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SHENANDOAH, PA., MONDAY, MAY 23, 1892.

ONE CENT.

Wilkinson's Special Bargains.

This week marks the Sixth Anniversary of our business, and we cordially invite our patrons to call and examine the special bargains we will offer at this anniversary sale. The store has grown from the smallest to the largest, and our new location affords ample facilities for displaying our immense stock.

This week we offer 65 pieces of yard-wide Dress Goods formerly 10c, now 10c; also 300 pieces Bedford Corals and French Outing Cloths, worth from 12 1/2 to 18c, all to go at 10c per yard—all these are new goods bought for this special sale, and cannot be equalled in the region for price or quality. Every color is guaranteed fast and every shade is new and correct.

We also offer one case yard-wide Bleached Muslin at 8c, regular 10c quality; 50 pieces of Checked Nainsook at 8c, reduced from 10c; Thirty pieces Plaid White Goods—extra fine quality—at 9c, marked down from 12 1/2c.

Extra-wide Table Linens—Plain white, bordered or Turkey red, at 25c per yard. Linen bureau scarfs, 2 yards long with knotted fringe, 25c each. New and attractive styles of fine Laces and Embroidery at less than usual prices. Kid Gloves in tan, brown or black at 50c. Silk gloves and mitts from 10c up. Silk ribbon remnants in all shades and widths at 10c per piece. These are only a few of our special bargains—every department is a store in itself, and prices are always lower than you expect.

L. J. WILKINSON,

89 S. Main St., Shenandoah.

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Girvin,

**Duncan and
Wardley.**

Handkerchiefs.

We have just received the largest and best selected stock of handkerchiefs ever shown in this vicinity—foreign and domestic. For quality we make the bold assertion that no other merchant can touch us on our 5 and 10c values for either ladies, gents or children. There are embraced in this handkerchief line a gem's handkerchief for 10c which suits for 25c at other places.

Stationery Specialties.

Pen and Pencil Pads.

Buy one of our "Niagara" pads, best thing ever gotten up for the money. Best Pocket Memo's, Counter books, etc. Finest thing in paper and envelopes is our "Lycoming Mills" 15c a box.

Sewing Tables.

75c and \$1, very nicely finished and strong. Handsome waste baskets, all sizes.

A lot of Brass and japanned Bird Cages. Just in.

8 South Main Street.

For Sale To-day!

2 CARS CHOICE TIMOTHY HAY.

Fine Quality—Small Bales.

Another Lot of Fresh Made,

Gilt-Edge DAIRY BUTTER!

Just Received This Morning.

Old-Time Graham Flour!

Made of Choice White Wheat, Fresh Ground and Fine Quality.

NEW CARPETS.

We open to-day Velvet and Tapestry Brussels—new styles and handsome patterns.

Special Bargains in Smyrna Rugs.

At \$2 and \$2.50. Former price \$3 and \$3.50.

Extra sizes, beautiful patterns and VERY CHEAP.

AT KEITER'S

Our Directory.



THE POST OFFICE
Shenandoah.

Office hours from 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. Money Order and Registry Department open from 8:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m.

Following is a schedule of the arrival and departure of mail trains. Mail matter for despatch must be in the office thirty minutes before the time given below:

Arrival.	Destination.	Departure.
P. M. A. M.	(Phila., Western)	A. M. P. M.
1:40	9:08	7:30
2:30	9:08	9:08
3:00	9:08	11:30
3:18	9:08	3:00
1:40	9:45	9:08
3:00	9:45	3:00
1:40	9:08	1:35
1:25	9:56	7:30
1:25	9:08	1:55
1:25	9:08	7:00
1:35	9:04	1:40
1:50	9:50	7:00
1:50	9:50	7:20
2:25	9:50	11:30
2:30	9:50	11:30
2:35	9:50	6:00
2:35	9:50	7:20
2:35	9:50	2:50

Carriers make a general collection at 6:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m., and a general delivery at 7:15 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. Additional deliveries and collections are made in the business part of town at 10:15 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.

Fire Alarm Boxes.

The following list shows the location of the alarm boxes of the Shenandoah Fire Department:

- 15—Coal and Bowers streets.
- 16—Bowers and Centre streets.
- 24—Bridge and Centre streets.
- 25—Main and Centre streets.
- 24—Main and Poplar streets.
- 35—Main and Coal streets.
- 42—Gilbert and Centre streets.
- 43—Gilbert and Cherry streets.
- 53—Chestnut and Coal streets.

HOW TO LOCATE ALARMS.

If the alarm is sounded from box 15 the fire bell will strike one, then pause and strike five which will indicate that the fire is in the vicinity of No. 15 box. Every alarm is repeated four times.

Electric Running Time.

The electric cars now leave the corner of Main and Centre streets at 6 a. m. and leave at intervals of 45 minutes thereafter until 11 p. m. This schedule will be subject to a change from day to day, as the work of putting in the turnouts progresses. The miners will find the early morning cars convenient.



CARPET SWEEPERS, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

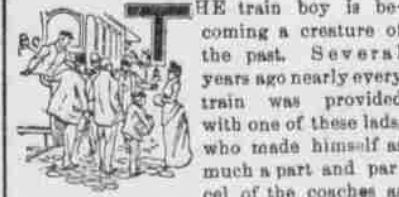
At FRICKE'S, 10 South Jardin St.

PITHY PIECES IN PETER'S POT-POURRI.

INTERESTING COMMENT ON THE TRAIN BOY.

POOR FLORENCE GRESS' DEATH

The Last Sad Chapter in a Romantic Story—A Young Girl Betrayed, Dies of a Broken Heart.



THE train boy is becoming a creature of the past. Several years ago nearly every train was provided with one of these lads, who made himself as much a part and parcel of the coaches as the conductor, and if appearances went for anything he had a great deal more to do about the running of the train than that personage himself. At the present day but few of them are seen and then it is only on the express trains making runs of 100 miles or over. Even with these it will be noticed that they no longer distribute their wares in the seats or throw boxes of candy or books upon the laps of the suffering travelers.

The reform was inaugurated about a year ago. An over-industrious train boy, not at all a rare sight then, insisted upon placing a box of candy in the lap of a lady, who repeatedly told him not to do so as she did not want to buy. The lady happened to be the wife of the superintendent of the road and a complaint was immediately made. The result was that an order was at once given to the effect that no more material was to be distributed. More complaints of the same nature began to roll in to the news companies and then the train boys began to disappear.

In lieu of having them go out on the trains the companies employed a man to remain at the depots and go through the trains a few minutes before they were about to start with their load of passengers. Upon entering a car he would stand for a moment near the door, and as he walked down the aisle would talk after this manner in a very quiet way:

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, here you have your fine mixed candies, broken candies and cough drops, marshmallow drops and many other things to drop into a sweet tooth. Remember, this is your last chance to get your candies before going home. Don't forget the little ones at home. Think of their smiling faces and how happy they'll be when you give them this package, bless their little hearts! and then think how disappointed they will be when they find you have brought them nothing." He rarely failed to leave a car full of smiling faces behind him and oft-times many packages of candy, too.

Little has been said of "De Ats" in these columns lately. I have been gathering material which I will use in a few days that will show the combine up in an unfavorable light. In the meantime, the useless expenditure for the proposed new water works, which the taxpayers of this town have not yet said they wanted, goes steadily on.

The joint committee on water works have taken the advice of the HERALD and propose to publish in hand-bill form a statement of their expenditures in this gigantic scheme. This, I take it, is an acknowledgment on their part that the HERALD's course in this matter is the correct one. But why print it in hand-bills? Nine out of every ten citizens will never see it, and in justice to the taxpayers—the men who will have to pay the fiddler to the committee's dancing—it should be published in a manner that every voter may see the unnecessary expense to which they have been subjected.

I congratulate the HERALD upon its endorsement by the joint committee, if the former considers such an endorsement a compliment. Now if it was known who offered "that block of stock" I imagine the new water committee would appear better in the eyes of the people.

The last sad scene in connection with the suffering of a poor deceived girl is over, and her soul is now undoubtedly resting peacefully beyond the portals of blissful paradise.

Poor Florence Gress, when alive, resided in Wilkes-Barre. No girl ever prayed more fervently to God for mercy than she; and no girl ever had friends who were so kind, so loyal to her.

A touching coincidence in this sad affair is that two years ago she pledged her troth to the scoundrel who had been the cause of all her misery and sorrowful death. Now he is languishing behind the prison bars in consequence of his awful crime, and will be for two years more, but that is not all.

The memory of that girl—yes her very image will haunt him till the day he dies and will even stand between him and happiness.

Florence Gress met her betrayer by a flirtation. She soon learned to love him with that love that knew no bounds, and would have followed him to the end of the world. After he had heartlessly betrayed her, she, finding that she could not gain his affections sufficiently to become his wife, begged of him to marry her that her child might in the sight of the law, be of legitimate birth, after which she would herself apply and pay for a divorce, that he would not be compelled to live with a woman he could not love.

Not he refused! and according to the teachings of a hard-hearted father who stood by him through all, cast her aside without one word of consolation! yes even had the courage to treat her with sarcasm in the court house, where the poor orphan girl, weak and almost broken-hearted, had no one to defend her from the cruel words save the District Attorney, and he it ever said to his credit that the noblest efforts of his life were put forth in defending her and clearly demonstrating the fact that she was eminently respectable, and with this one exception, even her bitterest enemies could not say a word against her—and this occurred only because of her love of him for whom she would willingly have given her life.

Thus ends the last sad chapter in a story which has aroused universal sympathy and filled many eyes with tears.

Ah, what a lesson! PETER.

PERSONAL.

Land Agent Hess, of Mahanoy City, was in town to-day.

J. Harry James, Esq., of Ashland, was in town this morning.

Charles Belts and wife, of town, spent Sunday at New London.

John L. Williams came down from Shamokin to attend the funeral of his late friend, J. H. Evans.

Misses Tessie Guff and Annie Kline, of Philadelphia, are visiting the former's parents on West Centre street.

John A. Reilly went down to Pottsville this morning. He will probably take an extended trip for the benefit of his health shortly.

A. M. Reese, the commercial tourist from Shamokin, came down to this part of the country this morning. Andy is a candidate for the Legislature this year.

Rev. Floyd E. West and Dr. D. W. Straub, of Shenandoah, and Dr. L. A. Snyder, of Ashland, were the guests of Dr. A. C. Snyder of this place on a fishing trip to the Tobyhanna. —White Haven Journal.

Capt. L. C. Leib, of Ashland; James Weston, No. 4; Postmaster Medlar, Capt. W. E. Jones, John I. Mathias, W. W. Lewis and R. T. Lewis, of Mahanoy City, were among those in town yesterday, attending the funeral of the late John H. Evans.

AT REST.

Funeral of the Late John H. Evans.

The funeral of the late John H. Evans took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from his late residence 26 East Centre street. The attendance was very large and prominent mining officials from Sorsanton, Pottsville, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, St. Clair, Mahanoy City, Girardville, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Centralia, Shamokin and New Philadelphia were present. The remains were encased in a handsome cloth covered casket. The pall bearers were John L. Williams, Shamokin; Edward Reese, Centralia; J. J. Bradigan, John W. Morgan, William Stein and Henry L. Jones, of town. The services were held at the residence, Rev. Wm. Powick, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. Owen Enoch, of the Welsh Congregational church, officiating. Members of the Welsh singing societies were present and rendered hymns under the direction of Prof. D. T. Jenkins. The True Iovites of America, Shenandoah Lodge, No. 501 and Shenandoah Valley Encampment, I. O. O. F., all of which deceased was a member, were present and attended the services at the grave. The remains were interred in Odd Fellows' cemetery. The funeral was the largest seen in the town for some time and was a source of consolation to those who were so suddenly plunged into grief by the death.

Orange Blossoms.

On Saturday evening John H. Nicholas and Miss Mary Fritz, both of town, were married at the residence of the bride's parents. A large number of friends of the contracting party were present, and after the customary rite of the "light fantastic" and partook of the refreshments served by the hosts. The HERALD joins their numerous friends in wishing them a bright future.

Excursion tickets at one fare for round trip via Nickel Plate, May 28th and 30th, Decoration Day. d&w-1f

Meals at all hours. Oysters all summer at George M. Schoener's Oyster Bay, 11 West Centre street. 5-20 tf

RIGHTER WEAKENED AT THE LAST MOMENT

A DASTARELY PLOT TO COM- MIT ARSON.

LIVES AND PROPERTY AT STAKE

For a Paltry Three Hundred Dollars—Photographer Hall and his Accomplice Held for the Crime—Both in Jail.

HALL, the photographer, is in the Pottsville jail, where he was committed this morning by "Squire Williams" without bail. The charge upon which he is held is a severe one and should he be convicted he will undoubtedly be sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

Hall is held on a warrant charging him with attempting to set fire to J. M. Robbins' buildings on the north side of West Centre street, between Pear alley and Jardin street.

The discovery of the dastardly deed was brought about by the confessions of a young man who says he was a quasi accomplice of Hall's to commit the arson.

However true or untrue the statements of the young man may be, it is to his weakening, or "squealing," that some people owe their lives. Had the contemplated arson been committed there is little doubt but that the square bounded by Centre, Jardin and Lloyd streets, and Pear alley would have been destroyed and some of the families smothered or killed before they could make their escape. With but one or two exceptions all the buildings are two and three story frame structures that have been built for some time and with the aid of the wind that accompanied the light fall of rain last night they would have been swept away like a chip before a gale.

It was the thought of the probable loss of life and great loss of property that would have followed the incendiary that led the crowd to murmur, "Hang him!" "Shoot him!" and give vent to other threatening expressions when Hall was taken from the lockup to "Squire Williams' office" this morning.

Hall entered the office smiling and as he took a seat he pulled out a massive gold watch attached to a heavy gold chain and noted the time in a cool, indifferent manner. The night he spent in the lockup had only slightly soiled his brown overcoat and black derby hat. His face gave no indication of sleeplessness, or anxiety. The immaculate shirt bosom with its glittering studs was without a wrinkle, and the cream colored four-in-hand tie set as perfectly upon the bosom as it would had it been arranged with great care in Hall's deserted hotel bedroom.

The testimony before the justice gives all the facts of the case. They were given by Frederick Richter, a young man 20 years of age, who was recently hired as an assistant by Hall.

Richter testified as follows: "I had been working for Gams & Co., photographers, in Camden, N. J., and as business at the place was not brisk I sought employment elsewhere: At the house of Thomas McCollins, 1030 Arch street, they gave me Hall's address and after some correspondence Hall hired me for \$3 per week. I came to Shenandoah on May 13th, last, and started to work for Hall that afternoon.

"On the following Tuesday, or Wednesday, Hall asked me laughingly whether I would be with him; he his butty, as the expression goes in town. 'Certainly,' I said. 'Then he said, 'I'll tell you; I am not making much money out of this thing. People think I am doing a h—l of a lot of business, but I am not. Now, if you will go into this thing with me we can make \$300 in three days. Are you with me?' I said 'Certainly.' He said, 'Well we will burn the place. I have got a policy for \$300 on an estimated valuation of \$700. You light the place and I will give you half the insurance. I said 'All right,' I thought he was fooling and I led him on.

"Yesterday afternoon, being Sunday, he started away on the 8:15 train. He showed me the candle in evidence and said, 'Don't forget to touch it off.' I went to supper, and after supper I went to church. After church I told the people. I went to Mr.

Robbins' house and his son, Clifford, went to the gallery with me and saw how things were. Before going to Mr. Robbins' I took Howell Samuels, Jr., to the room and showed him the arrangements that had been made to set the place on fire.

"Hall said before leaving, 'Don't forget to touch it off' and he told me before that that the place was soaked with turpentine. He didn't say who had soaked it. He told me to touch it off and then go to church, but that while I was in church not to get 'white in the gills' and give myself away, and if the fire bell should ring not to quiver. He said he was going to see some woman.

"From the way he spoke I supposed he was going to Frackville. I was not the instigator of this conspiracy. We use turpentine in our business to make a preparation for retouching. We used none while I was there.

In answer to a question as to whether any goods had been shipped from the gallery lately Richter said, "nothing in the line of photography. Hall told me to send his overcoat home."

Hall asked the witness if he (Hall) had not said he was going to Philadelphia and that witness had asked him to make certain purchases for the business. The witness said that this was true. That Hall was to first go and see the woman at Frackville, and then go to Philadelphia.

Several bottles that had contained the turpentine compound and turpentine itself were produced and identified by the witness. A piece of narrow floor board which had been saturated with turpentine and which had fastened to it a piece of tallow candle about two inches long was also identified as shown by Hall to the witness before the former left for Frackville.

Clifford Robbins swore that he went to the photograph gallery with Richter. In what is called the west room, which is used for the "touching" work on photographs, and which was to have been the scene of the "touch it off." A lot of paper, pieces of floor boards, and a lot of shavings used for packing goods, all saturated with turpentine, were in a heap. On the top of the pile was the piece of board and candle and two boards were on end and tilted against each other over the pile, as if to shade the glare until the fire could get good headway. Heavy paper was placed about the window to prevent the people outside from seeing the place too early.

H. W. Titman confirmed Robbins' testimony as to the arrangements of the inflammable stuff.

Chief of Police Davis swore that he and Policeman Holvey drove to Frackville last night and arrested Hall at the house of a prominent business man of that place. Hall was standing in the hallway of the house with a young lady. His overcoat was on, but he did not have his hat. It was about a quarter to one o'clock this morning when Hall was placed under arrest. He was evidently taking leave of the young lady to take the early train for Philadelphia.

The officer said the door shut as he reached it, but he pushed it open and caught hold of Hall. The young lady ran into an adjoining room and shut and locked the door. Hall was handcuffed and placed under Holvey's care in the carriage. Davis then returned to the house and explained the cause of the arrest to the family.

On the way to town Hall asked for an explanation and said he thought it was something put up between Keugoy, the photographer, and Richter to run him out of the town.

John M. Robbins testified he was the owner of the premises intended to be destroyed. That Hall took possession of the gallery on April 1st, last, rent payable in advance, but has only paid for one month.

Hall said he would reserve his statements for the trial at court. He was committed without bail.

Richter was put under \$1,000 bail to appear as a witness. J. M. Robbins furnished the security, but later in the day he surrendered the witness, fearing some influence to make him disappear might be best. Richter went to jail with Hall.

Decorations Day Excursion Rates on the Nickel Plate, May 28th and 30th, one fare for round trip. Good until June 2nd. d&w-1f

Wall paper and window shades at cost, Port's, 21 N. Main street. 4-28-1f

Spectacles, to suit all eyes, at F. J. Port's book and stationery store. 4-28-1f