

### NOT A CASE OF SMALLPOX IN WHEELING.

Wild and Entirely Unfounded Rumors in Circulation Over the River Induce

#### STATEMENT FROM DR. JEPSON

In Which He Gives the Situation Exactly as it is—No Danger of an Epidemic.

HEALTH OFFICE, WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 17. Editor of the Intelligencer:

SIR.—The prevalence of the wild and most exaggerated rumors as to smallpox in this city, makes it necessary, in the interest of truth and the business community, that I should give the exact situation.

There is not a single known case of smallpox in the city proper to-night. There are but eight cases in the hospital, located nearly a mile east of Market street, and one of these will be discharged on Wednesday. All the patients are colored men, and probably contracted the disease from the same source, in a single building. This building, and all others in which any case has been found, have been disinfected by the most approved methods, and thoroughly cleaned. I shall be surprised and greatly disappointed if the situation becomes at any time worse than at present, for vaccination is being vigorously and systematically pushed among the colored people, and soon there will be little food for smallpox to feed on.

The talk of quarantine under the existing circumstances here, is wildly irrational, and would not be countenanced for a moment by any sanitarian who has the least regard for his reputation. It is on a par with the closing of church services in a certain town in Belmont county, on a Sunday when the nearest case of smallpox was eight miles away.

My advice is, protect yourself, as all doctors do, by vaccination.

S. L. JEPSON, M. D. Health Officer.

The wild and entirely unfounded rumors in circulation outside of Wheeling, more particularly in the over-the-river communities, induce Wheeling's health officer, Dr. S. L. Jepson, to make the statement that precedes this article, giving the situation exactly as it was last night. As the doctor states, there is not a case of smallpox in the city of Wheeling, and the eight mild cases of the disease now being treated at the municipal hospital east of the city are getting along as well as could be desired, and none will likely end fatally. Their origin was identical, and the indications are that there will be no spread of the disease. The talk of quarantine, which was indulged in in Martin's Ferry on Saturday, arose out of the desire of merchants to keep the holiday shoppers from that place out of Wheeling stores, but when the authorities there learned the true situation here, they very properly declined to listen to this talk of a quarantine against Wheeling.

\$5 00 Silk Umbrellas, Gold or Silver Mounted Handles for \$3 00, at McFADDEN'S.

HAVE you seen our display of Cosy Corner articles? NICOLL'S ART STORE.

Being Initiated. Sheriff-elect W. W. Irwin is being initiated into the details of the sheriff's office this week, by Sheriff H. C. Richards. The incoming official was an interested spectator in Part I of the circuit court during the afternoon, where the Hinson case was on trial. To an Intelligencer man Sheriff-elect Irwin said he was not ready to make public his appointments of jailer and deputies.

PATENT Leather Dress Shoes, guaranteed not to break, \$3 50, at McFADDEN'S.

SHEFF BROS. are offering rare bargains in real ebony brushes, solid silver mounted. They make beautiful Christmas gifts.

FINEST Jersey Laurel, at LAUPP'S, 1327 Market St.

BEST in town. Our stock of photo frames. NICOLL'S ART STORE.

A Most Valuable Christmas Present For a young man or woman would be a scholarship in the Elliott School of Business and Shorthand. We have recently added two new departments—Telegraphy and Elocution.

FULL line of "talking machines" from \$3 upwards. Also full line of records. F. W. BAUMER CO.

Christmas Glasses. Henry W. Etz, the Optician, has the finest line in the city, and you have the assurance of having the eyes fitted correctly after presentation without additional cost.

SOLID Silver and Ebony Hooks and Files, 15c. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

ALL Terra Cotta Busts and Figures, included in our great reduction sale. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

Wanted—At Once. Thirty musically inclined boys, aged twelve years, to sing in St. Matthew's boy choir. Must be refined and of neat appearance. Musical training and salary at start. Apply to Paris R. Myers, Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at church.

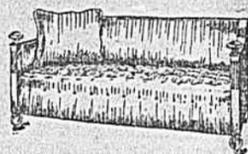
Elocution—One Week Free. Free instruction in elocution on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of next week. ELLIOTT SCHOOL, 1218 Market Street.

GRAND Opening of a handsome Restaurant on Saturday, December 15, at 4 p. m. Everything new. HONG FONG LOU, No. 171 Market street.

IF you are looking for cheap, trashy silver plated ware, that will never give satisfaction, you can find a lot of it in Wheeling, but not in our store. We carry only the best. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

# HOLIDAY BARGAINS!

These articles make acceptable Christmas presents. They are only a few selected at random from our immense stock of New and Stylish Furniture. We have almost everything in Furniture, Carpets, etc., that goes toward making the home comfortable. . . . . GIVE US A CALL.



YOU can see in our store one of the finest lines of couches in the city, from \$7.30 up. Davenport Sofa Beds, Davenport, Adjustable End Couches, Wardrobe Couches, etc.



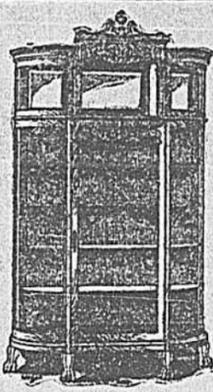
THE first piece of furniture to catch the eye of your visitors is the hat rack. For the hall we have a large line of Hat Racks, Hall Seats and Mirrors, Hall Chairs, Hanging Mirrors, etc.



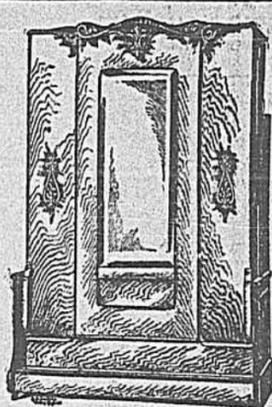
THIS Ottoman is covered with fancy drapery goods, seat upholstered, corners brass trimmed, lined inside with fancy cambric. Has eight pockets inside for slippers. It is castored, 18 inches high, 18 inches wide. Will make an acceptable present. Only.....\$2.40



WE are agents for the celebrated "Criterion" Music Boxes. Have a nice line of Music Box Cabinets.



OUR exclusive line of China Closets are made of quartered oak finished golden, adjustable wood or plate glass shelves, plain or mirror backs. They are made to last. The finish is the best. Call and examine them.



WE carry a full line of Combination Folding Beds in Golden Quartered Oak; also Mantel Folding Beds and Upright Folding Beds.



WE have Library Tables in Golden Quarter Oak, Mahogany and Flemish Oak. Newest patterns and substantially made.



WE have Rockers in all styles in all the different woods, from \$1.35 up to the finest.



THE Combined High Chair and Carriage is made of oak, finished golden. It is a handsome piece of furniture. Can be used in the house as high chair and on the street as carriage. When used as high chair cannot be tipped over. While they last only.....\$2.25



WE have some Mahogany frame 3-piece Parlor Suits, upholstered in several different materials. The frames are very stylish and are well made. The upholstery is the very best. We are selling them for only.....\$18.75



PARLOR STANDS in all the different woods. This one with 24-inch top, nicely turned legs, substantial undershelf, finely finished; only.....\$1.35



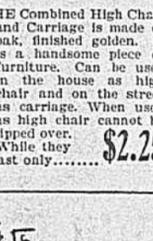
All of our Leather Couches are made with "Karpner Guaranteed Construction." The springs rest on elastic steel corrugated supports, which holds them in an absolutely perpendicular position, and thus the full strength and resiliency of every spring is obtained, and a breakdown is impossible. Call and examine our Leather Couches.



WE carry a handsome line of Side Boards from the best to the cheapest. This one made of golden oak, 14x24 bevel plate mirror, serpentine top. One drawer lined. Castored. Large linen drawer. Fitted with brass trimmings. Makes a very useful Christmas present. Only.....\$12.90



IF in need of an Extension Table, Breakfast Table, Combination Kitchen Table, then you want to call and see our elegant line.



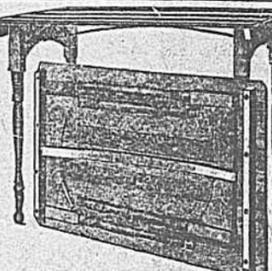
OUR line of Ladies' Desks and Desk Chairs contains many handsome designs in the several different woods. We have them at all prices. They make a very serviceable present.



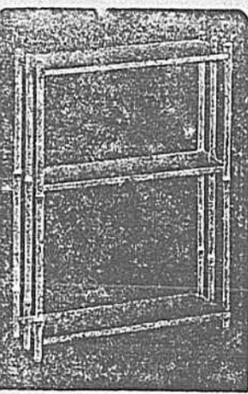
THIS Chestonier made of select oak, finished golden, double serpentine top, 32x20. The beaded French plate mirror is 12x18. The large drawers are fitted with locks and keys. Handsome carving. Price only.....\$9.50



JUST received for the holiday trade a large selection of Book Cases, in one, two and three sections. Made of select Quarter Sawn Oak.



This Sewing Table, 13 inches wide, 30 inches long, 25 inches high, Hardwood top, with a yard measure neatly stamped on same. Has good, durable finish; light and dark stripes, only \$1.00.



WHILE they last we will sell a handsome Bamboo Book Shelf, 50c



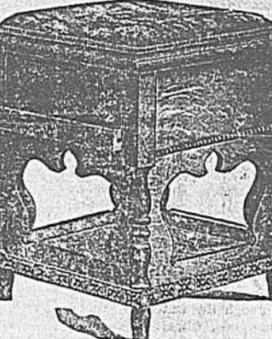
THIS Baby Walker teaches the baby to walk, prevents the baby from becoming bow-legged and gives the mother a helper that never tires. Only.....\$3.00



WE have a handsome line of Framed Pictures, Mirrors and Mantel Mirrors.



WE have always a full line of Carpet Sweepers on sale. They range from.....12c up.



A Blacking Case makes an acceptable present for a man. This case, 15x15 inches, 16 inches high. Made of oak, finished golden, carpet top, brass trimmings. Only \$4.00. Some as low as 50c.

We will be pleased to have you call and inspect our stock of Furniture, Carpets, etc. Goods delivered in our wagons, or in express wagons free to any part of the city or surrounding cities.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

## PALACE FURNITURE COMPANY,

1115 MAIN AND 1116 WATER STREETS, WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

#### WHERE JUSTICE REIGNS.

Yesterday afternoon, in the office of the county jail, the cases of Gertrude Smith, Kate Blackmore and John Weidell, charged with robbing J. T. Criswell of \$190, was heard by Squire Rogers. They were bound over to the grand jury.

In Squire Greer's court a warrant was issued for Miss Jane Ryan by Miss Lotie Martin, charging her with forging an order on the South Side Bank for a small sum of money. The Martin woman skipped to Moundsville, where she was captured by Officer Weiler last night. She was sent to jail, to await a hearing this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS Knit Woolen Jackets, Fancy Satin Collars, \$1 98, at McFADDEN'S.

NEW STOCK oval frames, just in. All finishes. Low prices, at NICOLL'S.

ALL the goods offered in our 20 per cent reduction sale, are new and fresh. No old stock. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

SHEFF BROS. are offering rare bargains in real ebony brushes, solid silver mounted. They make beautiful Christmas gifts.

FINE new line of Piano Stools and Scarfs for the holidays. F. W. BAUMER CO.

Bon Ton Stock Company. A large audience attended the opening performance by the Bon Ton Stock Company at the Grand Opera House last night. "Princess of Patches" was presented, with a strong cast, headed by Mr. Charles Leyburn, the well known comedian. The specialties between acts

#### TOY.

The Toy Talking Machine. A child can operate it, nothing to get out of order, will last for years. The records, in endless varieties, don't break or wear out; the baby can play with them without fear of injury. Price \$3, with six records. F. W. BAUMER CO.

MARBLE and Onyx Pedestals, included in our great 20 per cent reduction sale.

DILLON, HANCHER & CO. REAL Mexican carved leather. Many articles at low prices. NICOLL'S.

PEARL Pen and Gold Point. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

McFADDEN'S.



Men's Christmas Gloves. Men's 50c Fleece Lined Jersey Gloves for.....35c Men's 75c Dog Skin Working Gloves for.....48c Men's \$1.00 Plush Lined Kid Gloves for.....75c Men's \$1.25 Warm Fur Driving Gloves for.....98c Men's \$1.25 Silk Lined Kid Gloves for.....98c

McFadden's Glove Store, 1318, 1320, 1322 Market Street, Wheeling.

#### THE SMITH PREMIER WINS

As Official Typewriter for the Pan-American Exposition.

The West Virginia office of the Smith Premier Typewriter Co., 1163 Market street, Wheeling, W. Va., has received from the home office, Syracuse, N. Y., the following telegram: SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1900. "The Smith Premier Typewriter Co. We are officially notified that the Smith Premier Typewriter has been adopted for the official work of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, 1901. (Signed.) F. W. BAUMER CO."

ALL Cut Glass included in our 20 per cent reduction sale. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

MANDOLINS, Banjos and Guitars will be sold this week regardless of cost. F. W. BAUMER CO.

ENCOURAGE your boy to develop his business qualifications by making him a Xmas present of a VISIBLE WRITING BAR-LOCK TYPEWRITER. It will prove a stepping stone for him. Phone 1124, or call at 1222 Market street.

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PRICES that sparkle on bright bargains. KIRK'S, 1065 Main Street. The store will be open every evening.

FULL line of "talking machines" from \$3 upwards. Also full line of records. F. W. BAUMER CO.

HAWKES' Cut Glass included in our 20 per cent reduction sale. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

#### WILL GUTMAN.

### XMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN.

#### Mufflers

A Useful and Appropriate Gift.

Oxford Mufflers in finest Silks and satins.

Prices \$1.50 down to 50c.

Square Mufflers in richest silks and satins, finest goods made.

Prices \$4.00 down to 50c.

#### Handkerchiefs.

Men's Handkerchiefs—Plain White or Fancy Border, Lawn or Linen.

Prices 50c down to 10c.

Sweaters—\$3.00 down to \$1.00.

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