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ONE CENT

**...Cheaper Than Ever.**

Brocatelle Parlor Suits, \$25.00.

Couches, \$4.75.

**JOHN P. WILLIAMS & SON**

**Santa Claus at Schmidt's.**

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 rags, all silk, 75c.  
Beautiful pin cushions, all embroidered silk handkerchiefs, 10c.  
Gents' initial silk at 35c.  
Handsome umbrellas with natural wood handles, 75c.  
Table linens and napkins.

116-18 N. Main St.

**SANTA CLAUS** :::

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, DUNCAN & WAIDLEY.

3 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 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, fire 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, 2 lbs. for 35c. Fine large blue Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c. Best Omdara Layer Raisins, 4 lbs. for 35c. New seedless Sultan's Raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c. New Cleaned Seedless Raisins, very fine, 15c. New Cleaned Currants, 5 lbs. for 25c. Good Currants, 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 Peaches, Apricots, Silver Prunes, White Nectarines, Pitted Plums, Pitted Cherries and Dried Blackberries, 3 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, 2 pounds for 25 cents.  
Tomato Catsup, a very good article, 4 bottles for 25c. Also the finest goods at higher prices.

**At Keiter's.**

## SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Rev. William Powick Talks on the Almshouse Affairs.

### INVESTIGATION REQUIRED.

Interesting Discourse on the Subject—The Primitive Methodist Church Re-opened Yesterday—Three Services.

The Methodist Episcopal church was crowded last night, every seat being occupied. The large attendance was due to some extent to the announcement by Rev. William Powick, the pastor, that he would preach a sermon on the almshouse horrors as unearched by the Schuylkill County Ministerial Association, and he did.

Rev. Powick took the text for the sermon from John 8:11: "Jesus said unto her neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." Also Matt. 23:33: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

During his discourse Rev. Powick said: The attitude of Jesus towards sinners was determined by the attitude of sinners towards Him. Tenderness to the penitent and severity to the perverse. A minister never more resembles his Master than when he denounces wrong doing. This is why the ministers have taken note of the almshouse horrors which have stirred the public during the week. This is why they have demanded an investigation and cannot be intimidated by threats of prosecution. They have not acted hastily. The meeting last week was not the first that was held. Some of the newspapers, while conceding the purity of their motives, assume that they have been made political cats-paws, but their intelligence, as well as their characters, are a sufficient guarantee that they would not act as they have until carefully examining the evidence and feeling assured that to justify their course they have not acted maliciously. They have no one to serve, to fear, nor to punish. They have been assured of the excellence of the Christian woman who is matron of the institution and profoundly sympathize with her in the sorrows of the situation, but they nevertheless would be false to their trust did they not insist upon an investigation of the charges, which do not affect her personally. Nor would they have it understood that these charges affect all the inmates of the institution. In the very nature of the case they can affect but few. Some of the papers have fearlessly and properly published some of the charges, and suspended judgment pending investigation. Some cowardly sheets, which can usually be relied upon to take the wrong side, have made the villainess of the case an excuse for evading the real issue, and attacking the motives of the accusers. The legal maxim that a man must be assumed to be innocent till proved guilty applies no less forcibly to witnesses whom they accuse of perjury. Our newspapers should remember this, and in defending public servants avoid accusing their accusers. Public interest has clustered about only one charge out of several. It is not for me to defend nor impeach the witnesses, but having examined the evidence I am prepared to say that such a charge could be substantiated only by a witness who is thoroughly depraved. But to rule out such testimony on the ground of depravity would forever preclude conviction in any such case. Even a depraved woman may tell the truth. But what about the other charges? If any dependence is to be placed upon the testimony of reputable witnesses there are other things connected with the management of the almshouse that show it to be rotten. It is not for me to locate the responsibility. It is for this purpose that an investigation is demanded. There is the charge of extravagance, which is the most infamous charge of all. I would not refer to it, but for its bearing upon the morals and discipline of the institution. The amount appropriated for inside relief last year was about \$28,000. Over ten per cent. of this amount was expended for whiskey and tobacco, about 90 for each inmate; but more than half of it was consumed in the office. Another charge concerns the birth of children in the insane department. An other is the exhibition in all their native nudeness of uncommonly deformed inmates or idiotic inmates for the sport of the public servants and their friends, while engaged in their drunken orgies and the payment of the exhibitor in copious draughts of whiskey. All these things, and more besides, have been openly charged to be true, and an investigation into their truth is imperatively demanded. And any newspaper that can muddy their seriousness and refuse to join in the demand for a searching and impartial investigation of their truth is a public traitor. I know we are asked "how do you know that there is not some political scheme back of the whole movement?" Why should we care? The question is not concerning the motives of the accusers, but the truth of their accusation. If Satan is divided against himself why should the man care? Should we not rather rejoice and help to widen the breach? It is evident from the admissions of its stoutest defenders that there

is something wrong. They say it is not a model institution, and excuse the irregularities by the quotation of similar ones in other institutions. But we have a right to a model institution, or to know the reason why we have not. It is a shame and everlasting disgrace to our civilization when justice is demanded to be put off with an explanation of injustice, or when purity is demanded to be offered an apology for impurity. We are told that the Auditors ought to have made these charges sooner. Perhaps so. But better late than never. Besides a burnt child dreads the fire. Some time since, so I am reliably informed, an official was convicted in our courts for some almshouse villainy, but he has not yet been sentenced. There must be an enlightened public sentiment behind such prosecutions to avoid a miscarriage of justice. Hence the wisdom of their course. If the charges can be disproved none will rejoice more than the ministers. They would rather prove that a few witnesses have borne false testimony than to have it demonstrated that our county poor have been subjected to such vile atrocities as are alleged.

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

### THE P. M. CHURCH.

Re-Opening of the Repaired and Improved Edifice Yesterday.

The congregation of the Primitive Methodist church was in high glee yesterday, the occasion being the re-opening of their church, which had been closed for several weeks on account of extensive alterations and repairs. The previous identity of the church's interior has been entirely changed. The walls and ceilings have been much beautified by the skillful brush of Thomas H. Snyder. The prevailing color is terra cotta. The centre piece of the ceiling is a work of art. The old pews have been replaced by handsome seats arranged in semi-circles and many improvements have been made about the pulpit. On the whole the church is as cosy and pretty as any in the county. The cost of the improvements was close upon \$1,000. Three services were held yesterday and about four hundred dollars was raised by contributions and pledges. The first service was held in the morning, Rev. John Bath, the pastor, preaching the sermon. Rev. William Powick conducted the service in the afternoon and Rev. T. M. Bateman in the evening. To-night there will be a meeting in the church that will be addressed by a number of visiting clergymen and the pastor will have an important announcement to make to the congregation.

If you want good cakes and pastry during the holidays use Keiter's "Pastry" Flour. 12-13-14

### Two Stray Children.

Two little girls were found wandering aimlessly about the streets Sunday night. Upon being questioned by the Chief of Police they gave the name of Whitehead and their ages as 14 and 16 years respectively. They say their parents are dead and they ran away from friends in Weatherly. They are in custody pending the result of inquiries by telegraph.

The finest Chocolates 30 cents a pound at W. V. Otto's, 27 South Main street.

### No Sale.

The Orphans' Court sale of the properties on East Lloyd street and the corner of Main and Lloyd streets, belonging to the estate of the late John B. Reber, was of no effect on Saturday, the prices not reaching the figures required by the executors. A. H. Roads, the agent, will now sell the properties privately.

### A Chance to Save Money.

150 barrels choice winter wheat roller flour, 40 per barrel. Quality guaranteed. 12-14 1W AT KEITER'S.

### Will Not Be There.

William Gibson, formerly of town and now of Pottsville, repudiates the announcement that he is to spar James McHale in this town. He also says he is willing to meet McHale at 140 pounds for from \$100 to \$500 a side.

### McElhenny's Cafe To-night.

To-night you are invited to visit McElhenny's and partake of an elegant dish of sour-kraut, free. You are invited because you are wanted. He will have sufficient for everybody. Do not be backward in calling.

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

### Change of Date.

On account of the 25th Inst. being Christmas Day, Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., will hold its election of officers tomorrow night, one week earlier than usual.

### Colliery Interest Sold.

Griffith D. Jones, of Slatington, has sold his one-third interest in the Cambridge Coal Company to James Bell, of Brownsville, for \$4,000. The transfer was made through Justice Shoemaker.

### For Sale—On Track To-day.

One car No. 1 timothy hay.  
One car choice white oats.  
One car fine middlings. 12-14-36 AT KEITER'S.

## AMOUR AS AN ACTOR.

Makes a Flying Trip With the Drew Company

### A HERO IN A MINOR ROLE.

He Can Choke Villains and Rescue Persecuted Maidens on the Stage But He is Not in Amour's Class.

The management of Maurice Drew's players, who concluded a week's engagement at Ferguson's theatre on Saturday night, did not leave a very favorable impression upon Manager T. H. Hutchinson, of the Ferguson House, when the time arrived for the company to take its departure yesterday.

The company remained as guests of the hotel during the week. Yesterday afternoon the manager called on Mr. Hutchinson for the bill and went upstairs to get the money. Meanwhile the members of the troupe went to the Lehigh Valley depot, their trunks being taken down at the same time. The manager hurriedly entered the office of the hotel a few minutes later and threw down the hotel bill with a number of greenbacks of small denominations upon the desk. He did not wait for a receipt, but hurried after the troupe to the depot. Mr. Hutchinson counted the small bills and found the total eleven dollars short of the required amount. In company with Detective Amour the landlord hurried to the depot. The company was already on the train and as the detective and Mr. Hutchinson hoveled in sight they hailed them with shouts of "Ta-ta, Hutchy," etc. Amour jumped on the train as it pulled out from the station. He was unable to learn who the manager of the company was, Hutchinson having remained behind, but he found out who handled the railroad tickets and pounced upon him as the manager. This individual proved to be Mr. Drew. The detective explained the shortage, but Mr. Drew only scoffed at him. "Ta-ta, me boy," said he, "We are bound or New York. The trunks are checked and I have the railroad tickets." Other members of the company joined in deriding the detective who was growing hot. He said to Drew, "I don't want the trunks, or the tickets. I want that eleven-dollar balance." Drew seemed to be enjoying himself immensely and continued jollying the detective. Amour is a powerful man. Finding persuasion of no avail he said, "If I can't get the money I'll take you," and with a good strong pull he lifted the actor from the seat and almost over the back of it. The train had reached Mahanoy City by this time and the actor, finding that he was doomed to part company with his fellow thespians if he did not pay the money, handed the detective the eleven dollars. As Amour took the bills he raised his hat and said, addressing the members of the company: "In behalf of Mr. Hutchinson, allow me to say 'ta-ta.' The detective then alighted from the train amid the laughter of the vanquished, but still jolly, thespians.

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

### A Cock Fight.

A number of sports of this town and other places conducted a cock fight on the top floor of the old Franey building at the corner of Main and Poplar street Saturday night. The affair was conducted with so much secrecy (?) that even the police failed to hear of it. At least, if they did learn anything about it, they took no steps to interfere. Cock fights in a dance hall on the Main street of the town is something of which few towns with a paid police force can boast.

### We Received To-day:

Fresh creamery butter.  
Choice dairy butter.  
Florida oranges, 20 and 25 cents a dozen 12-14 36 AT KEITER'S.

### Notice to Stockholders.

To the stockholders of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association: Next week being Christmas will hold their regular meeting on Saturday evening 18th, 1894. All moneys regular meeting, to be paid on Saturday, December 18th, 1894, 6 o'clock p. m. By or

Attest:—C. W. D.

### Offered

The building at the Main and Oak street office is located, with furniture, is offered and must be sold before Bids must be mailed Jackson Boulevard, 1

### Holiday F

A special sale of (the next two weeks. I mufflers, muffs and ladies' and misses reduced prices.

12-14-44 30 South Main

## 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 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 \$3.00. 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.

### Caught on a Run.

Joseph Slocum, a bad looking fellow who claimed to hail from Buck Mountain, was arrested on a run at about 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. Justice Toomey saw Slocum leaving Hymen Fogel's store, on East Centre street, acting in a suspicious manner. Slocum seemed to be secreting something under his coat. Constable Giblin went after the man and he ran, but was captured after a run as far as the Union street school building. A suit of underwear stolen from Fogel's store was found under his coat. As Slocum was unable to furnish \$500 bail he was taken down to the Pottsville jail this morning.

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

### Sued for Libel.

Wellington Hartman, steward of the county almshouse, has sued J. H. Zerby, of the Republican; C. Shumway, of the Chronicle, Pottsville, and T. J. Joyce, of the Daily American.