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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1907.

### Our Big Canal.

No better evidence of an ably directed and efficiently conducted national administration could be desired than that presented by the work of digging the Panama canal which is proceeding with such system and dispatch. The dirt is flying at a great rate and the amount of work accomplished is being exceeded as time goes on and plans are followed out. The President's report to the Congress of the progress of the work was especially gratifying as was the evidence of the active interest and careful attention displayed by him as shown in his report of the subject. Later reports from the Isthmus state that the work is continuing at the same satisfactory and rapid manner and that the job is a good one as far as it goes.

The people awakened to the great need of an interoceanic canal during the Spanish-American war. That this need is as imperative now as it was felt then is brought to general notice by the long voyage started by sixteen of the big warships of the American navy around Cape Horn to Pacific waters. The average American citizen thought much about the Panama canal during the recent war and while Congress deliberated on measures to construct it, but after this was over and each turned more of his attention to his business and private affairs, the canal has not attracted such general attention. So the news that the work has been going on so nicely and the national administration is carrying out the wishes of the people in such a splendid manner is indeed cause for general gratification as it is a compliment to the present administration and its peerless executive.

City Statistician Hugo Grosser of Chicago has figured it out that Boston has every other large city in the nation beaten for sin. In six months 894 arrests were made there for every 1,000 of population. Chicago's rate for a like period will be only 29.8. Next to Boston, Nashville, Tenn., has the highest record with Pittsburg next. Perhaps Grosser would have done better had he noted that Boston has the other cities of the nation beaten in the punishment of sin. The tables would then be turned around. His figuring may serve to show after all that there is so much badness in the best of us and so much goodness in the worst of us that it doesn't pay a very high rate of in-

terest to be picking too many noses out of other people's eyes.

It is reported that the Republican State executive committee will hold a meeting in Parkersburg between Christmas and New Years or the week following to select a date and place for the holding of the State nominating convention of the party as well as to attend to such other matters as may demand attention. As the Republican national executive committee has selected a much earlier date than usual for the national convention it is probable that the committee will decide upon one State convention, at which the state ticket will be nominated and the delegates selected to go to the national convention. This would be the means of saving extra expense, time and trouble to hold both conventions in one and it appears to meet with the approval of party members generally.

The empty stockings should not be forgotten while Christmas purchases are being made. There may not be likelihood of many in Clarksburg this year—the Telegram hopes that there will be none—but if any resident knows where there is possibility of being any in his neighborhood there will be ample opportunity for him to assist good Santa Claus in his stupendous task of providing for the little ones. Those who observe no chance to do this on their own hooks can co-operate with benevolent charitable organizations that will help the less fortunate this year. Clarksburgers have always tried their best to keep the Christmas stockings from being empty and they will do the same this year, without doubt. The reminder may be superfluous but it can do no harm.

That is a new dodge to write Democratic editorials and sign them "A Republican." But, some have been dodging so much of late that they have become regular jumping jacks, and, besides some of those who sign themselves "Republican" have been training with the Democrats so long that they have lost their identity as Republicans and are in fact Democrats, unless they can get just what they want both as to party standing and election to office.

An editorial recently in this paper seems to have stirred one fellow up to the extent of his writing editorials for a Democratic paper. He did not take well to the expose he got for being any old thing in order to get office.

Vera Fedorovna Kommissarjewa, a Russian actress is coming to the United States next spring to play for us. It would doubtless be interesting to know whether she intends to start before her name or after it.

Opportunities to do early Christmas shopping are slipping slowly but surely by as the numbers on the calendar increase. The wise purchaser will not let them slip too long.

The county court very promptly remedied the railing defects at the Main street bridge, after the Telegram reminded it that something ought to be done, and this paper congratulates the court for its action.

Money and other donations continue to come in at a very good rate for the mine sufferers at Monongah, and every one is pleased over the benevolent spirit shown by the people.

Christmas is now less than one week off. Time to get busy, the Telegram opines, if Santa is to do his best at the numerous homes in the city and county.

### THE DUTCH CLEANSER

No longer is it a mystery why the German housewife is happy—everything so clean in her house. Call at the Benefit Bazaar's "Old Dutch Cleanser Booth" in the building formerly occupied by the Watts-Lamberd Company, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and see for yourself.

### GONE TO BROTHER'S FUNERAL

M. J. O'Connor left this morning for Homestead, Pa., to attend the funeral of a brother, who is dead there. Mr. O'Connor works for Mead Bros. & Co. as salesman.

### THE SWISHER BAND WAGON

(By a Wage Earner).

The Swisher band wagon is out on the pike. Bred winners are handling the ribbons and are making it hike. It's making no noise nor burning red fires. It ran over Mr. Hearne and punctured his tires. And when it returns will be loaded with fur. As it sinks all opposition along with Mr. Scherr.

So, you silver-spooned crowd, you'd better sidoo, For the drivers of our wagon have their eyes on you. They know just how hard you've coaxed Mr. Dillon And out of you they will knock the fillin'. And along in the same history with Washington and his ax You'll find White, Dawson, Swisher and equalized tax.

And while we are passing you'd better get in And save your bacon along with your skin. For the workmen will soon quit their foolin' And stand no more of your buckin' and mulein'. Now, this is given as a hint to the wise, Hope it's sufficient to open your eyes.

Oh, sure we're in earnest as earnest can be And if you don't believe watch the finish and see, That we're on to your curves and all your stuff And will line you out and call your bluff. Of course, we're laughing because it's so funny That Charley always comes under the wire first money.

And he not born with a silver spoon in his mouth Nor in his veins blue blood from the South, But he has on his shoulders a head-full of knowledge If he never did buy his way through a college. And for these reasons, if none other, We will all help him, he is our brother.

Any blind man can see with his toe That Swisher has them all on the go. And in spite of Scherr and all creation Will walk off with that nomination. Being a commoner, sharp as a tack, He will skin any Democrat found on the track.

### HAUGHT IS ELECTED COUNCIL COMMANDER

By the 'Woodmen of the World at Their Annual Election of Officers.

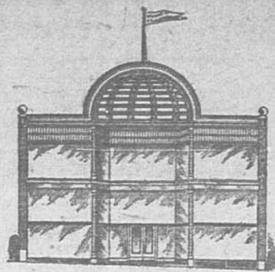
The Woodmen of the World held their annual election of officers at their meeting Wednesday night in the Pythian building in Glen Elk, electing the following:  
Council Commander—P. A. Haught.  
Advisor Lieutenant—Joseph Biggs.  
Banker—W. L. McWhorter.  
Clerk—C. M. Ernst.  
Escort—Steeley Guinn.  
Watchman—G. F. Spring.  
Sentry—John Smith.  
Manager—F. O. Sutton.  
Jesse C. Stealey and August Nibbed were elected to membership and Albert Spellberg and Henry Floyd were initiated.

### WILL CALL EXTRA SESSION

CHARLESTON, Dec. 19.—Governor Dawson has announced that he will call a special session of the legislature to begin in Charleston on January 28, one week later than was indicated in his former announcement, and will issue the call therefor within a few days.

Thomas Pettigrew has returned from a three weeks' business visit in Boston.

We have received our Huyler's candy for Xmas. Sturm & Wilson.



## The Watts-Lamberd Co.

### Xmas Opening Sale

## IN OUR NEW STORE

### "WHAT TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS" IS BEST ANSWERED BY A VISIT TO WATTS-LAMBERD'S NEW STORE

Gloves, handkerchiefs, hosiery, belts, pocket-books and bags, neckwear, ribbons, silk waist patterns, fancy art linens, Queen Quality shoes, bracelets, lace pins, broaches, hat pins, belt buckles, silver toilet sets, veil pins, cloth and hat brushes, silver novelties, bric-a-brac, Teddy bears, corsets, underwear, pillow tops, furs, umbrellas, holiday aprons, knit shawls.



Do Your CHRISTMAS Shopping now. Bring your friends. Let us show you.

Rugs of all kinds and sizes, carpets, lace curtains, portiers, Madras curtains, table covers, couch covers, coats, suits, hats, skirts, veils, children's knit toques, comforts, blankets, spreads, table damasks, napkins, towels, Mexican and Japanese hand-drawn and embroidered linens and Battenberg lace covers. scarfs, doylies and lunch cloths, crib blankets and everything for baby, white waist patterns, silk petticoats, silk and lace waists, sweaters, leggings, gaitors, silk stockings, lace and linen coat sets, fancy hair combs, dress goods, white waistings, new Scotch plaid gingham, hose supporters and garters, silk and muslin underwear, and fancy blankets for robes. Holiday boxes furnished with all orders costing \$1.00 or more.

### Beautiful Linens 1/4 to 1/3 Underprice



### Fancy Linen for Holiday Gifts

Prices are 1/4 to 1/3 Underprice

These Linens come to us direct from Japan, Ireland, Germany and France through large importers, saving you 1/4 to 1/3 of regular prices. Hand Embroidered Scarfs, Squares and Doilies, Hand Drawn Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Squares and Doilies, Battenberg Scarfs, Squares and Doilies, Damask Tray Cloths, Lunch Cloths and Table Cloths and Napkins. Prices range from 25c up to \$15.00, with every popular price in between. See them.

### KID GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS



### Kid Gloves Boxed in Christmas Boxes

Complete line of P. Centemeri Kid Gloves in 16-button and 12-button lengths, in Glaci, also the Heavy English Cape Gloves in all lengths, 16-button, 12-button, 8-button and regular one and two-clasp, also Children's Cape or Street Gloves, Ladies' Gauntlet Cape Gloves. Our Kid Gloves at \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.65 and \$2.00 are the best values in Clarksburg.

All Kid Gloves are guaranteed against defect in material or workmanship when first tried on. Worn gloves will not be replaced.

### Perfection of Fit.

### BEST HANDKERCHIEF VALUES HERE

Everybody gives handkerchiefs, and almost everybody expects them, too. They are welcome too, when they come, because one never has too many.

At 10c, Ladies' and Gent's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fine quality linen.

At 15c Ladies' and Gent's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; also Ladies' and Gent's Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen, hemstitched. Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs, best values in our city.

Values at 18c, 21c, 25c, 29c, 35c on up to \$5.00, with all the pieces in between.



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