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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,

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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 snag 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, fine flavored drink. Our Roasted Java is the best Old Government Java. Our 50c Blended Tea is a mixture of fine tea 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 35c. Best Ondara Layer Raisins, 4 lbs. for 35c. New seedless Sultana Raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c. New Cleaned Seedless Raisins, very fine, 15c. New Cleaned Currants, 3 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, 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 35c, 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, 3 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.

CHURCH AND LODGE ROOM.

The P. M. Church and Odd Fellows Celebrate.

CAPT. JOHNSON SPEAKS!

He Tells the Church Congregation of the Struggles of Their Predecessors. How the Odd Fellows Celebrated.

A very interesting public meeting was held last evening in connection with the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of the Primitive Methodist church and the twenty-third anniversary of the organization of the society. Mr. Marshall Baugh was elected chairman and presided over the meeting in a very effective manner. Addresses were delivered by Mr. George W. Johnson, Rev. John Bath, the pastor, and Rev. T. M. Bateman, of Gardenville. The society was organized in the home of Mr. Johnson, in the winter of 1871 and 1872, at No. 8 North Jardin street, and the gentleman, it is believed, is the only survivor of that company of organizers.

Mr. Johnson spoke in a very eloquent and touching manner. He said it was with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that he stood before the people—sorrow that so many of his co-laborers were not permitted to see this day and joy that their labors had resulted in so much good and held out such bright hope to the sons of men. He recounted the struggles, trials and triumphs of the early society. He spoke very highly of the many friends outside the church who had materially helped them in those early struggles, and closed by paying a very glowing tribute to the memory of the late Franklin B. Gowen, who, on a certain occasion, came to their aid and smoothed the surgical pillows. Mr. Johnson rejoiced that the church is prospering so nicely and said he sincerely hoped it would continue so.

Rev. T. M. Bateman's address was a very fine effort, filled with humor and facts, both interesting and edifying. The address was based upon the passage, "Come up Higher," and showed in a very beautiful manner the privilege and possibilities of the race.

The choir was present and added to the pleasure of the occasion by rendering several very appropriate anthems. A report showing the cost of repairs to the church and parsonage, with the amount of money collected, was presented. The expenses amounted to \$1,000, and the collections, when all are in, will run to about \$900. While the amount collected does not cover the expenses, it is very good, considering the hard times. A resolution was passed thanking the many kind friends in and outside the town for the very generous manner in which they responded to the appeals of the congregation. The audience showed its appreciation of this by a standing vote.

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

L. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY.

Members of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 591, Celebrate.

The members of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 591, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, celebrated the twenty-eighth anniversary of the organization last night by holding a musical and literary entertainment in the lodge room.

Among the visitors in attendance who took part in the entertainment were Rev. H. G. Main, of Cambria, and C. F. Scott, of Phillipsburg, N. J. The following program was rendered: Opening address, Chairman, John W. Morgan; L. O. O. F. ode, members; prayer, Rev. Main; selection, orchestra; address, C. F. Scott; "Let Hills and Vales Resound," L. O. O. F. party; selection, orchestra; double quartette, Price party; selection, orchestra; solo, Jesse Hughes; "Arabella" part song, Price party; duet, Messrs. Price and Hughes; selection, orchestra; "Davy Jones," Price party; duet, violin and cornet, Messrs. Trexler and Hitchins; male party; selection, orchestra; "Come to me, Love," male party; selection, orchestra; "good night," male party; prayer.

The lodge was started in 1866 with 21 charter members. The surviving charter members are George Dupuy, William Hemmingsway, Richard Knight, G. L. Ragan, Samuel Wertheiser and Daniel Badorf. The total number of initiations from the time of the institution was 390, and the present membership is 197, 189 having been lost by deaths, re-novations, etc. The lodge has paid for the relief of sick members, up to March, 1894, \$18,933.10; burying the dead, \$6,136.40; a total of \$25,069.50.

The finest kind of Christmas confectionery at M. I. Kummerer's, 34 North Main street. 12-18-94

Holiday Bargains.

A special sale of Christmas goods for the next two weeks. Dallas handkerchiefs, mufflers, mitts and toys. Also a final sale of ladies' and misses' coats. Carpets at reduced prices.

P. J. MONAHAN,

12-18-94 80 South Main St., Shenandoah.

THE ROOKERIES.

High Rents Exact for Miserable Places of Abode.

The exposure of the condition of affairs at the house of William Harricks, on West Apple alley, made through a visit by the Board of Health, has caused another outburst of public opinion against the condition of affairs that the owners of rookeries allow to exist.

The house occupied by the family named is a place wholly unfit for habitation, yet \$6.50 rental per month is charged for it. According to the statement made by the landlord the other day he never bothers himself about the condition of the premises. When the rent becomes due he simply raps at the doors of these houses, stretches out his hand, jams the money down into his pocket and walks off to soak the money away where it will serve to add to his reputation as one of the moneyed men of the community.

A great deal has been said about landlordism in Ireland, but it is not necessary to go outside the limits of the borough of Shenandoah to get a sample of as despotic and grasping landlordism as any that exists. The house spoken of is one of a row of quickly "slapped up" huts of cheap boards, plaster and lath. Many stables in the town can boast of better architectural pretensions. The east side of the house, from front to rear, shows the effects of mine workings beneath. In some places the walls are torn from six to ten inches from the floors and ceilings and in going up the stairway from the first to the second floor one must be careful lest he step into the opening. The condemnation of the place by the Board of Health is fully justified in every respect and it is a pity that some means cannot be devised to make the owners of such places feel the sting of humanity and common decency. To require the payment of the rent demanded for such rookeries seems like extortion. However, there is one thing the Board of Health can do, and that is to make these grasping landlords keep the buildings safe. It would seem that a building torn asunder as this one endangers the life and limbs of the occupants, and such being the case the building should be ordered vacated until it is made habitable.

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

A Thief Caught.

Frank Ryan, a tramp who claims Philadelphia as his place of residence, was arrested on North Main street, between seven and eight o'clock last night, just after he had stolen a roll of gingham valued at \$5 from Oscar Kehler's dry goods store. George Knott followed the man and caused his arrest by Specials Henry Goodman and Joseph Mader. Ryan was given a hearing before Justice Dangler and committed in default of \$300 bail. This morning he went down to the Pottsville jail.

Now is your time to visit the Pittsburg Novelty Store. 12-18-94

Raiding Wheels of Fortune.

Constable Thomas Tosh, of the Third ward, is setting an excellent example for the rest of the constables. Several weeks ago he stopped the establishment of a wheel of fortune in his ward and yesterday he arrested two men for running one on South Main street. He arrested John Wasser for allowing the wheel to be operated in his house and John Kaniski for operating it. Each of the men were put under \$100 bail for trial at court.

Ladies' and gents' rings. All sizes and prices, at Strouse's jewelry store. 12-18-94

Will Serenade.

The Grant Band has decided to spend Christmas Eve in serenading prominent citizens of the town and will give an all-night concert in the band room on New Year's Eve. This is a change of program from previous years. It has been the custom to give the serenades on the latter date, but to suit the convenience of some members it was found necessary to make the change.

Fifty years in Schuylkill county in the jewelry business needs no other recommendation. Strouse, the jeweler. 12-18-94

The Girls Cared For.

The lamp and watch committee of the Borough Council met last night to take action in relation to Ella and Emma Whitehead, the two girls who were found roaming the streets on Sunday night. The girls repeated their story that they were respectively 14 and 16 years of age, their parents were dead and that they came here from Weatherly, where they lived with friends. The Chief of Police stated that he had telegraphed to Weatherly and received no reply. After a consultation the committee instructed Chief Burgess Burns to take charge of the girls, who also stated that they had a friend named Houser residing at Quakake. The Burgess was authorized to purchase railroad tickets and send the girls to that place. He did so and they left town this morning on the 9:15 Lehigh Valley train.

Gold spectacles, suitable for holiday gifts, at Strouse's jewelry store. 12-18-94

If you want good cakes and pastry during the holidays use Keiter's "Pastry" Flour. 12-18-94

The largest stock of diamonds, watches, rings and silverware at Strouse's jewelry store. 12-18-94

ANOTHER SWINDLE.

Boarding House Keeper a Victim This Time.

A WORTHLESS DEPOSIT!

He Allowed Board and Cash Loans to Run up Against a Worthless Fifty Dollar Confederate Note.

The unearthing of swindling schemes continues to expand and seldom a day passes that some new one does not materialize. John Poganotsky, a first ward Polish boardinghouse keeper, is the latest victim.

The story of this case is as follows: About three months ago one Stiney Alakawicz called at Poganotsky's house and engaged the boarding house at the same time landing the boarding boss what appeared to be a \$50 bill, asking him to put it in safe keeping. Against this deposit the boarder ran up a hash and slumber bill and several items of borrowed cash until a few days ago the amount supposed to be represented by the bill was exhausted and the man left the place.

It was not until after the boarder had left that Poganotsky referred to the deposited bill. He went to get it changed and discovered that it was a Confederate States bill issued at Richmond, Virginia, in 1861.

Alakawicz was arrested at Mahanoy Plane by Constable Giblin and Special Officer Alexis at two o'clock this morning, and will be given a hearing to-night.

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

THE POTTSVILLE MEETING.

Result of the Discussions on the Almshouse Charges.

The mass meeting in Centennial hall, Pottsville, yesterday, to take action on the almshouse charges, was well attended, but was of very short duration. Joseph H. Fisher opened the meeting. Gen. J. K. Sigfried was made chairman and Rex Behney secretary. Those who occupied seats on the platform were Revs. Moser, Schuykill Haven; Longstorf and Boale, of Port Carbon; Powick, Shenandoah; Pickersgill, Minersville; Carter, St. Clair, and Dr. Gaul, of the M. E. church, Rev. Herbert, of the First Reformed church, Dr. Chamberlain, Garfield Presbyterian church, and Dr. Fiery, of the English Lutheran church. The four latter represented the Pottsville ministers.

General Sigfried announced that the object of the meeting was to sound public opinion and receive expressions of citizens as to the best course to pursue. Rev. Fiery was the first and only speaker for the Ministerial Association. He reviewed the work and developments resulting from the meetings of the Ministers' Alliance, which have already been extensively published. Among other things he said: "With regard to the present steward I have nothing to say. We have sworn evidence as to his conduct, but I will not say anything on that point." He repeated upon request of Rev. Boale, of Port Carbon, that the keeper of the insane at the almshouse "has charge of the women as well as the men, waiting upon them and dressing them much as a man would groom a horse."

John A. Sullivan, Esq., spoke. He said he was surprised that such good men as Dr. Chamberlain should fall into the hands of cool, scheming, calculating politicians. Rev. William Powick, of Shenandoah, said it was indifferent whether it was a matter of politics or not. That it was a question of accusation, not motive. The meeting adjourned after the adoption of the following resolutions, introduced by Rev. Powick:

WHEREAS, Gross indignities are alleged to have been committed in the management of the County Almshouse, located near Schuylkill Haven, in this county, and evidence of gross and revolting outrages being perpetrated upon the inmates of the institution have been heard; therefore, be it

Resolved, We citizens and taxpayers of Schuylkill county, at a public meeting held at Pottsville on December 17th, 1894, request and demand that the County Auditors and District Attorney make a full and thorough investigation of the conduct and management of said almshouse, and of the treatment of its inmates and beneficiaries by all persons in charge and prosecute all misdemeanors to the full extent of the law.

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

Ladies' and gents' gold watches a specialty at Strouse's jewelry store. 12-18-94

Hand Cut.

Thomas Lathlans, a miner employed at the Indian Ridge colliery, had his right hand badly cut by a falling piece of coal yesterday. A gash across the back of the hand required four stitches.

The largest and handsomest stock of watches, jewelry and silverware in the county at Brauman's. Low prices and great variety is our inducement. 12-18-94

A Chance to Save Money.

150 barrels choice winter wheat roller flour, \$5 per barrel. Quality guaranteed. 12-14-94 At Keiter's.

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 \$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.

A Free Fight.

Michael Zidron, Michael Malluko and four other men indulged in a free fight in the Fifth ward Sunday night and punished each other pretty badly. Malluko got one of Zidron's fingers in his mouth and chewed it into mince meat. He was held in \$500 bail for trial on two charges of assault and battery and one of mayhem. Four of the men paid their fines yesterday after spending several hours in the lockup, and the sixth man, Andrew Klop, is still at large.

Gentlemen's scarf pins at Strouse's jewelry store. 12-18-94

Bargains in Footwear.

Call and see our variety in footwear. Great reduction in prices. A. F. Morgan's, 11 West Oak street. 12-18-94

Christmas tree trimmings, novelties in toys, dolls and engravings at the Pittsburg Novelty Store, 25 West Centre street. 9c

Rupture.

Cure guaranteed. No operation. Inquire at the Shenandoah drug store, No. 1 South Main street. 9-13-94

Brauman's stock of watches, jewelry and silverware is simply "out of sight." 12-18-94

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 silk.

2 pounds fresh, mixed nuts. No pecans.

Graf's

122 North Jardin S. east.