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The assortment here includes only the most reliable Furs—Neck Pieces, Collarettes, Capes or Jackets, and at prices that will enable you to make a handsome present with pleasure, and not feel that you have been taxed.

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A Dress or Waist Pattern, a very acceptable present. You'll find the selections here are best and at less cost to you.

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For presents. More here this year, and more sold this year than ever. Several special lines here that you will not see every place, and at prices that pay you to investigate.

STORE OPEN THIS EVENING.

GEO. E. STIFEL & CO.,

1154 to 1160 Main Street.

WORK OF THE WHEELING DAM TO BEGIN SOON.

Congressman Dovener Has an Interesting Letter from Major W. H. Bixby.

WORK ON THE SPECIFICATION

Is Being Prosecuted by the Engineers and They Will be Completed in January.

Congressman B. B. Dovener arrived home from Washington Sunday morning, and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Dovener at the McClure, after which both Captain and Mrs. Dovener will return to Washington for the winter.

When seen last night, Congressman Dovener was in a very happy frame of mind, as was natural after having received so many compliments from his Wheeling constituents upon the great work he is doing in the cause of Ohio river improvement, a cause that is very dear to the people of this community, and which in the not distant future will be a foremost factor in the advancement of the great industrial region of which Wheeling is the radiating centre.

"I was very well satisfied with the treatment accorded the Ohio in the house rivers and harbors bill," said Congressman Dovener to an Intelligencer man. "The bill carries something like \$20,000,000, and of that amount no less than \$4,000,000 will be ultimately spent in Ohio river improvements. I confidently anticipate that the bill will pass without any further prulong."

"What of the Wheeling dam; when will work begin on its construction?" "That is a matter in which I am greatly interested," responded the congressman. "I had hoped that the specifications would be finished this fall, but Major Bixby's force of assistants has been greatly overworked, and consequently there has been a delay. However, I look to see the contracts let and work begun the coming spring."

Major Bixby's Letter.

Captain Dovener has received the following letter from Major W. H. Bixby, the engineer officer in charge of the Ohio river improvements, relating to the plans and specifications for the Wheeling dam (No. 13), which will be read with interest by Wheeling people, inasmuch as it is stated that the plans for the dam will be completed next month:

DEAR SIR:—Your telegram of today was duly received concerning the progress of specifications for dam No. 13; and was answered to the effect that these specifications were under preparation, but not yet completed; everything having been specially delayed this month by the result of freshets and assembly of Congress.

The preparation of specifications for this work requires a great deal of time and a great deal of special care. The preparation of specifications means not only the preparation of the text of the same, but also the completion of a large number of drawings giving details of the construction and all the essential features of the work for the next two or three years. Any error, either of omission or commission, in these drawings and printed specifications will cause great trouble during the progress of the work. Such work is not ordinary routine work. There are no locks of the sort anywhere in the world except in the upper Ohio river, and the preparation of these specifications for work at Dam No. 13 requires the benefit of all the past experience of Assistant Engineer Martin and his assistants, and so far as they have gained it at locks 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Mr. Martin and his assistants are now at work on these drawings and specifications and have been for quite a long time. Their work is, however, much interfered with by the field work of construction of dams 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, which can only be carried on, as a rule, between June and December, and which practically takes all of their time to properly look after in this interval. November and December are doubly busy with us because of the interference with the work and the extra work forced upon us by the freshets which are liable to come and usually do come, at this time of the year, stopping, breaking up, and interfering with the regular work and requiring special attention in all sorts of directions. These two months, November and December, are also doubly busy for us because the war department is calling for all sorts of reports in order to supply information specially called for by the various committees of Congress. While I had hoped to get out these dam 13 specifications in December, it now looks as if it would be impossible to do so until some time in January. The field and office force of this office is not sufficient to keep up during the field working season (June to December) with the demands made upon it. This is especially so of recent years because of the amount of extra work which has been done and by the requirement that all purchases shall be advertised and awarded to the lowest bidder (together with the mass of proof

necessary to satisfy the auditor that this has been done) (and by the requirements also of civil service rules. We really do not have time to catch up with work until January or February, when freshets and cold weather have put a stop to field work. In short, we usually depend upon the first few months of the calendar year for the preparation of contracts under which work is to be let out during the succeeding summer and fall. This is naturally the proper time to give to such work as it occupies time otherwise idle, and it allows sufficient time for advertisement and opening of bids and award of the same before the commencement of the low water season when actual field work is to be started.

Four years ago, Major Heuer, because of urgent requests from Washington to hurry up work at dams 2, 3, 4 and 5, was obliged to get out specifications before he and the assistant engineer were properly ready to do so. We have had an immense deal of trouble ever since because of omissions, etc., caused by such hurry. Much time and much money would have undoubtedly been saved, and a great deal of trouble both to the Washington office, this office, and that in the field, would have been avoided if the specifications and drawings could have been completed with more care. Under such circumstances, I do not feel it would be right or proper to hurry up the specifications now with a chance of causing similar trouble again. Specifications and their drawings are work of such nature that they must be done with extreme care; and hurry causes in the end more harm than it does good.

I appreciate your natural desire to see this work started as soon as possible; but I am sure that you want to see it started well. I am sorry that the demands of work this year have been such as to have delayed the getting out of specifications. I had hoped they would be ready this month.

However, as above stated, the specifications are under preparation, and I hope they will be ready soon.

Very respectfully,
W. H. BIXBY,
Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

Boys' Sweaters, sizes from 2 years up, 48c, 75c and 98c, at McFadden's.

Diamonds of the highest grades found at the great Kimberly Mines. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

The Crush at Stone & Thomas'.

The streets and stores were crowded with Christmas buyers Saturday night and probably more buying was done in Wheeling than ever before in one night. All the stores seemed to get their share and the clerks were kept busy until nearly midnight. At Stone & Thomas', the immense department store was crowded on every floor and the two rapid elevators could not handle the people who crowded the stairways from basement to the fifth floor. The firm reports the greatest holiday season in the history of the establishment.

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A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected part is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial, and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by druggists.

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BIG reductions in Ebony Goods. W. J. LUKENS, One Price Jeweler.

FULL line of Music Boxes, Talking Machines and Records, at BAUMER'S.

WE have as fine Diamonds as any house in America and positively sell them at lower prices. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

IN preparing for your Christmas dinner, don't forget to call on Mrs. C. N. Taylor, No. 41 Fourteenth street, and order some of the celebrated Seal Brand Oysters. No first class dinner complete without them.

Beautiful enameled wreath pins, just received, will be offered for sale to-day. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

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JOS. GRAVES' SON.

Mammoth Sale Holiday Goods.

We scooped last week many new and rare pieces of Bric-a-Brac, including some of the famous Batavian Art Pottery. Sterling Candle Sticks, Fancy Dishes, Vases, etc. Also a pretty line of good Toys at prices that are no higher than you pay for cheap, shoddy goods. This is positively the greatest holiday buying opportunity of the season.

JOS. GRAVES' SON,

Store Open Every Evening. No. 26 Twelfth Street.

ALEXANDER—SHOES.

Can We Help You

Finish up your Christmas buying? Time is short, but it don't take long to buy where the stock is full and the people know how to serve you—
THAT'S US.

1049 MAIN ST.

TRADES ASSEMBLY

Holds Last Meeting of the Year and Transacts Routine Business.

The Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly held its last meeting of the year yesterday, with the exception of a special meeting to be held next Sunday, before the locals elect new delegates from the ensuing term. The assembly will also elect new officers at its first meeting in 1901 and the entire roster of officers will be changed. Yesterday's meeting was the last of the year and no new business was taken up on this account. The meeting was called to order by President Bauer and Jake Boes acted as secretary in place of Secretary Thomas, who was absent on account of sickness.

Reports of the different committees were received and they will wind up their business at the special meeting next Sunday. The delegates who are members of the leather workers' union reported progress on the issue of a union label on horse and leather goods. They now have five firms in this city using the label on this class of goods.

The secretary reported that the model law for the protection of union labels and trade marks was typewritten and in form for presentation to delegates to the legislature. They will be expected to do all in their power to secure its passage by the incoming legislature as of interest to business as well as workmen.

This wound up the affairs of the present trades assembly and they adjourned to meet in special session next Sunday for the transaction of any business remaining with the committees.

Men's 35c Silk Handkerchiefs, with Initials, for 25c to-day. McFadden's.

THURBER'S line of Box Candy the finest in the city.

DON'T fall to get a few pieces of our fine Bric-a-Brac, while our 20 per cent discount sale is on. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

FINE Gold and Silver Mounted Umbrellas at McNamee's, 1406 Market St.

HANDKERCHIEFS, every kind. SWABACKER'S.

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OUR Diamonds are not like the average quality found around town. We carry only the fine ones. DILLON, HANCHER & CO.

FULL line of Music Boxes, Talking Machines and Records, at BAUMER'S.

DIED.

REYNOLDS—On Sunday, December 23, 1900, at 6 o'clock, H. HOWARD J. son of Andrew and Elizabeth M. Reynolds, aged 17 years.

Funeral services at residence of his mother, No. 46 Eighteenth street, on Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Pentecostal cemetery.

UNDERTAKING.

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- Will it be an OVERCOAT?
- Perhaps a SUIT OF CLOTHES
- Or maybe a BATH ROBE,
- A pair of GLOVES,
- Some HANDKERCHIEFS,
- Or then a pretty NECKTIE,
- A warm and pretty MUFFLER,
- A pair of silver buckle silk SUSPENDERS,
- A handsome UMBRELLA,
- Fancy SILK VESTS.

All goods engraved free of charge. Goods subject to exchange after Christmas. Everything in abundance in Clothes and Furnishings for men and boys.

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1150 MAIN ST.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these—'It might have been.'"

Don't let this be your case Christmas morn—be sure you have forgotten no one; even a small remembrance is better than none at all. If you can't make up your mind what to buy, come in and let us help.

Special Christmas Prices

Seal Coats,

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