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Worth the Price!

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It wears and gives pleasure for years and is always worth the price paid for it. Our many years of business at the same stand with the same principles of keeping nothing but reliable jewelry is a testimonial of what our goods stand for.

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Very respectfully,

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This means a saving on a good many articles that you have either a present or future need for.

SILKS.
One lot of Fancy Silk for Waists, in stripes and corded effect, all good colors, for 50c, the regular price has been 75c to 87c.
One lot Fancy Waist Silk, large part of them this season's styles, worth 90c to \$1.25, sale price 75c. These are only a few of the silks reduced.

DRESS GOODS.
10 piece all wool Plaids and Mixed Suitings for 25c, reduced from 50c.
2 pieces 45-inch all wool Grey Serge and 2 pieces 50-inch Suiting, have been 75c now 50c.
One lot of plain and mixed French Dress Goods in brown, navy, greens, blue greys and fancies. 42 to 48 inches wide. These have been 75c to \$1.25 all now at \$12.50, worth \$20.

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A leading furrier has consigned to us to be closed out, a large line of medium and fine Marten and Fox Neck Scarfs and Boas, which we can offer you at manufacturer's prices. We mention one item—a Marten Scarf with a cluster of 8 tails, for \$8.50, worth at least one-half more than that. Fox Scarfs 44, 60 and 80 inches long. Fur Jackets to close out at \$12.50, worth \$20.

COATS.
Ladies' and Children's Cloth Coats, Jackets, etc., will be closed out at a great sacrifice.

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.
A few Ladies' Tailor Made Suits in good colors with full flounced skirts and neat Jackets at one third and one-half of the regular price.

FLANNEL WAISTS.
An assorted lot of Ladies' French Flannel Waists all new this season, in navy, old rose, reseda, cardinal, etc. Your choice at one half the market price.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN.
Six pieces Half Bleached Table Linen, our regular 25c quality, for 20c.
One lot Full Bleached All-White, good patterns, 50c quality, for this sale 40c.
64-inch Unbleached Table Linen, which we have considered a bargain at 50c, now 45c.
70-inch Unbleached, extra heavy, very neat patterns, our 60c quality for 50c.
70-inch Half Bleached Damask, was 75c now 67c.

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Men's Full Fleece Shirts and Drawers—large sizes only—the shirts are double breasted, drawers re-enforced, were sold as a leader for 50c, now 39c to close out. Large men come and see them.
A lot of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Underwear in broken sizes, will be closed out at a great reduction.
Our entire stock of Men's, Ladies' and Children's All-Wool Underwear 10 per cent off the regular price.

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OF DUSHORE, PENNA.
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Newly furnished throughout, special attention given to the wants of the traveling public. Bar stocked with first class wines, liquors and cigars. The best beer on the market always on tap.
Rates Reasonable.

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Located near Hughesville, Pa.
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All correspondence will receive prompt attention.
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EXHIBITION

STEP IN AND ASK ABOUT THEM.

All answered at

Vernon Hull's Large Store.
Hillgrove, Pa.

BIDDLE BROTHERS DEAD

After Desperate Battle Murderers Are Recaptured Near Butler.

MRS. SOFFEL SHOOTS HERSELF

The Brothers Fought Desperately, and Were Only Taken After One Was Mortally Wounded and the Other Riddled With Shot.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.—Edward and John Biddle, who escaped from the Allegheny county jail last Thursday, aided and accompanied by Mrs. Peter H. Soffel, wife of the warden, was recaptured last Friday by a posse of officers. They were traced to near this place and the authorities at Pittsburg were notified.

The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler by Deputy Sheriffs Rainey and Noon and Officers Frank Holliday and Aaron Thompson. The officers were certain that they were on the right trail. It was only a question of time when they would catch up to the escaping condemned murderers and their guilty companion.

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at J. J. Stephens at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east turned north and then west. The Pittsburg officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found out their mistake they made up for lost time by telephoning and telegraphing ahead for fresh horses. They reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point fresh horses were awaiting them, and the chase for life began anew.

The two sleighs, with the eight officers aboard, started westward, and met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect. The Biddles having learned that they were almost overtaken, and taking what they considered the only chance they had, drove eastward and met their doom. The Pittsburg and other officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large calibre. They shot to kill, and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill to the last of their string, but not one of the eight officers has a wound as the result of the battle.

When the detectives got to within about 60 yards of the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shot gun and revolvers. When Ed Biddle fell and Mrs. Soffel saw she was about to be captured she fired a bullet into her breast.

Ed Biddle got a bullet in the breast which penetrated his right lung. John Biddle may recover, his wounds, although numerous, failing to reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed yesterday to bring down their men is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground the officers picked up the apparently lifeless bodies of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles and came back to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh, patched up harness and worn-out horse that the trio had tried so strenuously to get away with toward Canada and liberty.

John Biddle died at 7:30 on Saturday evening. His brother, Ed, who had been unconscious practically all day, survived until 11 o'clock, when he, too, went over the great divide. Mrs. Soffel, who developed symptoms of pneumonia, has a chance for life, and unless some unforeseen complication sets in, will recover.

A great deal of sympathy for the boys is expressed on all sides, and not a few of the female portion of the crowd expressed a desire to see what manner of a man Ed Biddle was (that he should exert such a wonderful influence over men, and particularly women. The jail doors were closed, and no one got in but the doctors, who attended the autopsy and the coroner's jury, which organized Sunday morning.

The verdict of the jury was that Ed Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a 32-calibre revolver by himself, and that John Biddle met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the officers in the discharge of their lawful duty.

A lost love letter from Ed Biddle to his sweetheart, Mrs. Kate Soffel, found in the snow near the bloody scene of their capture, reveals the long and careful plot for their escape from the Allegheny county jail. The letter clearly shows the hazardous undertakings of the infatuated woman to secure the escape of the Biddles. Since December 2, 1901, they had been making preparations to escape. The discovered epistle tells how Mrs. Soffel carried the saws to the cells of the Biddles. It manifests the extreme enamoration of Mrs. Soffel for the murderer and burglar. It clearly shows the wonderful influence Ed Biddle had over Mrs. Soffel.

TRIED TO LYNCH NEGRO

Chester Murderer Had a Narrow Escape From Mob.

EXTRA GUARDS AT CITY JAIL

Mob Tore Down Gate to Jail Yard, When They Were Met By Officers With Drawn Revolvers—Mayor Addressed Crowd.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 3.—Albert West, the negro, who shot and killed Policeman Mark Allen on the street here at midnight Saturday, was captured yesterday afternoon in a stable at Darby, and he narrowly escaped lynching by an angry crowd when brought to the jail here.

Policeman Allen, while patrolling his beat shortly before midnight, saw West and a colored woman quarrelling. The woman screamed murder and ran from West, and the policeman placed the latter under arrest. The negro quickly pulled a revolver and shot Allen in the leg, breaking the bone, and as he fell to the sidewalk West stood over him and fired two more shots into his body, death resulting shortly after. West escaped, and an all night hunt by the entire police force failed to locate him.

A trolley car conductor informed the police that a negro answering West's description had ridden on his car to Darby yesterday morning, and two policemen upon going to this place found West hiding in the manger of a stable. When covered by their revolvers, the negro begged the policemen not to kill him. The news of the capture of the murderer preceded the arrival of the officers with their prisoner, and when they reached the city hall in a car a crowd of 2,000 persons was in waiting. Cries of "Lynch him," "Kill him," made the wretch crouch in the bottom of the car, and when he was brought out on the platform there was a rush and a number of persons struck him with umbrellas and canes, while an effort was made to get him away from the policemen. The negro was hustled into the city hall, and the crowd, seeing that it was impossible to reach him in the narrow corridor, ran around to the court yard in the rear of the building. The big gate was barred, but a hundred shoulders were placed against it and it was torn down, and the mob rushed in with yells of "Lynch him."

The city jail stands in this court yard, and, fearing that a rush would be made in that direction, Chief Leary placed a platoon of police in the driveway, and the officers with drawn revolvers quailed the crowd with a grim determination to prevent a lynching. The crowd sullenly retired, but a plot was soon made for a second onslaught, and it was necessary to place some of the leaders in custody temporarily to quiet the crowd. Mayor Jefferis placed a chair on the sidewalk, and, addressing the crowd, assured the angry men that justice would be done, and urged his hearers not to place anything in the way of an orderly procedure of law. The crowd still lingered, and as nightfall found the street still packed with people, extra guards were placed at the city hall.

Policeman Allen was one of the most popular men on the force. He was 33 years of age and unmarried.

AWFUL MINE ACCIDENT

Dust Explosion Kills 106 Miners at Hondo, Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 3.—One hundred and six miners killed, and 50 buried under debris is the fearful record made by a dust explosion at the Hondo mines in Mexico. At the time of the explosion there were 160 miners at work in the mine, all of whom were entombed by the shaft being choked up by falling earth and stone, loosened by the explosion. Eighty-five dead bodies have been recovered.

Every mule in the mine was killed, three dead ones being taken from the debris yesterday. The work of clearing away the wreck in order to get to the bodies is being rushed as rapidly as possible, but there is no hope that any of the 106 men will be rescued alive.

The explosion occurred in mine No. 6, and was occasioned by striking a gas pocket.

Refused Vaccination and Was Shot.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 3.—A special from Marion, N. C., gives the details of the shooting of a man who refused to be vaccinated, by Deputy Sheriff Watkins. The man had been arraigned before a magistrate and after the trial got into an altercation with the deputy, who shot him in the head. He was alive at last accounts, but will probably die.

Petitioned the Pope.

Niles, Mich., Feb. 3.—Catholic clergymen in Michigan and Indiana have petitioned the Pope to confer the title of "monsignor" on Rev. Father M. Raskiewicz, of Otis, Ind., the oldest priest in Indiana. At present there is no divine with that title in this section of the country.

WATERBURY SWEEP BY FIRE

Flames Destroy Business Section of City, Causing \$2,000,000 Loss.

WATERBURY SWEEP BY FIRE

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 3.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Waterbury broke out in the heart of the city last evening and caused a loss of \$2,000,000. A large section of the business part of the city was wiped out. The fire originated in the upholstery department on the third floor of the store of the Reid & Hughes Dry Goods Company, at 108-112 Bank street. The flames were not discovered until they had gained tremendous headway.

When the fire department reached the scene flames were issuing from every window of the building, and it was evident that the structure was doomed. The first building to catch from the Reid & Hughes Company store was a tall structure to the rear and westward, occupied by the Salvation Army barracks and a Turkish bath. A moment or two later the flames leaped back to the eastward across Bank street and wiped out the Ryan & Fitzmaurice black, Cannon & Webster's drug store, Davis' cigar store and the store of J. B. Mullings & Sons. They burned rapidly through to South Main street, jumped across that street, shivering up the buildings like paper. At the same time the flames caught the Masonic Temple and traveled from the Salvation Army building to the rear of the Franklin House, on Grand street and the entire block, consisting of seven or eight handsome five-story buildings, with 30 tenements and the large and commodious headquarters of the Waterbury American were destroyed.

The militia was called out to preserve order. There was serious talk of blowing up buildings to prevent the spread of the flames, but the idea was abandoned.

The local fire-fighters were assisted by men and apparatus from Hartford, Torrington, Bridgeport, New Haven and Naugatuck.

\$900,000 FIRE AT NORFOLK

Atlantic Hotel and Several Other Large Buildings Destroyed.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—A heap of smoking ruins is all that remains of the Atlantic hotel, the massive Columbia office building, which adjoins the hotel; the Albemarle Flats and a block of stores in the centre of the city. The conflagration, one of the greatest in the history of Norfolk, broke out shortly before daylight yesterday morning, and when finally subdued over \$900,000 worth of property had been destroyed. The flames started in the Columbia, six stories high, which is the largest but one of Norfolk's office buildings.

Shortly after the fire was discovered over 1,000 gallons of whiskey stored in the building exploded with terrific force, tearing out the front wall. The firemen were driven back by the explosion, and before they could get a stream of water on the flames the entire building was afire. Hardly 15 minutes later the north wall, which was over 75 feet high, fell in, completely annihilating the home of the Virginia Club, which adjoins the building on the north.

The flames soon spread to the five-story Albemarle apartment house, opposite the Virginia Club, which was quickly destroyed, and then to the entire block facing the Atlantic and running from Plume to Main streets. Within an hour this block was entirely destroyed.

Pennsylvania Will Get \$600,000.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The committee on appropriations concluded the consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Provision for Prince Henry's visit and the coronation mission was made, but the amounts are not finally settled on. The committee also has decided to recommend the payment of the interest claims of such states as advanced money to the United States during the civil war and are able to show action by the court of claims. Pennsylvania, by this decision, will be benefited to the extent of \$600,000.

Submarine Boat Launched.

Elizabeth City, N. J., Feb. 3.—The submarine torpedo boat Plunger was launched at Elizabethport on Saturday. The vessel was named by Mrs. Myron T. Herriek, of Cleveland. The new boat glided off the ways easily and was towed out into the stream by the tugboat Erie.