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We also open this week our first invoice of NEW FLOOR OIL CLOTH in new spring patterns.

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IN-FINE CANNED GOODS.

Choice Tomatoes, extra quality and extra size cans—Two cans for 25 cents.

Fancy Maine and New York State Sugar Corn—Two and three cans for 25 cents.

New Early June and Sifted Peas—Two and three cans for 25c.

Fancy California Peaches—Cans full of extra quality Yellow Peaches in heavy syrup—Three cans for 50 cents.

We also have good Tomatoes, Corn and Peas, 4 cans for 25c, all straight goods—We never sell soaks at any price.

—We offer to-day another lot of— CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, AND VALENCIA, ORANGES, AND SICILY, LEMONS.

FOR SALE

ONE CAR CHOICE YELLOW CORN. ONE CAR WHITE OATS. ONE CAR NO. 1 TIMOTHY HAY.

G. W. KEITER, SHENANDOAH, PENNA.

THE HILL PLUMS.

There will be a Big House Cleaning on Monday Morning.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 2.—Interest in the appointments to be made by the County Commissioners-elect, which will be announced on Monday, increases as the 4th day of January approaches. One item of as much interest, if not more, to the majority of the successful officials at the almshouse. These appointments will also be made public on Monday.

It gives out on high authority that the efforts of Poor Director Middleton to smash the Deitrich-Almshouse slate has been unsuccessful so far. It can be stated with certainty that the latter two Directors will name the appointees, and that Messrs. Bentz and Myers will be the ruling spirits in the Commissioners' office. There will be no breaks this year.

At the almshouse Gordon Reed will succeed John Reese as steward, while John Grossing will be retained as clerk. S. Burd Edwards, Esq., will take care of the legal business of that institution, and Dr. G. H. Moore, of Heckscherville, will be the medical adviser. The minor appointments are not known. Shenandoah, the big town north of the mountains, will secure three of the plums.

There will be a general shake-up in the Commissioners' office. Hiram F. Reber, of Pinegrove, will succeed Phil J. Council as chief clerk; Charles Reed, of this place, will be his first assistant; Warrant Clerk Carl Coogan will be succeeded by Mr. Bennett, of Cresona; Irwin Moser, of town, will be retained as type-writer, and the docket clerk will come from Mahanoy City, in all probability.

The changes at the fall will be many, but it is pretty certain that Warden Brewer and his wife will be retained. The Commissioner have some trouble over the County Solicitor. The stated candidate is said to be Charles Berger, of Cresona, but the present incumbent, John O. Ulrich, Esq., threatens trouble if he is removed. He claims his appointment one year ago was made for three years.

In the Prothonotary's office Col. Deegan has selected William F. Leib, the present clerk, as his deputy, succeeding "Bill" Brennan. The latter retires, and his uncle, M. P. Brennan, will enter this office on Monday.

John T. Shoener, the Clerk of the Court-elect, will retain John Duffy, of St. Clair, as his first deputy. John Morgan, of Mahanoy City, will have an attack of this office.

County Treasurer Elias Davis will retain Samuel Delbert, of Shenoykill Haven, as his deputy. If the Commissioners allow another appointee in the office, Mr. Davis will very likely select a Girardville Republican.

In the Register's office Mr. Matten steps out to make room for F. C. Deese, of your town. The latter will make no change in the deputyship, retaining the present incumbent, Thomas Stevens. The receipts of the office will hardly allow of the appointment of a clerk. It is said, however, that Mr. Reese will select his younger brother, Edward, for this position.

Emanuel Jenkin, the Recorder-elect, has announced his appointments as follows: Deputies, Thomas S. Herb, of Tremont; clerks, Edward McInneson, of Girardville; George W. Keiper, of Shenandoah, and William Looser, of Minersville.

In but two of the offices will there be no changes, the Sheriff's and the District Attorney's, the latter being the only Democratic official on the hill.

Brennan's New Restaurant.

Sour krotz, baked potatoes and fresh pork as free lunch on Monday morning.

Volunteers to Depart.

To-morrow night two members of the local post of the Volunteers of America will bid farewell to the post to enter training quarters and become officers. Capt. Fishburne will go to Newark, N. J., and Capt. Parry to Philadelphia. Lieut. Hanson, who has been very successful while in charge of the local post, wanted to farewell and take charge at Mahanoy City, but the members succeeded in inducing him to change his mind and is expected that Capt. Price and wife, of Newark, N. J., will arrive to take charge of the Mahanoy City post, which will be opened on Tuesday night, next, on which occasion the local post will be closed to give the members an opportunity to attend the opening.

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

A Christening Social.

There was a social gathering last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson, on South Jardin street, to celebrate the christening of their infant nephew. An elaborate supper was served and a very enjoyable evening spent. Among those who enjoyed the occasion were Rev. J. J. Reitz and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, Misses Katie Eisenhart, Marie and Bessie Jefferson and Mable Woods, and Messrs. John Eisenhart, Sol. Schwandt, Edward J. Holland and Richard and Garfield Jefferson.

Shake off Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

Rob well with Red Flag Oil, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

Shot at Tananqua.

John Reinhold, a German, 23 years old, living in Tananqua and employed in the mines by the L. C. & N. Co., went to the Pottsville hospital yesterday afternoon with his left hand in shreds, the result of an explosion. The hand and part of the arm were amputated, the operation being performed by Drs. Farquhar, Halberstadt and Zeller. Reinhold, who lives in the part of Tananqua called Jalappa, was handling a gun when it exploded, destroying the hand, says the Journal.

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25 cents.

Died at the Almshouse.

Mrs. Ann Farley, aged 79 years, an inmate of the Shenoykill Haven almshouse since last March, died at that institution yesterday morning from general debility. The deceased was a resident of Shenandoah at one time, and for a number of years previous to that time lived at Mt. Hope, near St. Clair.

TOMALONIS A RAVING MANIAC

The Condition of the Assaulted Man Remains Unchanged.

PIERCE STRUGGLES WITH GUARDS.

An Almost Hopeless Case—The Attending Physician Says That Should the Man Not Die He Will in All Probability be a Lunatic.

The case of Thomas Tomalonis, which was reported in last evening's HERALD, has aroused deep interest and the opinion is generally expressed that it is strange that a case of the kind should have escaped public attention for two weeks. The explanation offered is that it is only since last Wednesday that the man's condition has been such as to occasion alarm on the part of his family and that had they suspected a real case would have been made to the authorities sooner.

Tomalonis is now a raving maniac. Four men are constantly at his bedside and three or four times during every twenty-four hours they are forced to restrain him. He is generally calm and quiet, but when he is excited he becomes violent and attempts to kill those around him. He is now in the insane asylum at Pottsville, where he is being treated by Dr. W. N. Stein, who is attending Tomalonis, was summoned last night to the man's bedside this morning and an unfounded rumor that the victim had died gained circulation. Dr. Stein says Tomalonis' condition is very grave, and should he not die, it is quite likely that he will be a subject for a lunatic asylum. At present, the doctor says, the victim's mind is entirely blank. He recognizes nobody and cannot be made to comprehend anything. After a consultation to-day it was decided to send the victim to the Miners' hospital. The removal will probably be made to-morrow.

William Snyder, the saloonkeeper, and Simon Karpavitch, the two men charged with being responsible for Tomalonis' condition, do not seem to regard the charge seriously. They adhere to their story that they are not guilty. They do not deny that they had a difficulty with Tomalonis on the night of the alleged assault, but say that the victim was assaulted a second time that night by other parties. Who these parties are they do not say, nor have the authorities learned from any other source. One indisputable fact is that Snyder's saloon has the reputation of being a resort at which frequent disturbances occur and in many cases the victims have suffered seriously. Only about a month ago a riot was precipitated on Centre street by men who had just left Snyder's house. Two men were terribly beaten and a third had a hairbreadth escape from being dangerously shot.

Breen's Hailto. Cafe Free Lunch.

Oysters on toast as free lunch to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning. Meals at all hours.

The Shooting Contest.

Between three and four hundred people took part in the target shooting contest on Blair's field yesterday for which Bob Smith's shooting outfit was the prize. The shooting continued all day until dark, when the winner was announced as W. J. Watkins, of the HERALD. Had the prize been a goat it would perhaps have been reserved by the winner as a receptacle for rejected manuscripts, but having been a rifle, it was returned to Mr. Smith for \$20. Smith has certainly found a good investment in brain. It is estimated that between \$75 and \$100 was made on the match yesterday and about \$50 on Thanksgiving day. The winner of yesterday's match did not participate in it personally, but through a substitute, a young man named Heber Smith, who made the winning score on a tie by planting a shot directly in the center of the target.

Nearing the End.

The sale of Tali's cures at half price will close in a few days. You need a bottle in the house for the headache, toothache or some of the cures. Povinsky's drug store, 28 East Centre street.

To Odd Fellows.

On and after January 4th, next, Shenandoah Lodge No. 501, I. O. O. F., will meet in the new hall on North White street. The members will govern themselves accordingly. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend the dedicatory exercises next Monday night.

JOHN D. TREZISE, N. G. Attest—JOS. HINKS, Sec'y.

G. A. R. Officers.

The following officers have been elected by Watkin's Water Post, No. 146, G. A. R., for the ensuing term: P. Com., B. F. Wootner; Sr. V. Com., Hiram Spears; Jr. V. Com., S. L. Lidenuth; Qr. M., David Morgan; Adjt., Joseph Daddow; O. of D., Charles T. Gibson; Chap., J. Hehr; O. Guard, J. A. Suedhoff; Qr. S., John Watson; Sgt. M., L. Mangum; Trustees, John Watson, J. D. Leddon and F. J. Porter; Orderly Sgt., S. S. Cannon.

Buy your mother, wife, or sister a carpet sweeper or a pretty rug for a Christmas present, all prices at Fricke's Carpet Store.

School Board Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board will be held Monday evening. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted at the board's last meeting. Next Wednesday evening should be the regular night, but going to Superintendent Bogart's trial being fixed at Pottsville for that day a change in the time of the Board's meeting was made.

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

The Ryan Funeral.

The funeral of Thomas Ryan, of Gilbert street, which was announced to take place on Monday next, the 4th inst., has been fixed for to-morrow, Sunday, 3rd inst. at 3 p. m., instead.

Ricker's Cafe.

Roast beef with filling will be served as free lunch this evening.

THREE CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

Found Dead by the Mother Who Had Locked Them In.

HANOVER, Pa., Jan. 2.—Three young children of Mr. and Mrs. George Duttler, who live in the country about four miles from here, died from suffocation during a fire at their home late Thursday night. During her husband's absence Mrs. Duttler called on a neighbor, locking the children in the house to play. On her return, after a longer stay than she had intended, she saw smoke issuing in heavy volumes from the house. As she entered the house the excited mother stepped into a hole which the fire had burned through the floor, and fell violently to the floor below. Gropping her way back to the first floor she found the bodies of the children lying in a corner. All were dead. Two of the little ones were twins, about 4 years old, and the third a year or so younger. It is thought that a spark from the stove fell on the carpet, causing a fire that soon burned the floor and filled the room with smoke. The couple had no other children.

Burned to Death in Her Home.

READING, Pa., Jan. 2.—Mrs. William Boyer, aged 45 years, of Leesport, this county, attempted to polish a stove by mixing turpentine with the polish. Her dress ignited in an unknown manner and she was burned to death. Mrs. Boyer was alone in the house at the time of the accident, and her body was discovered by her husband shortly afterwards.

A Fatal Love Letter.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 2.—Miss Nora Reed, a well known young woman of Strasburg, was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed near that place yesterday. She was walking along the railroad track, deeply engrossed in a love letter.

Wood's College.

WANTED—400 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.

A Surprise Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bunn, of West Lloyd street, was the scene of a very happy event last evening, when many friends of their daughter, Miss Mattie Price, gathered to celebrate her twentieth birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent with music, interspersed with social games and recitations. At 11:30 o'clock Mr. Bunn invited the guests to the dining room where refreshments were served. When all had returned to the parlor Mr. J. Griffiths, in behalf of the friends assembled, in a very neat and appropriate speech, presented Miss Price with a handsome toilet and manure set. Her kindness to the guests led to her appreciation of the gift. Those present were: Misses Mary and Mattie Griffiths, Annie, Nellie and Hannah Davies, Mary Morgan, Kate Lewis, Mary Jones, Mary Brown, Lizzie Keenan, Lydia Jenkins, Elmore Bunn, Messrs. Wesley Brown, William Edwards, John Draper, Isaac Griffiths, John Charles, William Billinger, Martin Billinger, William Jarvis, John Price and Mr. and Mrs. Bunn of town, Miss Sallie and John Bohann, of Blackwood, and Miss Carrie Billinger, of Reading. When the guests left for their homes they wished Miss Price many "Happy returns of the Day."

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Potatoes salad to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning.

Fair Grounds Sold.

The fair grounds at Lavelle, owned by the Mahanoy Valley Agricultural Association, will be sold by public auction this morning, at Ashland, to satisfy judgments amounting to almost \$10,000. William A. Marr, Esq., representing judgments amounting to \$2,000, bid the grounds for \$210. It is estimated the grounds are worth \$27,000. By the sale the old soldiers are left out in the cold. It is likely that the new owners will continue the annual fair as heretofore.

You Remember

All medicines have advanced in price, except Tali's cures, which, owing to the manufacturer being with us and placing a limited amount for advertising purposes we have sold at half price. This sale closes in a few days. You know how valuable the cures have proven. Call to-day and buy at half price. Povinsky's drug store.

To Donate Their New Hall.

Shenandoah Lodge No. 501, I. O. O. F., will hold their 12th meeting in their new hall, on North White street, on Monday evening. Special exercises have been arranged for the dedication of the new building. An invitation to the members of the sister lodges has been extended for them to attend.

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

Committed all Hands.

Last night Martin Sudoc and John Chese were before Justice Cardin, charged by William Leskun with assault and battery. After hearing the case and finding all concerned in the case, except one witness, intoxicated the Justice committed the accused and the prosecutor to the lockup.

Remember if You Have a Cough or Cold.

Pan-Tin always cures, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

Married at Camden.

Miss Jennie Conway and William Peyton, two well known young people of Ellanorawan, were married at Camden, N. J., on Thursday. They will return home on Sunday.

Communion Services.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Trinity Reformed church to-morrow morning and evening.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure.



Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. It is the best food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

MR. CLEVELAND IS ACCUSED!

Sensational Charges Made by a Newspaper Correspondent.

ALLEGED SECRET DEAL WITH SPAIN

The President and Secretary Olney, It is Asserted, Agreed That This Government Should Aid in Crushing the Insurgency Unless They Yield.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Mr. James Croftman, special correspondent of the New York Journal, telegraphs from Madrid to that paper as follows:

"It has taken me many days to trace out the astounding dealings of President Cleveland and his administration with the Spanish monarchy, but I am now in a position to give the American people some light on the subject.

"Actual facts show that Cleveland's offer of mediation was simply a cover under which the American government secretly proposed to help Spain to overthrow and suppress the republic of Cuba and to enforce peace on that island on terms which the nation would not accept."

"The understanding was that if Cuban leaders refused to lay down their arms upon conditions of local self government, to be proposed to them by or through the United States, the whole influence and power of the American government would be exerted to crush the new republic.

"The slightest investigation by congress will reveal the truth of this statement. I have the facts upon unimpeachable authority, but the most surprising fact in this well concealed conspiracy against the Cuban republic is that in order to help Spain in her pitiless campaign of massacre, Secretary Olney has not presented any of the claims for damages arising out of the present war.

"This seems almost incredible, but it is true. Records in Washington will confirm my statement. These claims represent millions upon millions of dollars. They are supported by sworn and, in most

POLITICAL TALK.

In charge of President Paly, of the United Mine Workers, a bureau has been opened at Harrisburg for the promotion of legislation in behalf of mine workers.

The political announcement of Martin Shoemaker appears in another column. He is a candidate for Council in the Second ward, subject to Citizens party rules. Mr. Shoemaker is an old resident of the borough, a large property owner and if nominated by the Citizens party there is no doubt of his election.

The mention of Carl Coogan's name in connection with the nomination for Tax Receiver created considerable comment last evening among the local Democrats.

The agency is almost over—the appointments will be announced on Monday.

There Never Was a Better Cure Than Pan-Tin for coughs, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.

Conscience Switten.

A Pole giving the name of Larry Conscience appeared before Justice Cardin last night as complainant against Thomas McCuski, alleging assault and battery. The Justice set Conscience at ease by putting McCuski under bail for trial at court.

CLEANING-UP SALE

OF LEFT-OVER . . .

HOLIDAY GOODS. . .

The closing of the Holiday selling has left broken assortments, and odds and ends in 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, Celluloid Toilet, Handkerchief, Glove and Collar and Cuff Boxes, useful at all times and at all seasons, but 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 rag carpet, Ingrain and a pretty three stripe carpet, all worth 35 cents a yard.

Remnants of OIL CLOTH at your own price.

FRICKE'S CARPET STORE, 10 S. Jardin Street.

Holiday Presents

COMBS, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, ATOMIZERS, &c.

They are appropriate and Sold Cheap

KIRLIN'S DRUG STORE, 6 South Main Street.

Murder or Accident?

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Emma Bell, aged 40 years, inmate of a respectable home, was shot and almost instantly killed yesterday by Albert Engel, aged 23, a grandson of the proprietress of the place. Engel had been skylarking with a small bird gun, and standing at a distance of ten feet from the woman, he leveled his weapon at her and said: "Emma, I'm going to shoot you," snatching the action to the word. Engel protests that the shooting was an accident.

At Kepelushk's Arcade Cafe.

Hot Tomatoes to-night. Cream soup on Monday morning.

Clergymen's Half Fare.

The Pennsylvania and the Reading Railway companies will continue to issue clergymen's half-fare tickets as usual, but only to clergymen who have a charge or to mission-aries.

A Hit for Coughs and Colds.

What? Pan-Tin, 25c. At Grubler Bros., drug store.