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LARGE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN.

The Registrations Made by the Ward Assessors Show That There Are Over Three Thousand Within the School Age Limits in the Borough.

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TO AGENTS.

There will be no paper issued from this office on Monday. Carriers and others will govern themselves accordingly.

THE FATHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Fearing last night's session misunderstanding regarding the above organization this sort of explanation is deemed necessary. Some months ago a number of young men met at the call of their pastor in the M. E. Church and agreed to form the Fathers' Association of the M. E. church of Shenandoah. The meetings grew in favor with the young men and it was resolved to open a reading room and a gymnasium. Suitable rooms were secured. The name of the organization was changed by unanimous consent of the members for the express purpose of inviting all young men of good moral character to become members. A special feature made prominent was that young men of all denominations would be welcomed, so that, instead of being "anti-denominational," the young men claim their organization to be "inter-denominational."

The membership has grown so rapidly as to necessitate the appointing of a committee to secure larger quarters. All young men are invited to become members. A special feature made prominent was that young men of all denominations would be welcomed, so that, instead of being "anti-denominational," the young men claim their organization to be "inter-denominational."

THE HOTEL DICKERINGS.

Nothing Definite Decided Upon as to the Ferguson House.

A CHANGE APPEARS CERTAIN.

Thomas Scott, of Mr. Carmel, and T. M. Hutchison, of Sunbury, Among the Bidders—The Latter Wants to Buy the Property as Well as the Business.

For several days rumors have been current to the effect that the management of the Ferguson House would soon change hands. The reports were not without foundation and it is certain that the hotel will change hands, but not until after the first New Year, and probably not for several weeks later.

The present proprietor of the hotel, Harry Weidmann, will retire in the hands of the gentleman himself, but when, under what conditions the change will be made cannot be stated.

The fact is there are three lines of property in the place. Thomas Scott, of Mr. Carmel, was here several days ago and it was announced that he would be a purchaser of the hotel property, etc., for \$20,000.

It was reported that there was only \$500 in the difference between what Mr. Hutchison offered and the amount Mr. Ferguson wants for the property, but the latter denied this to-day. It was learned from another source that the difference was \$10,000. Mr. Ferguson says a man from Womelsdorf is looking for the place.

A MALICIOUS REPORT.

The Story of an Elopement Proves to be Unfounded.

A report gained circulation today that Mrs. Reinhart, wife of Ernst W. Reinhart, of the local corps of Volunteers of America, eloped last night and took all the savings of her husband. The report proved to be widely unfounded in truth and was evidently maliciously circulated.

A reporter called at the home of the Lieutenant and his wife, on North White street, last night and found both of them there. The husband was engaged in making pasteboard figures for a Christmas entertainment to be held in the hall of the volunteer headquarters. "Yes," said he, "I heard of such a report and cannot imagine how it got into circulation. The Herald will do us a great favor by stamping the story as unqualifiedly false."

Buy child's gum boots at Whitehead's Shoe Store for Christmas presents. 12-20-97.

They Will Make Your Home Sweet. For they are beautiful, elaborate and cheap. Gold and bronze picture cases, statuary, ornaments, etc., at Holderman's Jewelry Store, No. 31 North Main street. 12-14-97.

Hickory's Cuts. Oyster soup, free, to-night. Fish cakes to-morrow morning.

Buchanan, the Jeweler, Will Retire. From the jewelry business and also out of his entire stock at 10 per cent below cost. Christmas shoppers in search of bargains desire this amazing bargain will do well by calling on him. He will devote his entire attention to the optical and repairing department. Buchanan, the Jeweler, 7 South Main street. 12-19-97.

Backs and Crutches. The Citizens' Standing Committee held another meeting last night, but did nothing. Candidates for nomination on the ticket are backward and the committee does not feel inclined to make any suggestions for the campaign until some idea of the number of candidates for the different offices can be obtained. Another meeting of the committee will be held at the Herald office, next Wednesday, at seven o'clock, when another opportunity will be given prospective candidates to have a voice in the final arrangements.

There is no larger or finer assortment of Christmas presents in the county than at Brumm's. 12-17-97.

The Jones Funeral. The funeral of Harriet, wife of Robert Jones, took place from the family residence on South West street this afternoon. Services were held in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church at two o'clock, and the remains were interred in the Old Fellows' cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. William F. and Moses Dierkes, Griffith, Thomas, Thomas Williams, William T. Evans and John Phillips. E. J. Davies was the funeral director. 12-20-97.

Ladies' over gaiters at 10 cents the pair, at Whitehead's Shoe Store. 12-20-97.

Argument Heard. Argument for a new trial in the case of W. F. Sadler vs. the Girardville Bank, in which Sadler obtained a verdict against the bank for \$2,388.21, was heard yesterday at Pottsville. S. G. M. Hollister, Esq., represents Sadler. 12-14-97.

Call at Holderman's for your holiday presents. 12-14-97.

Reading's November Statement. The Reading Coal & Iron Company sold 700,000 tons of coal as against about 670,000 tons in November, 1897. The railroad carried 215,000 tons of coal, which was an increase in tonnage to that month last year, though Reading's full quota of the month's aggregate production was not mined. 12-14-97.

Special Entertainment. At Morris' Bijou, from December 24 to January 3, each evening, free to our patrons, by Mrs. Davis, of Wales, and Prof. Weber, lately with Sousa's band. A grand variety of waltzes and dances, fresh as on the day of hot Tom and Jerry, at the bar. 12-23-97.

P. & R. Pay Days. The employees at Gilbert and St. Nicholas were paid to-day. Those at Mahanoy City will receive their pay on Friday. It is likely that the company will pay its employees at Shenandoah on Friday, December 31.

For gent's tie pins, Malley's. 12-11-97.

Two Men Injured. Charles Moulton and John Niekiewicz, residents of town employed at the Ellsworth colliery, were painfully injured yesterday afternoon. The men had started up an old hoist when some loose gear flew away. Moulton had a leg broken and Niekiewicz had his left ankle badly sprained. 12-23-97.

Hoyler's delicious Bon Bons and Chocolates in 1, 2, 3 and 5 pound boxes and fancy baskets. SHENANDOAH DRUG STORE, 3 South Main street. 12-15-97.

Coal Hauling. The underground will haul a ton of coal to any part of town for fifty cents. OWEN BURNHAM, West Cherry street. 12-22-97.

Fat Turkeys for Christmas. The old reliable firm again to the front with better facilities than ever. Fifteen years experience in selling turkeys. Our store is fitted out with a cold storage to store poultry for the entire town. Call any time and select your Christmas poultry here and have it put away. No fear of having it spoiled. Always choice, fresh and delicious. A complete stock of everything in our line. 12-11-97. WOMEN'S, 124 N. Main St.

Jewelry, diamonds, gold watches, chains and rings. The selection larger, designs the latest and prices the lowest. At Holderman's Jewelry Store, No. 31 N. Main St. 12-14-97.

A Strong Attraction. Beginning with Friday, the 24th inst., Connelly and Helms, "hot time" specialty artists and vocalists, will open a holiday engagement at Diner's