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New Moquette and

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New Patterns-Beautiful Designs-Reasonable Prices.

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Former Price, \$4.50.

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

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Invoice of Fancy Lemons, fresh stock, 2 doz. for 250 Standard Tomatoes, three cans for - -String Beans, three cans for - - -Ginger Snaps, four pounds for . . . Choice French Prunes, three pounds for - - 25c Extra large French Prunes, two pounds for -Large Muscatel Raisins, four pounds for - - 25c Good Catsup, four bottles for Luncheon Beef, two cans for Bartlett Pears and Table Peaches, per can, Choice Alaska Salmon, per can - -

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AT KEITER'S.

Investigation of the Wm. Penn Explosion Concluded.

REYNOLDS FIRED THE GAS

Witnesses Testify That the Victims Went Into a Part of the Mine Where Their Work Did Not Call Them and With

The inquest in the cases of Michne keynolds, David Fisher and John Stone he three men who died at the Miners respital at Fountain Springs from the effects of burns received in an explosion of gas in the Holmes vein of the Wm. enn colliery, was concluded in town last rein contert, was constituted as a litry comprising Messrs. P. J. Cleary, F. J. Brennau, J. H. Manley, Charles Vitcuisky, P. F. Monaghan and John Scanlan. The evidence showed that Reynolds fired the gas and that the three victims were responsible for their deaths because they went into a part of the mine where they had been warned that gas existed and a part into which their work did not call them. One of the witnesses was very positive on the latter point and emphasized the statement with the remark that the only reason for the men going into that part of the mine was to get loose coal mined by others.

Notwithstanding the character of this testimony some members of the jury considered that there had been a technical violation of the mine law and for some time after the witness retired the jury remained in session discussing a proposition to censure the colliery officials. A compromise verdict was eventually agreed upon.

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James Coogan was called and testified that he was a miner and had worked 22 years at the Wm. Penn colliery. He was at the bottom of the slope when the explosion occurred. When John Stone was brought out Coogan saked how the accident happened. Stone said they went into the place without a safety lamp and Reynolds fired the gas. He said he was in the chute and Reynolds was above. Coogan further testified "We always had safety lamps of our own and took care of ourselves, but the fire boss would attend at any time we notified him. That has been the custom since I have been in that part of the mine, which is from two to three years. All the men were satisfied that it was necessary for them to go in there in the mornings without depending upon the fire boss. I have been robbing in that mine for from 15 to 20 years and we have always looked after our own places. The men had been notified to be ware—that there was gas in the old breast about 15 yards above the place these men were supposed to be working. The man who fired the gas was supposed to be one of the most competent men in the place, but the two men went up without a safety lamp. It was not necessary to take safeties up there previous to a week or eight days before the accident happened, when we were notified that there was gas three."

Frank Sweeney, a miner, testified he had worked at the colliery for about seven years and in the place where the men were burned about two years. He was at the bottom of the slope when the explosion took place. Subsequently he asked Fisher, one of the victims, how it happened. Fisher said he was in the "monkey." Continuing, Sweeney testified, "The men had no business there. They went further than their work and if they had not gone there the accident would not have happened. I saw gas in the place about 7 or 9 days previous to the explosion. It was about 22 yards above my battery. I notified Coogan, McSurdy, Reynolds and Stone that there was gas up there, but didn't notify the fire boss. I examined my own place. It was customary

ing to take coal that didn't belong to them."

A. "That is the understanding."
George McSurdy, a miner, and having worked 8 or 9 years at the colliery, and in this particular place for a couple of years, testified that he was at the bottom of the slope when the gas exploded. The place was about three-quarters of a mile from the bottom. He met Reynolds on the turnour about 8 or 9 hundred yards from the slope. McSurdy continued, "Reynolds told me he fired the gas. I asked him how far he went up and Stone made the remark 'He went too far.' Reynolds said he didn't have a safety lamp. I also examined for gas in the morning before starting to work, but never qualified be fore a Justice of the Peace. I never agreed with any one to look after the gas, but it was understood between us that we would attend to it ourselves. Many times we went to places where the fire beas could hardly get into. The fire loos was not in the habit of coming to such places and I never requested that he had been 'Philip Jones textified that he had been

places and I never requested him to go there."
Philip Jones testified that he had been fire boss of the mine for over twelve years. The day previous to the accident he visited that part of the mine and found no gas. He had visited the place twice that week. He had no instructions from his superiors not to examine that place in the morning. The nen said they would look after it. Reynolds said they would take care of that. They told him (Jones) several times they would take care of the they would the service of t Richard Palmer, inside foremen, testi-fied: "It is impossible to keep the current of air running when you are robbing.

This body of gas was due to a running pillar, which choked the gas in the heading. That is the very reason why we gave these men safety lamps and Reynolds said, 'never you mind; you give us the safety lamps and we will take care of ourselves. There were no regular manways and as shots were frequently fired the last thing in the evening the fire boss wouldn't know where to go in such a place. It was always understood between the men, the fire boss mad me that the men would look after themselves."

Deputy-Coroner Manley read section 9 of article's, laws of Pennsylvania, (1891) as follows: "And no person shall be permitted to not as fire boss in any cost mine or colliery, except he has had five years practical experience in mines as a miner wherein nexious and explosive gases are evolved, and the said fire boss shall certify to the same before entering upon his duties, before an Alderman, Justice of the Pence, or other person authorized to administer outlis and a copy of said deposition shall be filed with the Blatrict Inspector of mines, wherein said person is employed."

Mr. Manley then asked, "Mr. Stein, do you think the mine officials violated the law in having these men look after the gas?"

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Mr. Stein answared, "The law you can say was violated imasmuch as they were not qualified according to law; but sappose the whole six men had been qualified according to law and had taken the oath before an Alderman or Justice of the Pence, that wouldn't make them any more qualified as to their fitness to examine for gas. But they didn't comply with the law by taking the oath. I don't think the point is a finarant violation of the law. They were thoroughly qualified. I knew some of these men and they were good, competent man. Reynolds I knew very well. It is customary for men taking contracts for robbing to look after themselves."

The jury had a lengthy and warm argument over the case. Three of the inross thought that as there had been a violation of the law, technical or otherwise, the mine officials should be censured, so that it would be a warning to others not to allow men to act as fire bosses before qualifying as required by law. The other three argued that under the evidence the accident had not been brought about by any incompetency or ignorance, but solely by the carelessness of two of the men in going into a place against which they had been warned and where they had no business, and without a safety lamp.

The jurors finally agreed unon the following compromise verifict: "That the said Michael Reynolds, David Fisher and John Stone were fatally burned by an explosion of gas on May 19th, 18M, in the Holmes vein of the Wm. Penn collery. That the said gas was exploded by Michael Reynolds taking a naked light into the place of work. Philip Jones, the fire loos, did not examine the place as required by law and deserves to be censured. Mr. Stein answered, "The law you can

TOUR OF INSPECTION.

The Sheriff, Jurymen and Lawyers Take

n deunt. A party of lawyers and jurymen intersted in the suit of farmers against the coal companies put up at one of the town hotels last night. The object of their visit was to make a tour of the country bordering on the Catawissa creek and its tributaries with a view to informing the jury of the damage done by the coal dir-which. It is claimed, washed over the meadows, destroyed vegetation and rendered the land unfit for agricultural

rendered the land unit for agricultural purposes.

The party was made up of Sheriff Woll, G. H. Gerber, Esq., lawyer for the piaintiffs, S. H. Kaercher, Esq., for the defense, and the following named juryment Charles C. Reith and Charles W. Ent, Poutsville; John Murphy, Frackville; Matthew Oates, Minersville; Robert Morgan, Cumbola; Nathaniel Klick, Pine Grove; John C. Heenan and W. R. Mason, St. Clair, and W. O. Leitzel, Kilngerstown, Messes, H. C. Mason and W. J. Richards, of Wilkes-Barre, and D. R. Roberts, of Andenried, also accompanied the party.

The cases will be before the Pottsville court for trial next Monday.

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Major May, of Shamokin, was in town A. R. Shaw, of Mt. Carmel, visited friends here yesterday.

John Stein and Grant Fielders made a nice catch of trout at Roaring Creek yes-

Miss Nellie Finney visited Ashland last evening. She took in the Commencement Mrs. Henry Powlas, of East Orange, Nº J., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Grant, of West Oak street.

Miss Bessie Lewer attended the Adonia Social Club's dance, at Shamokin, Wed-nesday evening.

George Higgins and wife, of Shamokin, were among the many visitors in town on Decoration Day.

Mrs. Frances Billman, of Delano, and Mrs. C. S. Hower, of town, visited friends in Ashland this afternoon.

C. Holderman, Hesser Zulick, T. W. Stout, C. J. Quinn, George Schoener, J. M. Kalbach and J. R. Coyle, Esq., went down to Pottaville this morning. Ex-Senator King, the anti-postoffice ad-ministration candidate for the Democrat-ic Senatorial nomination in this district, spent last evening in town hustling among his friends.

Grocer Kehler sells AL-VA Tonic. 1m

Oblinary. Heese Bevan, son of Evan Bevan, died at the home of his father, 325 South West street, at one o clock this morning. He had suffered for eleven days from congestion of the brain. The deceased was 24 years of age and had been employed as machinist at the Delano shops. He was married but five weeks ago to Mrs. Jennic Thomas. He was a member of the Welsh Lodge of Ivorites. The funeral will take place at 3 p. m. on Sunday.

Sent to Juli. Michael Kane disappeared from town last April, owing a board bill of \$17 to Mrs. Laxie Mooney. Constable Giblin arrested Kane at Shanokin yesterday and brought him back here. The man pleaded guilty and being unable to pay the bill or furnish ball was taken down to Postsville this morning.

PENCIL POINTS.

Ground has been broken for the erection of dwellings on the Plum alley end of the O'Hara White street property.

Quite a number of our townsmen went down to Pottsville to-day to attend the trial of the Holderman-Francy slander suit, but the case was not reached.

Politics Discussed by Our Regular Correspondent.

It is Suggested That the Wiley Hald Headed Statesman of Schuylkill Haven is Playing a Sleeping Game-The Work ing People and the Democratic Party.

pecial HERALD correspondence.

POTTSVILLE, May 3L.—The latest p itical intelligence is, that upon General Hastings' election as Governor and the formation of his staff General Joshua K Sigfried, of this place and one of Schuyl kill's most gallant sons, will be appointed Adjutant General. The close relation between Generals Hastings and Sigfried and the numerous hints thrown out give color to the report and many look upon the appointment as a certainty in th the appointment as a certainty in the event of both gentlemen surviving until after the inauguration. And why should not the appointment be unde! Schnylkill has had no state representation of any consequence for many years and Gemeral Sigfried would make a most excellent Adjutant General.

Major Losch has been very quiet lately. His opponents had better keep their syes on his movements. He is playing a very deep game and I would not be surprised if he should spring a trap and catch the nomination he is seeking. There is no use discounting the baid-headed statesman. When he appears to be asteep look for a 'possum.

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The light between Davis and Scott for Sheriff is about over, with Davis apparently away ahead of Frackville's Adonis. Davis has the advantage of an experience covering several campaigns in which he was a candidate and at one time chairman of the county committee, consequently he is well known throughout the county and has little to learn as to where to go and who to go to. Still Scott is making the fight an interesting one.

The advent of ex-Senator King in the field for the Democratic nomination for Senator in the Thirrieth district has not in the least alarmed ex-Representative Coyle, who is making a hustling canvass for the Republican nomination. The mention of other names in connection with the latter nomination also fails to make an impression on Mr. Coyle. His friends say he has the nomination as good as in hand now.

If any one doubts the chances of success for the Republican party in this county next fall let him take up the labor question and consider it carefully. The lattest drop in the scale of wares for the miners and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country leads to the scale of wares for the miners and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country leads to the country with all sincerity that "the country leads and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country leads" and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country leads and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country leads and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners declare with all sincerity that "the country laborers of the P. & R. C. & I.Complany is enough to make the wage earners decl

and laborers of the P. & R. C. & I. Company s enough to make the wage earners de-diare with all sincerity that "the country a in an awfulstate." It may be remarked, actiontally, that the rate of wages is now ower than at any time since Cleveland's first term as President. Notwithstanding the Democrats have had full control of both houses and all executive departments both houses and all executive departments of the national government for two years, and notwithstanding the unlimited pledges made in the platform upon which that control was secured, the party has failed to do a single thing tending to alleviate the condition of the working people. Surely the latter have excellent reasons for deploring that they ever entrusted their interests in the hands of the Democratic party. Compared with the present condition of affairs the miners and laborers enjoyed prosperity during the Harrison administration. I anticipate that some of our Democratic friends will ridicule the idea that Cleveland's administration is in any way responsible for the condition of the basis and maintain that It is due solely to mysterious manipulations in the or our Democratic Riemos will fidicule the idea that Cleveland's administration is in any way responsible for the condition of the basis and maintain that it is due solely to mysterious manipulations in the coal exchange. That argument was used before with some success in some quarters, but I do not believe it will make the slightest impression this time. To-day there are over 100,000 bituminous coal miners on strike, the soft coal plants and their customers are crippled by the famine which has resulted, and yet the anthractic miners have not gained the slightest advantage by it; on the contrary they find the price of their product and the rate of their wages dropping lower than they have been for seven years. There is only one reasonable solution: the free trade declarations of the Democratic party and its juggling with the mongre! Wilson bill has so badly srippled the industries throughout the country that there is no market for coal. The great strike now in progress in the bituminous fields have crippled the producers and consumers at an opportune time; they are not compelled to fall back upon their works until the circus season at Washington clesses. In the meantine the 100,000 bituminous miners, handicapped by a general stagnation of trade, will be starved out. The elections of the bealots in all parts of the country in the First Legislative districtight. It is conceiled that Mr. Finney is on the inside track and has excellent chances to win. Desperate efforts are being made to drag him into other fights and thus a feeling against him in factions, but they have failed and the little giant holds his own ground. The Legislative fight in the Fourth district will be a hot one. With so many candidates in the field it cannot be otherwise. Stuck, one of the latest, is making a ratiling campaign and it is said a large number of influoratial voters are becoming stuck on him. Dr. Coxe, of Schuylkill Haven, is in to win and will make it warm for some of his opponents before he gets through. Mr. Haring, of Palo Alto,

Congress.

The sensations of the week here are furnished by the monkey and the parrottime in the offices of the County Controller and County Countsisioners. The Controller has stopped payment on warrant for \$500,41 drawn in favor of County Solicitor Utrick. The amount is claimed in payment of services rendered.

by the County Solicitor in arguing the case against the County Auditors at the Supreme Court and the Controller says it is exorbitant. The second sensation was furnished by the protest, of Commissioner Rentz to the Auditor General, in which he objects to the payment of the bills for printing and publishing the nercantile appraisement. The publications were made in the Pottsville Jefferson Democrat, Tamaqua Recorder and the West Schuylkill Press, Tremont. Mr. Rentz's objections are based upon the allegation that the publications were made in violation of the Act of the Assembly, in that the two last two named papers are not of general circulation and that the three belong to the Democratic party, whereas the law provides that the publication shall be made in a newspaper representing the minority party. Commissioner Rentz is signifing every luck of greened upon which Commissioners Allen and Martin seek to advance and it is war to the knife at all times.

Hard and woft shell crabs and prime obsters served at McEinenny's cafe. if

FLAG DAY.

June 14th Recommended by the Sens of the Revelution,

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania occlety of the Sons of the Revolution the ollowing preamble and resolutions were adopted, recommending the observance of June 14th hereafter as Fing Day:

adopted, recommending the observance of June 14th hereafter as Flag Day;

Whereas, The Continental Congress on the 14th day of June, 1777, passed the following resolution;

"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen states be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen states, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

And, whereas, The Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America have inaugurated the movement to have the 14th day of June known as Flag Day, and the same forever hereafter observed by the display of the American flag from every home in the land.

Therefore, Resolved. That this Board do hearfuly endorse the said movement, and earnestly express the hope that every member of this society will display the national flag on said day; and that, with the view of having the day so observed throughout the country, the secretary be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Governors of the States and Territories, the Superintendents of Public Schools, and the various patriotic organizations in Pennsylvania, the Press Associations, the Georal Society and State Societies of the Sous of the Revolution, and the members of this Society.

Oysters and little neck clams nicely

Oysters and little neck clams nicely served at McElhenny's cafe. 6-30 tf

A BIG DROP.

Rate of Wages None Per Cent. Below the

Birsis. The committee of the Schuylkill Coal Exchange has made returns of collieries drawn to return the prices of coal sold in the menth of May to determine the rate

The average of these returns is \$2.22.5, which makes the rate of wages to be paid inc per cent, below the \$2.50 basis. This is the lowest point to which the basis has propped in about seven years.

Excellent bill of fare always in readi-ness at McEllienny's cafe. tf

Ordered Telephones.

Among the business people who have ordered from Foster, Lamb & Co., the en-terprising Telephone Supply Company, are the Kaier Brewing Company, who will have four 'phones placed to their brewery are the Kaier Brewing Company, who will have four phones placed in their brewery building at Mahanoy City and two in Shemandonh to connect their refrigerator building with McElhenny's cafe and other points. The Kaier people are building a large addition to their plant by which they will increase their capacity to 100,000 barrels per year. On Weinesday'at a meeting of the Citizon's Electric Light Company, three 'phones were ordered from Messra, Foster, Lamb & Company, to be placed as follows; one at the office of William Kimmel, the superintendat, one at the plant and one at Gruhler's drug store, which the people can use to transmit information to the superintendent and engineer if anything happens or is wrong with any of the lights.

Go to Cardin's, 234 W. Centre St., for bargains in wall paper. 5-18-8m Monaghan's Bargains.

A good quality home-made rag carpet at 30 cents a yard; rice table olleloth, 15 cents a yard; good dressginghams, 6 cents a yard; the best 50 cent corset in the market. Lace curtains and dress goods of all kinds cheap.
P. J. Monaghan, #
No. 28 S. Main St., Shenandeah.

Get your repairing done at Holder-A Large Beef. William Johnson, the butcher, in the building lately occupied by Butcher Stout, on Wednesday killed the largest beef ever slaughtered in town. It weighed 808 pounds dressed. 5-31-3t

Twelve photos for 57 cents at Kengey's

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