

End-of-the-Season Clearance Prices!

WE FEEL LIKE THE HOUSEWIFE—expecting company in a few days—who has just bade other guests goodbye. She sets the alarm clock and gets up early with her sleeves rolled up and grim determination in the set of her jaw. She determines she will get the house in order before the next company arrives.

Tomorrow is the last selling day of this year—we are going to make the dust fly—we need your help—it will pay you to help.

\$9.50 Buys Women's Winter Coats Worth up to \$15.00

We couldn't print better news—Especially if you've been waiting to get your coat. The coats are stylish—smart as any selling elsewhere at twice the amount—Big and full flaring or belted—large collars. Fine rich mixtures—novelty cloths—astrachans, corduroy, plaids. Many are lined way to the hem—every model—almost every size. A splendid coat FOR YOU for \$9.50.

Women's Plush Coats

Quite the handsomest you ever saw, because good plush is so high and scarce. These coats will be treasured for years.

Many coats here of that "H & M" plush and salts Esquimette plush—that splendid quality that looks so like real seal.

They're smart as can be—belted or flaring—45 inches long—conservative and extremely stylish models—Chases beaver trimmings.

\$35 Plush Coats \$26.50. Luxurious silk plushes with near seal lining—will wear several seasons.

\$29.50 Plush Coats \$22.50. Other stores will wonder how it can be done—It's Salt's plush in the newest models.

Hurry Down and Get Yours, WOMEN'S COATS—THIRD FLOOR

All the Women's

Suits Are Reduced Too!

\$29.95 Suits \$22.50
\$25.00 Suits \$18.75
\$22.50 Suits \$16.50

Tomorrow's Your Last Chance This Year in this **Sale of Men's Overcoats** \$10.00 \$12.00 \$15.00

and assortments still bulge with \$15, \$18 and \$20 values. GET HERE! and get here tomorrow.

Short double breasted ulsters—box effects, loose fitting backs, some pinchbacks.

COATS FOR SHORT MEN—TALL AND SLIM—COATS FOR STOUT MEN—

Plaids, flecked, greys and browns, two tone stripes—mixtures and the staple black—

Special Overcoat Values at \$10, \$12 and \$15.00. MEN'S CLOTHING—SECOND FLOOR.



GRANDMOTHER JAILED FOR NON-SUPPORT OF SON'S CHILDREN! ARGUMENT FOR MOTHERS' PENSIONS!

By K. W. PAYNE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A week ago few had ever heard of little Arthur, Calvin and Myrtle Jones, of Richmond Hill, L. I., but a week hence their tragic story will be talked about in every state, and the name of four-year-old Myrtle Jones may be connected soon with a national movement for sweeping aside certain legislation and extending the scope of mothers' pensions!

The father of the three Jones children, Harold H. Jones, deserted his family a year ago. Mrs. Edna B. Jones, his wife, has been taking in sewing, working some times till 4 o'clock in the morning.

The grandmother of the children.



MRS. EDNA HUNT JONES AND HER CHILDREN, PRINCIPAL IN ONE OF THE ODDEST CASES IN COURT HISTORY.

Mrs. Clara M. Bersonger, has property and a small income insufficient, she claims, to support her own family and invalid daughter.

She has refused to pay for support of her three grandchildren and has just been sentenced to six months in the workhouse!

Along came Judge Henry Neil, father of mothers' pensions.

"Must the sins of the fathers be visited not only on the children, but on the grandparents too?" he exclaimed. Judge Neil paid over personally \$25 to Mrs. Jones, with the promise of \$25 more per month for the duration of the children's dependency.

"Does not society, which pays for every child's education, owe an even greater duty to the child in supplying

life necessities?" he asked. "The mothers' pension system would do this. But in many states the mothers' pension laws provide only for widowed mothers and not for deserted or divorced mothers. Until the mothers' pension system is improved to include the latter, America will see many a repetition of just such tragic cases as this!"

PLAN TO CHECK AUTO RAIDERS

One hundred Philadelphians Sworn in As Special Officers.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—A new plan to check theft of automobiles in this city went into operation today when 100 motor car owners began service as volunteer automobile police. They are empowered by public safety department to make arrests for automobile law violations and for the larceny or attempted larceny of automobiles.

Names of auxiliary police who are equipped with cards instead of badges were withheld to make service more effective. It is planned to increase the number to 300 in short time.

EAST SIDE NEWS

Mrs. Meserve Dead.
A message received here yesterday morning stated that Mrs. Walter Meserve died Wednesday night at her home in Washington state. Mrs. Meserve had been alarmingly ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. She was formerly Miss Lovie Ray, of this city, and was the only sister of Mrs. A. C. Gaskins, of near this city. She is survived by her husband and one son. Interment will be made in Washington. The son will be brought here to make his home with his aunt, Mrs. Gaskins.

Social Meeting.
A social meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Diamond Street M. E. church will be held this evening at the church. Each member is expected to attend and invite one friend. The ladies anticipate a delightful evening.

Class Reunion.
A reunion of the Bowers class of 1914 of the East Side schools was held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Pearl Griffith on Front street. A large number of the class was present. Besides several invited guests, Virgil Watkins, vice president of the class, introduced Prof. W. A. Husted, who made an excellent talk to the young people. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Arrived Here Today.
Miss Margaret Stuart, of Morgantown, arrived here today to visit Miss Dana Jacobs for a few days.

Returned from Wheeling.
Austin Stealey and sister, Miss Grace, have returned from Wheeling where they attended the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Employees' ball on Wednesday evening.

Personal.
Misses Lucile and Bertha Stealey returned today from a visit with Mrs. Frank Kane at Gratton.

Harry Loudon, of Detroit, Mich., is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. Mary Stewart, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. G. Criss, has returned to her home at Mannington.

Bruce Richmond, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting here.

BITS OF STATE NEWS

Greater Clarksburg will cover approximately three thousand acres, if the report made last night to the Greater Clarksburg will cover approximately, by the sub-committee on boundaries, is agreed upon, says the Clarksburg Exponent. This vast acreage will take in Clarksburg, Stealey Heights, Broad Oakes, North View and Adamston, the five municipalities represented in the Greater Clarksburg movement. The boundary committee consisting of Carl Horner, Arthur Parsons and Glenn Waters submitted their tentative corporation line and the general committee ordered to report put in the hands of attorneys who are drafting a tentative charter.

This was the only definite business transacted by the general committee but it served to allow the charter committee a working basis. Following the order, a general discussion was entered into by the members present. Taxation, paving, water supply, police and fire protection were discussed at length, particularly paving. It was pointed out by one member of the committee from Broad Oakes that Clarksburg has the worst streets of any large city in the state. Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Wheeling, and Fairmont boast of their well paved streets, but under the present charter, Clarksburg cannot put in any more paving until the indebtedness is removed from over the city. It was pointed out that each community would bear its own indebtedness that had been incurred previous to the merger of the municipalities. This would not increase the taxation of any certain section but would decrease as the debt lessened.

West Virginia's pay roll for salaries, labor and compensation for those engaged in service to the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, last, amounted to \$1,541,659.58, according to the classification of the disbursements made by Chief Accountant E. A. Dover in his annual audit of the fiscal affairs of the state. Traveling expenses and expense accounts borne by the state during the same year amounted to \$109,111.52, while the state's postage bill was \$24,208.53. The telephone and telegraph bills of those who are serving the state ran up to \$15,912.77, while the gas bill amounted to \$35,170.99, and the coal bill to \$13,182.74.

For fresh beef for the wards of the state paid last year \$42,395.73, while the fresh and cured pork bill was \$12,233.63. At the same institutions flour to the amount of \$30,028.61 was consumed, and \$13,957.23 was spent for sugar. Oleomargarine was more of a favorite than butter, and the taxpayers spent \$10,620.83 for oleo and \$6,344.61 for butter. Potatoes cost the state \$10,628.83 during the past year, while the vinegar bill amounted to only \$332.17. Tobacco and suff were allowed the inmates of the several institutions to the amount of \$2,549.07, and the shoe bill reached \$10,105.81.

Complaint against the operation of dice games at cigar stands, says the Parkersburg News, in news stands and poolrooms and a number of other places in the city was made to Superintendent Pickens, of the safety department of the city, on Tuesday, and yesterday, after an investigation had been made of the games which were in operation, the proprietors of the places where they were found were all given notice to discontinue them at once, which was done. It is asserted that these games have been running at some of the places in the city for some time and this is the first instance of a complaint being made. Some of the proprietors were "up in the air" about the matter last night, and thought there was some ulterior motive behind the movement, but it was stated at police headquarters that the move had been made because of the complaint made which was that the games were gambling, as

in every instance the player was taking a chance on getting something for his money.

Rev. A. W. Gruber, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue church, says the Wheeling Register, performed a rather unusual marriage service when he united the lives of Miss Bessie Mawner of Smith's Ferry, Pa., and Joseph Armstrong. The young people had secured their license in West Virginia and came here to have the knot tied. Owing to the law in regard to the ceremony, Rev. Mr. Gruber performed part of it in Ohio and later boarded a street car for Chester, W. Va., with the couple, he taking the seat behind and reading the ceremony. The car was crowded at the time and many of the Christmas shoppers were witnesses to the affair. By the time the car had reached Chester the couple had been pronounced man and wife and they were then able to return to Ohio, having complied with the laws of West Virginia.

Berkeley county York Imperial apples in carload lots at \$4 per barrel f. o. b. shipping point! This is the deal reported Wednesday by the Martinsburg Journal, and represents an order received from a big northern firm for several hundred barrels of 2 1/2 inch fruit from this county. It is believed that this is the best price secured for this grade of York Imperials here this season. In November the price on 2 1/2 inch Yorks of good coloring was \$2.75 to \$3 per barrel—the latter figure being regarded as exceptionally good. Hundreds of thousands of barrels of good Yorks were sold in this section at \$2.50 to \$2.75, and comparatively few carloads brought the \$3 mark. The shipments Tuesday night over the Cumberland Valley totaled seven carloads from Berkeley and five carloads from Frederick county—an aggregate of about 2,000 barrels. Inquiry at the Baltimore & Ohio freight station brought the information that that road handled no apples Tuesday night from nearby points.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

STOMACH AILMENTS THE NATION'S CURSE



There is no ailment causing more woe and misery than Stomach Trouble. Often Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Constipation, Acute Indigestion, Auto-intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other serious and fatal ailments result from it. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to May's Wonderful Remedy. It is unlike any other remedy. It sweeps the poisonous bile and catarrhal accretions from the system. Soothes and allays chronic inflammation. Many declare it has saved their lives, and prevented serious surgical operations. Try one dose today. Watch its marvelous results. Contains no alcohol—no habit-forming drugs. Books on stomach ailments FREE. Address Geo. H. May, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago. Better yet—obtain a bottle of May's Wonderful Remedy from Crane's Drug Store, Holt, Drug Co., Fairmont; Prescription Pharmacy, Mannington.

The Popular Specialty Store for Women's and Misses' Apparel
Courtney's
STORE OPENS 8 O'clock STORE CLOSSES 6:30
After Christmas Bargains
This Week Odd Lots That We Wish to Be Quickly Rid of Will Be Bobbing Up Here and There All Through the Store. Many Special Bargains.

That inimitable foot-dress quality that makes for graceful harmony in the ensemble of your appearance cannot be imitated by inferior workmanship.
LA FRANCE possesses this quality, due as much to the perfect fit which true artisanship ensures as to the chic design of this Paris mode.

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The World's Best
Makes all varnished surfaces sparkle and scintillate like new. Restores the original lustre, revives the finish of fine furniture, pianos, victrolas, autos, wood-work, floors, etc.
Just a Few Drops Do the Work
It Dusts, it Cleans, it Polishes at the same time. A labor saver for housekeepers. Goes twice as far as other kinds. Positively will not harm the finest finish.
Absolute Guarantee
Phone or call for a bottle and try it out.
All sizes. 25c to \$2.50
J. M. Hartley & Son
We recommend Hayden's Cedar Oil Mace

Pain in Back of Neck Often Denotes Kidney Weakness
Symptoms of kidney trouble are various, but pain in back of neck and dull, aching feelings in small of back are to be looked for.
Simply by realizing that these distresses are often the onset or signals of kidney trouble it is well to get rid of them immediately by toning the kidneys. The very best way to do this is by taking a little "Anurio" with the meals. In this way it is dissolved with the food and finally reaches the kidneys, where it has a tonic effect.
"Anurio" was recently discovered by Doctor Piers, of Buffalo, N. Y., where it has been thoroughly tested in his Invalids' Hotel and found 37 times more potent than lithia.
Kidney, Bladder and Uric Acid troubles bring misery to many. When the kidneys are weak or diseased, these natural filters do not cleanse the blood sufficiently, and the poisons are carried to all parts of the body. There follow depression, aches and pains, heaviness, drowsiness, irritability, headaches, chilliness and rheumatism. In some people there are sharp pains in the back and loins, distressing bladder disorders and sometimes obstinate dropsy. The uric acid sometimes forms into gravel or kidney stones. When the uric acid affects the muscles and joints, it causes lumbago, rheumatism, gout or sciatica.
"Anurio" conquers uric acid as hot water melts sugar.
Some one daily offers his or her words of praise of "Anurio." Here is what Mr. HORACE FARNSWORTH has to say:—"For the last year I had neuralgia and rheumatism in the left shoulder, and for the past six months have not even been able to raise my arm and couldn't sleep at night, the pain was so great. Recently I decided to try 'Anurio.' I have been using the tablets but a short time, but the pain has almost left my shoulder and I can raise my arm and use it, which I couldn't do before. 'Anurio' is the only remedy I have found that has helped me, and I have used dozens of other medicines."
Step in the drug store and get "Anurio," or send Dr. Piers 10c for trial package.

Evening Chat

During the fiscal year 1916, 705,872 acres of National Forest timberlands were estimated and mapped intensively, and 1,093,006 extensively. In all, 8,815,798 acres have been mapped by intensive methods and 47,291,560 by extensive methods.

The work of classifying and opening to homestead entry such lands in the National Forests as are chiefly valuable for agriculture is progressing rapidly. Already over seventy million acres have been covered by field examinations and the final reports acted upon.

Investigations by the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, have resulted in the use of spent sawbark in the manufacture of asphalt shingles to the extent of 150 tons per week. The value of the bark has been thereby increased from 60 cents to \$2.50 per ton.

There were cut from the National Forests in the fiscal year 1916 604,820, 100 board feet of timber. Of this amount 119,483,000 board feet was cut under free use privilege by 42,065 individuals. In all, 10,840 sales of timber were made, of which 97 per cent. were under \$100 in value, indicating the extent to which the homesteader, rancher, miner, small millman, and others in need of a limited quantity of timber draw upon the forests.

Experiments to improve methods for making cane sirup are in progress, according to the recently issued report of the Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry. The object of this work is to produce a high-grade cane sirup of a bright, uniform color which will not ferment or crystallize. As a result of laboratory work, a method has been developed, though not yet applied on a large scale, by which pure cane sirup can be made which will not crystallize or ferment. This method will be tried out experimentally on a commercial scale this fall, and if it

proves satisfactory a description of the process will be published by the Department of Agriculture.

Tetrick Child Dies After Short Illness

Mary E. Tetrick, aged 6 years, little daughter of Elish W. and Eleanor Pierpont Tetrick, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents on East run, Marion county, after a two weeks' illness of a complication of diseases. The little girl was a great favorite in the family as well as in the community where she resided and her death is sincerely regretted.

Mr. Tetrick, the father of the child is employed with the Carnegie Gas company at the pump station at East Run and only moved here about a year ago from Clarksburg. The body will be taken to Clarksburg on Sunday for interment. R. L. Cunningham has charge of the funeral arrangements.

W. S. Meredith is Honored by Lawyers

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Judge Joseph M. Sanders, of Bluefield, was elected president of the West Virginia Bar Association at its thirty-second annual meeting here today. White Sulphur Springs was chosen as the place of holding the summer meeting of the association next August. The following vice presidents were elected: Ira E. Robinson, Gratton; Frank Cox, Morgantown; Hayward McDowell, Clarksburg; W. K. Cowden, Huntington; Wyrddium Stokes, Welch; A. J. Horn, Fayetteville; J. R. Morris, Jr., of Moundsville, was chosen secretary and C. A. Kreps, of Parkersburg, treasurer. The following were chosen delegates to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association: W. L. Lee, Fayetteville; Henry M. Russell, Wheeling, and W. Scott Meredith, Fairmont. An executive committee consisting of W. P. Willey, Morgantown; Nelson C. Hubbard, Wheeling; B. M. Ambler, Parkersburg; R. L. Spillman, Charleston, and Thomas P. Jacobs, New Martinsville, was named.