



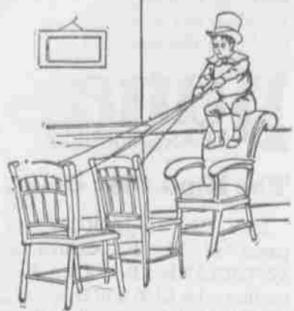
A Drive

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:

- List of furniture items and prices: Ladies' Rockers, Bedsteads, Cupboards, Extension Tables, Cradles, Chamber Suits, Parlor Suits.

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.



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.



I presume we have used over one hundred bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption in my family, and I am continually advising others to get it. Undoubtedly it is the

Best Cough Medicine

I ever used.—W. C. MILTENBERGER, Clarion, Pa., Dec. 29, 1894.—I sell Piso's Cure for Consumption, and never have any complaints.—E. SHOREY, Postmaster, Shorey, Kansas, Dec. 21st, 1894.



Valentines...

A most beautiful line just cut 1 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.

You Can Find

A Nest of Bargains At KEITER'S.

- List of food items and prices: 4 cans Sugar Corn, 4 cans String Beans, 4 cans Marrowfat Peas, 4 cans Standard Tomatoes, 4 cans Pie Peaches, 2 cans California Peaches, 2 cans "Pears", 2 cans "Apricots", 2 or 3 cans Fancy Tomatoes, 2 or 3 cans Fancy Corn, 2 cans Sifted Early June Peas, 4 bottles Fine Tomato Catsup, 2 pounds California Walnuts.



Full Line of Syrups.

Common Sugar Syrup, 3c quart. Better Grades, 6, 8, 10 and 12c

Good Coffees. About 1/2 Price.

Choice plain, roasted Coffee, 25c. Our Fancy Blend at 30c, is a combination of best coffee only. Our Java is straight Old Java.

Fresh Creamery and Dairy Butter To-day.

Don't be Afraid to Try Our \$3 FLOUR.

The quality is all right; it bakes well; makes good, light white bread. We guarantee every barrel of it. Try it and save money.

At Keiter's.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Bear Ridge Colliery, at Mahanoy Plane, the Scene.

SIX MEN RESCUED ALIVE.

FOUR OF THEM SO BADLY BURNED THEY MAY DIE.

ONE OF THE DEAD BODIES FOUND

Four Men Are Still in the Mine and a Fire is Raging There—The Names of the Victims.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

MAHANAY PLANE, Feb. 18.—A frightful explosion of gas occurred in the Bear Ridge mine, operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company at this place, this morning, at about ten o'clock.

When the explosion occurred twelve men were in the ill-fated mine, but seven have since been removed. They are terribly burned, and four of them are not expected to live.

It is not known exactly where the other five unfortunate men are and their names cannot be given now. Every conceivable means to reach them has been resorted to, but each attempt has been baffled by the fire which the explosion started. This fire is being fought with all the modern means which the mine experts who have been brought upon the scene can command, but very little progress has been made.

Notwithstanding this condition of affairs the officials express faith in their ability to rescue the men alive. Up to three o'clock this afternoon no additional rescues had been made and the relatives and friends of the imprisoned men are fast losing all hope. The men who are fighting the fire have apparently made little progress.

The six men taken from the mine were: WILLIAM MINNICK, Ashland, married; THOMAS DAVIS, Girardville, married; ANTHONY MEYERS, Girardville, married; EDWARD DAVIS, Girardville, married; MICHAEL LAMEY, Girardville.

WILLIAM MILLER, Mahanoy Plane, married.

JOHN DAVIS, Mahanoy Plane, single.

John Kline, the inside foreman, has a large force of men at work exerting every effort to so control the fire as to enable a gang of men to try and rescue the imprisoned miners.

General Manager R. C. Luther has summoned mine inspectors and experts from all parts of the region to the scene.

The cause of the fire is not known. It started in a "monkey" and is supposed that the gas was ignited by a lamp of one of the victims.

A Body Recovered.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

MAHANAY PLANE, Feb. 18th, 4 p. m.—The dead body of Bernard Redding has just been taken from the Bear Ridge mine. All hope of the four remaining miners being alive is given up. The officials hope to recover their bodies within an hour.

Redding was 35 years of age. He leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons, and was a resident of this place. He was terribly burned about the face and head.

The Doomed Men.

Special to the HERALD.

MAHANAY PLANE, Feb. 18, 4:30 p. m.—The fire in Bear Ridge colliery is raging in spite of the work of firemen with four lines of hose. The whole gangway is on fire. The explosion occurred in breast No. 35 of the northwest gangway, in the third lift. The men still in the mine are:

- FRYER KLINE, Ashland; THOMAS GREENBACK, St. Clair; JOSEPH PITZ, Preston Hill.

"The Dazzler."

The curtain at the Citizens' opera house was run up last evening to a good audience and the laughable comedy, "The Dazzler," was produced. It is a play abounding in comic situations with but very little plot. The evening's entertainment consisted principally of specialties which were very clever, and some treats in the way of singing and dancing were presented. The company is composed of actors especially adapted to the parts assigned them and the play as a whole gave excellent satisfaction and the audience departed well pleased with "The Dazzler." The Daily Crescent, Defiance, O., Nov. 2, 1894. At Ferguson's theatre to-morrow evening.

A Circular Denounced.

ED. HERALD.—Some disgruntled misanthropes in the Third ward are out in a circular appealing to the citizens, irrespective of party, to vote for Henry Hoehler for Council and thereby turn down David R. James, the REGULAR CITIZENS' nominee. "Citizens and Taxpayers" confess that the indebtedness of the town has been increased enormously during the past few years by the very parties they would retain in power, and reason that, therefore, they are the only people who can bring the largest revenue to the borough out of their transactions. The people of the Third ward think otherwise. They looked over the field for a man whom they could place on the Citizens' ticket without insulting the non-partisan voters of the ward. Was it not strange that if Henry Hoehler was so acceptable to the people that he was not nominated at the Citizens' primaries? If, later on, they believed him so non-partisan, why was he not run independently instead of being paraded before the people of Shenandoah with the collar of the Democracy about his neck? He could not possibly have secured the nomination in the Democratic convention, but the bosses secured permission from the convention to place in nomination a good Democrat if they found one, and they claim to have found one in Henry Hoehler. When the honest Democratic voters go to the polls on Tuesday and look down the Democratic column and see the name of Henry Hoehler, watch how quickly they will resent the insult attempted to be perpetrated upon them, by voting the Citizens' ticket straight. Mark what the circular says: "We know Henry Hoehler to possess all the qualifications needed at this time." Only "at this time!" Not at any other time. According to the circular, Hoehler is not fit for Council at all times, but just now, when the things and political assassins of the people's rights are in their death throes and desire to escape political oblivion. They shout out "Any por in a storm," and you can depend upon it that anyone wearing the political collar of these people can with safety be turned down. The people are tired and want new blood, and young progressive blood, in their Council. It was for this reason they nominated David R. James. Mr. Lamb was unfortunate in having for his close friends the very people who now seek to have Hoehler elected. It was a defeat for the things, not for Mr. Lamb, and that gentleman can retain the good will and respect of his townsmen by now cutting loose from the political dead beats whose friendship cost him the nomination, and turning his energies towards the election of the Citizens' ticket as a whole. We appeal to the citizens of the Third ward to support David R. James for Council. He will be the representative of the whole people, not of the ward heeled or bosses, and, besides, he possesses the qualifications at ALL TIMES to represent the people intelligently, honestly and faithfully, regardless of party, creed or nationality; caring for nothing but that which will be for the best interests of the people of Shenandoah as a whole. Vote for David R. James for Council, and our word for it our town will be benefited by his election. MANY CITIZENS.

Dance at Robbins' Opera House, Thursday evening. Schoppe Orchestra of ten pieces.

Obituary. John, the 19-year-old son of Thomas and Ellen McHale, died on Saturday evening. The funeral will take place at 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Mary M. Titman, relict of I. M. Titman, died at 9:20 Saturday night at her home, 24 East Coal street, from the effects of a paralytic stroke sustained on the 11th inst. Mrs. Titman's age was 69 years and 3 months. She was a lady of most charming temperament and qualities and one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of the town. The deceased is survived by three sons and a daughter, Messrs. John A. Titman, the blasting powder manufacturer; Charles E. Titman, the lumber dealer; H. W. Titman, the ice dealer, and Mrs. Martin L. Shoemaker, wife of the coal operator at Turkey Run. The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. on Tuesday.

Oysters and clams in all styles at No. 11 West Centre street. Milk supplied to families. M. J. BEGLEY, Prop. 1-29-11

Honesty. Alton, son of Charles Blaker, the driver employed by the Columbia Hose Company, found on Main street Saturday afternoon an envelope containing \$22.05. The boy turned the money over to his father, who found the owner after trouble and made him a happy man. He was a miner and the money represented his earnings. Such action as Mr. Blaker and his son displayed in this case is highly commendable.

Attend the dance of the Schoppe orchestra in Robbins' Opera House, Thursday evening, 21st inst. 4t

An Ungrateful Boy. Walter Smith, a 16-year-old boy, has disappeared from the home of his benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskins, on East Coal street, and took with him a pocketbook containing \$3.25 that belonged to the family. The boy's parents are dead. He applied to the Haskins' for shelter and food last July, and had been cared for by them since that time.

RAILWAY FATALITIES

Two Men Meet Death by Being Struck.

A THIRD REPORTED DYING.

They Were Three Distinct Accidents, One on the Reading and Two on the Lehigh Valley.

John Unaschski, a Polish miner, residing in town, was struck by a Lehigh Valley passenger train near the West Shenandoah colliery while on his way to work at Packer No. 3 colliery, at an early hour this morning. The unfortunate man was hurled down an embankment and was unconscious when picked up. The train was stopped and the crew picked up the victim. He was placed on an electric car and sent down to the Miners' Hospital. It is probable that the man will die. His skull was badly fractured and his left arm was broken. He also sustained several severe lacerations. Stephen Kolesiak, a Hungarian resident of Trenton, was found dead on the Lehigh Valley railroad early yesterday morning, between Mahanoy City and Park Place. The cause of the death is not known, but it is certain that he was struck by a train. Circumstances indicate that he was killed while coasting. Deputy Coroner Fogarty, of Mahanoy City, will hold an inquest this evening.

John Stankus, a Pole, was killed yesterday afternoon on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, while walking from Buck Mountain to Mahanoy City. He was struck by passenger train No. 807, due here at 3:30 p. m. The victim's body was badly mutilated, but he lived until a few minutes after he arrived at the depot in Mahanoy City.

Patrick Noonan, a resident of Lost Creek, employed as a driver at Packer No. 3 colliery, was dangerously injured in the mine Saturday afternoon. He was driving three mules and hurried them ahead of a trip of cars. He fell and the cars crushed one of his legs so badly that amputation may be necessary.

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

Died. TITMAN.—On the 16th inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., Mary M. Titman, relict of I. M. Titman, aged 69 years and three months. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 2 p. m., from the family residence, 24 East Coal street. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

McHALE.—On the 16th inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., John, 19-year-old son of Thomas and Ellen McHale. Funeral from the family residence, 321 West Centre street, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 9:30 a. m. High Mass in the Annunciation church. Interment in the parish cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

Carpets sold on easy terms at Fricke's carpet store. 2-13-1w

Sunday Night Episode.

A throng of people was attracted to a business place on North Main street at about half past ten o'clock last night by the screams of a woman and her children. The noise was continued for about half an hour before neighbors interfered and discovered that it was caused by the husband beating and threatening to kill his wife. Several outsiders made unsuccessful attempts to break into the house and stop the row.

New carpets, oil cloths and window shades are arriving daily at C. D. Fricke's carpet store. 2-13-1w

Had a Confederate Bill.

Peter Widinski and Anthony Kaposki on Saturday disposed of \$1.45 worth of liquid and solid refreshments and offered a ten-dollar Confederate bill in payment. When the bill was refused they declared they had, and would give no other money. They were arrested for perpetrating a fraud and Justice Deagler put them under \$500 bail for trial at court.

She Holds the Pigs.

Julia Lawrence, a Polish resident of West Coal street, was on Saturday put under \$100 bail for trial on a charge made by George F. Leitzel, who claims that she holds three pigs valued at \$20 belonging to him. Leitzel said he identified the pigs by private marks. The woman keeps the animals locked up and refuses to surrender them.

Take Notice.

No steamed oysters at the Scheiff House before Wednesday, February 20th. There was such a demand on Saturday night that the stock ran out. The bar is supplied with the best refreshments in the county. 2-18-1f

Attention!

A meeting of the Shenandoah Republican League will be held at their rooms this evening, at 7 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance is requested. By order of 2-18-1f DANIEL OGDEN, Pres.

Schoppe's orchestra of ten pieces will hold a dance in Robbins' Opera House, Thursday evening next. 4t

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.

SUPPORT THE NOMINEE.

The Citizens Party Has an Excellent Chance.

If the Citizens party adherents go to the polls to-morrow and vote for their ticket, straight, the returns to-morrow night will show a glorious victory for them. Nothing is required, but the full vote of the party in all wards.

Reports from the Fifth ward to-day are of the most encouraging character. If all the voters of the Citizens party stand by their colors here, nothing can take victory from them.

A Citizens party victory in the First ward would be seven-days' wonder. Many people scout the idea that such a result is within the circle of barest possibilities, yet several men who have been engaged in active political work there during the past week say that the chances for a Democratic overthrow are so good that some are counting upon such a result.

The Third ward seems to be one of the hottest battle grounds, and it is here where the intelligent citizens should assert themselves to-morrow and throw down the men who are stalling the regular Citizens nominee for Council in the back. An eleven-hour circular signed "Citizens and Taxpayers" has been issued in behalf of the Democratic nominee, Henry Hoehler. It is one of the best arguments that could be made in favor of the election of David R. James, the Citizens candidate. "We don't want men in Council who are bound to party and factions," the circular says. The fact is that this man Hoehler has never been in politics before. That is most cheerfully conceded. At the same time it is likewise a fact that he would not be a candidate to-day if he were not pushed forward as a tool. The direct power behind this throne comes from a relative of the candidate, who is and always has been a leading spirit in the gas, electric light and other corporations of the borough, and who sees, if he can make the Borough Council, a chance at no distant date to become the superintendent, or some other leading spirit of the public water works. This man was making a personal canvass for Mr. Hoehler in the Third ward to-day, although he said not long ago in answer to a communication published in the HERALD that he had no interest in Hoehler's candidacy or election. Beware of the loud-mouthed advocates of the people's interests. "We don't want men in Council who are bound to self-interest, or the interests of their relatives" should be the cry in the Third ward to-morrow. Let every voter of the Citizens' party stand by his party's nominee to-morrow and steer clear of the men who are always identified with corporate interests.

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

We can give you full value

in Tea and Coffee

A Good Rio Coffee, 23c.

Excelsior Blend Coffee, 30c. Is exceptionally fine for the money

Finest Mocha and Java, 30c.

A Good Mixed Tea, 25c.

This tea is equal to some prize teas 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.