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To buy, sell or use inferior goods While the prices of straight, honest goods may sometimes seem high, poor goods at low prices are never cheap. We aim to sell good goods at prices as low as are consistent with good quality and honest weight and measure. A trial of some of our leading articles will prove the truth of this. In the COFFEE line we claim that our choice Plain Roasted Coffee at 30c is cheaper, quality considered, than any package coffee at a lower price. It is a combination of the best grades only, carefully roasted and blended, so as to produce a strong, rich, fine flavored drink. Our Roasted Java is the best Old Government Java. Our 50c Blended Tea is a mixture of fine teas only, not a single cheap inferior tea in it. Our 60 cent Black Tea is a choice article. Our Ceylon, English Breakfast and Japan Teas at 50c are good teas and worth the money. Can sell you a fair quality tea at 25c a pound.

Our Creamery Butter is the finest in the market. Our Mince Meat is the best we can buy. Our Lard is guaranteed pure. Our New Orleans Baking Molasses is the best new crop, open kettle goods. Not a mixture of cheaper kinds of molasses. Our Table Syrups at 6, 8, 10 and 12c we believe to be straight sugar goods.

For the Holiday Season

We offer a full line of foreign and domestic fruits at very low prices. New Citron and Lemon Peel, 3 lbs. for 25c. Fine large blue Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c. Best Oudara Layer Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c. New seedless Sultanina Raisins, 3 lbs. for 25c. New Cleaned Seedless Raisins, very fine, 15c. New Cleaned Currants, 4 lbs. for 35c. Good Currants, 6 lbs. for 35c. as long as they last.

New French and California PRUNES, 3 lbs. for 25c. Also some of the largest and finest in the market at higher prices. We have new California Evaporated Peaches, Apricots, Silver Prunes, White Nectarines, Pitted Plums, Pitted Cherries and Dried Blackberries, 2 pounds for 25c.

In CANNED GOODS we have the finest goods packed as well as standard goods at lower prices. In Tomatoes we have extra quality in extra weight cans, 2 for 35c. Standard grade, 3 for 25c. Whole Tomatoes for frying, 15c. In CORN, all grades—common goods at 4 for 25c. Choice quality, 3 for 25c, up to the finest Northern Grown Sugar Corn, our "Pride of Shenandoah" brand, at 2 for 25c. is excelled by none.

Marrowfat Peas, 3 cans for 25c. Early June Peas, 2 cans for 25c. Extra Sifted Early June Peas, very fine, 15c. String Beans, 4 cans for 25c. Remember we sell no "soaks" at any price.

New FLORIDA ORANGES from St. John River, large and fine, 25c a dozen. New Mixed Nuts, 2 pounds for 35 cents. Tomato Catsup, a very good article, 4 bottles for 25c. Also the finest goods at higher prices.

At Keiter's.

MR. DOYLE HEARD FROM.

The Minority County Auditor on the Almshouse Affair.

MISS O'BRIEN'S HISTORY.

Reviewed as Given Under Oath Before the Auditors at Frackville—Doyle Stands by the Accused Steward.

The HERALD is enabled to-day to present to the public something entirely new in connection with the almshouse disclosure which have occupied so much of the people's attention the past few days. It is new because it embraces more of the information upon which the outbreak against the almshouse officials was based than any other newspaper report heretofore published. More than that it comes from a gentleman who was present when the star witness in the matter was first interrogated by the parties who precipitated the episode and it gives substantially the contents of that witness's affidavit which has been withheld from the public.

After reading this statement, or report of an interview, the public will be able to determine just what Marion Lizzie O'Brien stated against the almshouse officials and at the same time judge the character of the witness. The statement is especially interesting as it comes from one of the parties who was cognizant of the preparations for the disclosure, and yet has not heretofore been mentioned in connection with the prosecution of the mission which has now thoroughly shaken the county. The gentleman is John E. Doyle, the minority, or Democratic member of the board of County Auditors.

It appears that on December 3rd, 1894, Thomas E. Samuels, Emanuel Jenkyn and John E. Doyle, constituting the board of County Auditors, William Wilhelm, Esq., their counsel, and Justice of the Peace McGinness met at Frackville to inquire into certain matters pertaining to the county almshouse at Schuylkill Haven and had before them Marion Lizzie O'Brien.

Miss O'Brien, according to her sworn statement before the gentlemen above mentioned, does not remember her father or mother. The former is dead and the latter is in an insane asylum. At the age of four years Marion was taken in charge by a priest of the Roman Catholic church of Philadelphia and raised by him. She was sent to a parochial school and received a common school education. This she shows by the use of very clever language. Arriving at the age of fifteen years Marion struck out for herself and became a domestic, engaging in the service of families of Tamaqua, Ashland and Girardville, eventually locating at Mahanoy Plane. She was then about seventeen years of age. At the latter place Marion fell in love with a young man named Flynn. It seemed she loved not wisely, but too well. She went to Frackville and became a party to an illegal practice. She alleges that she was an involuntary party to it and it must have been accomplished while she was under the influence of a drug that was put in a drink furnished her. She was lying in the house of a stranger at Frackville. She sent for Justice McGinness and he took her ante-mortem statement, supposing that the girl was about to die. The woman of the house did not want the unfortunate on her hands, because her husband was away from home and she was afraid she might become implicated in the matter. Justice McGinness was consulted and he caused the girl to be transferred to the county almshouse, where she received treatment from the physician of that institution.

The question arises: With the girl's ante-mortem statement in his hands, why did not Justice McGinness place the case in the hands of the District Attorney? Marion says that after being two weeks in the almshouse she rallied and recovered her health fairly well. She was then in the hospital department and she swears that Steward Hartman saw her in that department and said, "This is no place for you to be in." He had her transferred to the main building, showing her a fine home and saying, "This shall be your home in the future." He asked her how long she wanted to stay and she replied only until she recovered her health; that she didn't want to live upon public bounty and didn't wish to be there when the Grand Jury came along, because she didn't want the outside world to think she would be living upon public charity, that she always earned her livelihood while she was able. She stated to the examiners that after being shown her room Hartman commenced to take liberties with her, but some noise being heard upon the stairway interfered with his intentions. The next morning she swore, she went to Paddy Bergan and said to him, "Paddy, if I tell you a secret will you promise me for Jesus, Mary and Joseph's sake, that you will never tell." He promised and she related what transpired between her and Hartman.

Marion was then asked by one of the County Auditors whether she had intercourse in the almshouse, or almshouse buildings, and she said she had not; that every attempt was foiled by intruders;

but that Hartman drove her to Pottsville and took her to houses there and sometimes she went on the trains and met Hartman at certain houses in Pottsville. She was asked if these houses were places of assignation and she said they were. She was asked if she had intercourse with Hartman at these places and she said "yes," adding "but you can't do anything against him for that, because he paid me."

Auditor Doyle asked Marion "How much did he pay you?" and she answered, "A couple of dollars now and car fare again."

Auditor Doyle continued the examination. "I heard you were living in a house of assignation at Pottsville—is that true?" "Yes. He wanted me to go to Reading." "Who wanted you to go to Reading?" "Why, Mr. Hartman?" "You refused to go to Reading, then?" "Yes, I was afraid it would be too far away to receive medical treatment." "Then you continued to live in Pottsville?" "Yes; he told me that I should stay in a house of assignation and make money there, and if I ever fell short he would come to my rescue." "Where are you living now?" "In Frackville." "Aint you keeping house for a man whose wife has left him?" "Yes; but I don't see why that concerns anybody else."

Mr. Doyle dropped the examination and Mr. Wilhelm proceeded to give the girl a lecture, saying, substantially, "We are sorry for you. It is an unfortunate outcome of a love affair. At the same time high officials should not be instrumental in encouraging you in the downward path of life, either by word or deed, and we hope in the future you will live a righteous life."

"Mr. Doyle," said the HERALD reporter last night, "you have heard and read considerable about this case. What do you think of the whole matter—from a disinterested standpoint?"

"I believe Mr. Hartman to be innocent of all these charges and as one of the auditors of Schuylkill county, and as one who, while at the almshouse, made many observations of its management and interviewed many of its inmates, I have learned and fully believe that Mr. Hartman is the ablest steward that has ever presided over its affairs, and I cannot believe him guilty of such gross misconduct as Marion Lizzie O'Brien charges him with."

"Well, then, you don't believe this young woman under oath?"

"What I believe a prostitute! No!! She has already committed one mortal sin that kills the soul and why should she stand upon ceremony in committing perjury."

"What do you think is the meaning of this investigation?"

"I believe it to be a political scheme and that if Mr. Hartman was not a slated candidate for steward again the name of Marion Lizzie O'Brien would not be heard of in Schuylkill county."

"Upon what do you base your opinion?"

"Because when you hear from a man like 'Squire McGinness, who has done nothing pro bono publico in the past and becomes a great moral reformer all of a sudden, especially when political appointments are being made, then we should look upon his motives with suspicion and throw a little salt upon his pretended goodness."

"Are you a personal friend of Mr. Hartman's?"

"I am not. I never was in his presence longer than to be introduced to him. That was about six months ago, and before that I never knew him, nor have I met him since."

"You have heard about the meeting to be held next Monday in Pottsville on this matter?" queried the reporter.

"I have," replied Mr. Doyle, "and those who participate should exercise great care in regard to what they undertake as appertains the character of the officials accused."

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Max Gladke gave birth to a son this morning.

Thomas Waters, Jr., of St. Clair, spent today in town with friends.

A bouncing baby boy arrived at H. D. Hagenbuch's home last night.

Mrs. William A. Casher, of Bluefield, West Virginia, is visiting friends in town.

Harry Preston and Fred Acornley paid the HERALD sanction a pleasant call this afternoon.

Miss Katie Haverstick, of Philadelphia, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. John Scheffler, of East Oak street.

Meeting Postponed.

The Mahanoy Valley Ministerial Association which was to have held its regular monthly meeting in the Methodist Episcopal church in Shenandoah on Monday afternoon, 17th inst., will not meet until January, in order to give the members an opportunity to attend the public meeting to be held in Centennial Hall, Pottsville, on the same date to take action with reference to the almshouse horrors.

William Powick, President.

Caught a Hoof.

In passing over the Lehigh Valley railroad crossing at Emerick street this morning a horse belonging to Rykawicz, the butcher, was made captive, a hoof becoming fastened between a rail and a plank. In its struggles the horse considerably damaged the wagon.

GLEANINGS OF THE DAY.

One of the Escaped Jail Birds Recaptured.

LUCKY CONSTABLE ARNER.

He Makes Fifty Dollars by Placing Michael Welch in Custody—Death of a Centenarian—Breaker Burned.

Michael Welch, of Shenandoah, one of three men who escaped from the Pottsville jail yesterday morning, was recaptured last night at Delano. Frank Muller and George Roehmer, the other two fugitives, are still at large. It is not expected their capture will be as easily effected as Welch's was, as they are more cunning and experienced.

As was anticipated, Welch had a weakness for home and as soon as he gained his liberty he struck out for Shenandoah. He walked as far as Weatherall Junction and there jumped on a Pennsylvania Railroad coal train bound for Delano. When he alighted at that place to steal a ride on one of the trains bound for Shenandoah he dropped into the hands of Constable Arner, of Delano, who had been keeping a close watch upon all trains. Welch was taken by surprise and had not time to think of escaping before the officer had him handcuffed and walking towards the depot to await the departure of the next train for Pottsville.

Constable Arner will claim the \$50 reward offered by the County Commissioners for each of the fugitives recaptured.

If you want good cakes and pastry during the holidays use Keiter's "Pastry" Flour. 12 15-17

Death of a Centenarian.

Michael Neary died at his home in Delano this morning from old age. The deceased was looked upon as the oldest man in this region. His relatives cannot give his exact age, but they are certain he was upwards of 100 years old. He made his home with a son and daughter at Delano. He had charge of the tool room in the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops at that place and remained on duty up to a few days ago.

Buy Keystone flour. Be sure that the name LESSIG & BAER, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every sack.

Breaker Destroyed.

A breaker at Montana, near Centralia, was destroyed by fire last night. The origin is not known. The breaker had not been operated for several years and no fires were kept up about the place. The colliery was formerly operated by Childs & Co. The Morris Ridge Coal Company purchased it about a year ago, but had not undertaken operations. There was considerable machinery in the breaker. The loss will probably amount to \$50,000.

The Theatre.

"Mulberry Bend" was the program offered at Ferguson's theatre last night by Maurice Drew's players and Lizzie May Ulmer. The interesting plot of the play was very pleasingly presented and the specialties introduced were well received. "Jack Rosen," the burlesque on realistic railway dramas, by Mr. Drew and Miss Ulmer, was received with laughter and applause. To-night "Streak O' Lightning" will be produced.

Fresh oysters opened every day at the White House. Oysters in all styles prepared at short notice. 11 30-11

Worth Having.

A very pretty souvenir for the Christmas season is a panel entitled "Christmas Morning." It represents two sweet children descending a staircase with their arms filled with toys left them during Christmas Eve by Santa Claus. It is a beautiful work of art and is distributed free to customers by the Grand Union Tea Company, 28 South Main street.

Misc Disorder.

There was another fight in the gallery of Ferguson's theatre last night and the performance was frequently interrupted by other disorder. When the audience was leaving the theatre the pavement leading to Main street became blocked on account of another fight. No arrests were made.

News of the Collieries.

The Kelsey Run colliery will suspend operations to-night until Monday, next. All the collieries of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company suspended operations this afternoon for the balance of the week.

Council Meeting.

The Borough Council held a meeting last night and was in session over four hours. The whole session was taken up by the consideration of bills for work done at the Fowler's Run reservoir and at the Brandonville plant.

Clothing and Storm Coats.

A large stock of men's clothing and storm overcoats will be at Reese's auction rooms, West Centre street, on Friday. The stock includes \$10,000 worth of goods and all must be closed out without delay. Auction and private sales. 12 13-24

Holiday Announcement

We desire to call your attention to our most beautiful collection of novelties in gold and sterling silver, diamonds and other precious stones, clocks, bronzes, jewelry, silver table ware, etc., all bought of the best and most reliable houses in this country.

All goods carefully selected, of unsurpassed beauty, most attractive, graceful and unique in appearance, with the newest ideas of a rich, exclusive character confined in Shenandoah entirely to this house.

Our stock is beyond doubt the best selected and most magnificent in this county. The celebrated B. & H. Banquet Lamp and gold finished Onyx Table—a specialty.

It will be to your interest to give us a call. Prices the lowest at

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The leading house in the county for goods at prices which stagger you. Don't forget that

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NEW VEIN OF COAL.

Mining Engineers Make an Important Discovery at Audenried.

Daniel Thomas, of Morea, superintendent for the Doosan Coal Company, yesterday discovered at the company's Audenried colliery a vein of coal hitherto unknown to the mine experts of this region.

In boring through the bottom slate at the Beaver Brook colliery Mr. Thomas penetrated a black body of earth that, at a depth of forty feet, proved to be a ten-foot vein of solid coal. The discovery will be of great interest to mining engineers and scientists.

Best violin strings, Holderman's.

Mrs. Bridgeman, R. C. M., teaches violin (specialty) cello and piano. Corner of Jardin and Lloyd streets. 93-11

Best violin strings, at Holderman's.

Oysters!

If you want good oysters go to H. Mohl's, 105 East Centre street, next door to Devers' barber shop. The best selected oysters in the town. Private parlors for ladies. 9 15-th sat

Beware Of Peddlers and Fakirs.

Some People

Are always looking for gold[dollars for seventy-five cents; but there is always a hole in them. We are not selling our dollars at that rate; we can't. We only sell the best the market affords. Always bear this in mind when you buy something "cheap."

Graf's 122 North Jardin Street.