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Underwear and half hose.
One of the latest collars and cuffs at our usual low price.

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WE HAVE ONLY A VERY SMALL STOCK OF
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we have CUT PRICES IN HALF.
Toy Window for Prices.
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Product of this brewery are made of
and hops of which we buy the best
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selection in Wall Paper.

From 25 cents to 20 cents; from 10 cents to 8 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 and take advantage of the reduction.

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NEW YEAR-1897

ORANGES.
FLORIDA AND VALENCIA ORANGES.

NUTS.
Two Pounds for 25 Cents.
Two Pounds for 25 Cents.
Two Pounds for 25 Cents.

FOREIGN FRUITS.
GRAPES.
RASINS AND DATES.
RAISINS AND CURRANTS.
CITRON AND LEMON PEEL.

NEW ORLEANS BAKING MOLASSES.
BEAT. CRANBERRIES.

Large and Small—White and Fat.

SPRING 1897

Large stock of New Carpets. Hand-
made for Spring Trade.

M. KEITER,

THE CITIZENS PARTY. MAY PROVE A MURDER

Meeting of the Standing Committee Held Last Night.

The Citizens Standing Committee held a meeting last night and transacted considerable business towards getting the ticket of the party in shape for regular spring election to be held on the 10th of February, next. The resignations of B. J. Yost and John L. Hasser, as members of the committee from the Fourth and Fifth wards, respectively, were accepted and Samuel Shone and W. J. Watkins were elected to fill the vacancies. The vacancy in the Second ward, caused by the removal of Mr. Watkins, was filled by the election of E. C. Mallick. The officers of the committee for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Daniel Sterner; Secretary, W. J. Watkins; Treasurer, John Ramage.

The rules adopted by the committee on December 9th, 1896, will govern the committee this year. It was decided that the Citizens party primaries be held on Tuesday, January 26th, 1897, and that the candidates for the different borough and ward offices must have their names and the required fees in the hands of the secretary of the committee not later than January 15, 1897, at 7:30 p. m. Rule 11 of the committee provides that in default of payment of the required fees the person, or persons, so defaulting shall not be entitled to have his or their names printed upon the ticket to be used at the primary election and shall not be considered a candidate at the same, nor shall the officers of the primary poll, count or credit votes for any candidate whose name is not properly printed upon the regular ticket issued by the committee for the primary election.

The committee decided that the assessments for the spring primaries of 1897 shall be as follows: Receiver of Taxes, \$2.30; Chief Burgess, \$2.50; Borough Justice, \$2; Borough Auditor, \$1; Councilman, \$1; School Director, \$1; Ward Assessor, \$1; Judges and Inspectors of Election are exempt from payment of assessment.

The committee decided to meet on Wednesday, 6th inst., at 7 p. m., sharp, at which time all candidates for nomination on the Citizens ticket are expected to be present to make suggestions and consult with the committee as to arrangements for the campaign.

Hot pig will be served as free lunch tomorrow night.

Fair Grounds to be Sold.

Executions have been levied against the property of the Mahanoy Valley Agricultural Association, at Laverie, and the grounds and buildings will be sold by the sheriff tomorrow. The total claims against the property held by the bondholders who are pushing for their money will aggregate about \$3,000, of this amount the William H. Bright estate has a claim for \$2,000, being the heaviest holder. The rest is divided up in smaller amounts. When one of the principal bondholders was asked if they would buy the property in, and continue to hold the annual exhibition, he said that he was not prepared to say. The fair grounds with improvements, including the large hotel, cost about \$27,000.

At Kapehinski's Arcade Cafe.

Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Lamp Exploded.

At about three minutes after midnight the fire alarm bell sounded an alarm from the First ward. On account of the general ringing in of the New Year the alarm failed to attract the desired attention and only the Columbia Hose Company responded, with its new hose wagon. Its services were not required. The cause of the alarm was the exploding of a lamp in the dining room at the residence of Michael Graham. A table, organ and carpet in the room were scorched by the scattering blaze, but the fire was extinguished by the occupants of the house before serious damage was sustained.

The Factory Shoe Store

has the best assortment of men's and women's fancy and plain slippers, suitable for holiday purposes.

A Social Gathering.

Misses Annie and Mary Kimmel, of North Jardin street, entertained a number of their friends last evening. The evening was a pleasant one, and at an opportune hour the guests were treated to refreshments. Those present were Misses Ida Kohler, Rebecca Seigel, of Reading, Clara and Annie Yost, Laura Robertson, Lizzie Krapp, Messrs. Charles Katz, Harry Glenwright, of Minersville, and John H. Danks. The participants vied their hostesses excellent entertainers.

Biggest stock of New Year's presents in town at Brumm's.

F. O. S. of A. Officers.

At the regular meeting of Washington Camp No. 286, F. O. S. of A., the following officers were elected: P. Pres., John Girton; Pres., Ira Schappell; V. Pres., W. J. Portz; M. of F., Israel Eisenhower; Cond., Daniel Mackey; Secy., John H. Danks; F. Secy., W. J. Seltzer; Treas., C. H. Hagenbuch; Insp., William Young; O. G., Edward Mason; Trustees, Israel Eisenhower.

Wood's College.

WANTED—100 young men and women to fill positions as teachers of stenography. We guarantee good positions to our hundred cultured young men and women with good personal appearance who will fit themselves for teachers of stenography and typewriting. Wood's SHENANDOAH COLLEGE.

"Allen Dare" Not Sold.

TILLARD'S TESTIMONY.

In the Case of Alleged Bribery Against Van Valkenburg.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 1.—E. A. Van Valkenburg, who was arrested at Harrisburg Wednesday night on a charge of attempting to bribe Representative Weiss, of Northampton county, to vote for John Wanamaker for United States senator, went before Squire Kuebler yesterday, when the charge was read to him. He pleaded not guilty. J. Tillard, who said he was a detective, described at length alleged interviews he had with Mr. Van Valkenburg, saying he had conspired with money to bribe representatives in various parts of the state, notably in Luzerne, showing a photographic receipt from Dr. Mackey, of Luzerne county, for \$1,350, and pleading himself to vote for Wanamaker, and acknowledging that he, "Tillard," had kept \$50 out of the original sum of \$1,500, which he said had been given him by Van Valkenburg to give to Dr. Mackey. Tillard admitted that he was in the employ of Wanamaker's opponents.

The trial terminated abruptly when the defendant waived a further hearing and entered bail. This was done because of the admission of Detective Tillard's testimony regardless of the objections of the defense. Shortly after leaving the office another warrant was served upon Mr. Van Valkenburg, charging him with conspiracy to bribe Dr. N. J. Mackey, of Lackawanna. Bail in the same suit was entered.

After the withdrawal of the defendant and his counsel the taking of testimony was proceeded with in their absence. Tillard swore that he had received \$500 in five notes of \$100 each to pay to Representative Weiss. He said the money was given to him by Van Valkenburg. He subsequently refused to be sworn to by Sen. Scranton, and returned them to Van Valkenburg, who afterwards acknowledged their receipt.

A dispatch from Harrisburg says that Representative Weiss emphatically denies all knowledge of the case.

Pennsylvania's Senatorial Contest.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 1.—Senator Quay came to Harrisburg last evening from Philadelphia, and has taken personal charge of Senator Penrose's campaign for United States senator. Rudolph B. Shanker and Representative Robert Smith, of Philadelphia, also arrived last evening and opened headquarters at the Commonwealth in the interest of John Wanamaker's candidacy. Mr. Weiss says he recalls the alleged attempt to bribe: "I knew Mr. Van Valkenburg slightly during the last session, when he was secretary of the house committee on appropriations. I have not to my knowledge met him since. He has never approached me in any way in the interests of Mr. Wanamaker's candidacy. I expect to vote for Senator Penrose."

Increased Working Hours.

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 1.—An order was issued yesterday increasing the working time in the Pennsylvania railroad shops in this city to eight hours a day, and five hours on Saturday, to go into effect next Monday. This is an increase of ten hours a week. Several thousand workmen will be benefited by this order.

Rabbit Hunter Accidentally Killed.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 1.—While hunting rabbits yesterday William Keefe was accidentally killed by John Keefe, a companion, who was ready to shoot a rabbit.

Killed Through a Breaking Ladder.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—By the breaking of a ladder placed against the wall of a burning building on Strawberry street six firemen were hurled to the pavement from the third story, two of them being injured severely, one so badly hurt that he died. Edward A. Dever, 45 years old, of 428 Bainbridge street, was the name of the dead man. All four men were members of Engine company No. 31.

To Urge International Bimetallism.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Senator Walcott, of Colorado, the chairman of the special senate committee to arrange for a bimetallic conference of the nations of the world, is going abroad this month to confer with prominent bimetallists on the project. The purpose of his visit are known, and approved by President-elect McKinley and his trip is made at the request of his associates on the senatorial committee.

Breen's Quail Cafe Free Lunch.

Clam soup to-night.
Hot lunch to-morrow morning.
Meals at all hours.

A Coming Nuptial Event.

The announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Mr. James T. Hughes, of Ashland, and Miss Mary C., the bright and attractive daughter of Frank C. McDonald, district land agent for the P. & R. C. & I. Co. The bride teaches in the public school of Haverhill township. The ceremony will be performed at St. Joseph's church on Tuesday, February 9th.

The greatest bargains in the jewelry line at A. Holderman's.

Sale of Properties.

The sale of the saloon property on North White street, owned by George Folmer, to Michael Mullett was consummated yesterday by M. M. Burke, Esq.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

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

Post Office Notice.

Today being New Year the post office will close at 11 a. m. The usual editions will be made at 7:15 and 10:45 a. m. and deliveries at 9:30, 8:30 and 11 a. m. Ellangowan, Yatesville, Brownsville and Turkey Run will be served with the 7:15 a. m. delivery.

SPAIN PLEDGES CUBAN REFORMS

The Form of Autonomy Promised to Porto Rico.

CUBA MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT If the Insurgents Are Willing to Rely Upon Spanish Promises—A Provincial Assembly Which Shall Enact Legislation For Local Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The form of autonomy which Spain is willing to grant to Cuba was decided upon in Madrid yesterday at a council of the ministers presided over by the queen regent. The decree still lacks the official indorsements of the cabinet, but this, it is believed, will be readily obtainable when conditions have reached such a point that the Spanish authorities believe the reforms can be introduced in Cuba without disturbance and turmoil from any disaffected factions. This information reached the Spanish legation last night, and Minister de Lome was authorized to make public the concessions agreed upon. These reforms are to go into effect immediately in Porto Rico, and are announced in the desire to promulgate them as a New Year's gift to the citizens of Porto Rico.

These same measures of relief, it is said, will be announced in Cuba so soon as the pacification of the island is such that the reforms can be brought about without such revolt as would now be caused by the insurgents. It is claimed that should the rebellious portions of the island indicate some willingness to accept the system of autonomy suggested by Spain, and cease the insurrection, the reform immediately would go into effect. Through the decree announced is intended at present for Porto Rico alone, when they are effected in Cuba they will be on an enlarged scale, and Porto Rico also will be favored with the larger rights allowed Cuba. Friends of the Spanish legation here state that these reforms were not brought about by the intermediation of the United States. "Senor de Lome said today:

"The reform law was voted by the cortes in February, 1895. It was accepted then by the Autonomist party, and received a unanimous vote in the party. Among the voters were such conspicuous Autonomist names as Montro, Gilera, Latorre, Ferrer, Fernando and Gonzalez, all Cubans. The leaders of the Autonomist party of Porto Rico have been in Madrid this winter, and the royal decree entirely meets with their approval. What has been printed as a new plan of reform is nothing but the law of 1895 published by the Spanish legation in May last in the pamphlet entitled 'Spanish Rules in Cuba.'"

The restrictions on the appointment of councilors are not against the people, but a restriction of the powers of the government. Nearly all to be taken appointed by the cortes received votes from Porto Rico, or have been prominent in the business community, or are among the principal taxpayers. Enrique Veru, the member of the New York junta, and every people now in the field, could be appointed councilor by the crown, and of course elected.

"The object of the reforms in Cuba and Porto Rico is to transfer to the 'council of administration' of each island powers which hitherto have been attributions of the government officials and exercised in Madrid. The reform is an announced state that this council of administration is to be composed in the case of Porto Rico of six provincial assemblymen of the region in which the next biennial elections shall take place and councilors appointed by the supreme government.

"The councilors appointed by the government must be qualified as follows: To be, or to have been, president of a chamber of commerce of the Economic Society of Friends of the Country, or the Association of Agriculturists, director of the Institute of San Juan or dean of the corporations of lawyers of Juan de Porto Rico; to be, or to have for four years previously, one of the fifth principal taxpayers of the island; to have been a senator or representative to the cortes in two or more legislatures; to have been elected two or more times president of the provincial assembly, or two years mayor of San Juan de Porto Rico.

"The council is to deliberate upon the general estimates of expenditures and revenues of these islands; upon the general accounts which the finance department of the island must present annually within the six months following the end of the financial year; upon the removal or suspension of mayor or alderman; and upon the petitions for legislative reforms that emanate from from the provincial assembly.

"The provincial assembly is to consist of twelve assemblymen, six from each region, with terms of office of four years. The election to fill the vacant seats is to take place every two years, the region of San Juan voting at one election and the region of Ponce at another. The provincial assembly to elect its own president to judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of the assemblymen and to decide all questions referring to its own organization under the law.

"Only the supreme court of the island shall have jurisdiction over the appeals from the decisions of the provincial assembly in these questions.

"The provincial assembly shall resolve in accordance with the laws and regulations, whatever it may deem proper for the management in the whole island of public works, posts and telegraphs, railways and navigation, agriculture, manufactures, trade, immigration and colonization, public instruction, charities and the health department.

"Although the budget for the island must be finally voted by the Spanish parliament, the Antilles send a numerous and powerful representation to the cortes, enjoying in this respect a great advantage over the English colonies."

Shake of Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

Roll well with Red Flag Oil, 25c. At Grubler Bros., Drug Store.

Seven Per Cent.

The rate of wages to be paid to the colliery employees for the last half of December and first half of January will be seven per cent. above the \$2.50 basis. The rate of wages for the preceding four weeks was eight per cent. above.

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- 25c Jointed Dolls, (moving eyes), 13c
- 50c Nickel Trains, 25c
- \$1.00 Tool Chests, 95c
- 50c Slugs, 25c
- 25c Caps, Saws and Files, 10c
- 15c Caps and Saws, 10c
- 15c After Dinner Cup and Saucer, 10c
- Enamelled Doll's Cradles, 25c
- Combination Desk and Black Board, 95c
- 25c Doll Couches, 20c
- 23 inch Dolls, 25c
- \$1.00 Push Albums, 75c
- \$1.25 Celluloid Albums, 95c
- Steam Engines, 25c, 50c to \$1.00
- Magic Lanterns, (50 views), 25c, 50c to \$1.00

GIRVIN'S

4 and 8 S. Main St.

Deeds Recorded.
Deed from Robert Wenzel in Emmett Lebr, piece of land in Pinesburg township. From Theo. Markle, et. ux. to George Dyson, premises in Minersville.
From George Dyson to Matilda Markle, premises in Minersville.
A letter of attorney was filed by D. L. Heuning, Esq., from Theo. F. Wright, et. al. Ex-Congressman James B. Kelly filed with Recorder Schuerman five deeds for property upon which the new government building, to be erected, at Pottsville. The five persons conveying property to the Government are James B. Beatty, William B. Beatty, executors of the estate of Anna Maria Donaldson Deconsoel, Charlemagne Tower and Geo. H. Holderman.
Will Meet at March Church.
The Reading Archdiocese of the Episcopal church will meet January 14th at March Church. The officers are: Archbishop, J. M. James P. Buxton, of Drifton; Secretary, Rev. A. Abel, of Johnston; Treasurer, M. A. Breen, of East March Church.

Remember if You Have a Cough or Cold
Pan-Tina always cures. 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

CLEANING-UP SALE

OF LEFT-OVER...

HOLIDAY GOODS...

The closing of the Holiday selling has left broken assortments, and odds and ends of others, all of which

MUST BE CLOSED OUT THE COMING WEEK.

To insure this result, sweeping reductions have been made without the slightest reference to cost.

These big sacrifices apply to Books, Dolls, Lamps, Pocket Books, China and Glassware, Toys, Games, Collapsible Toilet, Handkerchiefs, Globes and Collar and Cuff Boxes, never purchasable at the low prices which will be placed upon them for THIS WEEK, in order to effect their quick clearance.

F. J. Portz & Son

21 NORTH MAIN STREET.

25 cents per yard for rug carpet, Ingrain and a pretty three stripe carpet, worth 35 cents a yard.

Remnants of OIL CLOTH at your own price.

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