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ONE CENT.

Bed Room!

Furniture of every variety and price. Many specialties worth columns of description and praise. But we only have room to mention a few things. Chamber suits, \$20 up; rug parlor suits, \$40 up. All other goods cut down at same rate.

J. P. WILLIAMS & SON

THE SCHOOL BOARD!

A Regular Monthly Meeting Last Night.

INTERESTING REPORTS!

The Night Schools Continue to be Successful—The Public Library is Doing a Rushing Business—Children Must be Vaccinated by April 10th.

A regular meeting of the School Board was held last night with the following members present: Messrs. Coury, Hanna, Burke, Trense, Manley, Titman, Ogden, Daventport, Gallagher, Devitt, O'Hearn, Beddell and Muldoon.

A letter of thanks from people of Turkey Run for the use of the school house at that place for a concert was read and filed.

A communication from the Board of Health, notifying the School Board that on and after April 1, 1894, the ordinance in relation to vaccination will be strictly enforced, was read and the board decided to comply. All children who wish to attend the schools on and after April 16, 1894, will be obliged to show certificates of vaccination.

Solicitor Coyle said that in his opinion the School Board had authority to make such a provision.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the president of the Board of Health had informed him that in case parents are too poor the borough will be obliged to pay the expense of the vaccinations.

Mr. Gallagher suggested that the physicians of town get together and make arrangements for securing a supply of the best virus obtainable.

Superintendent Whitaker presented a lengthy written report showing, among other things: Term enrollment—boys, 1306; girls, 1454; total, 2760; monthly enrollment—boys, 1291; girls, 1512; total, 2503; average daily attendance—boys, 1030; girls, 1092; total, 2122; percentage of attendance—boys, 91; girls, 88; average, 90; number of pupils present every session, 535; number of visits by citizens, 177; number of visits by directors, 23; evening schools: Term enrollment, 473; monthly enrollment, 227; average attendance, 171; percentage of attendance, 78.

The report concluded as follows: "The attendance in the day schools has been excellent, the best in the history of our schools, and the actual school work has been fully up to our standard, so I am able to say that the month has been a very successful one. As you are aware, the evening school term expired last Friday evening, March 2d. Although some good has been accomplished by these schools, yet I cannot report them as a success. As in other years, the attendance and the results have been unsatisfactory and some very important changes must be made in the future to make these schools successful. During the month I instructed the teachers to gather some statistics on the subject of vaccination among our pupils. The following figures show the result: Number of children reported, 3407; number of vaccinations prior to 1893, 887; number vaccinated during 1893, 57; unvaccinated January 1, 1894, 1463. While the above figures may not be perfectly reliable, they are as correct as our teachers could secure from parents and children. If they are not correct they show one fact clearly enough, and that is that there are at least 1463 unvaccinated children attending our schools.

A report was read showing that to comply with the free text book law the board has thus far expended \$5,375.00 this year.

Mr. Ogden presented an exhaustive written financial report and also one on the library. In the latter he said the patronage of the public library is very large as large as can be cared for, while Saturday evening it was so large that the library committee was obliged to decide to take steps to reduce it and has insisted upon pupils taking advantage of Thursday afternoons and leaving Saturday evenings to the town people and other patrons. This has produced very good results. The library committee has received considerable aid from the male teachers in the work of distributing books, especially from Messrs. Lewis, Schaeffgen and Burks.

Secretary Hanna read a communication from Hon. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, stating that school text books, under the new law, are for use in the public schools and cannot, therefore, be used under any conditions whatever in private or sectarian schools. The directors have no discretion in the matter, except what the law gives to them; and inasmuch as the law itself limits the use of the books to the public schools, the directors cannot consistently use them for the use of private schools. The circular adds that the patrons of the schools are to be commended for the progressive spirit shown in the desire expressed to have better educational advantages for their children than are offered by short terms of schools. The proper course, however, to pursue in all such cases, is to extend the term of the public schools and thus give all the children the advantages of longer annual terms, and free text-books as well as free tuition. This is the correct solution of the whole question and is in accordance with the spirit of the laws governing the operation of the public school system. Where free text-books are in use, the schools must be free also, open to all children alike without any conditions or restrictions which the law itself does not authorize.

One of the last acts of the meeting was to instruct Solicitor Coyle to proceed at once against the bondsmen of the late John F. Higgins to collect the balance due on the tax duplicates of 1893.

At the Theatre.
Mañrice Drew's players supporting Lizzie May Ulmer will open a week's engagement at Ferguson's theatre next Monday, March 12th. Seats on sale at Klein's drug store and the prices are 10, 20 and 30 cents.

The Latest.
The latest gag about town is that when the dams of the public water works are completed they will be christened the Lakes of Killarney.

BASE BALL.

Shenandoah Does Not Favor a Coal Region League.

Some sports in Shamokin are trying to get up a coal region league of base ball. A writer to the Herald says that the plan is to get Shamokin, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Jeannette, Lansford and Hazleton together. "We can get \$500 subscribed in each place, which would make \$4,000, thus giving each team a good working capital," he says. There has been considerable base ball talk in Shenandoah the past few weeks, but at no time has a sentiment been found in favor of a coal region league. The town will undoubtedly have a hand in it, perhaps indirectly, but the program will be the same as last year—to enter no league and play exhibition games with the best clubs that can be secured. The reason is that Shenandoah will not patronize losers. They want a strong team and want to see it play the best clubs that can be induced to visit the town. Exhibition games with such clubs as the Cuban Giants, the Bellefontaines, Raynolds, Eastons, Scranton, etc., and Pottsville, on account of the rivalry existing between the two clubs, draw large crowds to the trotting park, but in the days of the Central League the club that didn't hold first or second place couldn't draw the guarantee. A coal region league has been fully discussed here, and unless something that cannot now be seen transpires, the people of Shenandoah won't touch it.

INSPECTOR APPOINTED.

John McGuire, of Tremont, Succeeds the Late Samuel Gay.

After taking 115 ballots the Examining Board at Pottsville yesterday appointed John McGuire, District Superintendent of the P. & R. collieries at Tremont, to succeed the late Samuel Gay as Mine Inspector in the Seventh district. The balloting commenced on Monday and there were twenty applicants.

Mr. McGuire was born at Whitehaven, Cambria county, England, on June 26, 1849, and came to this country with his father in 1852. He is a Republican in politics, a devout member of the Methodist church, and an active and popular member of several secret societies. Mr. McGuire located at Pottsville when he first came to this country and afterwards became a seaman, but after a few years gave up that life and joined his father at St. Clair, entering the mines. In 1882 he enlisted for one month in Company C, Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and in 1883 he enlisted for six weeks in Company C, 99th Pennsylvania Infantry. On February 8, 1884, he enrolled at Pottsville in Company F, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years, and was mustered out at Mcon, Georgia, 1885. He served in many engagements and participated in the capture of Jeff Davis.

AT THE COURT.

Some of the Cases Disposed of at Pottsville Yesterday.

James Gannon and John Guiley, two Girardville young men, plead guilty to stealing two kegs of beer and were sentenced to seven months' imprisonment.

John Prosser, Jr., of Shenandoah, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery and drunkenness made by his mother and was sentenced to 90 days' imprisonment, dating from his commitment, which leaves him thirty days to serve.

Joseph Deskevitz, a 10-year-old Shenandoah boy, was before Judge Bechtel yesterday, charged with being incorrigible. The judge administered a lecture to the boy and he was allowed to go home.

Michael Clark and James Malarky, of Shenandoah, confessed to being common nuisances and were sent to jail for sixty days.

Alexander Sands, of Shenandoah, was before the court, charged with assault and battery by Peter and Maud Becker and was ordered to pay the costs. In a case in which Sands was charged with assault and battery by William Becker the complaint was dismissed and Becker was ordered to pay the costs.

The Concert To-night.

The following program has been arranged for the special grand concert to be given in Robbins' opera house to-night by the Grand Band:

PART I.
March, "Ugland".....Recess
Overture, "Egmont".....Recess
Aria and variation, "Old Uncle Ned".....Recess
Solo for cornet, Mr. Peter Schlops.
Characteristic pieces.....Recess
German Medley.....At. by O'Connell
Musical studies.....Recess

PART II.
Melody march.....Recess
Austrian March.....Recess
"A Soldier's File".....Recess
Selection, "A Trip to China-town".....Recess
"The Iceberg".....Recess
Musical Description of Life in the Wild West.
Grip, "Blizzard".....Recess

The object of holding this concert under cover is to avoid the noise and confusion which attend open-air concerts and at the same time furnish all patrons with seats. A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged to all parts of the house in order to defray the actual expenses incurred.

PENCIL POINTS.

H. J. Muldoon and Sol. Foster, Esq., worked like beavers yesterday to get signatures to the petition for the appointment of Miss Tessie Slattery to a position in the Philadelphia mint.

We may have a few cold waves yet before spring asserts herself.

The farmers who come to town say the hard times are bearing as heavily upon them as on the laborer and business man.

Spring is near and now is the time to prepare for it, and that is the annual assault by the white-washing brigade.

Orders have been received at the Shamokin round house of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company to begin the use of bituminous coal as locomotive fuel next Monday.

Whitson's Bargain Sale.
Next Monday we place on sale, at 33 cents each, 500 gents' white shirts, our regular 75 cent quality. Fifty pieces best quality table oilcloths at 15 cents per yard. Also 100 pieces new dress ginghams worth 10 cents, will be offered at the low price of 6½ cents per yard. Our special sale at bargain prices is worthy of your attention.

L. J. WILKINSON,
24-27 28 S. Main street, Shenandoah.

DROWNED IN A DAM!

An Old Resident Committed Suicide This Morning.

WAS EDWARD GRIFFITHS

He Placed His Coat and Hat on the Bank of the Dam to Attract Attention and Left a Note Telling Where His Body Was—His Mind Probably Affected.

Edward Griffiths, aged 53 years and residing on West Oak street, committed suicide this morning by drowning himself in the dam opposite the Old Fellows' cemetery. It is believed his mind was affected.

The body was found floating in the dam by John White, a farmer in the Catawissa valley, and was pulled out to the bank of the dam by Sexton McGuire, who is stationed at the Annunciation cemetery. White brought the report to town.

An undertaker's wagon was sent up on the mountain for the remains and they were removed to the family residence on West Oak street.

The deceased left his home shortly after nine o'clock this morning without hitting that he contemplated the awful deed. It was last seen by Clay, Kohler, William Ecker, William Beisel and others. He was walking leisurely up the mountain, carrying a newspaper in his hand, and greeting each one he met with a pleasant "good morning." This was at 11 A. M.

Griffiths evidently made deliberate arrangements for his act. He placed his hat and coat on the north bank of the dam and put stones upon them, the intention evidently being to prevent the apparel from being blown away so that they would attract the attention of people who might pass the place.

The unfortunate man went into the dam on the north side and his body was found floating on the south side. When the body was taken out the eyes and mouth were closed naturally and the general appearance of the face was that of one in peaceful slumber.

In a pocket of the coat which was left on the dam's bank was found an irregularly torn piece of white paper bearing the following message:

"My body is in this dam."

"EDWARD GRIFFITHS."
Mr. Griffiths left a wife and four children, the youngest a son, being 15 years of age. His daughter, Mary, aged 16 years, was engaged at her studies in B class of the High school when the body was brought down from the mountain, but one of her sisters had been drowned, but only accidentally heard one of her classmates say who the victim was. The girl went into hysterics when the truth dawned upon her and was almost prostrated by grief.

Mrs. Griffiths is in ill health and the sudden great shock to her system, it is supposed that the unfortunate man's mind was affected. He had been suffering from the grippe since before last Christmas and he also brooded over his inability to secure steady work in the mines, although he was reputed to be pretty well off for a miner. He owned two nice dwellings on West Oak street, and two at the rear end of the Oak street houses.

INQUEST POSTPONED.

Evidence in the Gofjak Case Favors the Husband.

Deputy Coroner Manley and a jury spent two hours last night trying to ascertain the cause of death of Mrs. Margaret Gofjak, who was found dead in bed at her home in the First ward yesterday.

After examining a number of witnesses the inquest was adjourned to give time for a post mortem, which was made to-day. The result will be announced at the inquest this evening. Death is supposed to have been caused by alcoholism.

The evidence thus far taken in this case shows that the deceased was an habitual drunkard, yet it also shows that the woman was also beaten frequently by her husband and there is a possibility that some of the marks on her person came from his blows. Whether or not any or all of these injuries were sufficient to cause death or whether it was wholly due to alcoholism will be determined tonight. Most of the testimony favored the suspected husband.

Social Gathering.

A very pleasant social gathering was given last evening by Miss Ida Kolb, at the residence of Mrs. Flower Reese, on West Lloyd street. During the evening the guests sat down to a well-laden table of all the delicacies of the season, and fruits and flowers sent by friends. The evening was spent very pleasantly by those present, among whom were the following: Messrs. Gordon Brown, Chas. Lutz, Robert Lawson, Sylvester Deegan, William S. Reese, John Baker, Charles Deegan, John Hinderleiter, Charles Bienen, Harry Arsgood, Harry Master, Charles Ransberger, John and Edward Reese, Edward Danke, Misses Idaho P. Kolb, Annie M. Kimmel and Hannah Reese. The gentlemen who were present are members of Miss Kolb's class in the Presbyterian Sunday school.

A Range Explodes.

A range in the house of M. D. O'Hare, at 222 North Chestnut street, exploded this morning with such force as to scatter in small pieces and shatter the glass in the kitchen door and windows. Ida Gilbert, aged 19, who was at work in the kitchen at the time, was cut over the right eye and on the left side of the head by flying pieces, but not dangerously injured. Coal had been placed in the range a short time before the explosion occurred and it is believed a dynamite cap was in it. The range was completely wrecked.

A Good Show.

"The Diamond Breaker" company, with its car load of special scenery, arrived in town this morning and will appear at Ferguson's theatre to-night. The company is an excellent one and there is no better play on the road. Both gave great satisfaction here a short time ago.

PERSONAL.

Alex. Butler, of Delano, spent last evening in town.

William N. Grant was a county seat visitor to-day.

Elmer Hess, of Nescopee, is the guest of town relatives.

John Williams left for Newport News, Virginia, yesterday.

Will Hoppes and Charles Smith, of Mahanoy City, were seen here to-day.

William G. Ginter, of Lewisburg, was the guest of town friends last evening.

Frank McBarthy, veterinary surgeon, of Ashland, transacted business here to-day.

Mrs. H. Kraus and son, Arthur, are visiting the Misses Niebler, on Coal street.

Miss Florence Smith, of West Centre street, spent the day in Pottsville visiting friends.

Dr. P. Detweiler, of Schuylkill Haven, made personal calls here yesterday afternoon.

F. J. Brennan attended the funeral of a niece of P. J. Mulholland in Minersville, this afternoon.

Hon. Elias Davis, of Broad Mountain, shook hands with his numerous acquaintances in town to-day.

Samuel Evans spent this afternoon at the guest of his sister, Mrs. David Phillips, at Girardville.

Mrs. S. G. M. Hollinger and daughter returned to-day from Watons town, where they were visiting friends.

John L. Williams and wife, of Mt. Carmel, attended the funeral of Mrs. Rogers in town this afternoon.

Harry L. Rowling, representing "The Diamond Breaker," paid a pleasant visit to the HERALD office this morning.

Mrs. Margaret Faltner, who has been visiting her son, Charles Faltner, of West Oak street, returned to Tanamung yesterday afternoon.

Oliver Zerby, a former resident of town, but now engaged at farming in Beaver Valley, shook hands with old acquaintances in town to-day.

Special Grand Band Concert.
On Thursday evening, March 8th, the Grand Band will give a special grand concert in Robbins' opera house. The patrons will be furnished with comfortable seats and avoid the noise and confusion attending open air concerts. To defray the actual expenses there will be an admission fee of only ten cents to all parts of the house.

Dr. A. A. Seibert, 111 North Second Street, Pottsville, Pa.
Diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat treated; cross-eyes straightened without pain. Special attention given to catarrh and deafness. Any person suffering with pain in the head, or dimness of vision, who will consult Dr. Seibert on Friday of each week may have their eyes examined for glasses free of charge.

"The Diamond Breaker."
Magnificent scenery is used in this production and an exceptional cast will appear headed by Miss Estela Wardell, probably the strongest melo-dramatic actress in America. "The Diamond Breaker" will appear at Ferguson's theatre this evening.

He Paid the Costs.
Charles Ringbeiser was defendant in a suit for assault and battery brought before Justice Shoemaker last evening by Robert Linton, who said Ringbeiser struck him in the face without provocation. The accused was discharged upon paying the costs.

Wagon Disabled.
A wagon owned by W. H. Waters, of South Main street, was disabled at Gilberton yesterday by the parting of a king bolt and the driver, James Richards, was compelled to return home without the vehicle.

Idle Again.
All the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company will discontinue shipments and operations to-night until next Monday morning, making but 24 days working time for this week.

The Rogers Funeral.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Rogers took place this afternoon from the family residence on West Coal street. The attendance was very large. Interment was made in the Old Fellows' cemetery.

Mo. For California!
Special excursions to San Francisco and other points in California, \$40.25 from Shenandoah. For further particulars call on Max Reese, Railway Ticket Agent, Shenandoah, Pa.

Go and See!
Keager, the photographer, has a great \$5.00 bargain. Go and see it.

Special low prices to all in watches, jewelry and silverware at Holderman's, corner Main and Lloyd streets.

A very good and wise man told us the other day that Dr. Cass's Syrup for coughs and colds was far superior to any thing he ever tried.

Have you tried McIlheny's fried oysters?

Are You Hard to Please?

In MOLASSES?

Then try our "Century."

The best in town for the price. Heavy body, sweet, and rich flavor, and only 10c a quart.

Graf's

(22 North Jardin Street)



Embroideries...

It is, indeed, a delight to every lady to see the display of Embroideries just arrived and now on the entire table in our store. Very few go out of the store before buying some of them. The styles are the most beautiful we ever saw, and prices are lower than ever before.

Easter Sunday...

Is near at hand, therefore come and buy where you have the largest assortment and the very latest patterns. P. N. CORSETS.

Max Schmidt,

116-118 North Main Street, - Shenandoah, Pa.

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500 lbs. Fine Linen Writing Paper,

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This is the lowest price ever known for this quality of paper and can be had only at

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M. P. CONRY,

31 South Main St.

Monongahela whiskey.....50c a qt.
Pure rye whiskey, XX.....\$1 a qt.
Fine Old Bourbon, XXX.....\$1.25 a qt.
Superior Blackberry Brandy.....\$1 a qt.
Superior Cognac Brandy.....\$1.25 a qt.
Imported Jamaica Rum.....\$1.75 a qt.

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YUENGLING'S Stock and Fresh Ale, Draught Porter and Wiener Beer. Best brands of 3c Cigars and all kinds of Temperance Drinks.

Daisy. Pansy.

We to-day reduce the price of

"NORTHWESTERN DAISY,"
"NORTHWESTERN PANSY,"
"MINNESOTA POND LILY,"

To FOUR DOLLARS per Barrel.

These are High Grade Patent Flours, made of choice hard Minnesota wheat, guaranteed equal to any fancy flour in the market, and at the lowest price ever known for flour of this quality.

Choice Family Flour, \$3.50 per bbl.

A Few Specialties.

Our Fine MIXED TEA at 25c a pound. This is a blend of all strictly good teas, not a mixture of low priced common teas. Warranted to please or the money refunded.

Choice GEM CURRANTS, 10 lbs for 25c.

Choice MUSCATEL RAISINS, large, bright and clean, 4 lbs for 25c.

Choice FRENCH PRUNES, extra size and quality, 3 lbs for 25c.

Choice CALIFORNIA PRUNES, 3 lbs for 25c.

Choice TOMATOES, excellent quality and very cheap, 3 cans for 25c.

Chicken Feed.

Croaked corn and wheat—makes young chickens grow and old chickens lay.

JUST RECEIVED: Two cars choice bright Timothy Hay.

Two cars choice Midlings, extra quality, rich and heavy.

AT KEITER'S.