

Handsome Offer!

We are now keeping a large range of Hand-painted Window Shades (40 different designs), complete, with spring rollers; also Lace Curtains, Curtain Poles, Fancy Pole Ends and Fixtures, and all greatly reduced in price.

We make our Gents' furnishing department a speciality, and can give a better Suit, better Pants, better Hat, Boots, Shirt, Collar, or Tie, than can be got elsewhere for the same money. And why? because having a large trade in these lines we give special attention to the buying, dealing only with manufacturers, and getting closest cash prices.

Come and see us. Give us an opportunity to serve you, and you will realize the above statements as facts.

CENTRAL BLOCK ATHENS **H. H. ARNOLD**

Good Value **POLITE ATTENTION** **Fair Dealing**

The family who spend their money right will succeed. The family who spend their money wrong can not. When you want Groceries and Provisions go to the store and get our prices and see our goods. We claim to give you more value for your dollar than you can get elsewhere. The question will arise, how can this be? It only requires an explanation and you will admit that we can do all we claim. We have always had a large trade in Athens, but at the present we are closely connected with another store in Lyndhurst. This enables us to buy goods in almost car lots; in fact, for the last six months we have had car lots every month, besides nearly every day's train has goods for us. This we can prove by the freight agent. We say, and conscientiously, too, that there is no other store in Athens handling this amount of goods. Why is it?

We started business to sell goods, not to give them away. We cannot live without a little profit, but we cut that profit down to the lowest point. We prefer 5 per cent. profit on ten sales before 40 per cent. profit on one. When you want any and everything in Groceries and Provisions, go to Thompson's. Please note the following prices:

Best granulated sugar 20 lbs. for \$1 00
Bright yellow sugar 25 lbs. for 1 00
Best Valencia Raisins, 5 lbs. for 25

We have purchased this week a whole line of Tea, worth 35c., which will be sold for 25c. per pound. Don't fail to come and see for yourself.

Faithfully Yours,
Joseph Thompson.
Athens, Nov. 1, 1892.

D. W. DOWNEY

THE ONE PRICE BARGAIN SHOE HOUSE

As Xmas approaches we are all at work trying to find a suitable present for our friends that will not cost too much and be appreciated. We can satisfy you in both.

Our stock of Valves, Plush, Corduroy, and Fine Leather Slippers in Harvard, Opera, and Evening styles. Gentlemen's Gloves and Mittens, lined, at all prices. Microscopic, lace and the new have all sizes. Ladies' fancy Slippers in several colors—Brown, Red, Pink, White and Cream—in Opera and Albatross cut.

Ladies' Misses and Children's new patented Western Overstocks. They fit better and wear longer than any other stocking in the market. See our Ladies' new buckles Overstocks—made of plush and wood-lined. They are neat and comfortable.

A full line of Cardigan Overcoats for Ladies, Misses and Children. These are specially adapted for school girls that have to travel through the snow.

German Felt Slippers in all sizes, from infants to the largest size in men's. We invite you to visit us and select your Xmas presents from our best and most magnificent stock.

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FLINT'S NEW BLOCK BROCKVILLE.

GOING OUT

Do not make any mistake. We are not going out of business, or going out of present premises. No, but what we are going out of is

Dress Goods, Mantles, Etc.

Just as soon as possible, we are going to devote our whole time and store room exclusively to

Gents' Furnishings and Boots & Shoes

Simply these and nothing more.

CONSEQUENTLY

All goods other than are included in these lines will be cleared for SPOT CASH at

LOW DOWN FIGURES

For days we have been busy marking goods down for this big reduction sale, and will be ready for the rush on Monday next. This is not simply to reduce the price of every article and yard of goods, but to have prices at a point where the greatest bargains it is simply received.

stock is large—it is a big job, but it is a big business.

TIME-TABLE

Line	From	To	Days
1	Athens	Lyndhurst	Mon, Wed, Fri
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The Reporter has perfected arrangements by which we offer FREE to our readers a yearly subscription to the popular illustrated monthly journal published at Springfield, Ohio. We will give a year's subscription to any reader who sends us a year's subscription to the Reporter in advance, and to all new subscribers paying in advance. We will also send a copy of the Reporter to any reader who sends us a year's subscription to the Reporter in advance, and to all new subscribers paying in advance.

THE REPORTER

ATHENS, JAN. 3, 1893

LOCAL SUMMARY

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Events as Seen by Our Special Correspondent.

Boiled Night Down.
Gladstone was 84 years of age on Thursday last.

A good second-hand buggy for sale at A. James'.

Fresh Oysters, daily at Wilson & Son's.

Miss Birdie Halladay, of Elgin, is visiting friends in Athens.

Miss Lovrin spent last week with Miss Florence Hanes, at Iroquois.

Miss Leah Addison, of New York, is spending a brief vacation at her home in Athens.

Carriages built to order, repairing and painting done in first class style at moderate prices.—A. James.

Invitations are out for a grand quadrille party, under popular management at Oak Leaf, on Friday evening next.

Lamb's Lubricating Liniment for sore throat, sprains, bruises and every place where a liniment is required.

This is the season for cough with hoarse. Lamb's Horse Powder is the only safe and sure remedy. Try it.

Every person that has used Hunt's Cough Syrup say that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds, hoarseness and all bronchial affections.

Dealers all over the country are sorely disappointed, because they cannot get the Star Almanac, the demand for which is phenomenal.

Mr. Adam Beatty, a one-time resident of this village, lately returned from South America, called on old friends here last week.

Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville.—T. W. Downey, has removed to the McGill Block, next door to Babcock's.

If you want to purchase an organ or a wing machine, grand call and save money. Some second-hand organs and melodeons for sale cheap.—Jas. Ross, Athens.

Mr. Geo. J. Long one of the mighty tanners of Athens, who now occupies a good position in the Carleton Place woolen mills, returned home for the holidays.

The Presbyterians of Toledo will hold their anniversary services on Sunday and Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 11, on Sabbath dining.

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