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I have opened a Shoe Shop over the Laundry on Greenwood St., and would be pleased to receive a share of your patronage.

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We will give you the following prices for live poultry until Nov. 23.

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For Train 7, at 8:30 a. m.
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" 14, at 1:25 p. m.
8, at 7 p. m
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BOOKKEEPING or Shorthand, full course by mail, $12.50. The best there is, and all it is worth anywhere. If more is paid, it goes to agents and for their expenses. We have no "drummers." School stands strictly on its merits. Call or write. Westbrook Academy, Olean, N. Y.

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Heaters,
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A few second hand wood heaters very cheap.

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ANDOVER PERSONALS.

Mrs. Patrick Mulcahy was a guest of Bradford relatives last week.

J. W. Deming and Mrs. Erwin D. Baker were in Purdy Creek Monday.

Chas. Robinson and H. M. Hacket drove over to West Almond Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Wagoner of Machias, N. Y. passed Sunday with Andover friends.

Mrs. W. W. Coon of Alfred was a guest at the home of E. L. Hann Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Hall and Mrs. Angeline Cartwright visited in Wellsville Wednesday.

Attorney Jesse L. Grantier of Wellsville was a business visitor in Andover Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Marlott of Jasper was the guest of Miss Flora Bundy Monday and Tuesday.

The Misses Gertrude and Nellie Lynch passed Thanksgiving with Wellsville friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Barney of Belmont were guests Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bundy.

Harry Ward and John Wilson were guests at the home of Miss Clara Lauterborn Sunday.

Miss Katherine Wack of Wellsville was the guest of Mrs. H. Sidney Greene over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bennett of Hornellsville spent Thanksgiving with Chas. Hoard and family.

Miss Nellie Wilson of Wellsville was the guest of Miss Celia Richardson the first of the week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knox and son Earl of Wellsville are guests of her daughter, Mrs. H. Sidney Greene.

D. T. Hauber and son Giles of North Bingham, Pa. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Deming Sunday.

John Hawkins of Wellsville is reported, by Andover relatives, as improving from his long illness.

F. E. Doolittle of Elmira ate Turkey Thanksgiving day with the F. H. Rundell and family of this village.

Miss Anna Honigan of Patterson, N. J. came to Andover Friday and will be an employee of the Silk Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark of Little Genesee have passed this week guest of parents and friends in Independence.

Miss Etta and Gertrude Cheesman, Bertha Mead and Lida Cook were all home from Hornellsville to pass Thanksgiving.

Edgar Porter has secured a position with the Gallopp Hardware Company of Port Allegany and began labor Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage were in attendence at Chauncy Olcott's production of "Terrence" at Hornellsville last evening.

Dan Rogers and Charles Reynolds of Alfred came over to Andover Wednesday via. fast freight, and were the guests of friends.

Hon. Jesse S. Phillips is in Albany this week meeting with the special joint educational committee appointed by Gov. O'Dell last winter.

Rev. Kenyon and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Crandall were in attendence at the farewell visit for Rev. J. S. Burdick yesterday, at the Seventh-day church.

Mrs. H. C. Coleman was in attendance at Mrs. Catt's lecture in Wellsville Tuesday evening, and was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Fay.

Eugene Dufond was a Hornellsville guest Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson passed Thanksgiving with Wellsville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wizner Cook were guests of Black Creek friends Thanksgiving.

Albert McCarn was a business visitor in Almond Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Celia Trainor and Mamie Doran were guests of Hornellsville friends Thanksgiving.

Andrew Kennedy was in Andover from Thursday to Monday guest of Rev. E. J. Rengel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCarn ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mingus of South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Tolen of Hornellsville were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Driscoll, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brundage and son Robert passed Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bundy.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin D. Baker of Niagara Falls arrived in town Wednesday evening and spent Thanksgiving at the home of his mother, Mrs. John W. Deming on Barney street; the other guests present were Prof. and Mrs. A. O. Tucker and baby Carrol and Miss Rema Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee and Master Bennie of Tip Top, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent and D. Lee Baker of Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Williams and baby Harriett. Mr. Baker returned home Friday afternoon, Mrs. Baker remaining in town until Monday visiting and calling on friends.

AT THE SANITARIUM.

Prof. V. E. Braman of Wellsburg spent part of last week with his wife and son.

C. R. Herrick of New York visited his mother Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Ingraham and son Thomas of Wellsville were the guests of Miss S. E. Ingraham from Wednesday to Friday last week.

Mrs. E. H. Borden is visiting Ernest Orvis and other friends on Hartsville Hill.

It Costs Less.

If you wish to keep your friends living away posted as to things doing in Andover, just remember the NEWS sent every week, will be cheaper than a letter every week, and will give them more information. tf

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You need a New York daily paper from now until after the fall election next year. The NEWS is in position to offer you the best of all New York papers and the ANDOVER NEWS one year for only $4.50. The daily and Sunday Press and NEWS one year for $6.50.

HOW HE BECAME A LAWYER

The Story of John Sherman's Admission to the Bar.

When John Sherman was quite young he was taken into the law office of his brother Charles at Mansfield, O., to help about the office and make himself generally useful. One day when he was in his twenty-first year he took Charles one side and quietly asked him for a loan of $50.

"What!" Charles exclaimed. "What do you intend doing with so much money?"

"I am going to Columbus to be admitted to the bar," John replied.

Charles was greatly surprised, as John had never asked him for any advice regarding the profession nor had he ever appeared to be interested to any extent in the study of law.

"You can't be admitted to the bar without some knowledge of the law," said Charles.

John maintained that he knew more about law than some others and assured his brother that he would try to raise the money somewhere.

"You know," he added, "it will be necessary for me to have respectable clothes and enough money to pay my traveling and hotel expenses."

Charles finally ordered the clothes and provided him with the necessary money. At Columbus on the day he became of age John was admitted to the bar. On his return he said to Charles:

"I am going to Iowa to practice law."

Charles remonstrated with him.

"There is room for both of us to practice law here in Mansfield," Charles told him.

They then and there became partners and continued to practice together until the formation of the Republican party, when John was sent from the Mansfield district as a representative in congress.

Later he was elected to the United States senate, and the balance of his life became a very important and interesting part of the history of his country.—Washington Star.

BRIEF BUSINESS BRINGERS.

WANTED, FOR SALE, TO LET, LOST, FOUND, BARGAINS.

Advertisements Under This Heading Will be Published for One Cent a Word. No Charges Less Than Ten Cents.

T. N. BOYD has some nice pigs for sale. 13nov5t.

FOR SALE CHEAP—First class air tight wood heater at the NEWS office. 47tf

NEW STYLES for Holiday Photographs at Carriel's studio, open this week. 48

Wanted—a good woman for domestic work. Good wages. Enquire at this office. 48

For rent—farm house and gas one-half mile south of Andover village. Inquire Mrs. James Cannon. 48

OUR LAST VISIT to Andover before Christmas will be Friday and Saturday this week. Secure your sittings for Holiday Photographs at this time. Carriel's studio. 48

For Sale.

Brown four-year-old mare. 1010 lbs. 16 hands high. E. J. BAKER. 13 Nov. 4t.

For Sale.

Registered O. I. G. Boar.
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For Sale or Rent:

Two story warehouse 30x40 feet with good dry cellar full size of building, with sixteen foot driveway to Center street. Good elevator. First warehouse below Main street on switch. Inquire of E. J. Loughlen. Sept. 18 tf.

WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory, straight salary $20 weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Munion Bldg, Chicago. 2

Citation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, by the Grace of God, free and independent.—To Elinor C. O'Donnell, George M. O'Donnell, heirs at law, Thomas O'Donnell, Pr., E. J. Atwood, G. M. Vara, Mary O'Donnell, creditors of Thomas J. O'Donnell, deceased, and to Otis Van Lieu, occupant of the real estate of the said deceased, and all other persons interested in the estate of the said deceased.

Whereas, May O'Donnell, as administratrix of the estate of Thomas J. O'Donnell, deceased, has applied to our Surrogate of Allegany County for a citation requiring you (and each of you) to appear and show cause why authority should not be given her by said Surrogate, to mortgage, lease, or sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased as shall be necessary for the payment of his debts. You and each of you are required to be and appear before our Surrogate, at his office, in the village of Belmont in said county on the fifteenth day of January, 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause why authority should not be given said May O'connell to mortgage, lease or sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as shall be necessary for the payment of his debts. You and each of you having claims against said deceased are further required to exhibit and prove the same Before said Surrogate at the time and place aforesaid. And those of you who are under the age of twenty-one years are required to appear by your guardian; if you have one; if you have none, that you appear and apply for one to be appointed or in the event of your neglect or failure to do so, a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for you in these proceedings.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our said Surrogate to be hereunto (L.S.) affixed.

Witness, Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of said County of Allegany, at Belmont in said County, this 18th day of November, 1903.

ELBA REYNOLDS, Surrogate.
CRAYTON L. HARLEY, Atty for Petitioner.
Andover, N. Y. 2

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There are times when your cupboards are shy of good things to eat. A number of relatives or friends "drop in" for a day's visit and your wife is frantic because she "just can't find anything to serve for dinner." Then you go to the rescue as a man should, and hasten to Ball's bakery where everything bakable is baked.

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21 pounds sugar for $1, per pound	.05
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7 pounds Prunes	25
5 pounds Family starch	25
Bird seed per pound	05
Coffee	10, 12 and 20
Dollar Wrappers	75

Special low prices on Shoes and Rubbers

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The Cash Hardware. The Cash Hardware.

Now For Christmas.

Don't you know we have the finest line of Silverware in stock that has been seen in Andover in many a day. Ours is not the cheap, trashy stuff made only to sell, but is the kind for service. All guaranteed stock.

We also have a heavy stock of Hardware, Housefurnishings, Blankets, Robes, etc. Full line of D. J. Comstock's handmade Wagons.

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During the First Week In Dec. We Offer:

Yard wide building cloth, 4¼c.
Heavy cream shaker flannel, 6¼c.
"1921" heavy oxlings, 7c.
Eclipse flannelettes, 10c.
Double fold cashmeres for quilts, 8½c.
Best corduroy velvets, 48c.
Fancy wool eiderdowns, 35c.
Misses' all-wool hose, 15c pair.
Men's shield front underwear to close at 50c.
Little girls outing skirts, 9c.
Ladies' fine outing night robes, 69c.
Flannelette kimonas, been $1.00, now 55c.
Centeneri colored $1.50 kid gloves, buttons, $1.00.
Ladies' and children's saxony mittens, 12c.
Warner's $1.00 corsets, 59c.
Germantown, Saxony and Shetland yarns, 5c.
Bargains in misses' Zibilene coats, $3.90.
Bargains in ladies' military coats, $9 00.
Electric seal jackets, $13.75.
Walking and long skirts, worth $3.00 to $7.00 at $2.40 each.

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Thanksgiving Linen Sale

Here Is What We Are Offering.

2 pieces 64 inch all linen damask at 50c.
5 pieces 66 inch all linen damask at 70c.
3 pieces 72 inch all linen damask at 75c.
3 pieces 72 inch all linen fine cream. Damask, real value $1.25—Yours for $1.10.

Bleached pattern cloths and napkins to match, 2 and 3 yards long—a great variety to choose from.

Linen Huck and damask towels—20x40 damask Huck H. S. for 25c.
Full fringed damask 22x48 for 37½c. Fine towels at 50c and 75c. Ladies' knit skirts from 25c $2. Ladies' sweaters $2, to $3.50. Beaded chains at 12½ 25, 35 and 50c—all bargain prices. Cloak and Suit department—Large shipments of the latest styles coming to hand daily.

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RESULT OF JUNE EXAMINATION.

List of Those Receiving Certificates and Diplomas.

Dean Mary J.	Preliminary
Lee Maude	"
Leibold Joseph	"
Lynch Nellie	"
Macauley Emiley	"
McGrath Grace	"
Mead Clayton	"
Mead Leroy	"
Norris Marguerite	"
Hann Martha E.	1st year cer.
Johnston Mae A.	"
Mulcahy William	"
Vars Mabel	"
Livermore Gladys	2nd year cer.
Lynch George	"
Bess Inez L.	3rd year cer.
Gray Dorr J.	"
Mulcahy Daniel	"
Garvin Rose	Diploma
Grantier Robert K.	"
Redmond Blanch	"
Bassett Charles	60 count

You May Kick If You Never Made an Error.

Within the past two weeks the NEWS bookkeeper has sent out statements of indebtedness to those in debt to us for the NEWS. In making out hundreds of these bills it would be almost a miracle if there were not mistakes made. If you find one in your account don't rave any more than you really feel compelled to, but bottle up your wrath and call and talk it over with us. We will gladly rectify any and all errors. The only ones who have a right to kick are those who never made a mistake.

The Nearest Out of Their Reach.

The farmer is nearer out of the reach of trusts than any other man in the world. He can burn his own wood, eat his own meat, eggs and johnny-cake, and sleep under a roof that is not mortgaged to any corporation. Feel blue? No. The farmer should be the happiest man in the universe.

Farewell to the Old School House.

(Composed and written by Phillip T. O'Connor.)

Farewell to the old school house,
That has sheltered me so long—
I now must leave, the my spirit grieve—
For a building both grand and strong.

Farewell to the old school house,
Where I have stood in class
Striving to learn my bread to earn,
By my Teacher's given task.

Farewell to the old school house,
And the cobwebs on the wall,
With its broken floors, and open doors
And its dark and lonesome halls.

Farewell to the old school house,
The best of friends must part.
Lieave you now and my head I bow,
Tho it nearly breaks my heart.

Farewell to the old school house.
Let us all move into the new,
With its lighted halls and garnished walls
And Prof. Tucker full in view.

Undertakers Organize.

The Allegany County Undertakers Association is to become a member of the state association and it is expected that every undertaker in the county will become a member. The officers are: President, Earl Jones of Wellsville; Secretary, M. S. Place of Alfred. The next meeting will be at Friendship in January.

Clay Deposits Found Along Shawmut.

Important deposits of clay have been discovered along the line of the Shawmut railroad. Experimental work is being done with this material at the State School of Ceramics at Alfred University with a view of establishing clay working plants.

It Did Not Fit.

Scio has a smart woman, says the Bolivar Breeze. She went to a dry goods store, got a shirt for her husband on approval, took it home, cut a pattern from it, and returned the shirt with a note which stated that it did not fit. Then she made him some shirts from the pattern.

Last Autumn Excursion.

The N. Y. & P. R. R. Co. wishes to advise their patrons that they will run their last autumn excursion on Sunday, Dec. 13th. Take advantage of the cheap rates while you can.

PRESBYTERIAN FAIR A WINNER.

"SQUAR BROWN'S BLACK HEIFER" DRAWS A PACKED HOUSE.

The Receipts Will Amount to More Than $200—Every Department a Success.

The regular annual Presbyterian Fair this year was a success from start to finish. The booths were tastily arranged and were filled with nice articles, most of which were sold before the supper the first evening. That turkey supper was another drawing attraction. Andover people have a perverted appetite for church suppers anyway and a turkey supper advertised for 25 could not help but draw a crowd. The ladies of the Presbyterian church fully maintained their reputation as good cooks on this occasion and the meal was well served, materially increasing the net receipts of the fair.

"The Black Heifer."

The young people of the church had arranged a drama, "A Black Heifer," for Tuesday evening. The play was a well written one, bright and catchy. The scenes were laid in such common every-day places and the parts so true to life that the actors were able to impress the audience to such an extent that but little imagination was necessary to make them see the play as tho it was a living reality.

Altho the greater part of those taking part in its production had never before attempted the part of amateur theatricals, the work was good, some of the characters doing so well that at times the audience fairly believed themselves in a city theatre. All done well. Special mention should not be made as all the work was commendable. The Opera House was packed full to the doors, every seat being filled and standing room sold the same as the best seat in the house.

After all expenses are met the receipts of the fair will give the exchequer of the church a growth of $150 if not more.

ERIE'S MAIN LINE.

Now Believed That It Will Pass Through Cleveland.

Short Cut to be Built from Marion to Cleveland—Will Give Erie Short Line to Cincinnati—Other Improvements.

It is now assured, says the Leader, that the Erie cut-off between Cleveland, a point near Marion, will be built, thus placing the city on the main line of the Erie railroad.

It is also learned that vast changes are to be made in the line out of Cleveland, the old Mohoning division being practically rebuilt, so that it will have a maximum grade of three-tenths of one per cent.

These two plans caused a visit of the engineers of the Erie railroad recently to Cleveland. Chief Engineer Derr was in Meadville recently and was in consultation for a time with Assistant Engineer Althouse. Later they went out for a trip over the line to inspect certain points relative to the carrying out of the two plans mentioned.

It has been rumored in Erie circles for a long time that the road was to build a line between Cleveland and a point on the present main line near Marion for the purpose of avoiding the sharp grades between Kent and Galion, thus bringing the main line thru Cleveland by using the old route to Marion the new line to Cleveland and the Mahoning division to Leavittsburg. A few months ago engineers in the employ of the Erie railroad went over the new route and selected several plans for it. They picked out the most available routes making three surveys and assuring themselves that they could at least duplicate the grade on the Big Four between Marion and Cleveland.

About that time there was talk that the Big Four would yield a point to the Erie and that the cut-off would be avoided by the Big Four granting trackage rights into Cleveland from Galion. That would have been less expensive for the Erie and would have given the Big Four a certain advantage. The Erie, however, say that this did not have the element of permanancy about it which is demanded by present railroad relations, and decided to build the line.

In pursuance of this determination the three plans made by the Erie engineers were gone over very carefully in the offices of the Erie in New York and a selection of the most feasible route was made. Before the final decision was made, however, Chief Engineer Derr was sent to Cleveland to make a personal inspection of the territory to see if any change would have to be made in the plans as then outlined. This visit and inspection was made last week. It is probable that as a result of this investigation the route will be selected and in a very short time the work will begin. It is said that the work will start not later than spring, so that within a short time the Erie will be working on its line at a point between Cleveland and a point near Marion. This is taken to assure that beyond the question the new line is to be built and that Cleveland will within a remarkably short time be on the main line of that road. The advantages accruing from this change will be tremendous. It will mean that the Erie will have the short line to Cincinnati, and will be in possession of a short line to the west which will be a formidable adversary to the existing routes.

The other change is one that is made in the interest of economy and is indicative of the extent to which the Erie is going to make its roadbed one of the best in the country. A great deal has been said about the plans in general of this road, but the details have been carefully screened in the past to a certain extent. This one thing is now learned, that the Erie is to make a wholesale reduction of grade on the Mahoning division to put that property in shape to make the best use of its tracks.

In some places the Erie has been contending against rather heavy grades. These have prevented the operating officials from getting the best results from their big locomotives and large cars. The Mahoning division is one of the best lines on the whole system for tonnage, the tariff being very heavy, due to the ore and coal trades. Economy in operation demands that the grades shall be reduced.

FOUND AN OPOSSUM.

E. S. Leonard Thought to Catch a Skunk, But Found a Different Animal.

In crosing the Hamel farm, but a few rods south of Main street, in this village Saturday, E. S. Leonard saw footprints in the newly fallen snow that he took for skunk tracks. They lead to a hole in the ground near by. Skunk pelts bring a good price, so he set at work to dig out this skunk family, as he supposed. But when he had succeeded a surprise was in store for him. Instead of its being a skunk an altogether different looking animal was found. He did not know what it was. It looked more like a wood chuck than a skunk, but its long peaked nose and muskrat tail showed immediately that it had no family connection with the groundhog family.

The animal was taken from its warm nest and exhibited Saturday evening on our streets. Those who had been in southern states had no trouble in placing the species of the creature. It was an opossum. Very few of them, however, get so far north as this, as they are partial to a much warmer climate. One or two opossums have been found here before, but they are a stranger to these parts.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

County Lodge Held Here Wednesday—Dr. D. H. Mann of Brooklyn, Grand Chief Templar, Present.

Allegany County Lodge No.13 I.O.G.T. met with Andover Lodge No. 320 in county lodge session Tuesday. A very interesting and profitable session is reported. They were honored with the presence of Dr. D. H. Mann of Brooklyn, their Grand Chief Templar, who gave them many points and suggestions for their work.

In the evening Dr. Mann spoke in the Methodist church to a public meeting, giving one of his old fashioned temperance addresses that make a person guilty of "taking a drop" for the stomach sake, feel as small as the person who will stuff an eleven cent a pound turkey with one cent grain just prior to cutting its head off for the market.

Dr. Mann's address will greatly aid the work of the Good Templars in this village. Already new members are seeking admission to the order.

The lodges from other towns in the county where a branch of this order exists were well represented at the county lodge.

Frances E. Willard Honored.

All W. C. T. U. women will rejoice that the temperance apostle, Frances E. Willard of precious memory is to be honored. Gov. Yates of Illinois has appointed a commission to purchase a statue and the same is to be placed in statuary hall, Washington.

HE CANN'T DO IT.

Uncle Sam Says You Must Not Ask Him to Deliver a Message.

Some of the strange rules that govern the postmaster have recently been written up and of one of them the Post Express says it is an easy matter to ask a man who is "going down that way" to tell Brown that you want to see him. Few persons are aware, however, that there is one man, it makes no difference how good a friend he may be to you, who is forbidden by his employer from delivering such a message. He is the man who carries the mails.

Persons residing on rural free delivery routes often find it convenient to ask a mailman to let their neighbors know they wish to see them. Uncle Sam has decided that the practice of carriers' delivering verbal messages has caused the loss of many thousands of dollars to the government every year. Not along of the country is this true. In every city mailmen have been asked by residents along their routes to carry verbal messages.

More of this is done in country places, however, than elsewhere, and Uncle Sam has decided to put a stop to the practice, which doubtless will result in more written messages being sent by mail in cases. Hereafter it will make no difference if your friend lives only two doors away. If you request the mailman to call on him for you he will have to refuse the request.

A queer feature of the post-office department's law in this respect is that while a carrier in the rural districts is forbidden from delivering verbal messages, he is not prohibited from carrying packages from place to place, if he cares to do so. And if there is "something in it" the chances are that he will do it quickly enough.

Assistant Postmaster Whittlesey said to a reporter for The Post Express, that the loss involved in the delivery of verbal messages by mail carriers has amounted to many thousands of dollars, when all the cities and towns of the United States are taken into consideration. It is strange why the government allows the carrying of packages because most of the postmen have about all they can attend to.

Equaled by None.

This week's issue of The Illustrated Buffalo Express will be by far the handsomest and most attractive of all the Holiday Numbers ever put out by The Express. This is saying a good deal, but it is all true. There will be sixteen pages of illustrations, four of which will be beautifully printed in colors. Attractive and unique pictures, Christmas stories and all the latest news will combine to make The Illustrated Express of this week an issue which will be sure of a warm welcome in every home. The demand will be so large that you had better order a copy at once from your carrier or newsdealer. You will miss a rare treat if by any chance you do not see this extraordinary Holiday Number.

B. B. B. means Brief Business Bringers.

CANNON BROTHERS.

Holiday Goods!!

WE HAVE just opened the largest stock of Christmas novelties that we have ever shown. Hundreds of useful and fancy articles, novelties of every description. Christmas is only two weeks away—the time to make your selection is now. Goods bought now may be stored here until Christmas. Come in, see the pretty things, make yourself at home whether you buy or not.

ANDOVER'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE.

GROCERY SPECIALS.

THIS week we have some very attractive grocery specials which we warrant will please everyone. Each article is fresh and new,—just received in the store, and the very thing for table or sideboard. Among them are New Dates, Syrmna Figs, Nuts, Popcorn, Blanched Peanuts and fine Sweet Pickles.

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