

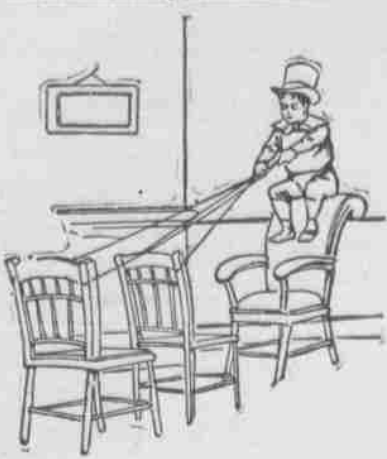
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ONE CENT



A Drive

In furniture that will make the thin pocket book smile all over with gladness. See what a small amount of money will accomplish just now:

- Ladies' Rockers.....\$1.00 up.
- Bedsteads.....1.00 up.
- Cupboards.....3.00 up.
- Extension Tables.....4.50 up.
- Cradles.....1.25 up.
- Chamber Suits, 8 pieces.....16.00 up.
- Parlor Suits, 5 pieces.....25.00 up.

Come and see and be convinced that this is the cheapest place in the state to buy your furniture.

Williams & Son

No. 13 S. Main St.

Muslin Underwear Sale Now On.

Very Important to Every Lady.

This underwear is now open for inspection. Every garment marked down to manufacturers' prices, which is 20 to 25 per cent. below the real value of the goods. All are made on lock stitch machines and of the 'W' make, which is proof of its superiority above other makes. Ladies, don't make your underwear if such a chance is offered to buy.

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Here is an Opportunity.

We have a number of sets of

**"The World and . . .
Its People by Sunlight."**

You can get them cheap. They cost us 7 cents a number, or \$1.82 a set, there being 26 numbers in a set. You can have a set for \$1.30 CASH.

Herald Publishing Company.

Valentines...

A most beautiful line just cut in price to meet hard times.

Toilet Paper in Rolls.

For just one week we offer 4 rolls for 25 cents. Never before sold at less than 3 rolls for 25c.

F. J. Portz & Son,

NO. 21 NORTH MAIN STREET, SHENANDOAH, PA.

Hard Times.

Short Time and Low Wages.

To meet the pressure of HARD TIMES by helping you to make the best possible use of small earnings, we offer 100 BARRELS CHOICE FAMILY FLOUR at \$3.00 per barrel. Bear in mind, that this is not a LOW GRADE FLOUR, but a choice article of FULL ROLLER FLOUR, guaranteed equal in COLOR, STRENGTH and QUALITY, to any Straight Winter Wheat Flour in the market. Every barrel is warranted to give full satisfaction in every respect. We have sold it for months without a single complaint. Try it. We are confident it will please you and save you money.

A Few 25 Cent Special Bargains.

- One quart prepared Mustard in Mason fruit jar.
- 4 Pounds Fresh Ginger Snaps.
- 5 Pounds Fresh Oyster Crackers.
- 3 Pounds Mixed Nuts
- 4 Bottles New Catsup—Fine Quality.
- 5 Pounds New Clean Muscatel Raisins.
- 2 Pounds New Citron or Lemon Peel.
- 3 Pounds New French Prunes.

Special Drives in Canned Goods.

- 4 Cans New Sugar Corn—25c.
- 4 Cans New Marrow Peas—25c.
- 8 Cans New Early June Peas—25c.
- 4 Cans Standard Cold Packed Tomatoes—25c.
- 4 Cans Pie Peaches—25c.
- 2 Cans Bartlett Pears—25c.
- 2 Cans California Apricots—25c.
- 2 Cans California Peaches—25c.

At Keiter's.

BLASTS OF THE BLIZZARD

Some Slight Breaks in the Snow Blockade.

BATTLING WITH DRIFTS.

This Morning the Situation was Unchanged, but Later in the Day Some Engines and Trains Moved.

The blizzard has moderated, but the full force of its effects is still with us. Business remains paralyzed, sweating commercial drummers are still imprisoned at the hotels and railway station, and traffic by railway and road vehicles remains suspended in all quarters. The gales that prevailed late yesterday afternoon and last evening made it impossible for the railroad companies to get their lines in condition. As soon as a drift would be broken or ploughed the gales swept the snow back and made the work a waste of time.

This morning brought no relief. Everything remained tied up, but as the gales had very much moderated and the snow stopped falling the railway officials expressed the belief that they would be able to have trains running between local points by noon to day. The Lehigh Valley railroad officials did not count upon this hope, however, and this morning Superintendent A. P. Biaklesie issued orders from his headquarters at Delano annulling all trains for the day.

The Lehigh Valley train that reached here from Shamokin early yesterday morning and remained stalled at the depot during the day, got away at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and reached Delano. The three trains that were stalled between Delano and Park Place got back to the former place yesterday afternoon.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company's lines are in no better condition than yesterday. The Shenandoah branch was in worse condition to day on account of the engines that were in operation getting off the track. Three engine-left Mahanoy Plane late last night with a passenger coach and got as far as the Shenandoah City colliery when the draw head of the coach pulled out. After some delay and difficulty the coach was sidetracked.

At 6:45 o'clock this morning three P. & R. engines left town with a passenger coach for Mahanoy Plane. At Preston the three engines struck a drift that ran them off the track. They were replaced, but did not proceed far when one of them got off again and the line was blocked until after ten o'clock.

Conductor Joe Sigfried attempted to get his Lehigh Valley train through to town from Mt. Carmel yesterday morning, but got stalled between the latter point and Centralia. Yesterday afternoon an engine and train of gravel cars were sent from Delano to Sigfried's relief and had not been reported up to ten o'clock this morning.

The Philadelphia & Reading passenger train that left Philadelphia at 11:30 Thursday night reached town at 12 o'clock last night. The passengers became discouraged enroute and abandoned the train. There were no arrivals from Philadelphia from that time up to noon to day.

A Lehigh Valley train from New York reached Mauch Chunk at 8 o'clock last night and started from Wilkes-Barre. It got stalled somewhere along the line and was not reported up to noon to day.

A train that left Delano for Lizzard Creek Junction Thursday night is stranded at some unknown point between those places.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

Engine No. 364, with the car and crew that went out yesterday afternoon to render assistance to Conductor Sigfried's train, which was stranded between Mt. Carmel and Centralia, got back to town at one o'clock this afternoon covered with snow, stack high, and proceeded to Delano. Sigfried's train was taken to Mt. Carmel last night and the crews remained there over night.

Two engines and a snow plow made their way from Delano to town over the upper route and arrived here at one o'clock this afternoon. They made the run back to Delano via the Mahanoy City route. The line has not been declared open yet.

It is reported that the Lehigh Valley line from this town to Wilkes-Barre will not be opened until Tuesday.

Big Lunch at McElhenny's.

Everybody is invited to visit McElhenny's cafe this evening, as he will have prepared a surprise for you in the shape of an elegant and delicious free lunch. This is an invitation that should be taken advantage of by all lovers of something good to eat.

The Scheiffy Funeral.

Owing to the continued snow blockade the funeral of the late John Scheiffy has been postponed until Monday, at noon. The postponement is unavoidable on account of the place of interment being located at Tamaqua and the inability of the railroad company to guarantee a train to that place.

Call at McElhenny's cafe to-night. Elegant free lunch.

PUBLIC ILLUMINATION.

Strong Argument Produced Favoring Borough Control.

Time and again I have read strong arguments presented in favor of the borough of Shenandoah controlling its own electric light plant, and the advantages to be derived from such a movement in increased revenue for the borough and a reduced rate to private consumers. All this, however, has so far come to naught. The Borough Council has failed to take the initiative steps, and that may be the reason the citizens have not acted upon the suggestion. When the water works project first came before the people for ratification in the shape of increased indebtedness, many citizens who were favorable to the undertaking advanced the theory that the borough could make a much better investment, with far less indebtedness, by purchasing the old water company's plant and erecting an electric light station. This was sound argument, and perhaps had the plan been adopted the indebtedness of the town would to-day have been far less than it is.

The borough, I believe, pays at the rate of \$108 for each light now furnished, and while this sum may appear exorbitant, yet it is \$17 less than what Ashland is paying. Besides, there are hundreds of families in the town that would use the system if the rate was lower. With the dissatisfaction that exists in town in regard to the illuminating power furnished by the two electric light and gas companies, the people would be ripe for the borough to procure its own plant.

There are to-day in the neighborhood of forty Pennsylvania towns which operate their own electric light plants, and in each case it has proved to be a paying investment. The reduction in each case from the price paid to private companies has been fully one-half. These are facts that can be substantiated very easily by investigation, and no stronger argument could be produced in favor of a similar movement here. The business men would be unanimous in its favor, while the private individual would derive as much benefit in a reduced rate for their residences.

The slow town of Tamaqua is awakening from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, and is at present engaged in the discussion whether or not it would be wise to erect its own plant. They will vote on the question on February 19th, with a strong sentiment in favor of the movement. Chambersburg is another progressive town that has decided to control its own plant, while Shenandoah, with 17,000 inhabitants, still lingers in the clutches of a grasping monopoly.

When I say the plant will be self-sustaining, I have only to point your readers to the town of Weatherly, which sustains a plant of its own. Notwithstanding the fact that it furnishes the incandescent light to the homes and business places cheaper than it is furnished in any other town or city in the state, sufficient revenue is derived to enable the borough to furnish arc lights for street illumination free of all cost, with a balance in the borough's favor. I submit here a letter written by the editor of the Weatherly Herald upon the subject, and which will give our citizens food for careful thought. He says:

"The arc and incandescent lights were put in at the same time. They cost in the first place about \$15,000. I think the bond issue was to that amount. Since that time improvements, extra wiring for incandescent lighting, lamps, converters, etc., have brought the plant's worth to \$30,000. The rental for incandescent lights pays the running expenses for both arc and incandescent, and more. Last year there was a small surplus over. This year—'94—the balance will be considerably larger, as more lights have been rented. We have 34 arc lights. The Thomson-Houston system is used, and we claim to have as good light, bright and steady, as any town or city in the United States. This is a fact, and all strangers coming into our town marvel at its excellency. Incandescent lights are in almost every house. They are cheaper than any other. Sixteen-candle lights are put in private dwellings, at 25c per light per month; business places, 35c; club rooms, hotels, 50c. These rates are cheaper than any town in the country. We don't pay anything but a small tax levied to pay for the bonded indebtedness. In a few years the debt will be paid off and we will have an arc light for nothing. You see the rental of the incandescent pays for running both. We used to pay \$65.10 per month for 42 sticks gasoline lamps, rented from the Pennsylvania Globe Gas Light Company. Two men and a boy are employed on the entire plant. They do the running, wiring, repairing and have full charge of the entire plant."

I simply give these facts and arguments for the benefit of your readers, with the hope that those who have had occasion recently to criticize large gas bills for an inferior light may see their way clear to boom the project to a successful termination.

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Don't forget the big free lunch at McElhenny's to-night.

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.

11-3-95-11

D. T. WILKES.

BOY FOUND IN A DRIFT

Mr. Titman's Discovery in Walking From Frackville.

ARRIVED JUST IN TIME!

The Boy had Succumbed to the Severe Weather While Walking to Maizeville and Was Almost Perished.

Charles E. Titman left Philadelphia for Shenandoah at four o'clock yesterday afternoon with one engine and three coaches. A run to Reading was made without much trouble, but at that place another engine was added to the train and from that point time was lost. The train reached Pottsville thirty minutes late and was unable to get beyond that point. This morning three engines and a coach left Pottsville for Shenandoah. Just as they reached the Frackville station the coach jumped the track and no further progress could be made. The engine and coach were those that arrived here at one o'clock this afternoon.

When the coach left the track at Frackville Mr. Titman abandoned it and telephoned to Shenandoah for his sleigh. Being a little impatient he started to walk. On his way down the mountain towards Maizeville he saw an object lying in a drift of snow at the side of the highway. He approached and found the object was a twelve-year-old boy named Pitzel. He had fallen aside the road exhausted and near him were two satchels, one filled with clean towels and the other containing a lunch. The boy lives at Maizeville and had been sent to deliver the towels and lunch at his brother's barber shop at Frackville. Had not Mr. Titman happened along the boy would undoubtedly have been frozen to death.

Mr. Titman gave the boy a good rubbing down and then helped him to Maizeville. The lumber king was met at that place by a sleigh in charge of Mr. G. C. Clauser. The vehicle was the first to pass over the mountain since the blizzard started. In some places it was necessary to shovel a passage through the drifts. Mr. Titman arrived here shortly before noon.

A nice present—a box of Brennan's Havana cigars. \$1.25 per box.

PHILADELPHIA SITUATION.

Main and Branch Lines are also Suffering.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—No train has been run between this city and New York since Thursday night.

The Lebanon, Perkasimen and Boyertown branches of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad are blocked and the company has given up efforts to keep them open, but is bending all its energies to the main line.

All the street car lines in the city are kept in operation. The snow plows are kept in constant use.

The Pennsylvania railroad train that left Pottsville at 6:55 yesterday morning for this city with two engines and five cars is off the track at Nerriestown.

Dabb has removed his gallery to Hoffman's old stand, West Centre street.

Stalled at Hazleton.

Two drivers employed by John A. Titman started early yesterday morning for Drifton with a wagon load of blasting powder. Titman became apprehensive of the men's safety and telegraphed to several points for tidings of them. Late last night he succeeded in locating them at Hazleton. He telegraphed them to remain there until the journey home can be made with less risk.

The Sweeper Gave Up.

The Schuylkill Traction Company made an effort to get one of its lines open yesterday but failed. The electric sweeper was run out of the power station, but it did not go far when the crew found the effort was useless and returned to the quarters.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters are advertised as remaining uncalled for at the local post office: Mr. H. H. Helser, I. Hughes, Miss C. Johnson, Miss Hannah Johnson, Miss L. Johnson, Miss Nancy B. Stepp, Mr. M. J. Thomas and Mr. Jack Yoder.

A Himely Hint.

Young men of town who have girls of their own had better hold on to them to-night, as "The Circus Girl" will not be able to keep her engagement with them at Ferguson's theatre. She is snow-bound with the rest of humanity.

Of Interest to Ladies.

Mrs. E. Garner, of 13 South Jardin street, is prepared to do all kinds of family dressmaking, sewing and fancy and plain knitting neatly and promptly, and on very reasonable terms.

Ready for Monday.

Gangs of men at the several P. & R. collieries in this district were put at work to-day to clean the tracks leading to and under breakers, in order to be ready to make shipments of coal on Monday in case the main lines will be thrown open.

Best and Finest

In the County.

18 kr. plain Wedding Rings,

Band and Fancy Rings, Dia-

monds, Sterling Silver and

Platedware, Jewelry, Clocks

and Optical Goods sold lower

than ever.

**HOLDERMAN'S
Jewelry Store,**

Cor. Main and Lloyd Sts.

Repairing done prompt and in faultless manner.

SHERIDAN'S RIDE RECALLED.

How a Famine at Wm. Penn Was Broken Yesterday.

"Put a baker on horseback and he'll ride him to death!" is the thought that passed through the brain of an intelligent horse owned by a baker of town. The animal ponders upon a thrilling experience he had yesterday while being used as means to help break a bread famine that was brought upon Wm. Penn by the blizzard. People of that place who do not bake their own bread found themselves deprived of the staff of life yesterday morning. They telegraphed and telephoned to town for a supply, but were told of the suspension of railway traffic and the impassible condition of the wagon roads. The people persisted in their appeals and eventually so worked upon the sympathies of Fred. Keithan that he finally decided to resort to heroic measures for their relief. He summoned a horse fleet of foot and a rider bold at heart, and started them off with a good load of the day's baking. The ride was a thrilling one. People along the route who witnessed it became so impressed that they spent last night reading that part of the American civil war history bearing upon the memorable ride of Gen. Phil. Sheridan. Here and there, where the gales had swept the snow from the highways, the horse and rider sped like lightning. Now they went through the freezing atmosphere like a carrier pigeon flying against a record. The next moment they struck a drift and only the horse's ears could be seen ploughing slowly through the surface. Once into the open again the horse and rider would shake themselves, draw long breaths, and once more make a dash to the rescue. Covered with snow, puffing like a porpoise and with icicles several inches long hanging from his mouth and nostrils, the noble animal landed its rider at the Wm. Penn Supply Company's store half frozen, but jubilant, and not a loaf was missing.

McElhenny's big free lunch to night.

Held by the Storm.

Mrs. Lilly Stevenson, of New Philadelphia, who came here several days ago to visit her father, E. D. Beddall, on West Oak street, is one of the victims of the storm. She is much distressed because she cannot get back to her family.

Go to Ashland.

A trip to Ashland is a delightful one for sleighing parties and splendid accommodations can be found there at E. Schmitz's. Music always in attendance at the dancing hall. Good stabling.

Failed to Respond.

The electric fire alarm system failed to respond to the customary test last night. Jack Frost has a tight hold on it.

We can give you full value

in Tea and Coffee

A Good Rio Coffee, 25c.

Excelsior Blend Coffee, 30c.

Is exceptionally fine for the money

Finest Mocha and Java, 36c.

A Good Mixed Tea, 25c.

This tea is equal to some prize tea at 40c, and you will find trouble to get its equal anywhere for the money. Try it. Better teas at 40, 50, 60 and 80c, mixed or plain.

Graf's

122 North Jardin Street.