

STONE & THOMAS.

Weather Forecast for To-day—Cold.

S. & T.

Santa Claus' Reindeers

will be pawing restlessly on the roof two weeks from to-night. Have you realized how near at hand is the season of joy? Have you even begun to prepare for it? Or are you putting it off, like many others, to be hurried and flurried at the last minute? Caught not ready when **St. Nick's sleigh bells can be heard a-coming.** Putting it off—getting the least desirable things, when you might get the choicest if you bought to-day.

Wheeling never saw a Christmas stock like ours this year, and we're **going to keep open every night** from now 'til Christmas, so there will be absolutely no excuse for tardy buying.

TOYS for the children.

A collection on our 4th floor that will bring joy to the heart of every child in Greater Wheeling.

BOOKS—a complete stock of them.

From Nursery Rhymes to Webster's Dictionary. Classic and modern works in fiction, poetry, history, biography, travel, science. Copyright books at far under prices.

JEWELRY—sterling silver novelties, etc.

A magnificent stock of brooches, bracelets, ringc, etc. All nominally priced.

TOILET ARTICLES—perfumes, etc.

Sterling silver toilet sets, brushes, soaps and the best and most lasting of perfumes.

BRIC-A-BRAC—china and glassware.

The south wing of the basement is full of the most pleasing novelties and artistic and useful china ware imaginable. Fine dinner sets, vases, plates, figures, etc., etc.

Stationery Supplies.

Desk furnishings and ornaments, fine stationery and engraving.

RUGS—room and hearth size.

Superb holiday gifts—a collection here of such artistic merit as is not matched elsewhere in the state. Special prices this week.

And On, On the Story Runs.

Pictures, clocks, furs and gift things in wearing apparel of a hundred sorts. Furniture, cut glass, silverware, umbrellas, Japanese goods, fine linens, clothing for boys and young men, lace curtains, silks, dress goods—where does the story end?

A collection of holiday wantables too vast, too magnificent, too artistic, too different from all other stores to be missed by any holiday shopper within a day's travel of Wheeling.

BUT BE PROMPT, while the store's at its best, and while the crowds are good natured and comfortable.

STONE & THOMAS.

JOHN FRIEDEL CO.

Holiday Goods....

Buying, as we do, in immense quantities for our wholesale and retail trade, and importing goods direct from the manufacturers, we are in a position to sell these goods at the lowest prices in the city.

Suggestions for Holiday Gifts.

Dinner Sets,
Largest variety in the state.
Fancy Plates,
Game and Fish Sets.
Bric-a-brac,
Lamps,
Carving Sets,

Ornamental Goods,
Cut Glass,
Chamber Sets,
Placques and Pictures,
Umbrella Stands,
Jardinieres,
Souvenir Cups and Saucers.

JOHN FRIEDEL CO.,

1119 MAIN STREET.

OPEN EVENINGS.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND

Dollar Issue of Preferred Stock is Planned to be Made by the Laughlin Nail Company—Stockholders to Meet January 17.

A general meeting of the stockholders of the Laughlin Nail Company is to be held at the office of the company, in this city, on January 17, at which General Manager W. L. Glessner will offer a resolution for a \$100,000 issue of preferred stock, (1,000 shares of \$100 each), to receive eight per cent on the earnings of the company before any dividends are paid on the common stock.

It is said that this issue of stock is for the purpose of providing funds toward paying for the extensive additions and improvements to the Laughlin plant, in Martin's Ferry, mention of which has been made in these columns recently.

FINE ICE. Good Skating, music by Professor Karl Kline, at every session. Everybody come and bring your best friend with you on Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. HYGEIA ICE SKATING RINK.

NAY BROTHERS—SHOES.

The advantage of early buying for holidays is apparent to every one who has been through the eleventh hour rush which always precedes Christmas. The early shopper gets the choice of everything. We would advise you to come to-day and make your selection of slippers and shoes. Our goods now on display are the handsomest we have ever yet shown our patrons. The assortment of Christmas novelties are unbroken. Make your friends twice happy by giving something both attractive and useful.

NAY'S, 1317 Market.

SAM B. McKEE CO.

HARICOTS COUPES (Green String Beans), from Belgium. Fine flavored and tender. Broken in small pieces and carefully packed in fancy gold labeled tins. 12c
At the tin. 12c
GOLDEN DATES—Extra quality. Pound cartons, each 10c
FINE EATING FIGS (Spanish). Extra selected, fancy, four crown Smyrna Figs. Moist and tender, fine eating. In pound original boxes. Price. 15c
STRICTLY FRESH EGGS—Guaranteed "Money back if it ain't so." The dozen. 28c

SAM B. McKEE CO., Grocers, Phone 675, 227-21 Market St.

The Intelligencer

Office: 25 and 27 Fourteenth street.

New Advertisements.
There's Such a Thing as Luck—The Hub—Eighth page.
Christmas Gifts—Foster & Watkins—Third page.
Fancy Silks—George R. Taylor Co.—Fifth page.
A Christmas Exhibit of Novelties Here—George M. Snook & Co.—Eighth page.
Santa Claus' Reindeers—Stone & Thomas—Eighth page.
Things "He" Would Like—Kraus Bros.—Fifth page.
Money to Loan—Orloff L. Zane.
Stocks for Sale—Simpson & Tatum.
Closing Out Sale—J. S. Rhodes.
That Brother of Yours—Alexander—Fifth page.
Notice—The Schwertfeger Co.
Notice—The Hygeia Skating Rink.
Funeral Notice—L. O. F.
For Rent—Eight Room House.
Wanted—Manager.
The Answer is the Same to All—McNamee, the Jeweler—Fourth page.
Time is Getting Short—George E. Sifel & Co.—Fifth page.
Holiday Goods—John Freidel Co.—Eighth page.

20,000.
We have fitted more than twenty thousand pairs of Spectacles, giving us a record and experience unequalled by any other optician in West Virginia. Satisfaction guaranteed.
JACOB W. GRUBB, Optician, No. 1306 Market Street.

C. HESS & SONS'

Useful and Elegant Christmas Gifts at Popular Prices.

COLLARS—Always the very newest for Ladies and Gentlemen.
NECKWEAR—All the latest styles.
GLOVES—Kid, Moco, Silk and Wool.
KUFFLERS and Mufflers—Eilk, Wool and Cotton.
HANDKERCHIEFS—Silk, Linen and Cambric.
SUSPENDERS—Fancy Silk, Satin and Worsted.
SHIRTS—Eighties and Monarchs in White and Colored.
KNIT JACKETS and BERLIN OFFICE COATS—Wool and Worsted.
UNDERWEAR and HALF HOSE—Wool, Cotton and Jares' Hygienic.
UMBRELLAS—Silk and Mohair with Fancy Handles.
A Suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Pair of Trousers or Fancy Vest made to order, as we have their measures.
C. HESS & SONS,
Fashionable Tailors and Furnishers, 1321 and 1323 Market Street.

Water Rents Are Due.
Water rents for the six months ending March 31, 1901, are now ready. If paid on or before December 31, 1900, a discount of 10 per cent will be allowed.
THE CITY WATER BOARD.

THE HUB CLOTHIERS.

There's Such a Thing as Luck,

no doubt, but there's also such a thing as judgment. If you trust to luck in buying clothing, we don't know where you'll go. If judgment guides you, however, we expect to see you in our store. We'll be crowded this week with holiday shoppers. They know that what they buy for their relatives or friends will prove all they expect, so if you want an elegant suit or overcoat for either man or boy, hats, shirts, underwear, ties, etc., you find a larger stock here than you'll find in any other half dozen stores combined, at a less price than you expect to pay, with a guarantee that says your money back if you want it.

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

THE HUB,

Fourteenth and Market.

D. GUNDLING & CO.

Fashionable Young Men

can find pleasure in one of our

FALL AND WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

All wool fabrics, popular weaves, finely tailored, Italian and silk linings.

Suits.....\$5.00 to \$25.00.
Overcoats.....\$7.50 to \$30.00.

D. GUNDLING & CO.,

1215 Market Street.

Strictly One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OFFERING.

Commencing Monday, December 3, and continuing until December 25, to each purchaser of

SHOES AND HOLIDAY SLIPPERS

We will present one of

Our Beautiful Art Calendars

FOR 1901.

Locke Shoe Company,

Headquarters for Useful Holiday Presents.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Miss Jennie Caldwell is in the city, after a visit of several months through the west.

Miss Mollie Hashmann, of Miltonsburg, Ohio, is the guest of Dr. W. R. Taylor, of South Chabline street.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, of North Main street, who has been confined to his home for several days, is improving.

SPECIAL prices on Fall Suits and Overcoats.
C. W. SEABRIGHT'S SON.

NOTICE.

\$60,000 WORTH OF BARGAINS.

This week to the early Christmas buyers we are giving 25 per cent off our regular prices on everything in our stock except diamonds, on which we give 10 per cent. Our diamonds are marked so low that to give 25 per cent off would mean an actual loss on every piece.

We buy goods in large quantities direct from the manufacturers for both wholesale and retail business, and this year we propose to give our customers the benefit of the bargains we secured.

SHEFF BROS.,

Wholesale and Retail Jewelers, Corner of Main and Eleventh Streets.

A Christmas Exhibit of Novelties Here!

Effective! Inspiring! No descriptive language can do it justice. Our five window displays are a fitting index to the GREATER showing within. Can serve you best right now. Open every evening.



HINTS.

Relating to Various Fabrics.

Furs, Jackets, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Petticoats, Waists, Wrappers, Dressing Sacques, Children's Reefers, Infants' Wear, Men's House Coats, Blankets, Rugs, Druggists, Screens, Fascinators, Leggings, Garters, Silks, Dress Goods, Waist Flannels, Table Linens and Covers, Sprays, H. S. Linens, Spachtel and Remittance Pieces, Cushion Tops, Pin Cushions, Hampers, Catechals, H. S. Sheets and Pillow Cases, Aprons, Garters.

A representative range of French Walsling Flannels here—plain, printed embrodered. A CLOSE INSPECTION is necessary to set you right on a new line of Gaiting Waist Flannels at 12 1/2c yard. If price were not mentioned you'd think they were all wool French Flannels at 50c yard. Designs, colors and surface appearance of French Flannels all there—the price undecies you.
Other desolving waist materials are polka dot and printed VELVETS—\$2.00 worth of appearance in each yard for 50 cents. And still another—a new fabric for WINDOW DECORATIONS, pretty as silk—costs you but 1c yard. For gift giving we suggest a BLACK or colored DRESS—silk or wool. Are selling all colored silk and Dress Goods at MARKED DOWN PRICES.

Up Stairs

are these, and they're well worth going after. A number of Circular Parlor Tables, with metal legs and high polished Bird's-Eye Maple, Mahogany or Forest Green Hardwood Tops. Value \$15.00. To clear.
Cotton Blankets. \$2.00 each
All Wool Country Blankets, worth \$3.50, at. \$2.50
A new line of absolutely fast colored Table Covers in 8-4, 10-4 and 12-4 sizes. \$2.75 to \$1.25
Handsome Couch Covers. \$3.00 to \$7.00 each

MORE SPECIALS.
Finest Mercerized Underskirts, five ruffles, worth \$1.75, at. \$1.98 each
Huffled Oriental Taffeta Underskirts, worth \$1.75, at. \$1.50

HINTS.

Umbrellas, Hundreds, Yes,

Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Purse, Charms, Umbrellas, Suspenders, Mufflers, Ties, Shirts, Pajamas, Night Robes, Collars, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Paperies, Mirrors, Brush and Comb Sets, Calendars, Dolls and Doll Heads, Toys, Games, Mechanical Engines and Boats, Magic Lanterns, Steds, Crokinole Boards, and Many Other Articles.

Thousands here—bought specially for Holiday selling. Naturally, they're out of the ordinary—more style to the handles. Materials, however, are hard to improve upon as we always strive for the best, whether wanted for men, women or children. Those with handles of gold or silver, combined with Pearl, Horn or Natural Sticks, are decidedly ornate with a pronounced preference for gold prices are numerous, 45c and \$1.25 are the two extremes.

Down Stairs

In the basement China Room, among the many daily arrivals are these: A new CARAFE or Water Bottle, made in two sections; the silver-plated metal rim near and out exact.
ORIENTAL ART FIGURES at. \$2 each
They bring double these prices elsewhere. Other up to \$8.00 each, correspondingly priced.
A table full of cut glass at about HALF PRICE. Desirable shapes in gold and crystal glass at very low prices. Special lot of China Trays, worth 25c, at. 10c
WHAT'S THE MATTER with an entire Table Service for a holiday gift—14 pieces. China, Glass and Silverware? Buy now; we'll store till wanted.
MORE SPECIALS.
Givernaud's Best Taffeta Underskirts, all colors, special at. \$1.95
Elderdown Dressing Sacques—new, clean and stylish—even at. \$3.75
The best at. \$3.75



HINTS.

China ware, Cut Glass, Irie-a-brac, Lamps, Globes, Onyx Tables, Stagnary, Jardiniers, Pedestals, Perpetuated Plants, Toilet and Dinner Sets, Silverware, Nut Cracks, Candleholders, Mirrors, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Carving Sets, Buckles, Ribbons, Ebony and Sterling Silver Articles, Atomizers, Pictures and Picture Frames, Brooches, Pompadour Scarfs, Ladies' Neckwear, etc., etc.

GEO. M. SNOOK & COMPANY.