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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 make the best that can possibly be produced.

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Bargains in Canned Goods To Dispose of Surplus Stock

Table listing various canned goods like Standard Tomatoes, Extra Quality Tomatoes, New Maryland Corn, etc.

Just received another lot of CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA AND JAMAICA ORANGES.

NEW FLOOR OIL CLOTHS. Two thousand yards, new Floor Oil Cloth, new spring spring patterns, 1, 1 1/2 and 2 yards wide.

New Carpets Coming in Daily.

New Orleans Baking Molasses, Strictly Pure. Open Kettle Goods.

Fresh Creamery and Dairy Butter, Received every other day.

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"Daisy" Flour is a high grade. Blended Spring and Winter Wheat Flour. "Pastry" Flour is specially adapted for pastry use.

OUR CHOP IS STRAIGHT GOODS, NO OAT HULLS, OR CORN COBS IN IT.

At KEITER'S.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Only State Products to be Used in Constructing the New Capitol.

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—The legislature held its first session last night in the Grand Methodist church. The building is almost within a stone's throw of the smoldering ruins of the ancient capitol. It has been admirably fitted up for the uses of the legislature.

There were many spectators last night in the large galleries of the auditorium to witness the opening session in the church. The wives and sisters of the legislators were among the spectators. They have come here from every quarter of the state to attend the reception to be given by Governor and Mrs. Hastings this evening at the executive mansion.

The house was flooded with resolutions, the bulk of which had to do with the proposed new capitol. A resolution put in by Mr. Williams, of Bedford, which was adopted, requires the use of Pennsylvania materials in the construction of the new capitol and the employment of naturalized American citizens in the work. Mr. Williams also offered a resolution providing that "a commission be created consisting of the board of commissioners of public building and grounds and the committee on public buildings and the senate and house, to which all plans, specifications and bids pertaining to the erection of the new building or buildings shall be submitted for approval and adoption, and subject to the ratification of the legislature."

A number of bills were presented, including several appropriation measures. The senate, after some discussion, concurred in the house resolution authorizing the governor to solicit architects to make plans for a new capitol.

Fugitive Mahler's Diamonds Stolen. Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Peter Mahler, whose bulky frame has withstood the thumps of a hundred pugilists, was being half asleep on a bed in his boarding house early Sunday morning when a burglar walked into the room and departed with \$1,700 worth of Mr. Mahler's jewelry and money. An open window at the front of the house told the story of how the thief or thieves had entered. The police think the robbery was the work of one man, who knew the premises well. There is no clew.

At Kephenski's Arcade Cafe. Sour krent, pork and mashed potatoes will be served to-night during and between the acts. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Needs Attention. Ed. HERALD.—As so much has been said of late about the Chief Burgess and his duties as the chief executive of our borough, there are hundreds of our citizens who do not remember of ever seeing the present incumbent paying their locality an official visit. I would suggest these gentlemen that some one is really responsible for the nuisances that exist in our midst. Especially Huckleberry alley, west of Gilbert street, and many other localities equally as bad. Gentlemen, if you wish to avoid pestilence in our community, then make a tour and be convinced.

Our free lunch to-morrow morning will consist of vegetable soup.

No arrests have been made in connection with the robbery of Saturday night and Sunday morning, although the guilty parties appear to be almost within reach. The great stumbling block in the way of authority is the pull which the crooks seem to have upon many of the prominent citizens of the town. This pull is maintained either by blood relationship or business, and the police find that unless they are shown by extraordinary energy, the parties sought are kept constantly posted on their movements.

For Wide Awake Purchasers. Special inducements in new carpets and oil cloths. Sheatings 10-14 for 121 cents per yard. Bargains in dress goods of all kinds. It will pay you to call at P. J. MORGAN'S.

Little Folks Party. Many little folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Meyer, on South West street last evening, to celebrate the tenth birthday of their daughter, Hattie. She was presented with some very beautiful presents. Among present were: Olive and Jay Lewin, Lizzie and Tillie Hart, Anna and Florence Wanner, Maude Snyder, Mary Deffen, Mattie Dawson, Minnie Richards, Katie Sporr, Bessie McCutchen, Lizzie Shrock, Nora Gaughan, Letta McGuire, Jessie Broxton, Lizzie Gable, Lillie, Minnie and Herbert Meyer.

A lady at a ball called her beau an Indian because he was on her trail all the time. Now we're Indians on your trail to make you a customer, if we once get you. FACTORY SHOP STORE.

Father Wynn Dead. Rev. Father James F. Wynn, pastor of St. Kyran's church, at Heckschersville, died at Bethlehem yesterday morning, aged 40 years. The deceased was one of the most eloquent and best known priests in this archdiocese, and his death caused many expressions of sorrow throughout the county. He was ordained in 1876. Two brothers, well known priests, preceded him to the grave.

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

Knee Injured. William Tempest, a miner, had his left knee badly contused by a fall of coal in the Kehley Run colliery yesterday. He was attended by Dr. J. Florence Roberts.

The Modern Cleaner. Cleans and polishes every thing. Apply the labor. WILL NOT SCRATCH.

A DECISION RENDERED.

Judge Bechtel To-day Decided the Justice Case.

THE COURT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

Judge Bechtel, in a Lengthy Decision, Refuses to Issue an Order Striking Off the Borough Justices From the Tickets in Shenandoah.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Feb. 9, 8:50 p. m.—The question as to whether the nominations made for Justice in the several boroughs of this county is still undecided, and in the hands of Judge Bechtel. The delay is creating considerable uneasiness, especially in the office of the County Commissioners. The printing of the ballots, or at least a great part of the ballots for the approaching election, is delayed pending the decision and the County Commissioners express fears that they may not be able to get the printing done in time. The decision will not only affect Shenandoah, but also Mahanoy City, Ashland, Gilbhart, Trammont, Mineville and other boroughs in which nominations for Justices have been made, and the ballots for those towns cannot be printed until it is decided whether the names of candidates for Justice are to be printed on them.

The County Commissioners became so uneasy over the delay this afternoon it was decided that Judge Bechtel had to send a decision to the court house by four o'clock this afternoon. Chief Clerk Horace Balar was delegated to visit his Honor's home and try to get some intimation as to what the decision will be. Of course, this will be quite an unusual, as well as very delicate step, but it is justified by the unusual and very pressing circumstances. Next Tuesday will be election day and the ballots printed and distributed in time, even should a decision be rendered to-day.

Judge Bechtel's delay in handing down a decision is looked upon as favorable to the nominated candidates. Most of the people who were in court yesterday when the case was argued felt confident that the court's views strongly inclined towards sustaining the objections filed against the nomination of candidates. It is expected that before night, but their opinions have since changed and now they believe that Judge Bechtel will sustain the points raised by the lawyers for the nominees. One of the strongest of these is that the objections to the nomination papers (because they were not filed in due time and tested upon the candidates and lists) cannot be considered by his Honor at this time.

The report circulated last night that Judge Bechtel had decided that the Citizens party nomination papers from Shenandoah had not been filed in time and was holding the Democratic nomination papers under consideration was based upon information which has not been confirmed. Up to three o'clock this afternoon no decision of any kind had been rendered.

IN FAVOR OF THE JUSTICE. Special to EVENING HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Feb. 9, 4 p. m.—Judge Bechtel has just handed down a lengthy opinion in the Borough Justice case. It covers four pages of legal cap, closely written, and his Honor sustains the objections raised by the counsel for the several candidates in Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, and their names will appear upon the tickets to be voted on the 16th inst.

The opinion concludes with the following order: "And now, February 9th, A. D. 1897, the court declines to make any order in the premises, for the reason above given, but overrules the motion to dismiss or strike off the objections filed."

By this decision the names of T. T. Williams and W. H. Shoemaker, candidates on the Citizens ticket, and J. J. Garlin and J. A. Toomey, Democratic candidates, will appear on the tickets and be voted for in Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, and the names of the several candidates in Shenandoah and Mahanoy City, and their names will appear upon the tickets to be voted on the 16th inst.

The New Clothing and Hat House. The Fannons Clothing and Hat House of New York City, will on Wednesday, February 10, at 9 a. m., open their new store in New Market street, corner Centre and Main streets. They claim that they are going to show the people of Shenandoah and vicinity how cheap clothing and hats can be sold and that never in the history of this county has clothing been offered as at prices they intend to charge. They mention that for their opening week they will sell men's suits, overcoats and alsters for \$5.00, and brown and black alpines for 60 cents, which are worth double the money. Any firm offering such bargains in these hard times deserve the patronage of the public. Feeling in believing, so give them a chance to convince yourself. The Fannons Clothing, corner Centre and Main streets.

Absentee Cashier Recorder's Successor. Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 9.—The First National bank yesterday elected City Treasurer William B. Myers cashier, to succeed C. E. Reeder, the defaulting cashier of the bank, who has fled to Canada. The national bank examiners are at work on Reeder's books, but no additional shortages have been discovered as yet.

Hosted in a Bugout. Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—By the evening in of a bugout at Culmerville Charles Willie, colored, 39 years old, was knocked into a blazing fire and burned to death. Three companions were injured. The men were railroad laborers, and were living in a large room, which had been formed by digging into the side of the hill.

Traveling Paper Pirates. A representative of Daniel Frohman, the New York theatrical manager, was in town to-day tracing theatrical companies which were being kept in existence by piratical displays of his master paper. The representative alleges that Kitty Rhoads is one of the companies. He says two companies were caught and prosecuted in the New England states last week.

Mirth and Music. A very enjoyable social gathering was held last evening at the residence of Miss Ella Egan, at which forty guests were delightfully entertained by Prof. E. W. Wise's mandolin and guitar club. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Charles Rudinsky spent last evening at the country seat.

John D. Trezise made a business trip to Pottsville to-day.

Benjamin Richards spent yesterday visiting friends at Ashland.

Arthur Parrish is home from a visit among relatives at Mt. Carmel.

Miss Lizzie Kelley has recovered, after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Dillon, of Gilbrideville, was greeting acquaintances in town yesterday.

William H. Davis, of West Strawberry alley, is reported on the sick list.

Miss Hattie Morris, of South River street, is ill with a severe attack of grippe.

Mrs. Daniel Faust left for Mt. Carmel to-day to attend the Evans-Frost wedding.

Dr. James Monaghan is confined to a hospital in Philadelphia, with an attack of sickness.

Miss Sue Jones, of Mahanoy Place, is visiting Miss Maude Parrish, on South White street.

John Canfield was kept busy to-day receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a daughter into his family.

Mrs. T. T. Williams, Mrs. A. F. Morgan and Mrs. C. T. Strangin attended the Thomas funeral at Mineville to-day.

Mrs. John A. Lewis and daughter, Mrs. S. M. Peizer, were passengers on the Pennsylvania train this morning.

James Stank returned home from the Eastman Normal school at noon to-day. He suffers from a dislocated elbow.

Mrs. Alexander Kinaid, of South Jardin street, has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Hillhouse, at Trouton.

W. H. Dech is again confined to his home on North Jardin street by illness. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

H. W. Timman and wife left this morning on the Pennsylvania railroad personally conducted tour to Florida for two weeks.

R. H. Morgan, the West Centre street real estate manager, was at Mineville and booked several orders for society goods.

Messrs W. M. Brower, J. J. Franey, M. Mellet, John Kandler and Mrs. M. S. Kistler were Pottsville bound passengers to-day.

Superintendent J. J. Bridgman and Mine Foreman Marshall Baugh attended the funeral of Mr. Moehlf's son at Pottsville to-day.

Mrs. A. Devers, of East Centre street, returned home from Northumberland last evening, where she visited her sister, Mrs. John Hanna.

E. C. Brolet, Joseph Ball, John Beck and Henry Warnick and their families attended the funeral of Mr. J. J. Thomas, at Mineville, to-day.

Joseph Kucawick, our local Polish comedian, embarked yesterday for Philadelphia, to enter the theatrical field. He is considering an affair with the "Russian Slave" Company.

Henry Smith is receiving congratulations from his friends upon the recovery from his recent attack of sickness. To-day he resumed his duties as engineer at the Turkey Run colliery.

Mrs. Jane Palmer, mother of Charles G. Palmer, of West Centre street, is critically ill at the home of her son. Mr. Palmer is a ill of advanced years, and fears are entertained for her recovery.

J. F. Collier, formerly of town and now superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company at Dulock, Pa., is a guest of town friends. He will go to New York city to-morrow to attend a banquet of his company.

Breen's Rialto Cafe Free Lunch. Sour krent, pork and mashed potatoes to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Free continuous phonograph entertainment. All the latest songs and band marches.

Birthday Celebration. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Day, of West Oak street, was the scene of much enjoyment last evening. The event celebrated was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. George Day. Games and amuse were indulged in until midnight, when the guests repaired to the dining room where supper was served, which was enjoyed by the following: Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. George Day, Mrs. William Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Broxton, Mr. and Mrs. Shrock, Mrs. John Pooler, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wade, Mrs. John Griffith, Miss Jane Hall, Messrs. Day, Nelson and Palmer.

Cascaret stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sickly, weak or grippe. Use.

Taking Precaution. In consequence of the many robberies committed about town the past few days, there is an increased demand at the hardware stores for weapons of defense. Several of the residents in the vicinity of the East Lloyd street robbery last night were on patrol duty. A special night watchman has also been employed by many of the business men on Main, Centre and Jardin streets, to protect their interests.

SOME CIVIL SERVICE FACTS

Interesting Points of the Commissioners' Annual Report.

REGARDING TENURE OF OFFICE I

The Commission Declares That Under Existing Conditions Skilled Employees Are Frequently Placed Under Inexperienced and Incompetent Supervisors.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The 12th annual report of the civil service commission, covering the past fiscal year, has been submitted to the president. It shows the growth of the government's civil service, the efforts of the commission to eradicate partisanship in federal offices, and important civil service reforms and extensions contemplated. During the year the commission conducted investigations into charges of political assessments, political or religious discriminations, illegal appointments and removals, and alleged fraud or unfairness in connection with examinations and appointments. In a number of cases of the charges of political assessments it was found that there had been no technical violations of the law. The promulgation of the law on this subject and the commission's warning to employers during the campaign, that they could not be forced to contribute to political funds, the report says, had a most salutary effect.

One investigation, whose report is still under investigation, was made at the Columbus, O., postoffice over a year ago. It developed the fact that a package containing the names of employees, without regard to their party affiliations, to contribute to the campaign fund of whatever party was in power.

In all cases where there was the slightest evidence of fraud or unfairness the commission required the re-examination of the competitors. The most serious case of violation of the civil service law, the report says, was at Erie, Pa., where the secretary of the postal board was found to have opened a package containing the examination papers and furnished the questions to a competitor, an employee of the office, in advance of examination. Both were removed from the service and are now held for trial. At Toledo, O., postoffice an employee was shown to have made representations to voters the prospects of appointment of certain other eligibles. Action in this case is still pending.

During the last four years the removals from competitive positions in the classified service from the Washington have been less than 2 per cent. A year for all causes, not including such removals as resulted from necessary reductions in the force. In the unclassified and excepted service at Washington the removals are believed to have aggregated in the four years at least 50 per cent.

The conclusion drawn is that either the persons brought in through examinations are far more efficient than the others, or the removals from the unclassified positions have been made for other causes than the good of the service.

The total approximate number of positions in the civil branch of the classified service is 37,717. Of these 31,000 are in the classified service and 3,500 unclassified. Of those not yet classified 68,725 are postmasters of the fourth class. Of those remaining in the classified but unclassified group many will be transferred to the classified service by the action of the rules.

The aggregate compensation paid in the executive civil service of the United States during the last fiscal year was, approximately, \$100,000,000. The new civil service rules, the report says, give the commission sufficient authority to regulate promotions, as well as to investigate cases where discrimination is charged in making removals or reductions. Within a short time satisfactory regulations are expected to be in operation in all the departments, so that promotions may be made wholly on merit and removals and reductions be made only for satisfactory causes, without regard to personal, political or religious considerations.

The temptation to increase the number of employees or to retain employees when there is no work for them to do, which was such a characteristic feature of the "spoils" system, has entirely disappeared under the new civil service system. The pressure of office having been removed, decreases of force have been made from time to time in the classified service of the departments during the last 14 years. The work was completed, because there was no object in keeping unemployed persons on the payroll.

As to tenure of office, the report says, our administrative system now presents the anomaly of filling certain inferior positions by the test of merit and changing every four years the higher positions, like collectors of customs and internal revenue, postmasters and chiefs of bureaus, in which the largest capacity and longest experience are required, and thus frequently subjecting subordinates to inexperienced and incompetent superiors, to the demoralization of the public service.

SPECIAL SALE

Goods at Cost and Less.

We contemplate enlarging our store and it's owing to this fact that we are compelled to move all of our stock of Dishes, Floor, Oil Cloth, Window Shades, etc.

- These Positively Must Go: English Dinner Sets - \$5.00 100 Pieces. Tea Sets - \$3.75 Decorated Dinner Plates - 84c doz Decorated Tea Plates - 60c doz English Tea Cup and Saucer 40c set Usual price 60c cents. Floor Oil Cloth 2 yards wide - 38c

GIRVIN'S 8 South Main St.

Will the Planes be Abandoned?

The question of whether the Reading Company can transport its coal over the "link" from New Britain Junction to Frankville quicker and cheaper than by hauling it over the Mahanoy plane, has been decided in the affirmative, and it is now said to be a positive fact that the plane will be abandoned before many months have gone by. During the recent suspension of the planes for repairs the coal was hauled over the "link," not without some dilatory of course, but it must be remembered that they have but a single track of light 70 pound rails that prevented the strain that a heavier track would stand. It is pointed out that if the branch were double tracked and heavier rails were used the traffic could be handled easily. The company now has this plan in view, and the officers of the Reading and Pennsylvania companies held a consultation at Frankville on Thursday last for the purpose of discussing the plan of double tracking this short line, and though it could not be learned what was decided upon, it is the general impression among the railroad men that it will eventually be done.

Second Case. We have received the second case of the Celebrated Classic Dress Gingham this season, worth 10 cents per yard, which we will continue to sell at 5 cents per yard.

Has Judiciary Aspirations.

Congressman Brumm, it is reported on our streets, is an aspirant for a seat on the bench of our courts. It is said he will be an applicant for the nomination before the Republican convention in this county this fall.

Hundreds of pairs of shoes leave our store every week, and where do they go? They go to people of good judgment, who get better value at the Factory Shoe Store than can be had anywhere else.

Bonus Bests Leadon. Jack Borer easily defeated Billy Leadon in the wind-up at the Art Club in Philadelphia Saturday night. In the second round Borer had Leadon on Queer street and then took things easily for the rest of the bout.

ON WHEELS.



That's the way our new goods are arriving and the way our old stock is disappearing. We are compelled to employ "browies" as errand boys because they take up less room and give our customers a chance to see our display of first-class Groceries. We intend to employ new Browies right along, watch for them, they will give you good bargains.

T. J. BROUGHALL, 25 South Main Street.

10 CENTS for a Window Shade or 3 for a quarter. Others 15c. or two for a quarter, spring roller. Shades made to fit any window, especially store windows. Call for bargains in Carpets and Oil Cloths.

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

A SONG IN EVERY SEED —Is the kind of— BIRD-SEED —TO GET— Sold only at

KIRLIN'S DRUG STORE, 6 South Main Street. KIRLIN'S KOUGH SYRUP KURES.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assuredly the best against all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.