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Handsome presents for young and old.

- Plain, Embroidered and Hemstitched bed sheets and pillow cases, 50c, 65c and \$1.25. Towels, two rows drawn work at 25c. Double-headed rests, all silk, 75c. Beautiful pin cushions, all embroidered silk handkerchiefs, 10c. Gents' initial silk at 38c. Handsome umbrellas with natural wood handles, 75c. Table linens and napkins.

116-18 N. Main St.



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Will be at our store

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 15th and 17th

to receive letters from all good children.

... BRING YOUR LETTERS EARLY. ...

Chas. Girvin,

Successor to GIRVIN, DUNGAN & WAIDLEY.

8 South Main Street.

We Have Now

a full line of Men's, Women's and Children's slippers for the holidays. Prices from 35 cents up.

Remember that we carry a full line of the snug proof duck boots. Rubbers of all styles at the lowest prices.

Joseph Ball,

14 South Main Street, Shenandoah, Pa.

... It Does Not Pay

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 80c 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 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, 2 lbs. for 25c. Fine large Ohio Raisins, 3 lbs. for 25c. Best Ontario Large Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c. New seedless Sultanina Raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c. New Seedless Seedless Raisins, very fine, 1 lb. for 25c. New Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. for 35c. Good Apples, 6 lbs. for 25c, 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 Pears, Apples, Apricots, Silver Prunes, White Neotarians, 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 25c. 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, 3 pounds for 25 cents. Tomato Catsup, a very good article, 4 bottles for 25c. Also the finest goods at higher prices.

At Keiter's.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Proceedings at the Regular Meeting Last Evening.

POVERTY AND NEGLECT!

The Family of William Horricks Found in a Horrifying Condition—Poverty and Filth in Full Sway.

The Board of Health held a regular semi-monthly meeting last night. The secretary reported that fifteen deaths occurred since the last meeting. There are one case of measles and one case of scarletina in the town. There are no cases of typhoid fever. There were 35 burial permits issued during November.

Health Officer Miles stated that Benjamin Susan, the cheese manufacturer, refused to pay the five dollar annual license fee imposed. The Board will proceed to enforce its collection.

The Health Officer also reported a case at 602 West Apple alley. He said the family was existing in filth and vermin and that the wife, Mrs. William Horrick, was not a proper person to have charge of a family. He said the condition of the place was a disgrace to the town. The children are covered with filth and vermin and scarcely half clad. The officer said the case was an extraordinary one and should be remedied. The report was so strong, that the Board decided to visit the place in a body to-day.

In accordance with the resolution the Board made the visit this morning and fully verified all the Health Officer reported, at the same time, condemning the condition in which the Grant, Fowler and O'Hearn properties in the same neighborhood are kept.

Mrs. Horrick's house was certainly in a deplorable condition and the family exists more like beasts than human beings. In the three rooms on the first floor the only pieces of furniture found were a dilapidated cupboard, a table and a range. Boxes served as chairs. On the second floor was found the head and footboard of a bedstead. There was not a mattress in the house. The woman said the family ate and slept in the kitchen. They sleep on the floor, not having even a piece of oilcloth upon which to lie. Four dogs and three pigs share the apartment with the family the husband having declared, the wife alleges, that where he stays the dogs must stay. The family consists of the husband and wife and four children, ranging from four to twelve years of age. The woman says her husband earns two dollars a day at the Keeley Run colliery. The only clothing the mother and children have is that upon their backs, and it is filthy. It is quite apparent that the woman is not of sane mind. She appears wholly indifferent to the condition of affairs. She told the Board that the dress and apron she wore was all she had to wear, with striking indifference, and when reference was made to the deplorable condition of the children she simply looked at them and smiled.

The Board will have a physician examine the woman's mental condition and make arrangements to have her and the children removed to the Almshouse. When this is done the Almshouse authorities will be called upon to prosecute the husband and compel him to provide for the children.

Candy! Candy! Candy!!! The cheapest in town. At W. V. Otto's, 27 South Main street.

Big Event of the Season. Mr. Willard Spencer's "Princess Bonnie" Opera Company will appear at the Ashland opera house on Saturday, December 22nd. This the original and only company presenting the opera and comes direct from the famous 134-night run at the Broad street theatre, Philadelphia. Miss Eleanor Mayo and Frank Danbills will positively appear in the cast. Chart opens Tuesday morning, 8 o'clock, at Voshage's drug store, opera house block. Tickets limited to ten. Telephone connections. Cars on the electric lines for all points will be held until after the performance.

We Received To-day: Fresh creamery butter. Choice dairy butter. Florida oranges, 20 and 25 cents a dozen 12-14-15 AT KEITER'S.

Chicken Soup at McElhenney's. Mr. McElhenney will serve to-night to his patrons and the public an elegantly prepared chicken soup in the shape of chicken rice. Everybody is invited. He will have a high go around. Do not be at all backward, as you are expected.

Something Nice. Stop and glance at Otto's confectionery display on South Main street. It is elaborate and tempting. People in search of something nice for the holiday season in the confectionery line will be interested in the display of chocolates.

Going Up. Owing to the increased circulation Messrs. Hooks & Brown have been obliged to put an additional carrier on the HERALD distributing route.

THE ALMSHOUSE AFFAIR.

Complications Arising From It Are on the Increase.

The last twenty-four hours have brought no additional developments in connection with the Almshouse disclosures, although the complications arising from side issues are on the increase. It is now announced that Hon. Samuel A. Loech, the bald-headed statesman from Schuylkill Haven, has his war patent on and is about to sue Congressman-elect Brumm for libel. Loech claims that Brumm has assailed his character in alleging that he received money to affect the appointment of people to positions in the Almshouse under the new board of Poor Directors. Justice McGinness, of Frackville, is also accredited with the statement that Marion Lizzie O'Brien has told him that the affidavit she made in favor of Seward Hartman at St. Clair was false. Lizzie is certainly a candidate for a long term of imprisonment if all that is said about her is true. With the dawn of each day it becomes more apparent that the whole affair is built upon a very shallow foundation and is based upon political biliousness.

Are you aware that W. V. Otto's fruit cake is the best in town? 27 South Main street.

Special Sunday Notices. Rev. William Powick will preach a sermon on the Almshouse horrors to-morrow evening in the Methodist Episcopal church. Another sermon on the series of popular themes will be preached in the Trinity Reformed church to-morrow evening by the pastor, Rev. Robert O'Boyle. The subject will be "Picket Duty." Rev. T. Maxwell Morrison will to-morrow evening, at 6:30 o'clock, deliver in the Presbyterian church the fifth lecture of his series on "The Hereafter." The subject will be "Escaping From Hell." The Primitive Methodist church, which has been closed during the past four weeks on account of repairs, will be re-opened to-morrow and the congregation will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of the church by holding three services. Rev. John H. Bath, the pastor, will preach in the morning, Rev. William Powick in the afternoon, and Rev. T. M. Bateman, of Girardville, in the evening.

If you want good cakes and pastry during the holidays use Keiter's "Pastry" Flour. 19-13-14

PERSONAL. Frank Ball visited friends at Mahanoy City yesterday. Postmaster O'Connor, of Mahanoy City, was a visitor to town yesterday. Mrs. William Willman, of Mahanoy City, spent yesterday afternoon visiting friends in town.

Mrs. F. H. Hopkins, of Mahanoy City, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Lewis, of North White street.

S. G. M. Hoppeter, Esq., has moved his office to the Titman building, corner of Main and Centre streets.

Murtha P. Quinn, one of Potsville's leading and most prosperous contractors, paid the HERALD sanction a visit yesterday afternoon.

Fresh oysters opened every day at the White House. Oysters in all styles prepared at short notice. 11-25-14

The Drew Company. Maurice Drew's players, with Lizzie May Ulmer, will close their week's engagement at Ferguson's theatre to-night with a re-production by special request of "Colorado," the very interesting play based upon Western life that met with so much approval on Monday evening last. Last night the company produced an original drama entitled "Search Light," with excellent success. The play has an interesting plot and several striking situations. The specialties introduced were very clever and the entertainment as a whole was very pleasing.

A Chance to Save Money. 150 barrels choice winter wheat roller flour, 85 per barrel. Quality guaranteed. 12-14-15 AT KEITER'S.

Died. LEWIS.—On the 13th inst., at Philadelphia, Pa., John L. Lewis, aged 58 years. Funeral will take place on Sunday, 16th inst., at 2 p. m., from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Shone, 204 West Poplar street, Shenandoah, Pa. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

Remnants of Brussels and Mequette carpets, 1 1/2 to 2 yards long, for mats and rugs. 12-14-15 AT KEITER'S.

Almost Ready. The Central branch of the Shamokin Mt. Carmel electric railway has been finished as far as the Logan colliery from the Mt. Carmel end. Only three-fourths of a mile has yet to be built and it is announced that the formal opening of the new branch will be about the first of the year.

Best violin strings, Holderman's. Mrs. Bridgeman, R. C. M., teaches violin (specialty) cello and piano. Corner of Jardin and Lloyd streets. 9-3-14

Best violin strings, at Holderman's.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Drippings From the Reporters' Pens and Pencils.

ONE OF THE LATEST FADS.

Ladies Have Formed a Singing Club. Prof. Zeltz Has Been Engaged to Instruct Them—Other Items.

One of the latest fads in town is an ladies singing club. It consists of some excellent material and Professor Zeltz has been engaged as director. The Professor will take charge on the first of January. We hope to hear from the club soon and will no doubt find it an excellent organization.

The show windows of many of the stores present a very attractive appearance. The approach of the Christmas holidays have instilled into the merchants a desire to get the eyes of the public on articles suitable for presents and other holiday uses. Now is the season of the year for the window dressers to get in their work.

Goodman & Bros., the West Centre street commission merchants, have won the title of orange kings of Schuylkill county. They will handle this season at least sixty thousand of the delicious Florida product.

Frank H. Waite, the genial and enterprising manager of the Ashland opera house, was in town yesterday posting the people on the production of the "Princess Bonnie" at his opera house on the 22nd inst. Ashland should feel proud that she has a man like Mr. Waite in charge of her theatrical affairs. He keeps the opera house in first class condition, runs it on a thorough business basis, books no chestnuts, and is ever reaching out for companies and plays that not only attract, but also give the patrons of the theatre an evening of enjoyment worth the price of admission asked. Mr. Waite understands the theatrical business.

Whitelock, the boot and shoe dealer, keeps up with the times in his efforts to draw the holiday trade and announces that he will present customers with a box of nicely assorted candy. Whitelock evidently believes in keeping the teeth in good humor as well as the feet.

The School Board has advertised for proposals from builders for the erection of the school building to be located at the northwest corner of Jardin and Cherry streets. The plans and specifications arranged by the architect warrant the presumption that the building will be as near a model school building as any to be found in the county.

Max Schmidt, the North Main street dry goods dealer, has tired of humoring the gas meter and is making arrangements to put an electric light plant in his building. If Mr. Schmidt adopts the plan he will also be able to supply his own steam heat.

The only place in town to purchase your Christmas confectionery is at W. V. Otto's, 27 South Main street.

The Pavalock Case. Peter Ollawina, Sophia, his wife, and Tiley, his brother, were before Justice Williams, last night, charged with having committed an atrocious assault upon Frank Pavalock. The wife and brother said they took no part in the attack. Dr. Hochlerner swore that the victim must have been struck on the head with some blunt instrument and that he was in a very critical condition. The accused were put under \$300 bail to await the result of the injuries and appear for further hearing should Pavalock recover sufficiently to appear against them.

The finest Chocolates 50 cents a pound at W. V. Otto's, 27 South Main street.

Marrled. Thomas H. Bevan, of Gilberton, and Miss Clara Rupert, of town, were married on Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's parents, on West Coal street, by Rev. R. M. Lichtenwalner.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Hassler, daughter of John L. Hassler, of West Coal street, and Edward Foley, of town, is announced. The wedding took place at Tamaqua last Saturday.

Ready for Work Again. After an idleness of nearly two weeks the HERALD newspaper press is once more in operation. During the past ten days it has been thoroughly overhauled and is now in first class working order, thanks to Mr. Thornton Dowell, of New York, representing the Potter Press Company of that place. Mr. Dowell has proved himself an expert in work on presses by his handling of the HERALD press.

Sunday Papers. I am the only authorized agent for the Philadelphia (Sunday) Press, also agent for all other Philadelphia and New York Sunday papers. All orders left at the office of "Squire" T. T. Williams will have my prompt attention. 11-3-14 D. T. WILSON.

Candy! Candy! Candy! The finest assortment in town at lowest prices. Fresh candy made every hour at 10 cents per pound. Give it a trial and you will come again. S. Rosasco, 34 West Centre street.

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

A. HOLDERMAN'S, Cor. Main and Lloyd Sts.

Would Make a Handsome Gift.

Shepp's World's Fair Photographs.

BOUND IN CLOTH at \$1.50.

Cost more than \$1.50 to print it. No work on this subject so complete. Never sold before for less than \$5.00. See them and be surprised. On sale at

F. J. Portz & Son

21 North Main Street.

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

\$15.00

We give away to our customers absolutely FREE on January 15, 1895.

The "Y" Meeting.

The Young Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet this evening in Robbins' hall, corner of Main and Oak streets. All young people are invited. The following program will be rendered: Singing; prayer; scripture reading; Miss Clara Yost; singing; music reading, Edward Danks; violin solo, Miss Brown; news of the week, James Hough; reading, Miss Smith; instrumental music, George Roxby; question box; vocal solo, Miss Wasley; critic, Benjamin Mansell.

For Sale—On Track To-day.

One car No. 1 timothy hay. One car choice white oats. One car fine middlings. 12-14-15 AT KEITER'S.

Advertised Letter.

The following is a list of the letters remaining at the local post office and advertised as unclaimed for: Harry A. Bartlett.

Oysters!

If you want good oysters go to H. Mehl's, 105 East Centre street, next door to Devers' barber shop. The best selected oysters in the town. Private parlors for ladies. 9-15-14

A Quarter Buys

4 pounds fresh, Standard Coffee cakes. These ain't old stale stock.

1 pound mixed tea. Finest in the county for the money.

4 pounds pulverized sugar. Not hard and lumpy, and fine as slick.

2 pounds fresh, mixed nuts. No pecans.

Graf's

122 North Jardin Street.