THE SEASON OF LENT.

Regulations Adopted by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Phila.

Following are the regulations for the Lenten season of 1898 as promulgated by Archbishop Ryan, of the Arch-diocese of Philadelphia:

All the faithful who have com pleted their twenty-first year are bound to observe the fast of Lent, unless dispensed for legitimate reasons.

The persons exempted from fasting are the infirm, those under twenty-one years of age, women in pregnancy or nursing infants, those who are engaged in laborious occupations and those who are enfeebled by

old age.
3. Only one full meal a day is al-

lowed except on Sundays.

4. On the days on which permission is granted to eat meat, both fish and meat are not to be used at the same meal.

5. A collation or partial meal is allowed in the evening. It should never exceed eight ounces. By virtue of an edict of the Holy

See dated August 3, 1897, the following special dispensations are granted:

6. Bread, butter, cheese, fruit of all kinds, salads, vegetables and fish are permitted at the collation. Milk

and eggs are also allowed.
7. It is lawful to drink in the morn-

ing some warm liquid, such as tea, coffee or chocolate, and to partake of a small portion of bread, not exceed-

ing two ounces.

8. The use of lard instead of butter is allowed in preparing fish, vegetables,

The use of flesh meat will be allowed at any time on Sundays and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of Ember Saturday and

Holy Saturday.

10. On the above named days, when meat is allowed, its use is not restricted to one meal in the cases of persons exempt from fasting by age or laborious occupation.

not be conveniently taken at midday, it is permitted to change the order, taking the collation then and the

taking the collation then and the dinner in the evening.

12. In virtue of powers granted by the Holy See on March 15, 1895, for ten years, workingmen and their families are permitted the use of fleshmeat once a day on all fast days and abstinence days throughout the year, with the exception of all Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week and the eve of Christmas. Those who avail themselves of this dispensation are not allowed to eat fish and flesh at the allowed to eat fish and flesh at the same meal, and they are exhorted to perform some voluntary act of morti-

The Good Friday offerings are devoted to the maintenance of the holy places in Palestine, as directed by the holy Father, the Pope.

The faithful are requested to attend the services in their churches and the abstaining from intoxicating drinks is commended. They are reminded of the annual appeal for the Indians and colored people, the collection to be taken up next Sunday.

What Does It Mean ?

The residents of Hollidaysburg, Blan County, are greatly excited over the appearance in the sky one day last week of a cross in a blue black ground of clouds. The occurrence is similar to one in olden times when, Constantine, emperor of Rome in the years of its decline, saw an exceedingluminous cross in the heavens bear ly luminous cross in the heavens bear-ing the following significant inscript-tion, "With this sign you will con-quer." Constantine was very much alarmed and declared that it was a signal for him to adopt Christianity, which he did being the first christian ruler of the Roman world about 310
A. D. Some of the Hollidaysburg people predict that it is a sure sign of the least expense. As a result Pottsan approaching bloody war with spain, while others regard it as a Bloomsburg and Shamekin will be the mere vapor rising from the earth and towns that will be included in the

The newspapers which have claimed since the occurrence that the destruction of the battleship Maine was caused by an accident are beginning to abandon their theories. ning to abandon their theories. Evidence from the very first showed foul play, and the latest developments, instrongly to a diabolical Spanish plot. People who have been in Havana since the explosion occurred state that the Spaniards in that city are openly denouncing the United States, openly denouncing the United States, Carl Krum, Enos Jacoby, Willie Mcand expressing gratification over the awful loss of life and destruction of the ship. openly denouncing the United States,

FREE DELIVERY.

The free delivery system went into effect on Tuesday, and hereafter all people living within the district can have their mail carried to their door. The carriers received their appointments on Friday. They are Edwin H. Ent, Edward E. Caldwell and H. S. Pohe. J. W. Lewis was appointed for substitute carrier, but declined to accept, and his place was filled by the appointment of B. W. Hagenbuch. The routes and number of the carriers The routes and number of the carriers

The routes and number of the carriers are as follows:

Ent, No. 1, for the district below Center and above Fifth. Pohe, No. 2, for the district above Center and Fifth, and Caldwell, No. 3, for the district below Fifth.

Mail will be collected from all the boxes at 6:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. Additional collections will be made in the business section on Main Street, between West Street and the Normal School at 11:30 a. m. and

the Normal School at 11:30 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

There will be general deliveries made in all parts of the town at 8:15 a. m. and 4:40 p. m. and in the business portion, as stated above additional deliveries at 11:15 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The salary of carriers for the first year is \$600 after which it will be raised to \$850.

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The people should not expect too much from the carriers at first as it will require some time for them to acquaint themselves thoroughly with their routes, after which it is ex-pected the service will give perfect satisfaction. Each carrier is allowed

satisfaction. Each carrier is allowed a vacation of thirty days during the year, only one be off at a time.

It should be remembered that drop letters that heretofore cost but one cent will now cost two cents.

Be sure to have the name of the street and number of your house on all correspondence, as this is very essential in making quick deliveries

Gidding-Goldshmidt Wedding-

B. A. Gidding of the firm of Gidding & Co., of this town and Miss Helen Goldshmidt were married at the home of the bride's parents in Mt. Carmel on Wednesday last. In speaking of the event the Mt. Carmel Star says:

"Following the ceremony a banquet was on its merry course. The caterer's skill had been taxed to its utmost in securing every dainty that the market could furnish. Jacob M. Gidding, a brother of the groom was popularly ordained master of ceremonies and this jovial, rotund personage filled the bill, leaving nothing to be desired. It was due to his genial, effervescent nature that the repast was one continuous round of pleasure.

The groom, Ben Gidding, is a pros-perous young merchant of Bloomsburg. He has contracted an extensive and warm circle of friends during his frequent visits to town. The bride Miss Helen Goldshmidt, the oldest daughter of our veteran merchant tailor, Isaac Goldschmidt. She is an accomplish-ed young lady and enjoys the friend-ship of all.

They left on the Reading train for Philadelphia, New York and the New

England States on a trip which will extend over several weeks."

Those in attendance from Blooms burg were Messrs. Alex. Cohen, J. M. Gidding, N. Gidding and Joseph Gidding.

Base Ball Chat.

A dispatch from Williamsport says: "During the past week much has been done toward the centemplated reorganization of the Central Pennsylvania League. The managers and directors of the clubs that composed the last year's organization have been in correspondence and a general understand-ing as to the plan of procedure has been arrived at It is believed that a Bloomsburg and Shamekin will be the league along the valley of the Susquehanna, and a preference will be given the clubs of the old Cumberland Valley League to join and complete the organization. If such a plan is consumated a cold shoulder will be turned upon Bellefonte, Johnstown Clearfield and Altoona.

Miss Helen John entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Normal Hill Friday evening. The members of the class who were present were Ralph Edgar, Edmund Lazarus,

EXTRA TROUSERS





To match up with the coat and vest, hundreds of them now on our tables ready for you. Rich, genteel patterns at very ordinary prices. For instance:—About three hundred pairs of strictly all wool Cheviots in neat Gray Plaids and Mixtures or Plain Colors, warranted not to rip (a new pair if they do), buttons not to come off, and, above all, Perfect Fitting, and the price-

\$2.00

any size.

Don't think they could be bought by us for the same money to-day.



Everybody. Elegant, Dressy, Cheviots, Cassemeres and Homespuns in checks, stripes or plain colors, perfect fitting and extra well made, Elegant, Dressy, Cheviots, Cassemeres and Homespuns in neat



Some two and three pairs of a kind are here in Worsted Trousers. The lots are too small in each to waste newspaper money on, so we've divided them into two lots

The \$4.00 Worsteds are now \$3.00, and the \$5.00 kind are now 40.30.

Spring Overcoats.

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No store, outside of the largest cities, show such

Splendid black and gray Thibets at Elegant Covert Coats, 8.50. Very swell, silk lined Covert Overcoats, very fashionable,

Extra Special Winter Suit and Overcoat

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For Men and Boys, all the new and correct styles direct from the leading hat makers.

New advance Spring Shirtings with detached collars, in men and boys', at

50c.

Nothing to equal them in the city.

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Bloomsburg,

ST. PAUL'S NEW ORGAN COMING.

A letter from R. Midmer & Son of Brooklyn, received on Wednesday, announces that they expect to ship the new organ for St. Paul's Church the last of this week. They will probably begin to set it up next week, and it will take a week or ten days to complete it. The old organ has been sold to Immanuel Episcopal Church of Ansonia, Connecticut, and will be taken down by Mr. Midmer and set up in that church by him.

The contract for the new organ provides that it is to be ready for use by April 1st, so that the contractors will be about two weeks ahead of that time. A full description of the organ will appear later.

The old organ will be used for the last time Sunday next.

A Sleek Swindler.

A nicely dressed young man has been visiting this section of the county claiming to be a teacher at art painting. He arrived at a neighboring town one day last week and proceeded to organize a class. He was successful in his undertaking and each one of the twelve scholars whom he had secured paid him \$1.50 in advance. The first lesson was to have been given the following day, but in meantime the professor skipped and has not been heard from. The "Professor" is about thirty years of age and about five feet and six inches in height. He is making a tour of the state and may strike this town, people should keep on the lookout for

The Railroad scene in "The Heart of Chicage" is one of the most com-plete efforts at realism ever put on plete efforts at reason ever advancing the stage, the engine is seen advancing upon the audience for ten minutes. grows from almost an imperceptible peck on the horizon to an almost full ized engine when it reaches the footlights. A portion of the effect is gained by a cleverly constructed illusion.

It is impossible to tell where the illusion ends and the engine as finally shown to the audience begins.

Bloomsburg Opera house March 4.

NO MORE DELAY.

The people of Catawissa were becoming very impatient over the con-tinued delay in the construction of the new river bridge at that place, and on Saturday a petition, signed by all the citizens was taken to Harrisburg, and presented before the Commission on Buildings and Grounds by William T. Creasy. In response to which Governor Hastings, and Auditor General Mylin two of the Commission, accompilated the Commission of the panied by Secretary of the Common-wealth David Martin and Chief Clerk Bricker, of the Auditor General's Bricker, of the Auditor General's Department, arrived in Catawissa on Monday. The party was met at the Penna. depot by Representative W. T. Creasy, W. H. Rhawn, Esq., C. E. Randall, I. H. Seesholtz, W. H. Utt, A. H. Vastine, Clark Harder, A. Truckamiller, John R. Diemer, of Catawissa, and J. C. Rutter, of Bloomsburg. They proceeded to the new bridge, and inspected the work, material etc.

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An excellent company of home talent will appear at the Opera House to night in Charles Townsend's great play "The Golden Gulch," abounding in stirring climax and ludicrous situation. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Cuban relief fund, and the efforts of the young people in trying to raise money for so worthy an object, should meet with public approval and the house should be filled. Among the special features will be popular songs illustrated in real life. This is some illustrated in real life. This is some-thing entirely original and must be seen to be appreciated. Prices 10, 20 and 30c. Seats at Bidleman's Book Store.

The pool contest at Enterline's billiard and pool parlor which has been going on for the past three months closed on Monday evening. The prize, a fifteen dollar tailor made suit of clothes was won by R. B. Grotz, he having secured the largest number of tickets.

K. C. Ent died at his home on West Street, about four o'clock Sunday morning, of pneumonia. He was fifty-five years old. He was an employee of the Bloomsburg Iron Company some years ago but since the dissolution of that organization has been engaged as a traveling sales-man for a Philadelphia firm. A wite, one son, and one daughter, Edwin H., and Mrs. Fred Holmes, survive. He was a life long communicant and a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

Court Proceedings.

A short session of court was held on Monday. President Judge Ikeler and Associates Fox and Cortz on the bench.

Petition of Lucy Bauman for Court to revoke order made August 10th, The Governor said they were in sympathy with the people in regard to the building of bridges, and that this one would be completed at once.

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o'clock p. m.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the free delivery system in town is pression on their former visit to is that so many houses have not been numbered. Property owners who have neglected to number their buildings should see that it is done at once, as the carriers have only a large transfer of the show was very earthly. The limited time to make their deliveries, and it will be impossible for them to do it in the time allowed unless this ordinance is strictly complied with.

E. C. Thomas, who lives on the street known as Furnace row near the canal attempted suicide Sunday night He drank about four ounces of laudanum. The effort would no doubt nave been successful had he not told his wife, who immediately summoned a physician, who after working with his patient for some time succeeded in saving his life. Ill health is assign-ed for the rash act. Basket Ball.

It was a hard fierce struggle that took place between the Normal and Darville basket ball teams in the gymnasium on Monday evening. It was an exceptionally rough contest and it looked as if both teams were bent on trying to put each other out. According to the rules governing the game, whenever there is a tie play is to be continued till one side scores another point. The visitors however, did not stick to the rules, for after about thirty minutes of play in the second half with the score a tie, 26 to 26, they left the floor and refused to continue, whereupon the game was awarded to the Normal. Of course there isn't much glory in winning games in this manner but when a team resorts to baby tactics in order to save defeat they deserve what they get. Following is the line up:

Smethers... ...defense.... Score, Normal, 26; Danville, 26; fouls, Bloomsburg, 13; Danville, 7; umpire, Ougland; referee, Van Horn; timers, Cope and Brown; two 20-minute halves were

A fair sized audience greeted the pression on their former visit town, and a great many people pi admission Monday night in the ho as the show was very earthly. The most meritorious feature was the piano player.

Benjamin F. Brooks died on Sunday morning at eight o'clock. He had been making his home of late with his daughter Laura on Catherine Street and was there when his death occurred. Funeral services and the remains interred in Rosemont Cemetery on Tuesday

Isaac Kester, died at Light Street Tuesday evening. A wite and two children survive.