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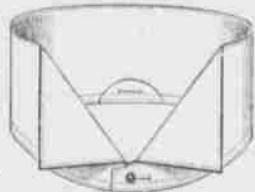
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All the product of this brewery are made of pure malt and hops of which we buy the best and endeavor always to

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From 25 cents to 20 cents; from 10 cents to 5 cents. All other grades accordingly. This stock must be disposed of at once, in order that I can enlarge my store. These bargains will hold good for a short time only. Come at once and take advantage of the reduction.

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NEW MINCE MEAT AND CRANBERRIES.

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NEW APPLE JELLY AND ORANGE MARMALADE.

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## IT IS PRESTO, CHANGE!

The Reading Meets the Little Schuylkill Railroad Bluff.

A GAME THAT EXCITES INTEREST.

AN OFFER OF REDUCED RENTAL BY THE READING REFUSED.

NEW LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

If the Little Schuylkill Insists Upon Its Refusal the P. & R. Railroad Will Run Its Trains to Pottsville via Boston Run and Frackville.

One of the most important movements in local railroad circles in recent years has been inaugurated by the Receivers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. About eight hundred navvies are now engaged in changing the tracks of the road and by the first of next month it is expected that there will be an astonishing change in route of the company between Mahanoy Plane and Port Clinton. If the steps now taken are continued to the time stated the famous "Cannon Ball" will no longer fly through the Gilberton valley to Mahanoy City, through the East Mahanoy tunnel and on to Port Clinton by way of East Mahanoy Junction (Lake-side) and Tamaqua, and the two last named points will be cut off from the main line.

The cause of the movement is a disagreement over the amount of dividend that should be paid on certain stock. It seems that the Little Schuylkill Railroad Company owned a single track line from Port Clinton to East Mahanoy Junction and the East Mahanoy Railroad Company owns a similar line from the Junction to the bridge crossing Waste House Run and located about 250 yards east of the St. Nicholas station. About thirty, or more, years ago these two lines were leased by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company at an annual rental equal to seven per cent. on their capital stock. Ever since that time these lines have formed an important part of the great rail work of the P. & R. E. R. Co. has built up. Last September, when the P. & R. system was sold at foreclosure, it became necessary to prepare to make new agreements for leased lines, etc., and negotiations were begun with the Little Schuylkill and East Mahanoy Railroad companies for a renewal of the lease of their lines. An offer of five per cent. on their capital stock was made, but met with a dissent. The new owners of the P. & R. argued that war-time prices should not prevail in this generation and refused to increase their offer. The directors of the Little Schuylkill and East Mahanoy roads had until yesterday to decide whether they would accept the offer.

Before the time fixed, it became noised about that the two lines would refuse to accept and as in such an event the P. & R. would be obliged to vacate the lines controlled by the lessors, the P. & R. officials prepared for the alternative and this caused the visit of Vice President Voorhees and General Superintendent Swigard to this vicinity last Thursday, upon which occasion arrangements were made to commence work to connect the P. & R. with the Pennsylvania Railroad as soon as definite notice of refusal would be received from the Little Schuylkill and East Mahanoy Railroad companies. This notice, it is said, was received yesterday and the P. & R. officials at once telegraphed instructions to begin work at the new connections at once.

Division Superintendent Berolet, of Mahanoy Plane, had all his dispositions made to obey the orders and by five o'clock last evening he had a large gang of navvies at work. When a HERALD reporter visited the scene at 8:30 last night he found three engines with three derricks and flat cars manned by about two hundred navvies at work along the track between St. Nicholas and a point a short distance west of the old Boston Run turnpike. Ballast crews of Reading, Tamaqua and Mahanoy Plane were represented in the aggregation and the men were working like beavers unloading and distributing rail switches and timber. Telegrams were flashed along the line to send all the navvies accessible to St. Nicholas and have them report there for duty so that the work of connection might be pushed with all possible speed night and day and completed by next Tuesday, December 1st., when the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, the new owners, will take charge of the P. & R. system. The present force of 700 navvies will in all probability be increased by to-night, at which time an electric light plant on wheels sent on from Reading will furnish light for the operations.

Last night Assistant Division Engineer J. H. Stackhouse, of Williamsport, was on the scene directing the work and at about ten o'clock Assistant Division Superintendent Ward, of Williamsport, and C. O. Smith, of Smith & Champion, the Mahanoy City contractors, arrived upon the grounds in the combination car and engine "Transit." They spent about ten minutes in consultation with Engineer Stackhouse as to the progress of the work.

The plans are to make a switch at a point on the north side of the valley about a quarter of a mile west of the St. Nicholas station, and about three hundred feet west of the old Boston Run turnpike, and run a track from this switch in a southerly direction to the Pennsylvania railroad, connecting with it at a point about midway between the Boston Run and Draper collieries on the southern side of the valley. This piece of track will be about 800 yards long and an enormous amount of filling will be required to cross the swamp and reach the high grade of the Pennsylvania road. Extensive trestle work will also be required.

When this connection is completed and on after December 1st, next, unless an agreement is reached on a re-lease of the old lines in the meantime, the P. & R. passenger trains, including the famous "Cannon Ball," will run east from Mahanoy Plane to the switch at Boston Run, then southwest over the track now being laid and over the Pennsylvania mountain line to Frackville; thence over the P. & R. company's own line to Pott-

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### DROPPED DEAD ON THE STREET.

Andrew McGeever Expires While Returning Home From Work.

A sensation was caused among the residents of the west end of Coal street at about six o'clock last night by a man dressed in mining clothes, and apparently on his way home from work, dropped dead on the street. The man fell on the pavement on the south side and a little east of Gilbert street. He dropped without uttering a word and death evidently occurred instantaneously. Several men who were in the vicinity, also on their home from work, stopped to offer assistance, supposing that the man had fallen in a fit, but he was beyond all human aid. The body remained on the pavement for over an hour, as no one would remove it until the authorities could be notified. Many people viewed the remains, but none could identify them. Shortly after seven o'clock Deputy Coroner Manley and Undertaker Snyder came upon the scene. It had been reported that the deceased was a Pole, Lithuanian, or Hungarian. After brief examination of the clothing Snyder said he was of neither nationality. As no one appeared to claim the remains Deputy Coroner Manley ordered their removal to the lockup. This was done, but soon after the body was identified as that of Andrew McGeever, a mine laborer boarding on West Centre street. He was about 47 years of age and has a wife and several children, but for several years has been separated from his family. It is believed death was caused by heart disease.

### At Kepchinski's Arcade Cafe.

Vegetable soup to-night.  
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

### Flag Raising Ritual.

About a month ago George Kuecht and Harry Defreine, of Brandonville, arranged to raise a flag at the school house at that place, and at the appointed time many people, including members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of this town, Nuremberg and Ringtown, and the Ringtown band assembled at the school house, but the flag failed to go up on account of the members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. purchased a flag and decided to raise it on the school house on Thanksgiving day. Learning of this movement, Kuecht and Defreine decided to head it off by raising the flag to-night, but the Jr. O. U. A. M. members were equally alert and early this morning they planted a pole in the school yard and unfurled old glory before the rival party had swallowed their breakfast.

### York State Apples

At \$1.50 per barrel. At COLLETT'S, 36 South Main street. 11-24-96

### Interesting Newspaper.

T. M. Hutchison, proprietor of the Ferguson House, has several very interesting copies of newspapers which he has received from his venerable mother, who resides at Sunbury. They are copies of the Union County Star and Lewisburg Chronicle published in December, 1860, and their receipt at this period, close after the recent presidential campaign, is the more interesting, as the papers devote considerable space to the first election of President Lincoln and also gives President Buchanan's last message to Congress.

### Rickert's Cafe.

Our free lunch to-morrow morning will consist of calf's liver and potato salad.

### Probably Fatally Injured.

John Mickel, a Hungarian laborer employed at the Knickerbocker colliery, was badly injured by a blast just before quitting time last night. He lives at 501 West Coal street. It is said he had charge of a battery and went into a breast too soon. The blast went off just as he entered. Some of the debris struck him, badly crushing the back of his head and his face and blowing off one of his hands.

### Brennan's New Restaurant.

Bean soup for free lunch to-night.  
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

### Teachers Fall Tally.

A tally pull was held last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Beddall, on South Jardin street, for the entertainment of the B. F. C. Club, a social organization composed of the school teachers of town. The evening passed very enjoyably. Music and charades contributed to the enjoyment of those present.

### Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Hot lunch to-night.  
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

### Another Stable Robbery.

Thieves last night found their way into the stable of A. P. Tabor, on East Lloyd street, taking eight bushels of oats and five bales of hay, which they hauled away in a wagon. Entrance was effected by opening one of the large slide doors.

### Maurice River Cove Oysters received daily.

At COLLETT'S, 36 South Main street. 11-24-96

### Back Probably Broken.

Anthony Stank, a Lithuanian, had his back badly injured by a fall of coal in a breast of the West Shenandoah colliery just before quitting time last evening. It is believed his back is broken. The injured man was removed to his home on East Raspberry alley.

### The Gold Standard for Russia.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent reports that M. de Witte, Russian minister of finance, has secured the consent of his colleagues for the introduction of the gold standard. The czar approves, the correspondent says, and the imperial council is now discussing the project, and will probably adopt it, although the agrarian members warmly oppose it.

### At Breen's Hialto Cafe.

Oysters on toast will be served as free lunch to-night.

Hot lunch to-morrow morning.  
Meals served at all hours.

### Stable Robbed.

Thieves broke into the stable of Dr. Clifton Robbins, corner of Flowers street and Apple alley, last night and stole a single set of harness, robe and whip of aggregate value of \$50.

Bright boy wanted to work between school hours. Apply at No. 10 South Jardin street.

## TO INCREASE THE BEER TAX

Says Senator Jones, of the Democratic National Committee.

THE DINGLEY BILL CANNOT PASS

This is Not Only the Opinion of Senator Jones, But Also of Senator Hawley.

Other Senators Think Little Will be Done at the Coming Session.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, returned to the city yesterday for the congressional session. The senator appeared to be in his usual good health. In his talks today the senator expressed the opinion that it was not at all likely that the Dingley revenue bill, passed by the house at the last session, would be favorably acted on in the senate. He favors a tax on beer in place of any general tariff revision, and says by making this additional tax \$1 per barrel about \$90,000,000 per year revenue would be derived. Sugar the senator regards as a necessity of life, and further taxation of it would work against the interests of the poor. The same is true of other articles of consumption of which a great deal is used by the poor. The senator also declares himself in favor of an income tax, so that the rich should be made to contribute toward the burdens of the government.

Senator Jones declares that the battle for free silver will be carried on until the metal is restored to the place it held before it was demonetized by the act of 1893. The leaders of the silver movement contemplate a gathering in the near future, when a discussion will be had as to the prospects and steps taken looking to a continuation of the fight. From what the senator said it is probable that the Democrats will establish permanent headquarters in this city from which to keep up the campaign for 1900.

### An Extra Session Sure.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The Mail and Express says: There is going to be an extra session of congress called within twenty days after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley. This information comes from Canton in a most positive and direct way, and its reliability cannot be questioned. It is the opinion of the president-elect that no revenue legislation can be accomplished this winter, and though newspaper dispatches disagree regarding his attitude toward the present agitation for the Dingley bill, there is substantial authority for the statement that Major McKinley is averse to raising expectations as to its enactment which, in his judgment, cannot be realized.

### Senators Arriving at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Members of the senate are coming to Washington each day, and from interviews with such of the arrivals it is apparent that the senators expect little routine legislation, including the passage of the annual appropriation bills, at the short session of congress. Senators Cockrell of Missouri and Hawley of Connecticut both gave expression to this opinion today, and both likewise agreed in the opinion that nothing need be expected at the coming session in the way of helping along an international bimetallic enforcement. Senator Hawley does not believe the Dingley bill will be enacted into law.

### On Strike for Wages Due.

SHAMONKY, Pa., Nov. 24.—The men employed at the Patterson mine went on strike yesterday, claiming that their wages were not paid on Saturday. Factory Inspector Campbell has arrived and will insist on the operators complying with the semi-monthly pay law in the future. The mine only resumed last Thursday after a long idleness, due to the breaker having been blown down by the recent wind storm.

### Alleged Shortage of \$109,000.

LEBANON, Pa., Nov. 24.—John H. Hoffer, cashier of the First National bank of Lebanon, is under official surveillance at his home. It is alleged that he is short in his accounts over \$109,000. The shortage was discovered by Bank Examiner Winchester. Hoffer, when confronted with the charge, it is stated, said he had speculated and lost.

### The Effort to Save Gentry.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—The friends of James R. Gentry are renewing their protests and agitation against the condemned murderer's solitary confinement in Moyamensing prison, a confinement which is so absolutely obnoxious to the letter and the spirit of the law of 1840, that the prisoner is not allowed even to look upon the face of his mother, who comes every week to the jail door and pleads sadly to be allowed to speak to him. Gentry's friends declare he is losing his mind under the long ordeal of isolation, but Dr. Butcher, the prison physician, denies this positively. The most desperate efforts are, however, being made to secure for him if not a pardon, at least a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

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## SPECIAL SALE

Of Plain White Toilet Sets (12 pieces) at \$2.50. Only 1 dozen of them.

(Lower Store.)  
A few decorated Toilet Sets worth regular \$1.95. Now at \$2.95.

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Fifty kinds of glass, hand and stand lamps. Very cheap.

(Upper Store.)

Watch for our Circulars for bargains in other lines.

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4 and 8 South Main Street.

### THE "ARBUTUS" REIGNS.

A Large Gathering at Robbins' Opera House Last Evening.

No recent social event has created more interest than the last leap year assembly of the Arbutus Club, held at Robbins' opera house last evening. The hall was handsomely decorated with festoons and hunting and beautiful plants and flowers adorned the stage with their fragrant odors. The floor was filled by a throng of gay and festive merry-makers who danced all night to the strains of inspiring music furnished by Messrs. Portz, Curtin and Kelly who are achieving fame in this locality.

Almost every town in the region was represented, and the Arbutus Club may congratulate themselves on the success of the affair. At midnight a hot lunch was served and greatly enjoyed. The occasion was a memorable one in the annals of leap year '96.

### Shooting Match for a Bear.

Robert Smith, the green grocer, will have a shooting match for a live bear near Baird's field on Thanksgiving Day, at 10 a. m. Entries 25 cents. 11-23-96

### To Go Into Business.

Charles N. Beddall has resigned his position as clerk at the P. & R. freight depot and will engage in a general store business at Tamaqua. Louis Halber, at present engaged as driver on the United States Express route, will succeed Mr. Beddall at the depot, and John Hoskins will succeed Mr. Halber on the express route.

### Prices as Low as the Lowest

On live and dressed turkey, ducks, geese and chickens for Thanksgiving. At COLLETT'S, 36 South Main street. 11-23-96

### Looks Encouraging.

The chrysanthemum show, at 16 South Main street, has done such a splendid business since its opening, that the proprietor, H. W. Montgomery, will begin alterations at once so as to open a branch on December 1st, in which the floral display of plants and flowers of every description will be found. Mr. Montgomery especially desires to call the attention of the public to his handsome display of dwarf plants and chrysanthemums at the bazaar, which will open at Robbins' opera house to-night, for the benefit of the All Saints P. E. church.

Umbrellas, big stock just received, at Reum's.

## DON'T DO A THING

Until you have seen our handsome line of holiday offerings which are now being placed on sale. Nothing we ever had compares with this season's goods. Come and inspect the grand assortment.

Games, Dolls, Drums, Wagons, Horses, Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines and Boats, Mechanical Toys, Toy sets, Kitchen sets, Books, Zithers, Books, Trampets, Baby Rattles, Iron Train, Sulkies, Fire Engine, Cook and Laundry Truck, Sewing Machine, Wagon, etc. Call at our store in Strasburg, Pa. Work and Machinery House, Allentown, Pa.

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