald
 - Dialogue..... By Two
 - A Chat..... Four little Girls
 - Music.....
 - Recitation..... Sixteen Girls
 - Recitation..... Nellie Degnan
 - Tableau..... The Nativity
 - Tableau..... Katie Sughron
 - Tableau..... Members

Now is the time to buy your holiday goods, as our stock is complete with all the latest novelties in market.

Ed. GOODER, Jeweler.

Dolls, all kinds and prices, at the Reynolds Drug Store.

WATCHES, WATCHES—Cheaper than ever at Ed. Gooder's, the jeweler.

Finest line of doll carriages ever brought to Reynoldsville at the Reynolds Drug Store.

The Demorest sewing machine at \$19.50 at J. S. Morrow's.

W. D. Williams & Co. will buy or sell second hand furniture or stoves.

Linen goods, table cloths, napkins and towels for holidays at low prices at the Bargain store.

The Home-Gazette, a little monthly paper published by Dillis Allen, of Allens Mills, says "the coming county election promises to be a hot campaign and it will certainly be a long one." The editor of the Gazette further says: "Of course it is too early to guess on the election yet but we should judge the race for sheriff will be the most heated, but as yet the contest may be narrowed down to two, viz: Chestnut and Neff. Between these two prophecy a sharp clean race. Squire Neff was in our village some days ago and told us he is not going to make the canvass for physical culture or because his party pushed him out but that he will enter the field meaning business."

Mrs. T. S. Hawkins, Chattanooga, Tenn., says, "Shilo's Vitalizer saved my life. I consider it the best remedy for a debilitated system I ever used." For dyspepsia, liver, or kidney trouble it excels. Price 75cts. Sold by J. C. King & Co.

See those nice after dinner cups and saucers with sterling silver spoon at Ed. Gooder's, the jeweler.

A nice line of neckwear for holidays at the Bargain store at low prices.

R. and G. glove fitting corset at J. S. Morrow's.

W. D. Williams & Co. carry a full line of new furniture and will pay cash for old furniture or will trade new furniture for old at their store next door to J. A. Welsh's grocery.

Drifting with the Star.

MATSON-DEMOTTE—At the residence of the bride in Brookville, Dec. 14th, 1895, by Rev. Dr. Warren, Mr. N. D. Matson and Miss Dora M. DeMotte, both of Brookville, Pa.

NEVER MIND YOUR P's and Q's!

But mind your V's and X's by buying your CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS and FURNISHING GOODS from

BELL.



Men's Suits!

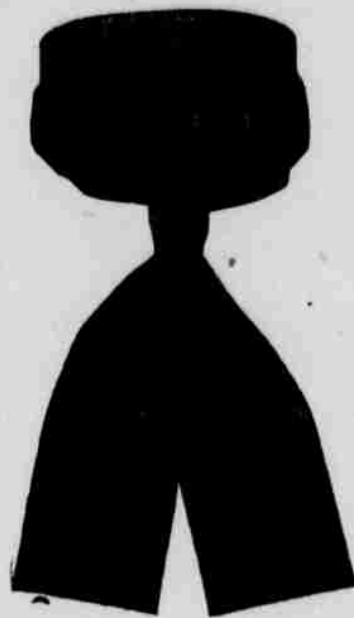
Since the opening of Fall we have had the largest trade we have ever experienced since coming to Reynoldsville. Why? Because we always keep what the people want and give them nice clean goods for same money they can buy trash for. The cut represents our double breasted suits that we are showing for 6.00, 7.00, 8.00 and \$10, and they are all wool. We do not say that we can give you an all wool suit for \$2.50, for that is impossible.

Men's Suits and Overcoats!

These are the suits and overcoats that sell on sight. They come in English Clays, Worsteds, Jamestown Cashimeres, Cork Screws, English Diagonals, Black and Blue Cheviots, Melton, Kerseys, Chinchillas. They are well trimmed and fit. Call and see this great line of \$10 suits and overcoats. The result will be that we can suit you and make a customer of you. Call and see that what we advertise we back up with the largest line in the county.

Umbrellas for Xmas

Are something that will make a very handsome Christmas present either for lady or gentleman. We have them for \$1. 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50 and \$5.00.



SILK AND LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

Are something that everyone needs. For a Christmas present we can give you a good silk initial handkerchief for 25 and 50c. Call and see them.

Ties for Christmas

Are very appropriate presents. We have them for 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00. The finest line ever been shown.

SILK - - MUFFLERS

In a great assortment. We have them for 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50. They make a handsome Xmas present.



Underwear!

We can show you the greatest line you ever saw for \$1.00, 1.50, \$2 and 2.50 Per Suit!

Men's NIGHT SHIRTS!

They are something that will make a handsome present. They run as low as 50c., 75c., \$1, 1.50, \$2, 2.50.

Boys' Suits!

In long pants for \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$8, in blue, black, gray and mixed goods.

BOYS' OVERCOATS!

The dandy line of short and long coats for \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$8, \$9 and 10. Remember we have the goods to back up what we say.



Men's Smoking Jackets!

The dandy line of jackets for men, and something that will make your man's heart glad if you buy him one for Christmas.

HATS -AND- CAPS!

Call and see the line of hats and caps and save money by buying your head gear from us.

Hats for 50c. to \$5.00. Caps 25c. to \$3.00.



* Child's Suits and * OVERCOATS!

Mothers, call and see the great line of suits we can show you for your boys. Make your boy happy Christmas and buy him a suit. We have them from 65c. to \$5.

Gloves, In kid, for 50c., 75c., \$1, 1.50. They are Dandies.

SHIRTS!

In wool and percale cheviot. The greatest line you ever saw for 50c., 75c., \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuance of same, we are Respectfully, **BELL, the Clothier and Outfitter.**