

YOU!

HAVE been good to us, neighbors. You have helped us to build up our splendid business. Once in a while we like to especially emphasize our appreciation of your kindness. This week will be one of the

"Onces!"

And our Flour Department will be the Field of operations.

Best Family Flour

\$4.20

Per Barrel.

Every Barrel Guaranteed First-Class.

Watch for Other Prices Next Week.

All goods promptly delivered free of charge. Mail orders will receive careful and prompt attention.

SHENANDOAH

READY-PAY STORE,

114 South Main Street.

FRESH BUTTER.

Received Daily. Strictly Fresh—Extra Quality.

Dairy and Creamery Butter.

Pure Country Lard.

PURE COUNTRY LARD

Pure Country Lard.

FOR SALE.

One Car Fancy Minnesota Flour.

One Car Choice Middlings.

One Car Baled Straw.

Two Cars Choice Timothy Hay.

AT KEITER'S

FRANEY Handsome Sideboards!

I have a few large and handsome Sideboards at \$35 each, reduced from \$45, with large French plate glass and highly polished—elegant goods offered low. Large oil painting at \$7.50, reduced from \$10.

TRIP TO BOSTON ADDED.

THE "HERALD" MAKES ANOTHER OFFER TO TEACHERS.

Two Will be Afforded an Excellent Opportunity for a Trip Through the New England States via the Poughkeepsie Bridge.

Agnes Stein	61424
Mame H. Wasley	40503
Nellie Baird	36669
Mary A. Connelly	30494
Maria F. Archibald	14685
Frank B. Williams	9214
Carrin Faust	452
Mary A. Lafferty	2579
Anna M. Dengler	2825
Carrie M. Smith	2569
Bridget A. Burn	2408
Hattie Hess	2307
Lillie B. Phillips	1893
Mary A. Stack	1811
James R. Lewis	1164
Ella Clouser	975
Irene Shupe	920
Clara Cline	784
Maggie Cavannah	770
Hannah Reese	695
Annie Mansell	607
Sadie Daniel	518
Jennie Ramage	296
Lizzie Lebe	188
Minnie Dipper	190
Lizzie O'Connell	136
Votes polled yesterday	3144
Grand total	272012

In accordance with its promise the HERALD to-day announces what will constitute its fifth and sixth prize offers to the competitors in the HERALD's popular public school teachers' contest.

The teachers who shall hold fifth and sixth positions, respectively, when the contest is declared ended, and attested by the judges of election, will be given a free trip from Shenandoah to Boston and return. The trip will be made via the Poughkeepsie bridge, but recently constructed and one of the wonders of modern engineering skill. By this route the excursionists will be afforded an excellent sweeping view of the beautiful Hudson river, the Rhine of America. It will also give them a chance to see many different parts of the New England states and will form one of the most interesting tours that can be made.

The HERALD's offers to contestants now are:

- Two teachers for the WORLD'S FAIR.
 - Two teachers for NIAGARA FALLS.
 - Two teachers for BOSTON.
- Now let the battle of the ballots proceed.

USE DANA'S SARSAPARILLA, ITS "THE KIND THAT CURES".

THE SUPERINTENDENCY.

A Communication Supporting the Election of Mr. Whitaker.

[The following communication has been furnished for publication by a member of the School Board who assures the HERALD in writing that the publication is desired by nine members of the board.—ED.]

We, the directors, constituting the majority of the School Board, and who elected Mr. M. P. Whitaker to the office of superintendent of our schools, desire to make a public statement in reference to some matters connected therewith. In justice to Mr. Whitaker, to our schools, to the community and to ourselves, we are necessitated to notice a malicious attack made upon Mr. Whitaker, and upon ourselves, through him, which appeared in last Saturday's HERALD.

The attack comes, assassin like, from ambush, and concealed under the documentary form and language of a "legal protest." We have it from good authority, that the protest—as published, is not a "legal protest." We do not believe that any three of the protestors will swear to it, to give it legal force at the "State Department," and hence it must lose the dignity of a formal legal protest and degenerate, by its publication, to a malicious, cowardly attack. We are prepared, and so is Mr. Whitaker, to meet any fair and just legal objection or point that may be raised in the case, at the proper time and place; and while we cannot condescend to notice every poisonous thrust made by a few narrow-minded individuals, yet, in justice to ourselves and others, we desire to defend our position and motives, since they have been publicly questioned.

In the so-called protest, alluded to above, several very sweeping assertions of Mr. Whitaker's lack of literary qualifications are made, with the simple form that the signers believe that so-and-so is the case. Of course, people are at liberty to believe whatever they choose. We do not desire to coerce them in their belief; but it is a very safe rule for persons to be able to give reasons for their belief, and never to sign papers without a ground-work for belief in the truth of their contents. Where the protest attempts to deal with facts it is untrue in several particulars. Furthermore in our statement, we give the facts.

In reference to one statement, put forth as a fact of the case, viz that Mr. Whitaker lacks administrative ability, and is weak in discipline, we desire to say a few words and to emphasize a few facts. No s; neither Mr. Ogden, nor Mr. Frazier, nor Mr. Gable, nor Mr. Sachman has ever been to visit Mr. Whitaker's school. Mr. Boddall has visited it occasionally, once this term, for fifteen minutes. Mr. Davenport has visited a few times, but never to see the work done. His visits were made when engaged in his own

business, and as a matter of necessity. He has not been in the school this term.

Honest, honorable citizens are expected to always testify to what they know is true, whether upon oath, above their signatures, or in simply giving their words, and especially when they are dealing with the reputation of a respected citizen. We leave it to all fair-minded, well-thinking persons, whether the six signers, above mentioned, are competent to pass judgment on the ability of Mr. Whitaker, when, as we have shown, they can know nothing whatever about it; and whether such an attack on him is not grossly unjust and even slanderous. We have been greatly surprised to find some men's names signed to such a paper. We expected something better from their intelligence, and believed they had more regard for our and Mr. Whitaker's reputations. We say our and Mr. Whitaker's reputations, because if Mr. Whitaker is an incompetent man, and his election will ruin the schools, which are the impressions conveyed by the attack, it naturally follows that we are as bad, or worse, for supporting him.

We desire to call the attention of the public to the following truths: We are the majority of a public body, with a great public trust confided to us; we are as deeply interested in the welfare of our schools and as sincerely desirous to elevate their standard as any other men in the community. Some of us have served many years on the School Board, and a much longer time than any of the protestors. As public officers we have done more School Board labor than any of them. We claim to know more about our schools and their wants than they do. We had a duty to perform in the election of a superintendent, and we performed it with due deliberation and a conscientious regard for the interests at stake. In the performance of this duty we exhibited no party spirit, nor race or creed prejudice; we offered to retain Mr. Freeman, and even proposed an increase of salary, as an inducement for him to stay with us. He declined all offers.

We have many good reasons for not electing a man from outside, among which is a desire to have a man from our own community, whose residence and experience would enable him to understand our people and their wants who would have some sympathy, fellow-feeling and common interests with the community, and whose thorough knowledge of our system and methods would enable him to preserve the good features and assist us in improving them, and whose character as a fair-minded, honest and conservative man, would give assurance that his duties would be discharged to the satisfaction of all concerned. We had to make a choice between Messrs. Whitaker and Ehrhart, under the circumstances. We are not attempting here, and do not desire to say anything to provoke hard feelings among the community. We desire to be more charitable than our opponents and will refrain from attacking any man's reputation, although as Mr. Ehrhart is as much before the public in the contest as Mr. Whitaker is, we might do so, and plead that as a justification, just as well as our opponents. We declare, simply, that for several very good reasons we know Mr. Ehrhart would not fill the office satisfactorily.

We then determined to elect Mr. Whitaker, and make these declarations in defense and explanation of our action:

First.—He has been a citizen of the town for seventeen years, and is well acquainted with our people, their circumstances and wants. Having been born and raised in the county, his feelings and sympathies are entirely with the people. His home and all his interests are in the town. He is known in the community as a man of irreproachable moral character, and of fair, just and conservative opinions.

Second.—He has had long and successful experience in school work, as teacher, superintendent and director; and the time he has taught in our schools and served on our own School Board, enables him to thoroughly know and understand our wants, our system and our methods.

Third.—His qualifications entirely fulfill the requirements of the laws of the state. We know that he has been thoroughly educated in all the studies required for Normal school graduates, and in a Normal school; besides this, he possesses a very important qualification, in the fact that, as a well-read man, and a man of general and practical knowledge and information, he is the peer of any man in our community.

Fourth.—We believe that all fair-minded citizens in the community, who know Mr. Whitaker, will concur in the above statements and agree with us that all the facts and circumstances indicate that he will make a good, faithful and efficient officer.

In conclusion, we desire to state, that we regret exceedingly that we are hampered by unreasonable, unthinking and narrow opposition in our efforts to discharge our duties faithfully and fairly. At the same time we declare firmly, that as we are the majority of the board, are confident of having done right, and thoroughly aware of our rights as "American Citizens" and public officers, no minority shall force their government upon us.

In Henry & Johnson's Arnica and Oil Liniment is combined the curative properties of the different oils, with the healing qualities of Arnica. Good for man and animal. Every bottle guaranteed. Im

Fresh Morris River Cove Oysters received daily at Conlett's. 9-22-1f

MEAT WILL NOT GO UP

THE BUTCHERS' MEETING WAS A FAILURE.

IT WAS AN EXTENDED MOVEMENT

What is Said About the Matter. The Western Beef Dealers are Not Yet Master of the Situation.



THE efforts of the butchers to raise the price of meats has failed and such being the case and having become generally known, the meat cutters do not attempt to withhold information about the matter. The movement was a far more extended one than was at first supposed and had a combination been formed all the towns in this valley would have been affected by it.

The movement was started here and interest in it was aroused by the circulation of printed statements setting forth that through the summer months the cost of beef is very high; that for some time past the butchers have expressed "a feeling of dissatisfaction with the way beef is selling, and also find it hard work to meet their running expenses."

Pursuant to this notice a meeting was held in this town and was attended by butchers from Girardville, Gilberton, Mahanoy Plane, Mahanoy City, Ashland and all but two of the butchers of this town, who were the Messrs. Stout and Hoehlers.

Fortunately for the people the plan failed and no combination on prices was made. A gentleman who attended the meeting says that it broke up in a wrangle.

When it was first opened George Rohland, of the firm of Rohland Bros., was called upon to act as chairman. He declined. He thought the people who put the movement on foot should step to the front and, moreover, he had been induced to attend the meeting against his will and did not propose favoring an advance of prices at the present time; too many people were out of work. He said as far as he was concerned he could get along with the present prices until times got a little better.

Then, according to the HERALD's informant, there was a lively time, during which Mr. Rohland left the meeting. Later on organization was effected by the election of Morris Wurm as chairman and Thomas Mayberry, manager for the Shenandoah Beef Company, secretary; but this arrangement availed nothing, for during the arguments that followed there were some hot exchanges which eventually led to a breaking up of the meeting in a wrangle as above stated.

In speaking of the affair a gentleman said yesterday, "The movement was made in a very bad season, as the HERALD stated Thursday evening. When the times are so hard by reason of the colliery suspensions and people can hardly buy meat at the present prices, how can they be expected to meet an advance of (on steak, for instance), from 10, 12, and 14 cents per pound to 18 cents? But there is another view to take of this matter. The very people who are now scrambling for high prices were the first to bring them down to what they are to-day in order to get control of the trade. This meeting was held in the Shenandoah Beef Company's place and the manager of the company was one of the chief spokesmen and the secretary of the meeting. What has the Shenandoah Beef Company done for the butchers of this town? Nothing but to cause an abandonment of the home slaughter houses and flood the town with dealers. The Western beef has come in and killed the home dealers. It has started in the business men who know no more about cutting a steak from a piece of beef than they know about diving for pearls. When the butchers were killing their own beef and getting good prices the Shenandoah Beef Company offered meat at ruinous prices and every man who owned a hatchet, a saw and a carving knife and enough money to hire a horse and wagon started in cutting up meat and selling it at almost what it cost us to buy the live cattle. People wanted the cheapest prices and we were obliged to fall into line and accommodate them. Many of us held out for months and lost money by it and now the parties who caused us that loss want us to fall into line and raise prices with them. I, for one, intend to take my time about doing it, at least until times get a little better. I understand a threat has been made that in case the butchers should not agree to raise prices the Shenandoah Beef Company will raise its prices anyway, and thus oblige the butchers to make an advance. All I have to say is that I hope the beef company will do so, for that would at once revive the old home-killing trade and the many practically idle slaughter houses would be in operation again. But a slight advance on the prices now charged the dealers who know anything about butchering in buying live cattle. The Western beef companies are masters of the situation when it comes to low prices, but when it tries to master the situation on high prices the butchers have it 'dead,' and don't

you forgot it. The beef company came here and ruined the trade by cutting prices and flooding the town with dealers who are in a sense to the real butchers the same as the pack peddlers are to the merchants who pay a mercantile license and high rents. Now let it be satisfied and not try to lead us by the nose."

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PERSONAL.

Miss Agnes Stein spent today at Pottsville. Miss Carrie Folmer has returned from her Philadelphia trip. Miss Sadie Brennan, of Girardville, was a visitor to town last evening. S. B. Boyer, Esq., one of Sunbury's attorneys, is visiting friends in town. Charles E. Folmer is home on a vacation from the Bucknell University, Lewisport. Charles Hooks has returned to town after a two weeks visit to the western part of the state.

Miss Kate Niehter has returned home from Philadelphia where she had been visiting for the past four weeks.

Misses Lizzie Llewellyn and Annie Derr are in attendance at the county convention of the Christian Endeavor at Tamaqua.

Charles Yarowsky has disposed of his goods' furnishing goods store on West Centre street and moved to Harrison, N. J., where he will continue the same business.

Rev. D. Todd Jones, who left this town about nine years ago and has since been located at Arvonia, Kansas, is visiting friends in town and will occupy his old pulpit in the Welsh Congregational church to-morrow morning and evening.

"A stitch in time" often saves consumption. Down's Elixir used in time saves life. Im

NEW SERIES.

The Mutual Guarantee Building and Loan Association.

In order to meet the large demand for loans a new series of 200 free shares of the Shenandoah Branch of the Mutual Guarantee Building and Loan Association will be issued to those who desire stock as a permanent investment, or for the purpose of securing loans.

The first payment on each share of \$1.00 to be made on Monday afternoon, May 22nd, at which time the series will open and continue until all the shares are taken.

Applications for shares in the meantime will be taken by the Treasurer, Charles W. Dengler, Justice of the Peace, 127 North Main Street, Shenandoah. The rate of gain of this fund to the present time is nearly 104 per cent. per annum.

Stock will mature in less than seven years. Remember the time and place. 5-13-93

Tony Farrell to-night.

Bring your best girl to see Tony Farrell in his great play to-night. The last show of the season. The cutest child actress on the American stage. All new songs and humor. Don't miss this rare treat. Procure your reserved seats at once.

What a blessing to be told of so good a remedy for coughs and colds as Dr. Coxe's Wild Cherry and Seneca. Price 25 and 50 cents.

G. A. E. Notes.

The committee having charge of the Memorial Day arrangements met again last evening and appointed the ladies' committee on floral contributions. Arrangements have been made for a supply of flowers.

On Sunday, 25th inst, Watkin Waters Post No. 146, will attend divine service in the Trinity Reformed church. Rev. O'Boyle will preach the sermon.

Girl Wanted.

A good girl wanted at Schoener's hotel and restaurant. 5-11-1f

Now for Oxford Ties.

At the People's store will be found a big selection of ladies' Oxford ties, warranted solid and in the latest styles, at 75 cents and upwards. PEOPLE'S STORE, 5-11-1f 121 North Main Street.

A Fine Business Opportunity.

As I have a chance to go into another business I have decided to sell my goods' furnishing store, corner Main and Centre streets. No reasonable offer refused. Wm. H. FABRY, Cor. Main and Centre Sts., Shenandoah. 5-9-1f

Servant Girl Wanted.

A reliable girl can find employment by applying to A. T. Jones, 11 N. Main street. 5-12-2f

Buy Keystone flour. Be sure that the name LESSEE & BAKER, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every sack. 3-3-31aw

Twelve Photos for 50c. By sending us your cabinet, together with 50 cents, we will finish you one dozen photos. 1-2-1f W. A. KEAGY.

Best work done at Brennan's Steam Laundry. Everything white and spotless. Lace curtains a specialty. All work guaranteed.

CARPET BEATERS.

All kinds, at Fricke's Carpet Store, S. Jardin St