

LIST OF FREELAND MERCHANTS

WHO GIVE

Standard Rebate Checks With Cash Purchases.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

EXPLANATION The merchants whose names appear in this Directory are the leading business people in this vicinity; they want your cash trade, and in order to secure it they are going to give STANDARD REBATE CHECKS.

When you have saved the required number of STANDARD REBATE CHECKS from any or all of these merchants combined, you exchange them at our stores WHICH ARE PERMANENTLY LOCATED IN "THE BETHLEHEMS," or at any of our Branches, for useful and attractive articles to decorate your home.

Standard Rebate Check Company's Stores,

30 East Third Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. 45 South Main Street, Bethlehem, Home Office. 132 South Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Storehouse, Over Public Market, Bethlehem, Pa.

LIST OF PREMIUMS.

Checks Required.

Table with 3 columns: Furniture, Glassware, Silverware. Lists items like Rooking Chairs, Vases, Knives, Forks, etc. with corresponding values.

MERCHANTS OF FREELAND.

- A. OSWALD, Dry Good, Notions, Groceries, Wood and Willow-ware, Oilcloth, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Flour, Feed, etc. REFOVICH'S "Wear Well Clothing House," Centre Street. REFOVICH'S "Wear Well Boot and Shoe House," 53 Centre Street.

No Checks Given With Sugar.

SKUNK FARMING.

Millions In It, According to an Agricultural Department Official.

"There's money in a skunk farm," said an official of the Agricultural Department, "and skunk farming will come to be a great industry in this country. There's a barrel of money in the business, and yet the man who suggested it was regarded as being out of his head. It does not take a prolonged and expensive investigation to demonstrate the truth of what I assert.

"An old fellow of this kind can tell you when the first skunk was discovered on the American continent, how often they grow, how many, how fast they grow, to what age they live, and as I have said, it has all that is needed. From such information as this it is easy to figure out the facts you wish. Coming from such a source there can be no doubt of its accuracy.

"While there are no official statistics on record it is known that skunks—the American skunk—will begin breeding at one year old. They breed twice each year and have litters of from five to thirteen, an average of eight to a litter. It is said that skunks can live on as little as any known animal, so there is little expense in raising them. They are of a different disposition to the coon, squirrel and many other small animals, in that they cannot be tamed, and I do not suppose that many people would care to have one as a pet.

"There are two distinct species of the American skunk—the jet black and the black and white striped. The pelts of the latter can always be sold for \$1. The oil from the skunk is worth 50 cents an ounce, and is used in several cases of eczema, and kidney diseases. The oil does not have the unpleasant aroma of the skunk.

"Now, it has been figured out that a man who understands skunk farming can begin on twenty skunks—fifteen females and five males—and in a few years he will have a large and very healthy bank account. It is easy to calculate how rapidly these twenty skunks will increase in number. If you begin operations on the farm in the early fall the skunks will breed in December. Right from the jump, estimating the increase at the rate of eight to the litter, you have an increase of 120 skunks. Well, in June they breed again, and at the same ratio of increase at the expiration of one and one-half years you will have 7,495 skunks. In four years, without mishap, your skunks will have increased to 3,780,000.

"This is a good, big drowse of skunks, and if the pelts are worth \$1 each, the pelts of 200 males skunks would bring in open market \$200, and the oil at 50 cents an ounce would be worth \$800. Then figuring as we did on the increase of skunks, the pelts of which would be worth just as many dollars as skunks killed. The amount of oil gathered from from this number of skunks would amount to 29,600 ounces, worth \$14,800. At the expiration of four years you would have killed 1,890,000 male skunks, the pelts of which would be worth \$1,890,000, and the oil—16,120,000 ounces—\$7,560,000, and you would still have 3,700,000 skunks left to continue business with.

"These figures are not at all extravagant, and it will not be long before some of our enterprising citizens will be embarking in the skunk farming business. I do not know of anything which will produce money faster than this, and the beauty of it is that it only takes a small sum to begin with. It discounts raising five-cent cotton or any other agricultural pursuit that I know of."—N. Y. Sun.

The Cure that Cures Coughs, Colds, Grippe, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis and Incipient Consumption, is OTTO'S CURE. The GERMAN REMEDY Cures throat and lung diseases. Sold by all druggists. 25¢/50¢.

Dry Goods, Groceries and Provisions.

HATS F.W. HOCKING THE HATS BROTHERS GOOD HATS MADE IN U.S.A. A celebrated brand of XX four always in stock.

Roll Butter and Eggs a Specialty. AMANDUS OSWALD, N. W. Cor. Centre and Front Sts., Freeland.

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Corner of Centre and Front Streets, Freeland, Pa. Finest Whiskies in Stock. Gibson, Dougherty, Kaufor Club, Rosenbluth's V.V.V. of which we have EXCLUSIVE SALE IN TOWN. Mumm's Extra Dry Champagne, Hennessy Brandy, Blackberry, C. G. Wines, Claret, Cordons, Etc. Imported and Domestic Cigars.

T. CAMPBELL, dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes.

Also PURE WINES & LIQUORS FOR FAMILY AND MEDICINAL PURPOSES. Centre and Main streets, Freeland.

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SEND MONEY NO CHARGE. This Circular Plush Cape is the latest style for Fall and Winter, made of finest Halls' Seal Plush, 20 inches long, cut full sweep. Lined throughout with Merino wool, with extra fine blue Black Tulle, heavily lined with wadding and feather down. Trimmed all around with extra fine Blue Tulle, heavily lined with wadding and feather down. Write for Free Color Catalogue. Address: SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL. (Sears, Roebuck & Co. are thoroughly reliable.—Editor)

GOING TOO FAR

Is something that often happens to people when they go to look for so-called bargains in Shoes, but you would not "go too far" should you call and examine the class of goods we carry and learn the prices at which we sell. We are headquarters for Reliable Footwear and where quality is taken into consideration we will not be undersold. We are steadily increasing our shoe trade, because we handle only such goods as will give our patrons satisfaction for the money invested.

In Men's and Boys' Furnishings,

Underwear, Hosiery, Shirts, Sweaters, Overalls, Working Jackets, Neckwear, Hats and Caps, Boys' Knee Pants, Gloves, etc., we present complete lines of the latest and best goods, and sell them at the same prices to a child as we would to an expert. We aim to give our customers the best for the least money. Try us and see if this is not true.

McMENAMIN'S Gents' Furnishing, Hat and Shoe Store. 86 SOUTH CENTRE STREET.

SEND US ONE DOLLAR

THE ACME QUEEN is one of the most reliable and sweetest flavored instruments ever made. It is engaged direct from a photograph, you can see some idea of its beautiful appearance. Made from solid quarter sawed oak, antique finish, handsomely decorated and ornamented. Includes: 1 Grand Glee Book, 4 Bass Treble Tenor Song Books, 1 Set of 32 Pure Steel Hollow Body 1 1/2 Set of 41 Metal Smooth Brass Horns, 1 Set of 24 Fine Metal Smooth Brass Horns, 1 Set of 24 Fine Metal Smooth Brass Horns, 1 Set of 24 Fine Metal Smooth Brass Horns.

SEND NO MONEY WITH YOUR ORDER. THE BURDICK Sewing Machine. GUARANTEED 25 YEARS. THE BURDICK Sewing Machine. GUARANTEED 25 YEARS.

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entirely evades the fact that the court, speaking through Justice McKenna, on November 20 last, reaffirmed, in the strongest possible terms, a former decision by Chief Justice Waite, declaring the exact opposite. The secretary says that no rent has been paid for the building because congress has not appropriated for that purpose. He is careful not to say that no agreement for payment has been made. He further admits that, despite this agreement to pay rent, part of the purchase price was held back by the bank with his approval, so as to free it from any liability as to taxation.

Senator Edmunds, who has been employed, he says, by the shipping interests, to lobby for the bill. Mr. Edmunds has made elaborate arguments before the committees of the house and senate in favor of the bill, but those arguments were not intended for the committees, a majority of both having been persuaded to support the bill long ago by Boss Hanna and his assistant pushers. Mr. Edmunds is not a cheap man, and he would not have been employed if his services had not been considered necessary. His arguments are expected to brace up the weak-kneed Republicans who have candidly acknowledged themselves to be afraid of the ship-subsidy bill, as well as to furnish texts for the Republican editors to preach from.

It begins to look as though the opposition to the reciprocity treaties negotiated under the Dingley tariff act might be strong enough to defeat them all. Mr. Kasson, who represented the United States in negotiating them, and who has been active in trying to get favorable action on them, has gone to Florida for his health, and they are now at a standstill. It is said that he will return later in the session and resume his efforts in behalf of the treaties, but their opponents claim to be gaining strength all the time.

Senator-elect Blackburn spent Sunday in Washington, receiving the congratulations of his friends, and returned to Kentucky today, so as to be present at his second re-election, which will be gone through so as to leave no room for casting doubt on the legality of his election. When he comes back to Washington, to resume his duties as senator, he will be given a complimentary dinner, which promises to be an old-fashioned Democratic love-feast.

It seems that one of Boss Hanna's chief literary agents, First Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath, has also been sharing in the administration's financial favor. Last June, Perry Heath became the largest stockholder in the Seventh National bank of New York city, of which his brother became vice president, and immediately that bank was made the depository for post office funds in New York. Of course, neither politics nor Heath's official position had anything to do with it. Whoever heard of one of the Hanna school of politicians working his official position for his personal profit?