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Children's Carriages \$3.75 and upwards.
--All Styles of--
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J. P. Williams & Son,
South Main St.

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TWO CASES BENFREW DRESS GINGHAMS, light, medium and dark plaids, regular price 12 1/2c per yard, our price, 6c per yard. No such bargain was ever before offered in Schuylkill county.
LADIES' KID GLOVES in black, tan and brown, worth \$1.00, at 75c; better goods at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pair.
FIFTY PIECES JUST RECEIVED, BLACK AND COLORED HENRIETTAS, 45 inches wide, heavy material and fine lustrous, 50c, would be cheap at 90c.
We have added to our stock a LARGE LINE OF CARPETS, in Ingrain, Tapestry and body Brussels, Moquettes and Velvets. It will be to your benefit to look through this line as you will find the prices very enticing. See our line of children's ready-made dresses. We handle Buttericks' paper patterns.

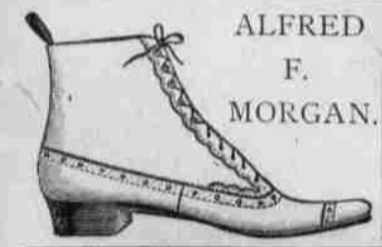
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Special Drive in Ladies' Footwear!
Spring Line of Ladies' Shoes is being increased every day. Takes in everything good and attractive in the market.
OUR SPECIALTY SHOE.
We are making a drive in the Waverly ladies' shoe. 300 pair will be sold at \$2 a pair. Regular price is \$2.50. This may be the last of this line this season. We have them in C, D, E, EE widths. No better shoe is made for the money.

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General Agent for the Snag Proof Duck Boot.



ALFRED F. MORGAN. A SHOE TALE!
Only the happy wearers of Morgan's Shoes can appreciate their real goodness of quality, fit and durability. The prices are right—a trial will tell a long story. See our special in ladies' shoes.
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FRESH BUTTER.

Direct from the best dairies in Pennsylvania, a lot of choice fresh Dairy Butter. We also receive, every other day, our usual supply of fancy fresh Creamery Butter.

OIL CLOTH ... AND ... LINOLEUM!

Will open next week, the largest stock and best patterns of New Flour Oil Cloth and Linoleum we have ever shown.
At KEITER'S.
Next Door to Coffee House.

THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES!

Extended to Nearly Thirty Thousand Government Employees.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ORDER!

Classification of All Government Employees Below the Rank of Those Subject to Confirmation by the Senate and Above the Grade of Laborers.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Almost 30,000 government employees were brought within a sweep under the protection of the civil service yesterday by the issuance of an order by President Cleveland making a general revision of civil service rules. The order is the most important since the inauguration of the system, more than a decade ago. It takes effect immediately.

Its practical extent is the classification of all government employees below the rank of those subject to nomination by the president and confirmation by the senate and above the grades of laborers or workmen, with a few exceptions. The order has long been in contemplation, and its promulgation is the result of an immense amount of correspondence and conference between the president, the civil service commissioners and the heads of the various departments.

The new rules add 29,300 positions to the classified list, increasing the number of classified positions from 55,781 to 85,135. The number of classified places which are exempted from examination has been reduced from 2,000 to 775, being mainly positions as cashiers in the customs, postal and internal revenue services. Indians employed in minor capacities in the Indian service are necessarily put in the exempted list. Almost all of the positions in Washington which have heretofore been exempted have been included in the competitive list.

The only classified positions in Washington which will be exempted from examination under the new rules will be private secretaries or confidential clerks (not exceeding two) to the president and to the head of each of the eight executive departments. No positions will hereafter be subject to non-competitive examination, except in the cases of Indians employed in a teaching capacity in the Indian service.

The statement explanatory of the order issued by the civil service commission says the action will make the classified service more completely subject to merit principles and take it out of politics. Where so large a part of the service was left to be filled by political influences and when the men appointed possibly were active working politicians the rest of the force tended to fall under political influences. The statement continues:

"The first civil service rules were promulgated by President Arthur in 1883. In 1888 President Cleveland adopted a revision of them, which was continued in force, with various succeeding amendments, until now. These involved a repetition for each of the branches of the classified service of provisions common to all. When the classified service was small this plan worked well, but now the service has grown to large proportions, and there are seven branches. The repetition now is avoided by putting the common provisions into general rules.

"A large reduction is now made of the list of exempted places, which usually are the higher and more important places in the classified service. This, it is claimed, will have far reaching and beneficial results. The existence of any large number of exempted places in any branch of the classified service is a menace to and has an evil effect upon the civil service subject to competitive examination, and does much to nullify the good effects of the examinations. The lower grades will now be recruited by a still better class of men who will be invited by the opportunity of promotion upon merit."

At Breen's Rialto Cafe.
Delicious mock turtle soup will be served as free lunch to-night. Plenty for everybody. Free hot lunch every morning. Meals served at all hours.

A Big Catch.
Dr. J. S. Kistler, of town, and his two brothers, Des. Douglas Kistler, of Wilkesbarre, and William F. Kistler, of Minersville, spent two days in the Upper Lehigh on a fishing expedition, and returned home last evening with 37 speckled beauties. It was a fine catch, most of them measuring eight inches, while several reached ten inches. The doctor has our thanks for a nice mess.

Bickert's Cafe.
Our free lunch to-morrow morning will consist of oyster soup.

Never heard of a case where they failed. We never expect to hear of one. Don't be afraid to take them. They are harmless. They do not contain one single atom of any dangerous drug. For this reason it is well to shun all other headache medicines. Avoid risk by insisting on our own.

WE WANT YOU
To come to us for your summer underwear in French balbriggans, fine ribbed underwear and a special line of gown drawers, which we are selling at remarkably low prices. At the UP-TO-DATE hat store, 15 East Centre street.

HOLMES PAYS THE PENALTY.

The Murderer Was Hung This Morning. He Said He Was Innocent.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—H. H. Holmes was hung this morning at 10:12 o'clock, to atone for the murder of Benjamin F. Pitsoel, of which he was tried and convicted before a jury of twelve "good men and true." He was visited last night by his attorneys, and later on by his spiritual adviser, Rev. Father Dailey, and in the presence of these it is said Holmes made a quasi confession, in which he denied all of the murders he previously confessed.

It was learned that the condemned man had made a lengthy statement, in which he made clear many points as yet in shadow, and which is a fair sample almost of the confession made to the priest. This, it is believed, was prepared by his attorney during the latter's stay in the cell yesterday afternoon after the others left, and may be made public some time after the execution. The attorney, it is said, has also in his possession the criminal's last will, but declines to make it public.

Father Dailey conducted the last services during the evening. They consisted of prayers, preceding the examination of the prisoner's conscience. In this the officiating priest was assisted by the Rev. Father McPake, who earlier in the evening consoled the criminal. The prisoner's last and dying confession was made between 11 o'clock and midnight, after which he began the fast, which lasted until 6 o'clock this morning when the sacrament was administered.

Holmes' marvelous nerve never deserted him to the very end. Even on the scaffold he was the coolest person in the solemn assemblage. He declared, in a few well-chosen words, that he was innocent of any murder, including that for which he was hanged. He declared that he desired the people to understand that he stood before the assembly guiltless of the murders of which the world at large believed him guilty.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.
Noodle soup to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

State Conventions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The Prohibition state convention for the election of delegates to the national prohibition convention at Pittsburg, and the nomination of two congressmen at-large, met yesterday in this city and completed their work. The only friction which developed in the convention was over the money plank. When that portion of the platform was reached W. H. Berry, of Delaware county, moved the adoption of the minority committee's report on the money question. This minority report favored the coinage of silver by the general government at a ratio of 16 to 1. There was a lengthy and animated discussion on the motion, but finally the minority report was rejected and that of the majority made a part of the platform. It is as follows:

"The currency of the nation should be issued by the general government without the intervention of individuals or corporations, and should consist of treasury notes which shall be legal tender for the payment of all debts, and redeemable in gold and silver bullion at the market value."

The balance of the platform is in substance as follows: "We pledge ourselves, if elected to power, to the absolute prohibition and destruction of the legalized beverage liquor traffic, because it is a foe to morality, the enemy of pure government, a public nuisance, and the greatest corruptor of our politics. We affirm our belief in equal suffrage without distinction of sex. We favor the election by the direct vote of the people of the president, vice president and United States senators. We stand unequivocally for the American public school and opposed to granting public money for sectarian schools. We favor arbitration as the most effective remedy for differences between employer and employed. We pledge that the Prohibition party, if elected to power, will ever grant just pensions to disabled veterans of the Union army, their widows and orphans."

The platform closes with the following: "Constantly increasing political corruption and vicious class legislation, participated in alike by the Republican and Democratic parties, are sufficient evidence of their unfitness to longer administer the affairs of the government."

The following delegates-at-large were elected: D. G. Hendricks of Delaware, H. C. Castle of Allegheny, E. H. Molley of Lebanon, Miss H. Frances Jones of Philadelphia and Rev. W. N. Teates of Philadelphia.

The presidential electors-at-large are: William M. Stauffer of Berks, F. E. Lynch of Philadelphia, William H. Berry of Delaware and L. L. Bliss of Erie.

Congressmen-at-large: J. S. Kent of Delaware and ex-Congressman A. A. Barker of Cambria.

Coal Trade Becoming Active.
HAZLETON, Pa., May 7.—The coal trade is becoming active for the first time since last fall. All outside stripping operations, which were shut down over winter, will resume by the 15th inst. The Coleraine started up yesterday with 500 men, and the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre company are getting all their works in shape to start as soon as possible.

If you want a fine wedding cake, let Otto make it for you.

Instructions for 'Squires.'
District Attorney Edgar W. Bechtel has had printed for distribution among the Justices of the Peace of the county, a card of instructions and information as to the entry of criminal cases on their dockets and the making of returns, as well as information concerning the settlement of cases.

ENDED HIS MANY TROUBLES

D. M. Hoppes, the Mahanoy City Mill Owner, Suicides.

ONE SHOT AIMED UNERRINGLY!

The Body Was Discovered by One of His Daughters This Morning—He Had Returned Home From His Office—Business Troubles the Cause.

Special to EVENING HERALD.
MAHANAOY CITY, May 7.—This town was startled this morning by the announcement that Dennis M. Hoppes, one of its most prominent and highly respected citizens, had committed suicide. Many refused at first to credit the report, but they soon learned that it was only too true.

Dennis M. Hoppes was about 50 years of age and proprietor of the Excelsior Flour Mills, of this place. He shot himself in the left breast; the bullet, which was of 32 calibre, passed clean through his body and was found between the skin and the under-shirt. It had emerged from the body about 2 1/2 inches from the spine. The bullet did not strike the heart, but passed through the lumbar region. Death is supposed to have been almost instantaneous.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, Edna, aged 17 years, and Beulah, aged 3 years. He was a popular member of Washington Camp No. 124, P. O. S. of A., and Lodge No. 617, I. O. O. F., both of this place.

It appears that at about seven o'clock this morning Mr. Hoppes returned from his office at the mill to his home, 303 East Centre street, and prepared to take his usual bath. Before going upstairs he kissed his little daughter Beulah three times. It was observed that he was exceedingly affectionate, but no special importance was attached to his conduct.

Mr. Hoppes went to the bedroom of his daughter, Edna, which was the front room on the second floor. The rest of the family remained at breakfast. Some time after Miss Edna went up to her room and found the door locked. Her suspicions became aroused, she says, and sought entrance in another direction without alarming her mother. Miss Edna went through an adjoining room and by means of a porch reached her own. As she opened the window she saw the body of her father lying on the floor of the apartment. The young woman was so much startled that she did not take in the details, but hurried down stairs and told her mother of the awful discovery. It appears that no one went to the apartment after the alarm was given until Dr. S. E. Wertman arrived, which was about 45 minutes after Miss Edna discovered her father's body, so that it is impossible to say how long the victim survived, or whether he was alive when his daughter went to the room. Dr. Wertman said when he arrived that Mr. Hoppes had been dead for some time. No one in the house heard the report of the pistol shot. But one shot was fired from the weapon.

It is generally conceded that the cause of the deed was anxiety and mental depression brought on by business reverses and complications arising from differences over the estate of the late Andrew Hoppes, father of the unfortunate man, who died in August, 1894. Dennis M. Hoppes was in partnership with his father and conducted the Excelsior mill under the firm name of A. and D. M. Hoppes, agents. After the death of Andrew Hoppes his sons, Dennis M. and William, conducted the business as executors, but disagreements arose between the heirs as to their respective interests in the estate. The troubles were finally settled by Dennis M. Hoppes purchasing the interests of the heirs, three of whom established a competing line of business. A note for \$1000 given to his brother George fell due to-day and it is presumed his inability to provide for this had considerable to do with bringing about the depression that led to the awful act. At the request of relatives Mr. L. V. Bausch, of this place, to-day made an examination of the deceased's affairs and found the business very much involved in debt, owing to the volume of business transacted on limited capital. His assets, however, considerably exceeded his liabilities. The stringency was due to an immediate want of money.

The deceased was a kind and affectionate husband and father and his act is generally conceded to be due to a disturbed state of the mind brought on by business troubles.

It was at Mr. Hoppes' house that Miss May Boddall, of Shenandoah, expired suddenly on the 25th inst, while visiting Miss Edna Hoppes.

Latest in silk guards, see show window display, at Brumm's Jewelry store.

Will Serenade.
If the weather permits the Grand band will tender Mrs. Jane Grant, of West Oak street, a serenade on her lawn to-morrow evening. The membership of the band has now been increased to 34 members, the latest addition being Mr. Sweeney, a clarinet player, formerly with "Our Band" of Shamokin.

If you have carpet rags and wish them made into a good carpet send them to Fricker's carpet store. Carpet beaters of all kinds.

Court Notes.
There are nearly 300 cases on the criminal court calendar and sixty per cent. of them were brought by Huns, Poles and Italians. Joseph Strubolowski, of town, paid a fine of \$10 to the court yesterday and \$4 costs of captus for failing to appear when wanted.

Frank Truck, who assaulted Special Officer Thomas Jones, paid a fine of \$10 and costs to the court yesterday.

To Graduates.
We have placed on our counters a beautiful line of cream gloria and china silks, heirlooms, cashmere and albatross. Also a fine assortment of India linens, nainsook and plain and dotted awls.

Married This Morning.
Joseph Wertz and Miss Mary Schmidt, both of Mahanoy City, were united in marriage by Rev. Dietrich, during the celebration of high mass at the German Catholic church, at the above place this morning.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Charles Burchill, of Mahanoy City, was a visitor to town to-day.
M. H. Master made a business trip to Mahanoy City this morning.

Paul W. Houck and family are visiting friends at Lebanon and Philadelphia.
E. Amstutz and Nath. Boddall are fishing for trout somewhere in the Catwisse Valley. J. J. Reilly, who is umpiring the Easton-Pottsville games at the latter place, visited his parents to-day.
Fobias Povinsky, of New York, is the guest of his brother, Charles Povinsky, the East Centre street druggist.

A German Organization.
Yesterday afternoon a German organization was formed in town to be known as the Deutscher Kreiger Verein. Its membership is composed of those who have served in the German army, and starts out with a membership of thirty-seven. The officers elected are as follows: President, Leonus Dittner; vice president, P. Collier; secretary, Fritz Rotgander; treasurer, John Crossan. The club will meet again on the 17th inst, at 1 o'clock, in Miedlazi's hall, South Main street.

Visitors of the Day.
Among the well known people observed on the streets to-day were Setley and Tomant, of the Easton base ball club, and Harry Davenport, formerly a dealer in novelties in the commercial line in town, and now engaged in pushing theatrical novelties about the country. He is managing May Davenport's City Sports Burlesque Co., of which his wife is the star. The company plays at Ashland to-night, Mahanoy City to-morrow night and here Saturday night.

If you want a nice sweet loaf of bread try Otto's.

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Come to us for a 25c broom and a 10c bucket for 25c.

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Room Mouldings in all the Latest Colorings.
Send to us for an estimate before you have any work done. Please state what price paper you want and we will submit samples.

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