

GEO. E. STIFEL &amp; CO.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

# STIFEL'S Holiday Headquarters.

## Time is Getting Short

now until Christmas, and here is news of vital importance to every holiday shopper who can reach this store.

At no other store in this city do they place before you such an array of useful and exclusive holiday merchandise, and any and all of it the very best that the markets of the world afford.

You'll remember the great activity here this season a year ago.

Unequaled values and absolutely no exaggeration the secret of it all.

But come here to-day, or any day from now on, and you will find the

## BEST VALUES,

more enthusiasm and swifter selling than in any former holiday season.

## The Second Floor Holiday Section.

Thanks to you for our efforts to please, this section has been the busiest of its kind in the city—not for one day, but every day last week.

Truly an exceptional showing, for the attendance steadily grows. Worth a trip to see the new things, even if you do not buy the least of them. Just a few hints:

CUT GLASS,  
INDIAN BUSTS,  
FANCY VASES,  
FANCY BASKETS,  
ART CALENDARS,  
MEDALLIONS,  
FANCY MIRRORS,  
SMOKERS' SETS,  
FANCY LAMPS,  
SMOKING JACKETS,  
BATH ROBES FOR  
LADIES AND MEN,  
MUSIC BOXES,  
DOLLS—ALL SIZES,  
MECHANICAL TOYS,  
JARDENIERES AND  
FESTIVALS,  
BILLIARD TABLES,  
CHILDREN'S DESKS,  
BLACK BOARDS,  
GAMES, ETC.,

and hundreds of other items too numerous to mention here. Look around; then come here and compare, and you'll find just as we said above—the best values for the money to be had in the city.

## Rich Furs for Presents.

An assortment of the good kinds that offers an unexcelled choice for Xmas gifts, and useful ones. Whether a small Neck Stole or a Seal Skin Jacket, the BEST values are to be had here. We invite you to compare qualities and prices.

## Silks and Dress Goods For Holiday Presents.

If a fine Dress or Waist pattern is what you had thought of, we are in splendid shape to supply your wants. No matter what kind, black or colored, or what price, we offer absolutely the BEST values.

## Kid Gloves For Ladies and Men.

Splendid assortments of all the good kinds for the holiday trade, also Kid Gloves for Misses and Boys. All kinds and at interesting prices.

**GEO. E. STIFEL & CO.,**  
1154 to 1160 Main Street.

SPECIAL NOTICE—On and after Tuesday, December 11, store OPEN in the EVENINGS until Christmas.

## ONE OF THE MEN WHO LOST THEIR MONEY

In the Ford Machine Stock Speculation Syndicate Claims That Ford Did

### NOT INTEND TO DEFRAUD

His Clients—The Machine Claimed to Have Been Tested With Wonderful Results.

The exclusive publication in yesterday's Intelligencer of the bad luck of a number of Wheeling people in having a large sum, said to be \$35,000, wiped out through the failure of Broker Erasmus E. Ford, of New York, and the probability that the money would be lost, was read with the greatest interest by Wheeling people, and those who had declined to become impressed by the broker's smooth talk last spring and consequently did not invest in this two-per-cent-per-month scheme were not slow in congratulating themselves upon a lucky escape.

A gentleman who invested a considerable sum with Ford two or three years ago, when his speculation-by-machinery idea was first sprung, in the course of a talk with the Intelligencer last evening said:

No Intention to Defraud. "I do not believe that Ford at any time intended to defraud us. I base this impression upon the fact that after the death of his brother and when his business became involved, he sent back to a Wheeling man a check for \$1,000 that had been forwarded for investment in stocks. Had he intended to do us up he would have retained that money."

"The amount lost by Wheeling people—if it is lost—is not, I believe, as large as the Intelligencer stated by several thousand dollars. There were not more than eight or ten from Wheeling in the syndicate, and although I do not know what each invested, I believe the amount will not reach \$35,000."

### Capt. Devore Investigated.

"Captain D. B. Devore, of the regular army, who was for several years professor of mathematics at West Point Military Academy, was among the first to investigate Ford's machine, and he firmly believed in it, and gave Ford a letter of endorsement which the latter used in London, where he took the machine and where it received a favorable reception. The captain also invested some money in stocks through Ford, and the latter by reason of the captain's endorsement paid him three per cent a month on his investment for a long time. Both Captain Devore and several here in Wheeling who invested at the start have received in profits more than was originally invested. Here in Wheeling we all received two per cent a month until the break-up last April, when Ford's brother died and it developed that he had been speculating unsuccessfully on the side with the firm's money."

### The Machine Tested.

"The machine was on exhibition in the Stevens' Institute of Technology in New York for some time, and received the endorsement of the school authorities. It was given a three months' test at the school, running ten stocks, and of these it paid 250 per cent on nine stocks, and lost but twelve per cent on one."

"Ford's father-in-law is a New York millionaire named Bogard, I believe, and we expect ultimately to secure the return of the principal we invested. He and his father-in-law, however, have not been on good terms for some years. Mr. Bogard, as I understand it, had no faith in Ford's invention, and objected to him using up so much time on the perfecting of the machine while in his employ."

### Funeral of Levi Bacher.

The last sad rites over the remains of Levi Bacher were conducted at his late residence Monday, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Bacher was a defender of the Union, and his death was the result of disease contracted while serving the country. The G. A. R. and Odd Fellows attended the funeral in a body. Flowers in profusion were contributed by the many sympathizing friends, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held.

## WOMAN

### IS LIKE A DELICATE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

In good condition she is sweet and lovable, and sings life's song on a joyful harmonious string. Out of order or unstrung, there is discordance and unhappiness. Just as there is one key note to all music so there is one key note to health. A woman might as well try to fly without wings as to feel well and look well while the organs that make her a woman are weak or diseased. She must be healthy inside or she can't be healthy outside. There are thousands of women suffering silently all over the country. Mistaken modesty urges their silence. While there is nothing more desirable than a modest woman, health is of the first importance. Every other consideration should give way before it. Bradfield's Female Regulator is a medicine for women's ills. It is the safest and quickest way to cure leucorrhoea, falling of the womb, nervousness, headache, backache and general weakness. You will be astonished at the result, especially if you have been experimenting with other so-called remedies. We are not asking you to try an uncertainty. Bradfield's Regulator has made happy thousands of women. What it has done for others it can do for you. Sold in drug stores for \$1 a bottle.

A free illustrated book will be sent to all who write to THE BRADFELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

## ...SOCIETY...

The musical event of the week comes off to-morrow evening, in the Carroll Club auditorium when the public at large will have the opportunity to hear sung "In a Persian Garden," Omar Khayyam's beautiful poem known to all literatures, and the music is exquisitely in keeping. It is a song cycle for soprano; contralto, tenor and bass, which will be preceded by an interesting miscellaneous concert programme, which is appended in full. All the performers stand in the first rank of concert singers of Pittsburgh and have given the greatest pleasure by their artistic solo and ensemble work wherever heard. The company has been on the road all season and the most flattering testimonials have antedated their arrival in this city. Tickets are on sale and season tickets are exchanged this morning at Baumer's music rooms, and a large audience is the outlook. The performers and their selections are as follows:

Miss Rachel Bolden Freese—Soprano.  
Mrs. W. A. Lafferty, Contralto.  
S. T. Beddoe, Tenor.  
David T. Moore, Baritone.  
Charles N. Boyd, Accompanist.  
PART I.  
Finale.....The Miller's Wooing  
Miss Freese, Mrs. Lafferty, Mr. Beddoe, Mr. Moore.  
Flegler.....Ah! 'Tis a Dream  
Mr. Moore.  
Brahms.....The Little Dutchman  
Hawley.....Mrs. Lafferty.  
Hahn.....My Little Love  
Tchaikowsky.....My Little Love  
Hahn.....Si mes vœux avaient des ailes!  
Sawyer.....Well ich wie einstmal in ein  
Sawyer.....Spanish Romance  
Miss Freese.

PART II.  
"In a Persian Garden."  
A Song Cycle for Soprano, Contralto, Tenor, and Bass, with pianoforte accompaniment. The words selected from the Rybalyat of Omar Khayyam. The music composed by Lisa Lehman.

Mrs. Zach Robertson entertains to-morrow afternoon, with a large reception, from 3 to 5 o'clock, at the Robertson residence, on Sixteenth street.

Everything promises well for the grand concert, by the Pittsburgh orchestra, Victor Herbert, conductor, at the Opera House, on Tuesday evening, the 18th. The guarantors were fortunate in being able to secure their seats yesterday, and this morning the general sale begins at 9 o'clock at Baumer's music store. Of the artistic excellence of the programme there can be no doubt and it is generally expected that Wheeling music lovers will do themselves proud on this occasion and give Victor Herbert and his great organization a rousing welcome.

The wedding of Miss Laura Frew and Mr. Charles Edward Jones will be celebrated at the home of Mrs. Ann Eliza Frew, North Main street, to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the presence of a large assembly of friends. A reception will follow later.

The concert given by the Woman's Musical Club last evening, in the A. O. U. W. temple was attended by an enthusiastic and large audience. The performers were from the best talent of the organization and acquitted themselves with distinction. The piano work throughout was splendidly done. Miss Gertrude McConaughy and Miss Edith M. Maskery, won the immediate recognition of the audience, as worthy of the trust imposed in allotting them the place as soloists. Their playing was fine both in touch and interpretation. The chief accompaniment work was done by Miss Emily Ray Pollock, whose reputation as a pianist in this city is established, and her playing last evening was noteworthy. The duet sung by Mrs. Frederic F. Paris and Miss Flora Stifel, and delightfully supported by Miss Pollock and Miss Emma Reymann, was one of the features of the evening, being beautifully rendered in both parts. The voices were never heard to better advantage. Other ensemble work were three choral numbers, with Mrs. F. Harry Travis and Mrs. Herbert M. Rheldaffer, taking solo parts, and a quartet by Misses Alice Egarter, Fannie Petrie, Martha Ott and Elizabeth McLain. All were difficult selections and creditably given. The vocal soloists were Mrs. Herbert M. Rheldaffer, who, in singing the Jewel Song from "Faust," showed the purity and beauty of her voice to perfection. Miss Margaret Harvey was heard in two beautiful songs admirably adapted to show the unusual depth and grandeur of her voice. The concert was up to the standard of the club, and thoroughly appreciated throughout. The next re-ital occurs in January.

Do not fail to get tickets for Saturday night's performance at the Opera House. "A Night of Mystery" in all the name implies, will be given for the benefit of the City hospital and a rush for seats is assured.

Election of Officers. On Wednesday evening will occur the annual election of officers of James A. Garfield Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R. A full attendance of the members is urgently requested.

MORE for the money than you find elsewhere. KIRK'S, No. 1005 Main street. Store open every evening.

COME in to-day and see our Display. It's worth while. NICOLL'S ART STORE.

GEMS of the season. KIRK'S, No. 1005 Main street. Store open every evening.

FINE Chatelaine Watches. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

OUR Display is worth seeing. Do not miss it. NICOLL'S ART STORE.

GRAND Opening on Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. Good music. Everybody skate at the Hygea Ice Skating Rink.

FRONY Brushes, Combs and Mirrors. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

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

STERLING Silver—all kinds. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

ALEXANDER—SHOES.

## You Have

a young lady on your list of "people to be remembered" that would appreciate a pair of patent leather shoes. We have them at all prices, but we have a special shoe for the season at \$2.45 that is very desirable.

ALEXANDER  
1049 MAIN ST.

## CITY AFFAIRS.

Council meets this evening in regular session. Principally routine business will be transacted.

The council committee on fire department met last night at the city building, Chairman Baird presiding, and audited bills aggregating \$1,132 12.

It is specifically provided that the election of fire chief shall occur at the meeting of council on the fourth Tuesday of the month of December—as the fourth Tuesday of December this year falls on the 25th, Fire Chief R. D. Cline will receive a very substantial and acceptable Christmas present. Mr. Cline, who has made a fine record in this position, has no opposition for re-election.

The council committee on claims was to have met last night, but in the absence of a quorum, the meeting was postponed until to-night just before council assemblies.

C. D. Kyle, the Second ward feed store man, has donated several fine capsa-dores to the boys at the Vigilant engine house, for which they desire to extend a vote of thanks.

"Old Bill," the fire department's veteran horse, which has seen eighteen years continuous service, and is now at the Eighth ward engine house, is on the sick list, and it is feared that he will not recover. "Old Bill" is about twenty-four years old and has "seen better days." Yesterday it was reported that he would not eat or drink, but Veterinary Reefer hopes to pull the "old faithful" through.

It was reported to the fire committee last night that the appropriation for the year will not be entirely exhausted unless their should arise unforeseen expenditures before the end of the month. This is an indication of the economical and careful administration of the affairs of the department by Chief Cline, Chairman Baird, Clerk Nolte and the committee.

### "A Night of Mystery."

On Saturday night Mr. H. W. Rogers, of this city, will give an entertainment at the Opera House which will consist of revelations concerning the supposed occultism of performers who go about the country imposing on credulous people, by claiming the aid of spirits in presenting features of a mystical nature. It is these deceptions that Mr. Rogers will expose and render the most mystifying tricks as plain as daylight. He has nothing to do with offending the believer in spiritualism, but shows up the fakir who claims to have esoteric power to work his wonders, and who masquerades before the public under the cloak of this belief. The performance given by Mr. Rogers will be for the benefit of the City Hospital, an object that commands itself highly to the patronage of the public. Tickets have been placed at fifty cents to all parts of the house, and are now in the hands of the board of managers, and a ticket sale at the box office will be opened later.

### In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office the following were recorded:  
Deed made November 24, 1900, by D. Apple and wife, to Henry Helfenblum; consideration, \$1,550; transfers a piece of ground at Roney's Point.

Deed made December 1, 1900, by A. S. Bell and wife to Pearl Verse; consideration, \$327 50; transfers the middle one-third of lots 61, 62 and 63, West Liberty.

Deed made December 4, 1900, by Mrs. Maggie Kemp, widow, to Lawrence J. McCarthy; consideration, \$850; transfers lot 5, square 30, in Buena Vista addition.

OVAL framed picture, 50 cents. See the window. NICOLL'S ART STORE.

GOOD things for those who think of good foods. KIRK'S, No. 1005 Main street. Store open every evening.

THE Hygea Ice Skating Rink will open for the season on Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

CHAIN Purses and Bags. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

UNDERTAKING.

Louis Bertschy, FUNERAL DIRECTOR and ARTERIAL EMBALMER. 1117 Main St.—West Side.

Calls by Telephone Answered Day or Night. Store Telephone 635. Residence 535. Assistant's Telephone, 655.

BRUEMMER & HILDEBRAND, Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

Corner Market and Twenty-second Sts. Telephone 207. Open Day and Night.

COOEY, BENTZ & CO., FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS. Open Day and Night. Corner Thirty-sixth and Jacob streets. Telephone: Store, 1742; Residence, 1725.

F. W. BAUMER CO.

## When You Stop And Consider

the many Krakauer and Stultz & Bauer Pianos in daily use in Wheeling and surrounding towns, and know they are all giving satisfaction, would it not be to your best interests to select one of them for your own home? Come in and see them, and get our prices, and join the great army of satisfied piano players.

**F. W. BAUMER CO.,**

W. A. Milligan, Manager. 1310 Market Street.

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,  
Jardinières,  
Souvenir Cups and Saucers.

**JOHN FRIEDEL CO.,**

1119 MAIN STREET.

OPEN EVENINGS.

**MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK**  
If you own a lot, we will make it easy for you to build a home. Special advantages in doing business with us. Low interest, easy terms. Write for booklet.  
1521... MARKET STREET.

GEO. R. TAYLOR CO.

**Geo. R. Taylor Co.**  
1150 MAIN ST.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING** made more interesting than ever at this store by the special sales that have been carried on almost daily. Consigned to us by a jobber with instructions to sell.

## Three Lines of . . . . FANCY SILKS.

Black, White Red—evening shades, suited especially for Waists. Prices were \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, on sale Monday at.....

Every piece new goods. **48c a yard.**

### A Special Purchase

Made the Past week of fifteen pieces, all wool, 57 inches wide, VENETIAN CLOTHS, is another Monday special. These goods, perfect in every respect, retailed all this season for \$1.50 a yard. Our price on this lot only.....

**98c a yard.**

Either of the above make exceptional serviceable Holiday Gifts.

### All Linen Handkerchiefs 5c Each.

That's as low as we start them, but we go up at slow stages, as.....

10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 59c, etc., up to \$12.00 each.

In every instance they are PURE LINEN, and the assortment numbers upwards to the hundred. Hand-Embroidered and Duchess Lace a specialty.

### EXCEPTIONAL CHRISTMAS VALUES

in Furs of every kind, especially Marten, Sable, Blue Fox, Lynx, etc., also Ladies' and Misses' Coats, Jackets and Suits.

**Geo. R. Taylor Co.**

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

**EVERY WOMAN**  
Sometimes needs a reliable, monthly, regulating medicine. Only harmless and the purest drugs should be used. If you want the best, get  
**Dr. Peal's Pennyroyal Pills**  
They are prompt, safe and certain in result. The genuine (Dr. Peal's) never disappoint. Sold for \$1.00 per box.  
Sold by Chas. R. Gootze, Druggist, cor. Market and Twelfth streets. ap16