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We open a new stock of

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Two yards wide, at 50c a yard.

All New Patterns and the Best Quality

We have yet offered at the price.

## Also a line of New Rag Carpets

Excellent quality and low prices.

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Beautiful Patterns at Greatly Reduced Prices,  
From 85 cents up.

## A Special Drive in 50 Dozen Men's Cotton Half Hose.

4 pair for 25c. Excellent quality, about half price.

Try our New Blouter Mackerel—fine, white and fat.

**AT KEITER'S.**

## PROCEEDING SLOWLY!

### The Briggs Case Will Run Through This Week.

### BRIGGS' GOOD REPUTATION

Several Thomaston People Put in a Good Word for Him—Judge Weidman Throws Out a Strong Hint in Regard to the Traction Company's Interest in the Case.

SPECIAL TO HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 13.—Saturday's session of the Briggs trial was a very uninteresting and tedious one. The first part of it was consumed by the consideration of the testimony of Surveyor Britton and was of a technical character, so that those who had gathered in the court room for the sake of listening to the testimony lost interest in the case.

After the examination of Mr. Britton was concluded Mr. Brumm called several witnesses to prove the good character of the defendant.

The prisoner received excellent recommendation from the latter witness, but his testimony related only to the life of the prisoner from boyhood up to ten or eleven years ago, and if there is anything to be shown in regard to the character of the prisoner during recent years it must be done by other witnesses.

D. J. SHOLENBERGER, a shipper at the Thomaston colliery and residing at Thomaston, was the first witness called to prove the prisoner's character.

Mr. Shollenberger said he had known the prisoner for 25 years.

Q. What is the reputation of Briggs for good order and peace?

A. So far as I know it is all right.

Q. And so far as you know his character is good?

A. First rate, so far as I know. None better.

On cross examination the witness said that Briggs had never exhibited quick temper in his presence and he had seen very little of him for the past six years.

WILLIAM FENNEL, employed as stable boy at the Thomaston colliery, has known John Briggs since boyhood. Went to school together.

Q. What is his reputation for peace and good order?

A. Good, so far as I know.

The witness met Briggs several times since the latter left Thomaston and never heard anything contrary to his opinion of the latter.

JOHN O'DONNELL is a storekeeper at Heckscherville and has lived there since 1873. He has known John Briggs since 1877 or 1878.

Q. State what the general reputation of John Briggs is to peace and good order?

A. Good, so far as I know.

This witness knew nothing of Briggs' movements since he left Thomaston about 11 years ago.

JEREMIAH O'DONNELL has lived in Thomaston thirty years and never heard John Briggs' reputation for peace and good order questioned.

THOMAS PARRELL lives at Mittersville and has known John Briggs since 1855.

Q. What is his reputation for peace and good order?

A. Always good. I have never heard it questioned in any way. I never saw him in anger.

The counsel for the Commonwealth moved to have the latter part of the answer stricken out and the court so directed on the grounds that the testimony of the witnesses should be restricted to the reputation of the accused for peace and good order.

JOHN LITTLE, a resident of St. Clair, testified he had known the prisoner for 27 years and his reputation was good.

JOHN BERGMAN, a resident of Heckscherville, testified he had been a resident of that place for nearly 40 years. He had known Briggs for 25 or 27 years.

Q. What is his reputation for peace and good order?

A. Good. I never heard it questioned.

In answer to a question by Mr. Brumm, Mr. Bergman said he was an ex-Poor Director of Schuylkill county.

In answer to a protest by both Mr. Brumm and the Court to a question as to whether Mr. Bergman had been defeated for nomination Mr. Whitehouse said he had the right to cross examine and the question as to Mr. Bergman being an ex-Poor Director had no more bearing than that he had been defeated for nomination; and if the fact that he was an ex-Poor Director gave him a standing, the fact that he was defeated for the nomination reduced that standing.

Mr. Bergman got in a word edgewise and intimated that he was not defeated for the nomination and evidently intended to say more, but Judge Weidman quashed the discussion.

MORRIS WILHELM

SWORN.

Were you connected with the Schuylkill Traction Company on the 21st of August, last?

A. Yes, sir. I was their attorney.

Q. Had you anything to do with the ordinance passed by the borough of Gilberton, or the negotiations leading to it, giving the

company the right of way through the borough?

A. I have seen an ordinance granting right of way to the Schuylkill Traction Company and the companies which have leased the road and I was present at the time that one ordinance, at least the last one, was granted, but was not present when the first was granted and had nothing to do with it.

Q. Were you present at any time when an ordinance was granted or passed with reference to the assignment, or the granting of the privilege to an assignee of the electric railway company?

A. Yes, sir. I think I was.

Q. State whether or not at that time there was any protest filed because of any failure on the part of the company to comply with the previous ordinance?

Objected to.

Judge Weidman: "Mr. Brumm, I am very certain that the question of murder will not turn on the question of the negotiations between the Borough of Gilberton and the Traction Company."

Mr. Brumm: "That may be so, your Honor, but I think it will on the question of homicide and the defense of the company's property."

Mr. Wadlinger made a lengthy and spirited argument in support of the objection to the question, stating among other things that the law in regard to the defense of property as claimed by the counsel for the prisoner only applied in cases where there was a domicile and where actual occupants were threatened.

Mr. Brumm also replied spiritedly and at length.

Judge Weidman sustained the objection and then court was adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 13.—Judge Weidman's time was taken up until nearly 11 o'clock this morning in motion court, handing down decisions and arranging the civil court calendar. Meanwhile the Briggs case was held and owing to the delay but little progress was made before the adjournment for the dinner recess.

John Briggs reappeared in court this morning, looking cheerful and evidently refreshed by a good night's rest. Briggs has a hope of acquittal, but from his conversations it is apparent that he will not be surprised if called upon to serve a few years' imprisonment. He seems confident that if convicted the degree will not be fixed higher than manslaughter.

DR. W. T. REACE sworn: I reside at Mittersville, I have known John Briggs for 15 or 20 years. His character is good and I have never heard it questioned for peace and good order.

CROSS EXAMINATION. During the past nine or ten years I have not known much about his general reputation.

J. W. LLOYD sworn: I reside at Girardville. I have known John Briggs for over two years. His character is good. I always found him peaceful, trustworthy and honest.

CROSS EXAMINATION. I never knew him to be in any quarrel.

J. M. GLECK sworn: I reside at Girardville and have lived there 28 years. I am a merchant. I have known Briggs for five or six years. His reputation for peace, quiet and good order is good.

CROSS EXAMINATION. I have never heard of Briggs being a fighting man or quarrelsome?

W. G. PARKER sworn: I reside at Girardville and have lived there over 16 years. I went to school with John Briggs, but lost track of him after that until about six years ago. I am Quarter Master Sergeant of Co. F, 5th Regiment, National Guard, of Girardville, which is Mr. Briggs' company. His reputation for peace, quiet and good order is very good.

CROSS EXAMINATION. I never heard his reputation discussed prior to this trouble.

The Theatre. Madden and Lowrey, two young men of town, who have embarked in and made their mark in the variety branch of the theatrical profession, gave an entertainment in Ferguson's theatre Saturday evening. The pair are very clever and are good dancers. They can entertain an audience as well as any team in their line and in Mr. Lowrey, especially, there is the make up of a negro comedian which the public will very much appreciate. In sketches the pair fill the bill with entire satisfaction. Mally and McManus, P. J. Vaughan and John Murphy contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening; and the Rose Brothers gave a rattling three round set to.

Officers Installed. The newly-elected officers of the Ladies' Aid Society, No. 18, Sons of Veterans, were installed on Saturday evening by Past President Eliza Walker, as follows: P. Pres. Sallie Bunn; Pres. Margaret Brown; V. Pres. Susan Troutman; Guide, Annie Townsend; Treasurer, Lizzie Tosh; Sec'y., Pauline Boyer; I. G., Mary Davidson; O. G., Mary Bascher; Chap. Bells Brown; Trustee, Lizzie Manning; Annie Wilman and Precilla Bascher; Advisory Committee, Fred Hopkins, Jr., Frank Maloy, David Dadda, David Price, W. Haines; Judge Advocate, Joseph Bowman.

DRUG. WHITAKER.—Died at Shenandoah, Pa., on Saturday, January 13, 1894, Bernard, son of Michael J. and Mary Whitaker, aged 10 years 3 months and 21 days. Funeral on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Interment in Annsandale cemetery.

## KILLED ON A CROSSING

### Butcher Smoyer Meets a Horrible Death.

### THE BODY DECAPITATED.

Bystanders Say the Unfortunate Man Tried to Cut Off the Freight Train, Which Was Going at a Very Lively Speed.

SPECIAL TO HERALD.

Charles H. Smoyer, the North Jardin street butcher, met with a frightful death Saturday afternoon. As he was driving from the south to the north side of the valley of No. 2 his wagon was struck by a fast west-bound freight train. It was about 1 o'clock when the accident happened.

When the train struck the wagon it threw Smoyer beneath the wheels and his body was horribly mangled. The body was decapitated and the right arm, left hand, left leg and right foot were cut off. The body was also dismembered.

The accident occurred on the road which runs in a straight line from the north to the south side of the valley. In consequence of side tracks the crossing is very broad at this point and the statements of people who claim to have witnessed the accident seem plausible.

They say the unfortunate man tried to speed over the crossing before the arrival of the train.

The wagon was drawn by two horses and one of them was killed. The animal was knocked down by the train and one of its legs was broken, but it got up and ran up the road northwardly from the crossing for about thirty yards when it fell dead. The other horse escaped injury.

The train carried the wagon to the creek about 170 yards west of the crossing, and the vehicle and its load of meat was thrown aside, on the bank of the creek.

Smoyer was 34 years of age and leaves a wife and child.

The remains were brought to town by a special engine.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Services at 2 o'clock at the house on West Coal street.

PENCIL POINTS.

The ferry case of James S. Thomas has been amicably settled and the prosecution withdrawn.

James Morgan, of West Coal street, and employed as timberman at Robinson colliery, was slightly injured by a fall of coal this morning.

J. S. Thomas has sold his property, at 121 N. West street, to R. J. Ball, and is now preparing to locate at Wilkes-Barre.

New Trial B-I won. Judge Reichel this morning handed down a decision overruling a motion by J. J. Pannery, Esq., for a new trial for J. J. Dougherty, convicted last week of adultery on complaint of his brother-in-law, John Kasey. The motion was made on the ground that the wife had testified against her husband before the Grand Jury. Judge Reichel held that Mrs. Dougherty was competent to testify as to her marriage with the defendant. He was then sentenced to serve five months in jail, pay a fine of \$5 and the costs.

Died at the Hospital. Bernard, the ten year-old son of M. J. Whitaker, the principal of the Gilberton schools, died at the Movers' Hospital on Saturday afternoon from shock attending an operation. When the boy was about three years of age he injured his leg and as years rolled on his leg became more and more affected until it developed into a case of necrosis. The object of the operation was to remove part of the bone.

At the Point of Death. Information was received here to-day to the effect that Samuel Roberts, now a resident of Mount Carmel, was lying at the point of death from a severe attack of pleurisy. His daughter, one of our school teachers, was announced by telegraph. This will be painful news to Mr. Roberts' numerous friends in this town, among whom he resided for a number of years previous to moving to Mt. Carmel about a year ago.

Columbus Club Reception. The society event of the season will occur on Wednesday evening, January 25th, when the Columbus Club will hold their second annual reception in Robbins' opera house. Extensive preparations are being made for the occasion, and it is expected that it will surpass anything of the kind yet held under the auspices of this popular society club.

Wait for Bargains. A very fine lot of Ladies' Morocco shoes, all sizes, have been consigned to me and will arrive on Thursday. They are from a large factory direct—goods that were never handled by a retail house. Prices will be 50 cents on the dollar, at private sale only. Gents' shoes, all sizes, at same figure.

Reese's Auction and Commission Room, 1-15 41. W. Centre street, Shenandoah.

They Exceed Teams. The members of W. Camp, No. 25, P. O. S. of A., of Wm. Penn, extend their thanks to all parties who took part in the entertainment connected with the public installation of their officers, and who in any manner contributed to the success of that affair.

## TRAIN TELESCOPED.

Thirteen Passengers Killed in a Head-on Collision.

SPECIAL TO EVENING HERALD. JERSEY CITY, Jan. 13.—This morning a heart-rending accident occurred on a branch of the Jersey Central railroad, near Paterson, N. J., by which at least thirteen passengers lost their lives. The Orange express was crossing the Hackensack bridge in a dense fog, and ran into and telescoped the Denver express, bound in an opposite direction. The names of the dead and injured have not yet been obtained.

## PERSONAL.

Congressman Schuylkill is convalescing. The general P. M. Bevan is again in town. P. J. Ferguson spent to-day at the court's seat.

John Austock, of Mahanoy City, spent the day here. John H. Fisher came up from Pottsville on business to-day.

Patrick Carley, of St. Clair, is visiting his parents here. Mrs. L. H. Carl, of Pottsville, spent the day with town friends.

Elmer Johnson, of Lost Creek, spent a few hours in town to-day. Miss Nellie Evans, of Mt. Carmel, is the guest of town friends.

Harry S. Roughly spent Sunday with Pottsville acquaintances. Isaac Lusk, of Pottsville, transacted business here this morning.

Mrs. A. J. Schaeffer returned to her home in Philadelphia to-day. Edward Kline, of Sunbury, is spending a few days with relatives in town.

S. A. Bechtel was in attendance at the Briggs trial in Pottsville to-day. Thomas Killeck, of Orwinstown, was seen upon our streets this morning.

Constable Thomas Deed was in attendance at the Pottsville court this morning. S. G. Acker, who is now located in Birdsboro, spent Sunday in town with his family.

William Haase, the cigar dealer of Pottsville, attended to business in town this morning. J. S. Evans, employed as compositor on the Philadelphia Times, visited friends here Sunday.

Harry Kline, Joseph Nounan and Charles Hendricks, of Mahanoy City, spent yesterday in town. Rev. John Williams occupied the pulpit in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church yesterday morning.

Michael Madison returned to Washington, D. C., to-day to assume his duties in the treasury department. Rev. D. D. Thomas, of Philadelphia, a Presiding Elder, was the guest of Rev. Cowick yesterday.

Patrick Lawler, superintendent of the Industrial Insurance Co., with headquarters at Shamokin, Sunday in town. Conductor Pierce Schiller shot a large red fox near Delano Saturday, which he has presented to Miss Hest Newminter.

William S. Robertson, of Philadelphia, one time a resident of town, is visiting friends here. He commutes locating in town again.

Hugh J. Evans left town to-day for Mt. Carmel, where he will locate. He has accepted a clerkship at the Green Ridge colliery.

J. S. Thomas, R. J. Ball, Edward Early, George B. Leitzel, David Coon, Adam Haber, John E. Finney and Lawyers S. G. M. Hollister, J. R. Coyle and M. M. Burke were in attendance at the county court to-day.

A Drunken Brawl. Much excitement was caused on East Lloyd street, in the neighborhood of the Waters property, by a fight resulting from the participants in drinking too freely to bear. The residents in that neighborhood for two squares around were attracted to the scene of the conflict, the participants of which were a Polish boarding-house keeper on the one side, and his wife and a boarder on the other. Pistols, knives, furniture and other implements of warfare were used quite freely, and when an accident of stock was taken after hostilities had ceased the boarder was found to be the worst off. Michael Hokeleski (the name of the boarding-house keeper, and Adam Mitchell as that of the boarder). When Hokeleski came home yesterday afternoon he found the boarder and his wife partaking quite freely of beer. In fact they were drunk, and the husband upbraided his wife for her conduct and failing to properly care for their children. This word brought on another, which resulted in a three fight, as noted above. Last evening Hokeleski had the boarder arraigned before Squire Williams, and in default of \$500 bail was committed. The case was amicably settled, however, this morning by the boarder procuring a new boarding house and paying all costs.

Don't Tramp!

All over town hunting FRESH EGGS.

BUT—Come straight to us. We have enough to supply you all. Strictly fresh. Remember we positively handle no lined nor ice-house eggs.

Graf's

122 North Jardin Street