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VERY SEVERE STORM

Floods Created in All Parts of the Town.

ALL THE COLLIERIES IDLE

Creeks Diverted From Their Courses Flow Into the Mine Workings and Set the Operation of Pumps at Defiance—Many Streets Badly Damaged.

The storm which has had full sway here for the past three days and nights and which became so furious yesterday and threatened to blow roofs off the dwellings, business places and breakers has proved very disastrous. The miners and their laborers feel a direct loss, as they learned this morning that every colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company in this district had been drowned out.

The continued heavy fall of rain and great floods from the mountain sides caused torrents of water to rush through the streets of town, causing the gutters to become blocked with sand, branches of trees and other debris, creating washouts in the roadways, and changing water courses in such a manner as to flood the cellars of dwellings and giving them a storage of water several feet deep. One Jardin street man was obliged to wade waist deep through water to reach the coal when he got there he found the coal entirely submerged.

The immense volumes of water which poured into the mines of the Kehley Run colliery Saturday night filled the mines rapidly. Heroic efforts were made to keep the water down with the hope that the weather would moderate and work could be resumed this morning, but in spite of the fact that four pumps were kept busy all of last night the colliery was forced to remain idle today. The equipment of this colliery to guard against floods are supposed to be among the best in the region, but it was forced to give way to the storm this time.

The Shenandoah creek was a raging river to-day and in many places its banks were shown in ravages of the terrorts. In many cases luts were carried off the embankments and tossed into the stream. These formed foundations for breast works and with the accumulated rubbish from the upper parts of the stream the waters were diverted in such a manner that they kept three and four channels flooded and threatened dwellings located several hundred feet from the embankments with great damage.

At a point opposite the east end of Cherry street the creek was changed into two rivers, one of which almost entirely covered the flats. This creek was so badly swollen southwest of the town that it flowed bodily into the West Shenandoah mines and made a gully in a large road. The factory of the Shenandoah Manufacturing Company, on North Emerick street, suffered considerable damage from floods.

The borough authorities will be put to considerable trouble and expense in putting the streets and culverts into condition after the storm passes away. The torrents washed obstructions of all kinds into the culverts and became so thoroughly wedged against the sides and tops as to threaten them with destruction. It is feared many of the culverts are badly weakened. Many of the streets are in a very bad condition, especially where they have been recently dug up and re-filled after the laying of sewer and water pipes. Some of the fillings were sunk to such a depth of over two feet and will make night travel dangerous.

The storm had a disastrous effect upon many beautiful trees and garden spots on East Oak, Jardin and Coal streets suffered badly. In some places leaves and branches covered the streets to a depth of several inches.

Although the gales swept through the town with great fury no very serious damage to buildings has been reported. The tin coverings of two or three roofs in the western part of town were loosened and twisted into fantastic shapes.

The storm caused considerable damage to the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel route of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The train bound for Johnstown and due here this morning did not arrive until 10:30. There were several washouts along the line.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company's main line suffered greatly from the storm. There were many bad washouts along the line. No trains arrived here this morning and consequently the business people were disappointed by not receiving their mails.

The telegraph and telephone wires also suffered by the storm. The HERALD was obliged to go to press to-day without its usual supply of telegraphic news and many other papers of the county suffered in like manner.

The tracks of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad in the vicinity of the Shenandoah City colliery and for several hundred yards west were so badly washed out by the swollen Shenandoah creek that the trains could not get nearer the depot than the line kilt at the south end of Main street. The express wagons were obliged to go to that point to make transfers.

Several stores on west side of Main street, between Centre and Oak, sustained heavy losses by the rain beating its way into the show windows and damaging goods.

A Serious Injury.
Heber Thompson, the five-year-old son of Superintendent Thomas Baird, of the Kehley Run colliery, met with a serious accident on Saturday. While running he tripped and fell, striking his chin upon a board with such force as to drive the teeth into the tongue and almost sever an L shape piece. Drs. Straub and Callen put several stitches in the wound.

Grocer Kehler sells AL-VA Tonic. 1m

Miss Shepard to Lecture.
Miss Mary S. Shepard, the state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Alliance, will deliver a lecture on "Gospel Temperance and the Keady Cure" in the English Lutheran church at Mahanoy City on Thursday, May 24th, at eight o'clock p. m. No admission will be charged.

A MISRENTANT'S ACT.

Serious Railway Accident Was Narrowly Averted.

As the passenger train drawn by engine No. 34, in charge of Engineer Charles Price and due here at 9:32 p. m., reached the switch in the cut at the south end of Main street, Friday night, Price noticed that the train was diverted from the east bound track to the siding which runs to the cattle pens at the skating rink buildings. The engineer quickly applied the air breaks and pulled the reverse lever. He brought the train to a stop just as it reached the top of the grade leading to the cattle pens.

The train was run back to its proper track and after the switch had been adjusted the train proceeded to the depot, the passengers being none the wiser of the narrow escape they had from disaster. The incident was kept quiet in the hope that the C. & L. police would have a better chance to locate the miscreant responsible for misplacing the switch, but no one has been located.

The switch is located in the cut and a sharp curve, so that it is impossible for engineers approaching the point to see how the switch is arranged. It is always kept locked and an examination showed the lock had been broken by blows from a stone. The switch was turned between 9 and 9:30 p. m.

Had the switch been tampered with half an hour before it is supposed to have been turned a very disastrous effect would have resulted, as it about that hour the Empire freight train with an engine in front and one at the rear end came east. This heavy train would in all probability have been forced over the high embankment at the end of the siding, before the engineer of the rear engine could be properly signalled and some of the crew would have been killed in the piling of the cars.

It is quite likely the railroad company will offer a large reward for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

First annual excursion of the Cleary orchestra to Lakeside, May 30th. Tickets 25 cts. 5-19-10t

PENCIL POINTS.

Many of our citizens visit the site of the borough water works' dam on Sundays.

Notwithstanding the hard times our already large subscription list is being saved daily.

Dwellings are as scarce as hen's teeth in town. Every day we have inquiries for houses.

If you have not yet secured copies of the Maple City you are missing the opportunity of your life.

Carpenters have not been so busy in town for several years. Improvement seems to be the order of the day.

The most profitable free trade which the market country enjoys is that of swamping her debauched titled noblemen (?) for American hires.

Real protection, and the only protection that will protect American labor, will never come until the ports are closed against undesirable foreign immigration.

Police officers should keep the small children off of the public streets, especially when it rains and they are wet. Parents are not paying much attention to them.

Pipes are coming into favor again with men who ape the fashions. The undertaker will not be pleased with the idea of banishing his ally the casket, but funerals have decreased that the chaplains must smoke pipes and the "coffin tacks" will be given a rest now.

Go to Cardin's, 224 W. Centre St., for bargains in wall paper. 5-18-10m

Save Your Flowers.
Wednesday, May 30th, will be the day on which we will honor the heroic deed of this community. The Grand Army veterans will have the ceremonies in charge and the usual memorial day program will be carried out. The success of this annual tribute to those defenders of the Republic whose memories we reverently depend largely on the ladies and children of the town. It is from them that the old soldiers expect the work of gathering flowers and garlands for the graves. This year the work will be a little more difficult than usual because flowers are said to be scarce, yet we hope when the morning of the 30th dawns there will be a lavish deposit of nature's beauties at the Post rooms on Main street. Every one is requested to give some, however small your offering may be, it will be appreciated. A committee will be in the post rooms to receive the flowers and it is earnestly hoped that all will make some effort to properly manifest their feelings.

Twelve photos for 57 cents at Kengey's new studio.

Hospital Patients.
George Acker, son of William Acker, of East Coal street, has returned from the Miners' Hospital. The boy had an ankle fractured several weeks since by a rush of debris on a dirt bank of the Kehley Run colliery. The parents speak very highly of the treatment they have received at the hospital.

Thomas Waters, Jr., who a few weeks ago moved from this place to his father's farm at Eureka, Montgomery county, and almost immediately upon his arrival there met with an accident by which he broke an arm, writes that the limb has been taken out of the sling and will soon be as good as ever. He was treated by Dr. Branson at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, and refers to that gentleman in very complimentary terms.

"The Old Homestead" is accepted by every class of theatregoers not only as being sound in moral tone, but for possessing many true touches of human nature. Every one has heard of the remarkable success of the piece in New York, where it is now in its fourth year. To the minds of most of the spectators it recalls recollections that are dear to their hearts, and they are touched by the honest if not homely virtues of its leading characters. At Forzyum's theatre on Friday evening, May 25th.

P. O. S. of A. Notice.
All members of Camp 138, P. O. S. of A., are notified that a special meeting will be held in their camp room, Schmidt's hall, on Wednesday afternoon, at 7 o'clock sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, John E. Stots, which takes place at 2 o'clock from his late residence, Wm. Penn. Members of sister camps are invited to attend.

JOHN WHITE, Pres.
Attest: D. G. RICHARDS, Secy. 5-21-2t

THE FLOOD REPORTS!

Great Damage at Mahanoy City and Other Places.

BRIDGES WASHED AWAY.

The Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and Reading and Electric Railway Lines Suffer Great Damage by Reason of the Storm—Many Trains Cut Off.

Mahanoy City.

MAHANOCY CITY, May 21.—The damage by storm in this vicinity is extensive and the worst is not yet, as at this writing the waters are still rising. Washouts are reported along all the steam and electric railway lines passing here and on some parts of them travel has been suspended. The two Mahanoy creeks passing through town have risen from eight to ten feet and the South Mahanoy creek is swollen to the street level.

The bridges at O and D streets have been torn up to save them from being carried away by the raging torrent that is sweeping heavy timber, saw logs, out-houses, pig pens and other debris on its powerful course as though they were but chips. All the cellars along the line of the creeks are flooded and in some instances the water has flooded first floors and driven the inmates and furniture to the second floor.

The Lehigh Valley and Lakeside railroad tracks are washed out for 200 feet near North Mahanoy colliery.

The only trip over the Lakeside line to Shenandoah was made at an early hour this morning and the return was effected over tracks covered by water and fast undermining. The flood is almost up to the power house flooring, which is built over the creek and the six cars have been side tracked for safety.

Cole's street end of the Reading railroad tracks, is having a lively experience, too. The ground at this point is quite low and the water has covered the flooring of most of the houses and especially the "three blocks" from which a woman and four children were taken out on a man's back.

No danger is apprehended from the four dams, as they have been tapped in several places and the body of water kept at the normal depth. All of the collieries have been suspended, but no report has been made of any unusual flood entering the gangways. Pumps are being worked to their utmost capacity.

Reading Tracks Washed Away.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

GILBERTON, May 21.—Water, water everywhere. Duck street is ankle high with flood and sewer streets are impassable save by rafts. The big swamp from Gilberton to Boston Run is a vast lake, foam-lashed by the wind and pouring in under and alongside the wagon bridge with a force that threatens to sweep away or undermine that structure.

The creek flowing beside the Reading road just west of St. Nicholas is a foot higher than the track and in its swift flow has washed away the road bed, making travel impossible. Mail is transferred from St. Nicholas to Boston Run. While trying to haul out a mail sack at the former point this morning, the section foreman fell into the stream and had a narrow escape from being carried away with the current. Night Operator Munsley made his way from St. Nicholas station by removing his trousers. Nothing has been seen of the electric railway tracks between here and Boston Run since an early hour this morning.

The line is much lower than the Reading road and great damage has been done and as the creek is flowing over the rails to the depth of several inches it is feared the bed may be entirely washed away. A car ventured over the line at five o'clock this morning, reached a point about a mile from the east end of town where the water was making over the track. On attempting to return the rails over the culverts were found to be bent and unsafe to return over. The car and its crew will stand in their lonely position. Cellars and basements in town are receiving their share of the flood.

Worse at Girardville.

Special to the HERALD.

GIRARDVILLE, May 21.—The worst flood known in the history of Girardville is now raging in town. The great down pour from the Mahanoy and Shenandoah and the deep wide crevasse bed with a force that carries everything before it. Logs, beer barrels, out-houses, chicken coops and pig pens with live and drowned stock board dash through, and one sight this morning was a dog house on which stood a canine, whining and shivering in the cold and chained to its floating home. The bridge at Ogden street was carried away this morning and other bridges were torn up to save them from the same fate. Cellars and yards are under water. The Lost Creek dam is overflowing and there are fears that it may burst and make worse what is already bad enough.

Homesville Bridge Gone.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

ASHLAND, May 21.—Disastrous effects have resulted from the flood in this vicinity. All the mines have been rendered idle and great damage has been sustained in all parts of the town. When the Lehigh Valley passenger train which left Shenandoah for this place at 10:15 o'clock this morning got as far as Homesville it found the bridge was washed away. It took a number of days to get a system of transfer established. A wreck crew with a load of heavy timber was sent down this afternoon to replace the bridge, but it is doubtful if the damage can be repaired within forty-eight hours.

Bridge in Danger.

Special to the HERALD.

MAHANOCY PLAINS, May 21.—The creek began to run high here yesterday afternoon. During the night it raised considerably and at noon it had reached the floor of the iron wagon bridge. To save the bridge from destruction by immense logs and beams, the flooring has been torn up. The Mahanoy wagon bridge is almost under water, too, and the road leading to it on either side is two

feet below the level. The electric railway has not been in operation since midnight, owing to the bridge at Bear Run being undermined and moved by the swollen creek which at this point rushes downward like a little Niagara.

Pomping at Wm. Penn.

Special to EVENING HERALD.
WM. PENN., May 21.—The storm has had a serious effect here. The accumulation of water in its workings prevented the Wm. Penn colliery from working today and operations will not be resumed until the storm ceases. All the steam power the colliery can command is required to keep the pumps working. The cellars of many dwellings have lakes in them.

THE THREE DEAD.

All the Victims of the Wm. Penn Explosion Recounted.

Special to the HERALD.

WM. PENN., May 21.—Michael Reynolds, the third victim of the explosion of gas in the Wm. Penn colliery, on Saturday morning, died at the Miners' Hospital this morning. David Fisher died shortly after reaching the hospital, and John Stone died Saturday evening. The remains of the three men were brought to the residences of their families here. An inquest will be held, but no time has yet been fixed.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hillhouse, of Hazleton, were the guests of town friends yesterday.

Harry Cather, who has been home on a furlough, returned to the Schoolship Saratoga today.

A. J. Luburg, of Philadelphia, a former resident, was in town on Saturday and took a ride over the Lakeside electric railway.

Richard Knight returned from Chihuahua, Mexico, on Saturday. Mr. Knight is largely interested in gold and silver mines and his appearance indicates that he is "in it" in good shape. He will remain here for a short time.

Fred Glover, who was one of the guests of the Lakeside electric railway company on Saturday, was formerly a Schuylkill counsiler and is a nephew of Mrs. O. A. Kohn, of town. He is connected with the National Water Tube Boiler Co., of New Brunswick, N. J.

Opening Postponed.

Owing to the severe storm Mr. Thomas Gorman has decided to postpone the grand opening of his cafe at the corner of Main and Coal streets until next Thursday evening. Mr. Gorman had made elaborate preparations for the event Monday evening, but fearing the effects of the storm would prevent many of his friends from attending he decided to forfeit the trouble and expense he went to and postpone the affair until Thursday evening, when, he hopes, there will be a large gathering to share his hospitality. It will be a great event. 6-21-4t

A Promising Pair.

Edward Holland and William Johnson, two young men of town, made their first public appearance as theatrical performers at an entertainment given in the new Park theatre, Erackville, on Saturday night. They appeared in a black-face song and dance act and also introduced clog and reel dancing. They are very clever dancers, good singers and have good specialties. A bright career is in store for them and some of the old timers will have to keep up to keep in the lead.

A Candidate.

In another part of to-day's HERALD Nelson Brandon, of Union township, announces himself as a candidate for Poor Director, subject to Republican rules. Mr. Brandon is one of the best known citizens north of the Broad Mountain and his nomination would add strength to the ticket. He would make a model director.

Narrow Escape.

At Shenandoah Junction, this morning, a Polander named John Cominsky (living near the "Rocks"), made a lucky escape from death. He unintentionally stepped in front of the 11:30 P. M. train and was knocked to one side. His head was badly gashed, one arm broken and was otherwise injured.

Extra Bill of Fare.

At McElheny's cafe to-night:
Snapper Soup, ————
Clam Soup, ————
Oyster Soup, ————
Lobster Salad, ————
Soft and hard shell crabs, ————
Frog, Little Neck Clams and fresh water oysters.

Notice!

All members of Gen. Harrison Lodge, No. 35 K. of P., are requested to meet at their Castle, Wednesday, May 23, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother, John Stots. By order of P. P. D. KIRLEN, C. C. Attest: D. O. PHITCHEL, K. R. S. 5-21-2t

A Grand Treat.

It is expected that Rev. Abel J. Parry, of Cohen Mawr, North Wales, and Rev. Jones, of Scranton, will preach in the Welsh Baptist church, on West Oak street, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. The services will be in English and Welsh. All are invited to the feast.

Gorman's Cafe.

When seeking a neat and well-conducted cafe, go to Gorman's, corner Main and Coal streets. Polite and prompt attention. 5-19-10m

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Max Schmidt,

116-118 North Main Street, Shenandoah, Pa.

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Forty-four sorts.

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| Fine Thin Tumblers, 3c | Fine Thin Tumblers, twist, 5c |
| Fine Thin Tumblers, 5c | Colored Tumblers, amber, 5c |
| Colored Tumblers, thin, blue, 5c | Colored Tumblers, green, 5c |

Colored Tumblers, ruby, thin, 10c.

Fine Shell Goblets, 15c; worth 25c.

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| Fine shell wines, 10c | Hotel Goblets, heavy, 5c |
| Soda Glasses, 4 sizes. | Lemon Juice Extractors, 10c. |
| Lemonade Glasses. | |

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| Fine Old Bourbon, XXX, \$1.25 a qt. | Superior Blackberry Brandy, \$1 a qt. |
| Superior Cognac Brandy, \$1.25 a qt. | Imported Jamaica Rum, \$1.50 a qt. |

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New Patterns—Beautiful Designs—Reasonable Prices.

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Former Price, \$4.50.

Now Selling at \$2.25.

These are new goods, large size, handsome patterns and colors, and the lowest price ever known for them.

Special Drives:

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| Invoice of Fancy Lemons, fresh stock, 2 doz. for | 25c |
| Standard Tomatoes, three cans for | 25c |
| String Beans, three cans for | 25c |
| Ginger Snaps, four pounds for | 25c |
| Choice French Prunes, three pounds for | 25c |
| Extra large French Prunes, two pounds for | 25c |
| Large Muscatel Raisins, four pounds for | 25c |
| Good Catsup, four bottles for | 25c |
| Luncheon Beef, two cans for | 25c |
| Bartlett Pears and Table Peaches, per can, | 15c |
| Choice Alaska Salmon, per can | 10c |

CHOICE GOODS.

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| Crosse & Blackwell Chowchow. | Fancy Tomato Catsup. |
| Salad Dressing. | Pure Kettle Rendered Lard. |
| Chipped Beef and Summer Sausage. | Fresh Dairy Butter. |
| Queen-baked Rolled Oats. | Cream Sugar Corn. |
| Pride of Shenandoah Sweet Corn. | Full Cream Cheese. |

AT KEITER'S.