

A Mammoth Establishment

What approaches nearest in Bridgeton the mammoth establishment of John Wanamaker in Philadelphia, is the colossal dry goods, clothing and boot and shoe establishment of W. W. Robbins at Nos. 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27 North Laurel street. This house was founded in 1881 and together with the annex adjoining, and now nearly completed, comprises nearly 10,000 square feet of surface.

The dry goods department occupies the last room finished and is just 145 feet from the northeast corner of Commerce street. This apartment, 30 feet front by 90 deep, is handsomely arranged, well lighted and is about completed at a cost of \$11,000. This room will be stocked with from \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of dry goods, &c., on the start, which is to be increased as the demands of trade may require.

The clothing department is 25 feet front by 135 deep and stores away cords and cords of ready made cloth of every conceivable size, shape and variety.

The boot and shoe department is of precisely the same dimensions of the clothing room and contains an immense quantity of boots and shoes, the like of which was never packed under one roof in Bridgeton before. An office at the rear of these rooms is as large as many country stores and has been conveniently fitted up, carpeted, &c.

These stores altogether cost in building about \$30,000 and are probably unsurpassed by any retail house in the state.

Each department forms a complete store in itself with special help for each room and is complete in all its details. Mr. R. adopts the Lamson cash system in a few days, with twelve stations in different parts of the building. The business of the house will run from \$125,000 to \$150,000, nearly all of which is cash down on delivery.

Mr. Robbins has no partners in trade but manages his business with thirteen attendants, G. J. Mayhew being manager of the dry goods trade, Joseph Ashmead boots and shoes and T. H. Dennis clothing. Wm. M. Stevens is bookkeeper. Mr. Robbins opens this week with \$10,000 worth of new goods.

INCIDENTS OF CITY LIFE.

—Joseph Ashmead has gone to Ocean Grove to work for the summer.

... to spend the holidays.
Joseph Ashmead, the foreman of
Robbins' shoe department, who has
been ill for over a week with the remit-
tent fever, has been taken to his home
at Leesburg.

We are glad to see our friend **Joseph**
Ashmead recovered from his illness
and at his place in Robbins' again.

The Young People's Christian Alliance was organized at Central M. E. Church, on Monday evening last. The officers elected are:—President, G. P. Hall; Vice Presidents, Joseph H. Ashmead and Miss Ada Elwell; Secretary, Joseph Garrison; Treasurer, Samuel Butler; Organist, Miss Viola Bassett; Assistant, Miss Mabel Sweeten.

Mr. Joseph Ashmead, formerly of this city, but now in the employ of John Wanamaker, of Philada., recently had his trunk and wardrobe broken open, and was robbed of his money, clothing, valise, umbrella, &c. A special officer has been employed to capture the thief, but so far without success. The rogue's name is Rowland Hill.

Joseph Ashmead, now in Wana-
maker's, and Ed. Stalford, in Dewees',
were in town to spend Sunday.
John Raymond, born a student

Jan. 20—Mr. Joseph Ashmead has resumed charge of Leesburg Railroad Station, as Agent.

..... Joseph Ashmead, station agent at Leesburg, and formerly a resident of Bridgeton, spent Sunday with Clarence C. Rice, on East Avenue.

... **Joseph Ashmead**, who a few years ago was in the employ of W. W. Robbins, of this city, and who for a year or more has been station agent at Leesburg, has again entered the service of Mr. Robbins as manager of the shoe department.

W. W. ROBBINS' STORES.**OUR EMPLOYEES.**

While we always endeavor to secure the very best and brightest people in our stores we are especially cautious in the selection of the managers of our various departments. Conducting as we do, and thus far successfully, a very large retail business, it is really necessary that we should secure the best men for these positions. We are often asked how we can manage such a large business. It is because we have system. We take pleasure in announcing that we have secured as the head of our Shoe Department Mr. Joseph Ashmead, who was for many years in our employ and afterwards in the store of Mr. John Wanamaker. This makes our force of managers as follows:

Dry Goods,	L. W. Swing and Coates Lore.
Clothing,	Preston Stratton.
Shoes,	Joseph Ashmead.

All of these gentlemen know their business and know it well. They will be glad to welcome you. We do not ask you to buy because they are here, but because we sell you cheaper and serve you better than any other house. We are happy to say that we are selling lots of goods. Last month in one department alone our increase was nearly one thousand dollars.

W. W. ROBBINS,
Robbins' Block,
N. Laurel St.

84 & 86 Commerce St. 4 17 tf

W. W. Robbins,

25 and 27 N. Laurel
Street.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

This Department in charge of Mr. Joseph Ashmead, assisted by Mr. Edward Reeves, Miss Lillie Stiles and Miss Maggie Ayars, is filled to its utmost capacity with all the new and leading kinds of goods. While we have large lines of Shoes made by Burt & Co., and others of the best makers in this country, yet we still make a specialty of Morrow's celebrated Fine Shoes. We have had the exclusive sale here of these Shoes for fifteen years and for style, neat fitting and service they cannot be surpassed. Our Prices in all the Latest Styles of toe and finish are in

Ladies' Shoes,
\$2.25,
\$2.50,
\$3.00,
\$3.25
and
\$3.50.

These we have in all widths from
A to G.

Misses' Shoes from
\$2.00 to \$3.00.

Ladies' Shoes in hundreds of dif-
ferent kinds from
\$1.00 to \$2.00.

Children's Shoes from
50 cents to \$2 00.

No other store has one-half the
Shoes or sells at such low prices.

W. W. ROBBINS,
N. Laurel Street.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Severs, Mr Harry Daniels, Mrs. Emma Hudson and Mr. Anderson McKeag, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Woolford, of Mays Landing, were the guests of Mr. John Long recently. On Friday Capt. J. T. Cox took them in company with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McKeag, Mr. and Mrs. Long Mrs W. Ashmead, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ashmead, E C. Ashmead, Lela Ashmead and Miss Maud Stowman down to East Point, where they bathed and took a sail in the bay.

— Joseph Ashmead, formerly with W. W. Robbins a number of years, is now with D. A. Fisher, the up-to-date South Laurel street clothier. He commenced with Mr. Fisher last Monday.

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The ceremony was performed by Rev. William MacFarland, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

The wedding was attended by many relatives and a number of immediate friends of the families of the bride and groom.

The bride, who is one of the leading members of Chester's young social set and is also prominent in church work, was handsomely attired in a lace robe over white taffeta and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. She also wore a handsome diamond sunburst, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. William T. Gouert, sister of the bride, acted as matron of honor, and Dr. Floyd Brone, of New York, attended the groom.

Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Bassett left for a wedding journey to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Upon their return they will take up their residence at their newly furnished home on Broadway, Camden.

Among those present from Bridgeton were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carll, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carll, Sidney Williams, Miss Sara Hewitt, Miss Lillie Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ashmead, Mr. and Mrs. William Groff and Leslie Cornwell.

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OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

is filled with a complete line of Shoes for Men, Women and Children.

Mr. Joseph Ashmead is with us and will be pleased to see all his old friends.

BACON & PHILLIPS,

36 and 38 South Laurel St.

FUNERAL DEFERRED.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane J. Carll had to be deferred yesterday afternoon, train connections having been missed at Jersey City on account of the fog. The time set was 1.45 and the services had to be postponed till half past four.

Rev. Edmund Hewitt, D. D., was in charge, on account of the absence from town of Rev. R. B. Stephenson, D. D., pastor of Commerce Street M. E. Church, where the services were held and where the deceased had been a member for many years. Mrs. Edmund Loper and Miss Ada Waller sang the hymn "Rock of Ages."

Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery the pallbearers being Harvey Smith, Elmer Carll, Alvin Carll and Joseph Ashmead.

been made at all without their help.
—The double dwelling owned by
Joseph Ashmead and John F. Meyers,
on Bank street, has just been reshin-
gled.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY == IN BRIDGETON ==

Carpenters were raising Edward P. Bacon's new residence on West Commerce street.

Thomas W. Williams' Santa Claus was said to be the fastest three year old colt in the county.

Joseph Steelman had the contract for erecting a residence for P. H. Goldsmith on West Commerce street.

Cards were out announcing the marriage of Joseph Ashmead to Miss Viola Bassett.

Edwin M. Hall, only son of David

Joseph Ashmead, of Bridgeton, has returned home after visiting his brother, Edward Ashmead.
Samuel Chambers was in Bridgeton

REALTY TRANSFERS PLACED ON RECORD

Albert L. Hillard and wife, of Mauricetown, to Henry J. Miller, of same place, land in Maurice River. Contains about 17 92-100 acres of meadow land and mud flats. Consideration \$10.

Charles Davis and wife, of Plainfield, to Louis D. Broomall and Margaret F. Broomall, of Bridgeton, all of the equal undivided one-half part of interest in the land and premises on North Pearl street. Contains 13¾ sq. perches of land. Consideration \$1.

Louis Lebowitz and wife, of New York City, to Samuel Hochberg and wife, of Vineland, land on the westerly side of Westerly Railroad Boulevard, Vineland. Consideration \$1300.

Elizabeth Camp and husband, Caldwell, N. J., to Katie D. Sharp, of Maurice River Township, land in Maurice River Township, containing 2 acres. Consideration \$212.

Joseph Ashmead and wife, of Bridgeton; Edward Ashmead and wife, of Maurice River; Leona C. Pepper and husband, of Caldwell, heirs of Mary T. Ashmead and Joseph Ashmead, to Katie E. Sharp, of Leesburg, land in Maurice River, on Green street, Maurice River Township, containing 3 acres. Consideration \$140.

Miss Leona Ashmead is a guest of
her uncle, Joseph Ashmead and wife
of Bridgeton.
Miss Leona Ashmead spent a few

March 15, 1900.
Joseph Ashmead had taken a position in the clothing store of Ayres & Mulford.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 15, 1900

Moore's Opera House presented the Battle of El Caney, a "Cenograph" (movie) show.

"Parties having antiques, either of furniture, brass or china will please call on or address W. W. Lupton, 37 South Laurel street."

The Board of Freeholders declined to increase the fee for boarding prisoners from 30 to 40 cents a day.

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