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FLORIDA ORANGES—
Large, Fresh and Sweet.

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The Civil Service Rules Must be Respected.

A KANSAS CASE IN POINT

President Cleveland Removes a Democratic Postmaster at Topeka For Placing a Too Liberal Construction on the Rules and Removing Republican Carriers.

A few days ago the HERALD stated that the Shenandoah clerical and carrier force would continue in the service in the absence of voluntary resignations or removals for cause, and that the cause would have to be a bona fide one. It was stated at the same time that any attempt on the part of the new postmaster to violate the civil service law would meet with prompt dismissal and the appointment of a successor.

These remarks were not directed at a threat or challenge, and were not directed to Mr. Mellet in particular, because that gentleman was not appointed at that time. They were simply a general construction of the declarations of President Cleveland and Postmaster-General Bissel.

Our esteemed contemporary, the *Sunday News*, very naturally differed with the statement and in its last issue said:

"We guess not. The new postmaster can and will, for the good of the service, appoint new clerks and new carriers. No sensible postmaster would himself surround with people of opposite political affiliations, and no administration of his own faith either expects or demands him to do it. The HERALD should brush itself up on actual civil service rules, and the carriers and clerks would do well to be on the lookout for new jobs."

Just what the *News* means by *actual* civil service rules the HERALD is not prepared to say, but it will undertake to cite an actual occurrence which seems to sustain the assertion which called for the reply.

Shortly after his inauguration as President, Mr. Cleveland appointed Frank S. Thomas postmaster at Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Thomas, guided by actual civil service rules and a dislike for having "himself surrounded with people of opposite political affiliations," immediately dismissed all the carriers and other employees in the Topeka office to make room for his Democratic friends, who, by the way, had not passed a civil service examination.

Mr. Thomas' action caused a great hue and cry and he was threatened with removal, but convinced that "no administration of his own faith either expects or demands" that he should be surrounded with people of opposite political affiliations, Thomas only laughed at the threats. He declared that he was the boss, knew what he was doing and, being an influential Democrat, felt sure that the President and Postmaster-General would not mind "a little thing like that."

But Mr. Thomas was mistaken. Charges against him, alleging violations of the civil service law, were made by the Civil Service Commission and then brought to the attention of the Postmaster-General.

One of the last acts of President Cleveland, before taking himself and family away to Lakewood for the Christmas holidays, was to remove Frank S. Thomas and appoint A. J. Arnold in his stead, as postmaster of Topeka, Kansas.

It would, perhaps, be well if the *News* would brush itself up on true civil service rules and the declarations of President Cleveland and Postmaster-General Bissel in regard to them.

OB'S OBSERVATIONS.

What He Sees and Hears During His Travels About Town.

Some people seem to feel that their cup of happiness is never full until they have a fight. Thus it was with two young men of town on Christmas day. The day was not merry for them until they went to the north end of Main street, took off their coats and had a regular old fashioned, bare-knisted thumping match. After one round they shook hands and went home.

The mania for altering street signs of all kinds by the addition or alteration of a letter is a strange one. Not only is the omnipresent small boy afflicted with a desire to make signs ridiculous, but the larger boy who has grown to man's estate also occasionally catches the fever. Everybody has seen the familiar "Post no Bills" or "Post no Bills," by the erasure of the lower part of the letter "R." These cases may be attributed to the small boys. In a Main street store a sign has recently been posted notifying customers that "men who spit tobacco juice on the floor of the store would be ejected." On many of these signs, a letter "R" has been written in before the word "ejected," and many of the firm's customers are told that they will be "rejected."

I am in a position to state that if some of the physicians in town do not stop "monkeying" with the Board of Health laws there will be a series of prosecutions. It has already become a "public secret" among the beneficial societies of the town that some physicians do not make faithful reports of the diseases and that they frequently use false names in their reports. At a meeting of one of the societies this week there was considerable indignation. It was stated that some physician had reported a case as a bilious attack and after several members had come in frequent contact with the patients it was discovered that the disease was a contagious one.

Several of the local societies are required by their laws to not only pay sick benefits, but also to either provide a nurse or watchers. No member of any society is willing to serve in either capacity when the case is one of contagious disease and when such service is given under the representation that the disease is not contagious, but it is subsequently discovered that there has been a deception, the feelings of these people can readily be imagined. It was declared the other night that in the future any misrepresentations discovered will be reported to the Board of Health and prosecutions asked for.

"A great many people," said a leading town jeweler last week, "have a passion for diamonds, which amounts to a craze. They do not care for any other precious stones and will pass by a valuable amethyst or ruby without a glance, but will gaze longingly at a diamond of lesser value. We have a number of people who come into the store regularly just to look at our diamonds. They are not so financially fixed as to be able to buy the stones, but they love to look at them. Two or three of these people are well known in Shenandoah, and I allow them to handle the diamonds and examine them closely. It is a peculiar fact that long association with diamonds makes a man love them, even though at first he does not care for them. This love does not come so much because of the intrinsic value of the stones as because of their beauty. The diamond taste, like that for olives, is an acquired one."

Some Shenandoah newspapers, I say some because there are many of them, when there is a cock fight in the town or near it have an amusing way of trying to throw the police off the scent. Whenever one reads in a daily paper of a man "in a western suburb," it is sure that the fight was east of the town. If the daily papers say that the fight occurred "near the county line," the fight really occurred inside the town limits. If the papers assert that the fight "was Mt. Carmel way," the police know that it really happened as close to the town as possible. Some years ago the method of trying to keep information as to the locality of a fight from the police was successful, but it is played out now. The cock-fighting fraternity are willing enough to give up information as to the fights, but they do it only when they are assured that no names will be mentioned in the papers and that the place of the main will not be named. Shenandoah, by the way, is one of the cock-fighting centers of the country. In the winter months rains occur nearly every week. Reports of these, however, seldom appear in the papers.

Stood the Test.

Alcock's Porous Plasters are unsurpassable in curative properties, rapidity and safety of action, and are the only reliable plasters ever produced. They have successfully stood the test of over thirty years' use by the public; their virtues have never been equalled by imitations who have sought to trade upon the reputation of Alcock's by making plasters with holes in them, and claiming them to be "just as good as Alcock's," and they stand today endorsed by not only the highest medical authorities, but by millions of grateful patients who have proved their efficacy as a household remedy. Beware of imitations. Ask for Alcock's and do not be persuaded to accept a substitute.

Brandreth's Pills will purify the blood.

Benevolent Veterans.

The relief committee of Watkin Waters Post, No. 148, G. A. R., will this week distribute turkeys among the indigent members and indigent widows of members of the Post. This custom was established when the Post was first instituted and has been followed every year since.

Notice to Societies.

The HERALD office is prepared to print on short notice, programs, notices, guarantees, etc., at the lowest rates.

TOPICS OF THE DAY

Removals By the Hand of Death.

HENRY VAN DUSEN DIES

One of the Oldest and Best Known of Pottsville's Citizens and a Former Resident of Shenandoah—Cousinman Van Dusen's Father—Veteran Dress Dead.

Death yesterday suddenly removed Henry Van Dusen, a gentleman residing at Pottsville and well known throughout the county, especially in this town. Mr. Van Dusen died at the residence of his son-in-law, Col. Thomas H. Rickett, at Pottsville. The deceased was the father of Congressman Van Dusen, of town, and for a number of years resided here. He owned the property on North Main street now held by Charles Newhouse.

Mr. Van Dusen was born at Lee, Massachusetts, December 21, 1811, and located in Pottsville in 1829. He resided at the latter place for forty years and while there was engaged in the tanning business and at one time he was the owner of a tannery at Catawissa. He was also an extensive lumber dealer at one time. Sixteen years ago he moved from Pottsville to Shenandoah and after engaging in the mercantile pursuits for about six years retired to private life. After that he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Kate, at Berwick.

While visiting his son-in-law, Col. Rickett, two weeks ago, Mr. Van Dusen was attacked with the grippe, which was followed by an attack of apoplexy.

The surviving children are Mrs. T. H. Rickett, Pottsville; Mrs. J. H. Dietrick, Altoona; Miss Katie Van Dusen, Berwick; Charles, Williamsport; Jonathan, Hastings, Pa.; Thomas H., Shenandoah. Another son, Theodore, died at Williamsport two years ago.

Charles Dress, a veteran of the war, member of Co. M, Second Regiment, United States Cavalry, died at his late residence on East Line street, resulting from the grippe. He was in his 92d year. His funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery. He was a member of Watkin Waters Post, No. 148, G. A. R., of town.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.

Mr. Mellet Forwarded His Bond to Washington.

Michael Mellet, the newly appointed Shenandoah Postmaster, received an official notification of his appointment on Christmas day, and with it a blank bond. The latter he has already filled out and sent to Washington. He expects to have his commission in hand by Saturday and if it arrives the office will be transferred to him immediately after the close of business on Saturday night. Should there be no delay in the arrival of the commission, when the office is re-opened next Monday morning it will be in charge of the new administration.

Mr. Mellet has given no intimation of any changes all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. To an interviewing reporter he said yesterday, "I am not bothering my head about any changes just now. When the right time comes I will just walk into the old place and for the present I can't say anything in regard to location, or anything else."

The Show Tonight.

Howorth's Hibertina Comedy Company performed at Smith's opera house on Friday evening to a very large and appreciative audience. The performance is one of decided merit. The several characters were well taken, and singing and dancing were good. The old dancing was the best ever seen in Pottsville. Mr. Howorth has a strong company this season, and gives a better deal, far better, than he has in any other season.

Died.

BUNN.—On the 27th inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., Joseph, son of John Bunn, aged 15 years and 10 months. Funeral will take place on Friday, 29th inst., at 1:30 p. m. Services at the family residence, 329 West Lloyd street. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

12-28-11

DRESS.—In Shenandoah, Pa., December 27th, 1893, Charles Dress, aged 63 years, passed on Sunday, December 31, 1893, at 1 o'clock p. m. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

12-28-11

For Business Men and Societies.

The HERALD has secured the right to use the Malotte patent writing tablet covers, with reversible blotter, the only blotter tablet cover constructed which turns under the tablet. This is especially adapted for letter and note heads, bill heads, statements, etc., and will be placed on stationary free for the balance of 1893. Any one interested will please call and examine the handy device at the HERALD office.

Fried oysters a specialty at McElhenry's.

9-19-11.

Lawyer Foster's Branch Office.

Sol. Foster, Esq., Attorney and Counselor at Law, Pottsville, has taken rooms at No. 121 North Main street, and will open a

A DOUBLE-EDGED TOOL.

Humor of Proceedings to Impeach Commissioner—Eject Allen.

Special to HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Dec. 28.—It is said among Republicans and Democrats here that papers are being prepared for proceedings to impeach Commissioner-elect Allen.

It is said the charges will embrace bribery, it being claimed that Mr. Allen made numerous promises to help bring about his election as Commissioner.

At the same time it is said by some that if these steps are taken Allen will turn and attack other officers elect on the same grounds and the result will be that impeachment proceedings will be instituted against three or four parties.

A prominent politician said to-day that the whole story is yet untold and when it does come out there will be some pretty dirty linen before the public gaze.

FIRE ON THE FLAG.

An American Skipper Complains of an Outrage.

Special HERALD Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Captain G. A. Andrews, of the American three-masted schooner *Grace Andrews*, has arrived here from Natal, Brazil, and complains that he was molested by the Brazilian government troops, despite his protest and display of the American flag. Capt. Andrews and a number of his men were imprisoned as suspects for thirty-six hours, without food.

IT IS A HOAX.

Kebley Run Colliery Not Sold, and Not for Sale.

There is a report in circulation that the Kebley Run colliery, operated by the Thomas Coal Company, has been sold to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal & Iron Company, and that the present is the last week of the old management.

Superintendent Baird to-day denied the report and said that he did not think the colliery was for sale. On the contrary the Thomas Coal Company is making purchases and the usual preparations for the operation of the colliery in January. Mr. Baird says such reports got out about once every year.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPEAL.

Lithuanians Deplore the Persecution of Their Church.

Mr. A. Mikulas, of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, near Philadelphia, is a visitor to our town for the last week or so, and while here intends to interest his countrymen, the Lithuanians, with a history of the Russian government's barbarous treatment of his Catholic brethren in Russia, Russia. The young man is meeting with great success, as the following will show.

There was a Lithuanian mass meeting held here on the 23rd inst. The following named gentlemen gave a brief history of the persecution of the Catholic church in Russia: Rev. Abramatis, of Shenandoah; A. Mikulas, of Philadelphia; E. Zylinski, Rev. Patrias, of Mahanoy City.

On the 25th inst. there was a similar meeting held at Mahanoy City. At both meetings there was a set of resolutions drafted and approved as follows:

Resolved, That we appeal to all liberty loving people, and especially to the great American people, asking their kind consideration for those of our miserably persecuted countrymen now in prison for defending their church by expressing an emphatic and indignant protest against such barbarous persecution of religion and nationality of Catholic Lithuanians in Russia.

Resolved, To incorporate Lithuanian societies in the name of "Lithuanian Martyrs of Krosh" in every town and city, where Lithuanians live, in the United States.

Resolved, To publish a Lithuanian and English pamphlet with detailed description of the history of the closed Lithuanian Catholic church in Krosh and of other cruel means of Russian despotic government towards oppressing and wiping out the Lithuanian nationality in Russia.

Resolved, We appeal to all Lithuanians in America in order they follow the example of the Lithuanians in Shenandoah and Mahanoy City to meet and protest against the Russian government persecutions.

Resolved, That we express most emphatic indignation against the Russian official papers who shamefully dare to print such a misrepresenting denial of the facts at Krosh as was mentioned in the Philadelphia papers of December 23, 1893.

LITHUANIANS OF SHENANDOAH AND MAHANOY CITY.

Something New.

Before buying natural flowers or wax-work for funeral offerings call and see the lovely metallic wreaths, crosses, etc. They are beautiful, and cheap too. Will never fade. At Mrs. M. F. Schmidt's, 167 North Jardin street, Shenandoah. Also an immense line of holiday goods in tin, agate hardware, etc.

12-16-28

Fair Attractions.

A large gathering at the Columbia Company's fair in Robbin's opera house on Friday evening was pleasantly entertained by Malis and McManamin. Their jigs and recited violin solos with cornet and piano accompaniment.

Given Away.

For sixty days Kugey, the photographer, will give a 10x12 platinum picture with every dozen of his \$3 cabinets.

Tax Notice.

On and after January 10, 1894, people delinquent for 1893 taxes will be obliged to pay an additional five per cent.

M. J. SCANLON,
Receiver of Taxes.

BATTLE FOR BAGGAGE

And Constable Giblin Worst of the Enemy.

A BATS MAN STRUCK OUT

Difference of Opinion as to the Right to Hold a Guest's Baggage Leads to a Possible Execution of a Search Warrant Under the Law Writ.

There was a lively scene on White street to-day, a sequel to a law suit between the constable and a man named John A. Van Allen, of North Main street, who had been arrested before the Justice and illegally withholding his baggage.

A warrant was issued for Mrs. Montague on a charge of larceny as bailee and defendant appeared she claimed \$30.00. Allen claimed that he was asked by Montague to come to Shenandoah on Christmas, but if he had loaned Mrs. Montague a dollar he had loaned Mr. Montague.

The Justice said his only object in the warrant was to bring the parties to a settlement and the amount of money he thought there would be in disposing of the matter.

Mrs. Montague said she was doing with the borrowing of her husband and the Justice.

Allen sought to hold the baggage within reach to answer a charge of ascending boilers' act.

Justice Toomey urged that Mrs. Montague surrender the baggage, that what he owed, and that between them for the time being.

No settlement could be reached until a defendant was required to furnish \$500.00 for her trial at court.

The Justice said Mr. Montague had a hot exchange of opinions as to the former said if Van Allen were to out a search warrant for the Justice would issue it and a constable the Montgomery house.

"All right," said Montgomery, the constable gets there he will.

Van Allen swore out a search warrant for the constable Giblin walked a door into the house. He found the entrance after knocking and demanding, but his foot against the door and something else creaked, but the door gave. The next moment Montgomery was down an evening post from the window and raised a base ball bat with which he landed a blow on the man and said something against interference with the performance of duty.

Those who witnessed the scene were quite mole-dramatic, notwithstanding blows were struck. It was sought by Giblin and Goliath tableau with a death. Giblin went back to the entrance and Montgomery, by some circuitous route, got back in the house and as the constable again attempted to force the door two stichels fell from second story window. Giblin picked them up and marched back to Justice Toomey's office humming "Throw him down, McClellan."

There are many common ailments of which there is only one great cure for—sprains, cuts, bruises and all the various kinds of inflammation, sold at F. F. D. Kirtley's drug store.

SKATING AT THE

Two Young People Break the Ice.

The reservoirs of the Shenandoah Water Company have been a pop young people of this and they know how to skate many nights, crowds have up the steep mountains to the skating in said to be made in sheets of ice, and being a number of Mahanoy City.

Yesterday the were repaired, but after a edge around him out of the than the drop.

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