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## Bargains For This Week!

IN THE BIG RUSH last Saturday several articles were overlooked—thought they were all sold—found them this morning, and so we will endeavor to dispose of them this week as New Year's presents. Perhaps you have received a Christmas present and you will want to reciprocate on New Year's Day. All Toys will be sold at 50 percent off the regular price. We have a few

POOL CHESTS, Large PIANOS, Small Sized BUREAUS, SIDEBOARDS, SWINGS, DOLLS, MUSICAL TOYS—only one and two of a kind.

A SPECIAL ITEM.

A \$7.00 Rolling Top Writing Desk in oak, to go at \$3.75. Was sold to a customer, but they found it too small for the person intended. They desire to dispose of it to procure a larger size. Suitable for a boy or girl from 7 to 10 years old.

**MORGAN'S FANCY BAZAR,** 23 NORTH MAIN ST.

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KATES, LEDS, TOVES. "Merry Christmas" —and— "A Happy New Year."

### NO OLD STOCK

Is offered to our patrons. The assortment of Holiday shoes and slippers is new, fresh and stylish and the quality is all that could be desired. Our line of Men's, Women's and Children's Fancy Slippers. For presentation purposes should receive your attention. You cannot find more elegant goods nor lower prices.

**E. Manning,**  
CORNER OF MAIN AND OAK STREETS.

## SPECIALTIES!

CANNED GOODS!

- TOMATOES.**—Choice cold packed, 3 cans for 25 cents. Extra quality and extra size can, 10 cts. Fancy quality, the largest cans and finest goods packed, 2 cans for 25 cents. Good tomatoes, medium size, 5 cans, 25c.
- CORN.**—Choice Maryland corn, 4 cans for 25 cents. Fine N. Y. state sugar corn, 3 cans for 25 cents. The finest Maine corn, 2 cans for 25 cents.
- BEANS.**—Fancy Early June and Sweet Wrinkled, 2 cans, 25c. Choice Marrows, 10 cents. Good Marrowfats, 3 cans for 25 cents.
- MA BEANS.**—Extra quality, 3 cans for 25 cents. Fancy quality Maine, 2 cans for 25 cts.
- STRING BEANS.**—Good quality, 4 cans for 25 cents. Choice white wax, 3 for 25 cents. Fancy stringless, 2 cans for 25 cts.
- PLUM PUDDING.**—Two cans for 25 cents.
- SOUPS.**—Concentrated—six kinds—good, cheap—convenient—10 cents a can.
- FLOOR OIL CLOTH.**  
The largest stock and best assortment of Floor Oil Cloth we have ever offered.

**At KEITER'S.**

## WAS IT A MURDER?

A Victim's Friends Disagree With the Deputy Coroner.

Deputy Coroner Bissell, of Mahanoy City, is of the belief that Thomas Popplek, whose dead body was found on the Lehigh Valley Railroad track, near Park Place, yesterday morning, was the victim of a murder and that the crime was committed for robbery. He believes that the wound found on the back of the victim's head was due to a blow from some sharp instrument, and not to injury resulting from the victim being struck by a train.

The theory of murder was not advanced by the friends of the victim. On the contrary, they adhere to the belief that the man was killed by a train. They point to the fact that the man had no known enemy and never carried arms of any kind on his person. Dr. Bissell, nevertheless, is proceeding on the murder theory and will hold an inquest to-morrow night.

## M. W. OF A. CONVENTION.

It Will be Held in This Town Next Saturday.

The United Mine Workers of America in the Schuylkill district will hold a convention in this town on Saturday, 30th inst. Delegates from all the locals in the district will be present and the attendance is expected to be a large one.

## Special to Evening Herald.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The stockholders of the Boston and Albany Railroad met here to-day for the purpose of ratifying the lease of the line of that company to the New York Central. An addition of \$1,000,000 has been made to the cash to be paid by the Central, or allowed to be retained as reserve by the Boston and Albany. The Protective committee has decided that under all circumstances it is for the best interests of the property and stockholders that this new lease should be ratified, and this undoubtedly will be done.

## Cats For the Philippines.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 27.—Frederick Butler, of 103 Roseville avenue, to-day shipped 300 cats to the Philippines where he received 13 cents apiece for them. The government storehouses in Manila are overrun with rats and the cats will be carried on a transport.

## Special to Evening Herald.

New York, Dec. 27.—At the trial of Roland Molinaux this morning Daniel Ames, an expert for the prosecution, swore that the accused man wrote the address on the pigeon package. Ames is the fourth handwriting expert to make this positive statement.

## A Woman Hanged.

Brandon, Ont., Dec. 27.—Hilda Blake was hanged here to-day for the murder of Mrs. Lane.

## Roberts and Kitchener Join.

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—General Kitchener and Lord Roberts sailed from this place for Cape Town, Africa, to-day.

## Banking Firm Falls.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Hodges & Co., one of the largest banking firms in this city, suspended to-day.

## A. O. H. Convention.

The state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held at Mahanoy City next June and it is expected that delegates to the number of 4,000 or 5,000 will be in attendance. M. F. Conroy and Edward Maley, former residents of town now located at Scranton, were at Mahanoy City last evening arranging preliminaries for the event.

New Year gifts are almost as popular as Christmas gifts. It's the proper time to return the unexpected Christmas token, or remember those you unintentionally overlooked. If you want the right article at the right price you can get it at Brunns.

## Still Another Candidate.

The large number of candidates for the office of Chief Burgess, subject to the rules of the Citizens' party, is an indication that the primaries will be contested with much interest. The latest candidate to announce himself for this office is George Najamas, of the Fifth ward. His card can be found in our political column. Mr. Najamas is one of the leading Lithuanians of that ward and has been a faithful party worker for several years. His friends are already active in his behalf.

## Seeks the Philippines.

James Bradley, who spent Christmas in town with relatives, left for Philadelphia to-day. Mr. Bradley was connected with the U. S. A. recruiting corps at Scranton, as lance corporal. A few days ago he was transferred to a Philadelphia recruiting station. He left for the city to-day with the determination to apply for a transfer to active service in the Philippines. His enlistment as a volunteer will expire within three months. Harry Hafner, also of the recruiting corps, left for Philadelphia, and will depart with Mr. Bradley for the Philippines.

## A Unanimous Verdict.

Says that the music furnished by the Schley orchestra at their regular dances is becoming more popular every occasion. You should attend their dance at Robbins' opera house to-morrow evening.

## "Little Lord Fauntleroy" To-night.

Little Irene Myers and her company gave an effective and pretty scenic production of "The Silver King" at Ferguson's theatre last night before a crowded house. The engagement promises to be the most successful of the season. "Little Lord Fauntleroy" will be produced to-night. It will bring little Irene to the front in the title role, in which she has met with great success.

## Pleasant Family Reunion.

One of the most enjoyable gatherings at Turkey Run on Christmas Day was a family reunion of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howells, aged and highly respected residents of that place. It was a glorious Christmas for them. Dinner was served for their eight children and fourteen grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Howells received many beautiful and costly gifts.

## A Social.

The Lithuanian Social Club will hold a grand social in Donoschin's hall this (Wednesday) evening.

## Madame D. May.

Wonderful palmist and greatest life reader in America. Crowds consult her on business, love and marriage. Call to-day and to-morrow, the last day. Price 25 and 50 cents. Hotel Franzy.

## F. & K. Pay Day.

The employees of the F. & K. C. & I. Co. in the Ashland district were paid to-day.

Boy Royal Patent Flour. It is the best in the market.

## ROBBERS IN LIMBO.

Four Men of Town Taken to Pottsville To-day.

## WERE COMMITTED WITHOUT BAIL.

Thomas McGrath, Thomas Conroy, Harry Dowling and Peter Kerrigan charged with Entering a House Masked and Armed With Revolvers. Mrs. Quinn's Story.

The police last night gathered in four more of the masked house breakers who are infesting this town and took them to the Pottsville jail this morning.

When the audience left the theatre last night four of the policemen were scattered between the entrance to the place of amusement and the corner of Main and Oak streets, closely eyeing each passerby. They were watching for some young man who had occupied seats in the gallery of the theatre during the evening, and the parties sought unobtrusively walked into the arms of the police after the performance.

At two o'clock this morning the police arrested Thomas McGrath, Thomas Conroy, Harry Dowling, Peter Kerrigan and John Donahoe before Justice Shoemaker upon the following information, sworn to by Andrew Lukaszewski, of 355 South Gilbert street: "That in the night time between the 24th and 25th days of December, 1899, a forcible entrance was made to deponent's dwelling house by masked men who, with revolvers, threatened to shoot deponent and his family, firing two shots to intimidate them, and the house was robbed of its money. That deponent has reason to believe that the said parties were," etc., naming the parties arrested and one other whose name is withheld because he has not been arrested.

Upon the arraignment of the accused Lukaszewski and his wife and children identified four of them as the robbers. There was no evidence against Donahoe and he was discharged. McGrath, Conroy, Dowling and Kerrigan were committed without bail.

Kerrigan is under bail with others for "ringing up" William Unioff, of Locust Dale, on West Cherry street, several weeks ago. Unioff came to town to see the sights and Kerrigan and his pals volunteered to show them to him. When a lonely place was reached Unioff was told that it was time to "ring up." He was beaten and robbed. When the case was called at the last term of court Unioff could not be found. The case will be called up next month.

## Another Masked Visit.

Mrs. Clara Quinn, wife of John Quinn, of South Park alley, called at the Herald office to-day and made a statement of a thrilling experience she and her husband had with masked burglars. She stated that, between two and four o'clock yesterday morning, four masked men entered her home and ascended to the sleeping apartments on the second floor, each man carrying two revolvers. Mrs. Quinn was so frightened by their appearance that she jumped from the bedroom window. She says the robbers threatened her husband by declaring they would "blow his heart out" if he did not tell them where his money was. Quinn took from a bed a pocketbook containing his savings, amounting to \$50. After getting this they departed. Mrs. Quinn says that after she jumped from the window she shouted "Help! Help!" but no one responded. After the robbers left she reentered the house and joined her husband. She says she can identify at least two of the robbers.

## Lost or Contralto Solo, a New Song Entitled, "Davy Jones," and other new music at Brunns.

## Centralia People's Misfortune.

Miss Tillie Black, the youngest daughter of "Squire" Black, of Centralia, fell while walking from a store to her home and broke her ankle.

## John Burns, of Centralia, employed at the Pottsville works, was struck on the arm by a fall of coal and the arteries of his wrist were severed.

John Moran, of Centralia, employed on the Lehigh Valley railroad, had the tip of his fingers mashed at Delano. He will likely lose one finger.

## Sept. Williams Resigns.

John L. Williams, superintendent of the Union Coal Company's collieries between Shamokin and Mt. Carmel, resigned and will be succeeded by superintendent William Rhinehart, of the company operations at Lyons, Dauphin county, on January 1st, 1900. Mr. Williams will manage the new colliery to be opened at Marlow Heights, near Mt. Carmel, where he has secured the lease for that tract of coal land. Mr. Williams was for many years a resident of Shenandoah, and left here several years ago to locate at Mt. Carmel. The new tract of coal land promises to yield an output for a first-class colliery for a period of twenty-five years. It contains all the different veins in its different strata, with an exceptionally large percent available for mining above water level. About the first of April the foundation will be laid for a breaker of large capacity and the latest improved machinery, and six months thereafter, about October 1st, the first coal will be prepared in it, and shipped from it for market.

## Winters Again Wins.

Max Winters, of Boston Run, defeated Charles Zerby, in a shooting match Xmas morning, on Smith's wharfery, for \$75 a side. Winters killed Zerby's 2. Winters has taken \$250 out of Gilberton the last four weeks.

## A Servant Girl Truist.

The cooks and servant girls of Altoona have formed a combine by which it is their intention to try for better wages. They will demand in the future \$1 per day for services while heretofore they were satisfied with wages ranging from \$2.50 to \$4 per week. The combine goes into effect January 1st.

## THE COUNTY FINANCES.

About \$80,000 Cash in the Treasury at End of the Year.

Figures compiled from the books of the Controller and Treasurer show how the county finances will stand January 1st, 1900. The total cash receipts (county funds) during the year was \$424,252.21, divided up as follows: From taxes 1900 and previous years, \$128,796.83; from redemption taxes and Commissioners' sales, \$1,484.19; from miscellaneous sources, licenses, etc., \$58,699.50; income outside of 1900 taxes, \$158,980.88; received from taxes of 1900, 240,053.58; total revenue, \$429,964.80; cash on hand January 1, 1899, \$25,428.45.

The expenditures during the year were county funds to December 1st, \$250,108.91 judgment repaid, \$20,000; loans repaid, \$50,000; estimated expenses for December, \$50,000; total expenses, \$370,108.91. This leaves a cash balance of \$69,855.89, and added to the receipts of the office for this month leaves a balance of available cash at the close of the present year of \$60,384.00. The outstanding loans are now reduced to \$78,000. This is truly a most creditable showing for the present Board of County Commissioners.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little cold. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

## Elections of Officers.

Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., last night held an election of officers, which resulted as follows: Past President, Frank Shiry; President, William H. Davis; Vice President, G. C. Matter; M. of F., Joseph Lehner; Secretary, J. S. Williams; Treasurer, George H. Krick; Conductor, John Dale; Inspector, C. L. Gable; Outer Guard, Joseph Temple; Trustees, W. H. Kerslake and Cornelius Davenport.

At a regular meeting of Antares Lodge, No. 74, Knights of the Golden Eagle, the following officers were elected: N. C., William P. Morris; V. C., Charles Hall; S. H., Robert Hughes; M. E., E. D. Bedall; C. E., W. J. Seltzer; K. of E., A. D. Gable. A. P., William Morris; representative to Grand Lodge, W. J. Millard; Trustee, G. W. Johnson.

An election of officers held by General Harrison Lodge No. 351, Knights of Pythias, last night resulted as follows: Chancellor, Commander, George Wagner; Vice Chancellor, P. W. Bierenstein; Prelate, William Vesle; Master-at-Arms, Oscar Bolich; Master of Work, S. M. Fetzer; Janitor, Gustav Thomas Bell; Outer Guard, William Langh; Trustee, Daniel Knelly. The election was followed by a smoker, during which there were readings, recitations and instrumental music. The affair was a very enjoyable one.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

## Married.

William Llewellyn, of Mores, and Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Mahanoy City, were married yesterday. Edward Snyder, of Mahanoy City, and Miss Jennie Trumble, of Schuylkill, N. Y., were also united in the bonds of matrimony.

## Miss Anna Mary MacMillan and William F. Miller, two well known young people of Tamaqua, were married Christmas Day.

Yesterday afternoon John E. Beale, of Reading, and Miss Mary E. Gettohall, of Shamokin, were joined in marriage.

## Robert B. Richards and Miss Mary E. Seitzinger, two popular young people of Fountain Springs, were made man and wife.

Miss E. Maud Groff, of Ashland, and Harvey J. Krick, of Tamaqua, were married on Christmas Day at the former place. They will reside at Tamaqua.

## The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Maurer, at Lavelle, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when their daughter, Miss Lila, was given in marriage to William F. Lloyd, of Philadelphia.

## Drowsiness is dispelled by BRONCHIA'S PILLS

Justices' Cases.

Anthony Nawicki presented Peter Mollack before Justice Shoemaker for assault and battery and the accused was committed in default of \$300 bail.

Paul Billat, William Wyzneski and John Modis were put under \$400 bail each, by Justice Shoemaker last night, on a charge of shooting William Tarkel with a rifle.

Mike Crishek and William Cdmiczelwicz furnished \$400 bail before Justice Shoemaker last night on a charge of assault made by John Cziolowski.

## Come and see them.

Dressed fat turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens. Choice cuts of beef, lamb, pork and veal. Full line of smoked meats. Eggs and butter. At Bauer's.

## Stricken With Paralysis.

John H. Wolfinger, a painter by occupation, residing with his sister, Mrs. Mary Severo, at Pottsville, died from the effects of a paralytic stroke yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wolfinger had been down at the Pennsylvania depot Monday night on business, and was stricken while there.

## To Cure LaGrippe in Two Days

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## Twins For Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Heubner, of Port Carbon, received a unique Christmas gift Monday when a pair of bright little girls arrived at their domicile. This same couple were similarly favored just this time two and one-half years ago.

## Deaths Recorded.

Deaths were offered for record yesterday as follows: E. K. Stauffer, administrator, et al, to Elizabeth Fry, premises in Ringtown; Thos. Purcell et al to John F. Purcell, trustee, premises in Tamaqua.

## Wedding To-night.

Mrs. Ada Mervine, of Gordon, and Grant Trossman, of town, will be married this evening at the home they have selected on South Jardin street.

## Store Room for Rent.

April 1st, 1900, now occupied by Frank Schmidt, 116 North Main street. Apply at store. 12-6-99

## GENSORSHIP RELAXED!

On Messages From the Seat of War in South Africa.

## NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION.

It is Believed in London the British Troops Will Make No Serious Move Until the Arrival of General Lord Roberts.

London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed, but they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed.

There appears to be no great change in the situation. A dispatch from Lourenco Marques, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, gives the following from the Boer head laager, dated Tuesday, Dec. 19: "The British naval guns at Colenso have been ransacking Bulwer bridge over the Tugela river, with a view of smashing it."

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly."

General Buller has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on Dec. 18. "More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Colonel Bullock, Major Walters, Dalwarck and Foster, Captains De Klerk, Norton, Pitt Herbert, Ford and Hutchinson and Lieutenants Bonham Smythors, Kumbold, Thourne, O'Connell, Christian, Brigg, Birch, Halford, Tarbull and Jones."

A dispatch to The Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, Dec. 15, by helicopter, says:

Another sortie last night. General Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one 6-inch Creusot gun, one Howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. "The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters here that General Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily News, telegraphing Wednesday, Dec. 20, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer. From Boer sources hitherto singularly well informed, I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men—skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve. Our administrative official in the cape reports, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt."

## TWENTY-THREE DEAD BODIES

Recovered From the Brazzill Mine at Brownsville, Pa.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—With slightest eyes peering into the dark depths below the corpse of Andrew Forber hung for three days and three nights from a beam half way up the mine shaft of the Brazzill mine. The body was 50 feet above the level of the mine, from whence it had been blown by the force of the explosion. Since the accident occurred living and dead men had been almost constantly passing within a few feet of the corpse, but owing to the darkness in the shaft it was not found until yesterday.

Two other bodies, or rather pieces, were found yesterday afternoon. They were located here among the debris, and were worse mangled than any yet found. The heads and trunks were together, but the arms, hands, legs and feet were picked up here and there and placed in the same box. One of the rescue party said that much of the bodies still remained in the mine and he showed up a great pile of fragments of flesh and clothing which it was useless to bring from the mine. With these three bodies recovered the number of dead is increased to 23.

## Death of a Veteran Publisher.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 27.—J. C. Coon, one of the veteran newspaper publishers and editors of northeastern Pennsylvania, died yesterday in the Danville insane asylum of an affection of the brain, aged 80. In the early seventies he was connected with the Chicago Times. Coming east, he established the Scranton Sunday Free Press, the first Sunday paper to be published in the state outside of Philadelphia. He also founded the Wilkes-Barre Daily and Sunday News. In 1889 he went to Florida and established a paper in one of the interior towns, but it was not a success. Returning north, he purchased the Daily News, of Nanticoke, Pa., and was conducting that paper when he was stricken.

## Noted Philadelphia Builder Dead.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Allen B. Rorke, Philadelphia's principal builder and contractor, died yesterday of apoplexy following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered on Sunday night and which then rendered him helpless, but not unconscious. The end came suddenly and was entirely unexpected, not alone to Mr. Rorke himself and the members of his family, but to the doctors who were in attendance as well. Mr. Rorke was enjoying his usual good health on Saturday. He was a native of Philadelphia, and 53 years old.

## FREE LUNCHEONS TO-NIGHT.

BUCKNER'S. Clam soup to-night. Special lunch to-morrow morning.

HENTZ'S. Special lunch to-night. Bean soup to-morrow morning.

CHAS. RADZIEWICZ'S. Special lunch will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

WEEKS'. Bean soup, free, to-night.

## MAX LEVIT'S

## SPECIAL HAT BARGAINS!

\$1.00 Will purchase a fashionable hat, black or brown.

\$1.75. Special all this week. Well worth \$2.50 and very best in appearance.

\$2.50. You buy one of these hats and you won't regret the purchase. They give double wear.

## The Genuine Stetson Hat

We carry in stock in the "real" thing. We sell them at factory prices only.

## MAX LEVIT

UP-TO-DATE HATTER. CORNER MAIN AND CENTRE STREETS.

## THE HUB

Coat and Fur Sale THIS WEEK.

## DON'T MISS THE

Coat and Fur Sale THIS WEEK.

## FOUND.

A sum of money during the rush on Saturday night. Owner can have same by proving property.

## "The Hub."

Carpet Sweepers, all prices. Rugs, all kinds. Foot Stools, all prices. New goods just received at

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

FRICKE'S CARPET STORE, 10 South Jardin Street.

## NEW country dried cherries and apples.

## CALIFORNIA

Peaches, Eggs Plums, Green Gages, Apricots, Pears, IN CANS.

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Flavoring Extracts, Spices. TRY MAGARGLE'S OWN BRAND BAKING POWDER.

## Magargle's,

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