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Use Keiter's Pastry Flour. Our Pure Kettle Rendered Lard and our Best Old Fashioned Mince Meat. Remember we sell no New Style or Cheap Mince Meat.

At KEITER'S.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Sunday: Clear, colder weather and fresh northwesterly winds.

THE HOTEL DEAL.

Mr. Hutchison Will Again Assume Control of the Ferguson House.

On Monday morning Thomas H. Hutchison will again become proprietor of the Ferguson House. The deal was closed yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hutchison taking a lease from P. J. Ferguson for the remaining three years of the lease Harry Wiedensahl holds.

The closing of the deal was quite unexpected. The negotiations between Messrs. Ferguson and Hutchison had been practically abandoned and were left between the former gentleman and Thomas Scott, of Mt. Carmel. The latter gentleman, however, would not take a lease for less than five years and Mr. Ferguson was just as determined to lease only for the unexpired term of three years.

Breen's Hialeto Cafe.

Fish cakes to-night.

MR. HANNA AT COLUMBUS.

The Contest For United States Senator Nomination. Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Nearly all the members-elect of the legislature have arrived in the city, and the sensational skirmish is at its height.

Obituary.

Govenir Morris, sister of Mrs. Baird Snyder, of Pottsville, died at Detroit, Mich. For many years he was western agent for the P. & R. C. & L. Co.

John J. Simpson, aged 57 years, died at his home in Port Carbon yesterday of pneumonia. The deceased was a veteran of the late war.

Mrs. Bertha Pfeiffer, an aged resident of Pottsville, died yesterday. She was the wife of Firmos Pfeiffer, the well known stone mason. Funeral on Tuesday.

Don't forget the Shenandoah Fertilizing Company removes your dead animals, free of charge. 11:30-1m

Four Per Cent. Above.

The mine workers of the Schuylkill region will be paid wages for the last half of December and the first half of January at the rate of 4 per cent. above the \$2.50 basis.

Public Sale.

Robbins' opera house, situated on North Main street, will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on January 4, 1898, at 2 p. m., on the premises. The terms of sale: \$1,000 in cash on day of sale, \$5,000 in thirty days and the balance on time.

Fugitive Prisoners Recaptured.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 1.—John Lawrence, Daniel Sullivan and Henry Evans, three prisoners who escaped from the custody of Jail Warden Holland while he was conveying them to the county jail, have been captured in Chicago. The men were charged with picking pockets during the firemen's convention. They will be brought back to Wilkesbarre.

Hazleton's State Hospital.

The trustees of the State hospital meet yesterday afternoon at Hazleton for the purpose of considering the applications for surgeon in chief. The Board examined each application carefully and at the conclusion decided to drop 22 out of the 63 applicants, because they failed to come under the regulations of the State Board. Out of the other 41, eleven were notified to appear before the Board on next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Call at Holderman's Jewelry Store, and have your selections laid aside. 12-14-1f

Heavy Snow in Pennsylvania.

Clearfield, Pa., Jan. 1.—One of the heaviest snowstorms of the season raged here all day yesterday, and last night had reached a depth of 14 inches. All trains on the Pennsylvania railroad and Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh are from one to three hours late. A coal train of 14 cars and one engine on the Beech Creek road was wrecked on account of the snow at Wallacetown 12 miles east of here. Three hundred feet of track were torn up.

One Minute Cough Cure. Cures quickly. That's what you want! C. H. Hagbuch.

Thanks.

The employees of the HERALD acknowledge the compliments of the season received from the Columbia Brewing Company and wish the company increased success during the new year.

Eyes Examined Free.

J. G. Bierman, graduate optician, will be at Harry Yost's jewelry store to-day and Monday to fit glasses. No charge for examination. Cases especially desired where others have failed. The following are a few testimonials: J. H. Dearholt, principal of schools, Waynesboro, Pa., says: "My eyes are perfect?" says J. E. Yost, editor Waynesboro Village Record: "Could not be better."

These are only a few of the testimonials we have from our many patients. All glasses guaranteed correct or money refunded. 1-1-1f

THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Proceedings at the Monthly Meeting Held Last Night.

REPORTS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Town is Free From Communicable Disease—A Great Contrast With the Condition of the Town During the Same Month Last Year.

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held last night and attended by President Spalding, Messrs. Moore and Holman, Secretary Curtis and Health Officer Conry.

The epidemic committee made a report as follows: "We have been exempted from any communicable diseases during the present month, if we except one case of membranous croup, which was reported December 22. The patient was reported convalescent by the doctor in attendance a few days and subsequently the card was ordered down. The health of our people, as indicated by our statistics, from any dangerous communicable disease has been a record breaker in the statistics of the Board of Health. We enter the new year with a clean bill of health, which we trust will forebode a happy and prosperous condition to all our people."

In connection with the above Secretary Curtis called attention to the statistics for December, 1896, which show that during that month there were 32 communicable diseases in the town, viz: Croup, 3; scarlet fever, 4; diphtheria, 3; typhoid fever, 1; measles, 41. Attention was called to the figures merely to show the contrast with the report for the present month.

The report of the necrology committee was as follows: "There were 34 deaths and 4 still births in the borough for the month of December. Thirty-six burial permits were issued, eight of which were for interments of non-residents."

Mr. Malone, of the nuisance committee, said the plant of the Shenandoah Fertilizing Company was found in fair condition for the business proposed to be carried on and it had been agreed to instruct the secretary of the Board to issue a license to the company. It will take until next summer to fully determine whether or not the plant is liable to be a nuisance.

Health Officer Conry presented his monthly report, showing that he abated eleven nuisances. The officer also made a report on the case of the Polish man of West Lloyd street, who died recently and was left without burial until the Health Officer intervened and compelled the wife to make funeral arrangements. The officer said he found that the woman had sent as high as \$300 at a time to the old country and was negotiating the purchase of property at Brownsville, yet she was unwilling to give her husband a remains suitable burial. The action of the officer was fully endorsed.

The Health Officer also stated that there were less complaints during the past month about nuisances than at any time since his appointment two years and a half ago. All parts of the town are pretty well cleaned up. Considering the character of the town, having so many nationalities, it is in pretty fair condition. The officer also visited the houses in the Gap row that have been disturbed by the eaving in of mine workings and after an inspection advised the occupants to move out, and they have done so. The action of the officer in this case was commended by the Board as wise.

Mr. Holman suggested that the Health Officer visit the butcher shops, poultry stands, etc., and see that unwholesome meats and fowl are not offered for sale.

President Spalding said the local board should follow in the footsteps of other boards and suppress the practice of Christian Scientists, if there is any in the town. No one on the board knew of any such practice in town.

Schuppe orchestra dance New Year's night at Robbins' opera house. 3t

Said the President Had His Property.

Washington, Jan. 1.—A young white man named Frank Kachevski was arrested at the White House yesterday afternoon and sent to the station. His name will be investigated. He told Doorkeeper Ciesel that the president had a lot of property belonging to him, and he wanted it. His talk was rambling and Smith drew a revolver and fired five times. Mueller was taken to the hospital in a dying condition. Goldstein's arm was punctured by a bullet, and Smith was taken to jail.

Large Stock of Coat ornaments at Brumm's.

Luettre's Trial Not Suspended. Chicago, Jan. 1.—Adolph L. Luettre, on trial for wife murder, is spending New Year's in the court room. After a conference yesterday between Judge Gary and the jury was decided to hold court today and proceed with the trial. Judge Gary says there is no difference between holding court on the first of January and the first of July.

Cigarettes stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or grip. 10

Violine Co. See You at Linton.

Geneva, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Differences between the village trustees and the Central railroad as to a crossing over the railroad tracks for a street extension terminated in an outbreak yesterday. During Thursday night, by order of the trustees, a crossing was laid, which was torn up in the morning by a section gang of the railroad. At noon a train of cars loaded with stones, and in charge of 40 men, drew up at the crossing, the object being to dump the stone. The fire companies were called out and streams of water were played on the railroad men, who were held at bay by the firemen all the afternoon. The engineer of the train was arrested for obstructing the street, but was discharged. The trustees went out of office at midnight.

See the lucky curve fountain pen at Brumm's. 1-1-1f

STORM DAMAGE IN PITTSBURG.

Loss Will Be Many Thousands of Dollars—Several Persons Injured.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—Pittsburg and Allegheny yesterday experienced the most disastrous snow-storm, in point of damage to wires, buildings, traction lines, etc., in their history. The loss to the Bell Telephone company in the two cities alone will reach, it is estimated, an aggregate of \$50,000. The protrusion of their wires in Indiana, Jefferson and Westmoreland counties, where business is practically at a standstill, will run up the total to \$125,000. It will be weeks before perfect communication will be restored. In this city the entire police and fire alarm wire systems are utterly useless. In case of fire or other disaster arrangements have been made to ring the school bells and blow mill whistles.

The traction companies were tied up almost completely for a good part of the day. The loss to the traction companies is estimated at \$15,000. A large number of accidents are reported, and many horses were killed by coming in contact with live wires. Nathan S. Eddy, assistant weather observer, may die from the effects of injuries received last night while taking the temperature on top of the government building. He fell from the weather vane building to a roof ten feet below, and from there to another lower down. His collar bone was broken and his skull fractured. Joe Campbell, a colored driver, was driving when his horse was instantly killed and Campbell badly shocked. Joseph Daily, a line-man, was shocked to insensibility and badly burned by a live wire. He may die. John Gill, lineman, was hurled 60 feet through a network of electric light wires and severely wounded.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Chicken soup to-night.

Church Notices.

Rev. D. I. Griffith, of Catsquan, will occupy the pulpit in the Welsh Congregational church to-morrow morning and evening, speaking in the Welsh language in the morning and English in the evening. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Rev. Alfred Heebner, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, earnestly requests that as far as possible, the members of the church meet him at the sacrament of the Lord's supper to-morrow morning, at 10:30. At the same service, at 9:30, the pastor will present the theme of his sermon for the New Year. Special revival services are held in this church every evening except Saturday. The friends of such a movement are cordially invited to give their encouragement.

Regular services at Presbytery church to-morrow. The evening service will be upon the New Year. The service will be opened with a song service. There will be preaching in the church every evening next week (Saturday excepted), it being the annual week of prayer.

For sick headache, sick stomach and loss of appetite take Dr. Bull's Pills, the best and most for the common, every-day complaints. 25-cs.

Pat Turkeys for New Year.

The old reliable firm again to the front with better facilities than ever. Fifteen years experience in selling turkeys. Our store is filled out with a complete stock of poultry for the entire town. Call any time and select your New Year poultry now and have it put away. No fear of having it spoiled. Always choice, fresh and delicious. A complete stock of everything in our line. 12-30-1f WOMEN'S, 124 N. Main St.

Post Office Notice.

Today being a legal holiday (New Year's Day) there will be but two mail deliveries, at 7:15 and 11:45 a. m. The 7:15 a. m. delivery will be extended to Yatesville, Ellanogowan, Brownsville and Turkey Run.

It is an acknowledged fact that Holderman's Jewelry Store, No. 31 North Main St., surpasses all others in the county. 12-14-1f

Against Political Spoilsmen.

From Hazleton Citizen-Speaker. Shamokin citizens are clamoring for the establishment of a State hospital in that town—they call it a city, though it is nothing more than a borough. A State hospital in Shamokin may be a necessity, but if one is to be erected there, providing the next State Legislature sanctions its construction, let us hope that the political methods applied in the Shamokin City project will not be repeated. Senator Coyle has removed to Philadelphia and his newspaper has given up the local office, guard against political spoilsmen when they ask the legislature of Pennsylvania to favor them with the erection of an institution such as exists in this city to-day.

Of Interest to the Public.

Having been appointed Notary Public I am prepared and will promptly attend to the writing of deeds, mortgages, wills, bonds, leases, agreements and all classes of legal work generally. Marriage licenses and power of attorney promptly furnished. Real estate bought and sold. T. T. Williams, 125 S. Jordan St., Shenandoah, Pa. 1f

A New Glee Club.

The Lehigh Glee Club, which comprises fifteen of the civil engineering corps and clerks of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Lost Creek, was among the serenading parties in town last night and paid a visit to the residence of Mr. Daniel Ogden, on North Jordan street, after which the party enjoyed a sleighing trip through the valley and serenaded several of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company officials. The club is composed of excellent vocalists. Michael Stuck is the president, W. A. Metcalf secretary and Edward Cooper leader.

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. 12-14-1f

Buchanan, the Jeweler, Will Retire.

From the jewelry business and close with his entire stock at 10 per cent below cost. Christmas shoppers in search of holiday gifts, desiring amusing bargains 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. 12-16-18f

Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. M. D. Malone, of the Columbia Brewing Company, and one of the Board of Health members, last evening received from his faithful spouse a handsome gold hunting case watch as a souvenir of the 21st anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Malone is justly proud of the elegant token.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made. 12-28-1f

Recuses For Rent.

Two beautiful rooms suitable for office purposes, other conveniences, apply at No. 19 S. Jordan St. 12-28-1f

OLD GLORY PULLED DOWN

And a Mexican Flag Takes its Place on Clipperton Island.

THE WORK OF MEXICAN MARINES.

They Landed From the Government Gunboat Democrats and Went About Their Work Deliberately—Claim the Island is Within Mexican Territory.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—The steamer Alden arrived yesterday from a month's cruise down the coast, and her passengers told of a rather high handed proceeding at Clipperton Island on the part of the Mexican gunboat Democrata, being no less than the hauling down of the Stars and Stripes by an armed force landed for the purpose, and in spite of the protests of the men there employed, and the raising of the Mexican flag. The story is told as follows:

"Our trip down the coast as far as Santo Domingo was void of any particular incident," said Isaac Howard, one of the passengers. "On our return we took on a sailor at Acapulco and he told me that the Mexicans had been brought to that port by the Mexican gunboat Democrata from Clipperton Island. He, with two other men, had been employed by a guano company to take charge of about 4,000 tons of guano that was stored in the warehouses on the island, and when they were landed there, some nine months ago, they hoisted the American flag and notified the secretary of state of their action.

"On Dec. 14 the Democrata anchored a short distance from the island and sent to board a crew of marines, fully armed, to the boat, but on attempting to land the boat was dashed against a coral reef and suffered considerable damage. Finally the marines were landed, and after an official ceremony the Stars and Stripes were hauled down from the flagpole that had been erected by the Americans, and in its place the Mexican flag was hoisted. Having taken formal possession, the marines withdrew and notified the men who remained on the island not to allow any one to take any of the guano, under penalty of violating the Mexican laws."

The island is about 800 miles off the Mexican coast, almost due west of Acapulco, and is known as an atoll, or coral reef. It is about four miles in circumference. There is palm trees constituting the sole vegetation on the island, and it is made the home of millions of sea fowl. Thousands of tons of the richest guano is to be found on the island. When the marines landed to take possession of the island in behalf of Mexico they were fully armed.

THE MEXICAN VIEW OF IT.

Claim That the Island is Within Mexican Territory.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.—Official intelligence received from Mazatlan shows that when the Mexican gunboat Democrata arrived at Clipperton Island it was found that a party of Americans had raised the American flag and had appropriated all the guano beds, where they were operating. They had built houses and permanently established themselves. The Democrata had a very stormy passage and found the island of very difficult access, and a hostile raid of Mexican marines was upset in getting through the surf, the men losing their rifles and swords. They saved themselves by swimming, and a Mexican flag was carried ashore by Julian Santos, the steward of the gunboat. He ran the risk of being devoured by sharks that abound in those waters.

Captain Genesta ordered the American flag hauled down and the Mexican flag was raised, there being little protest on the part of the Americans representing a guano exploring company. This formally having been accomplished, the gunboat returned to Mazatlan. There are about 20,000 tons of guano on the island, valued at \$200,000 in gold. Representations showing that the action of the guano company is one of mere usurpation will be made. Clipperton Island is undoubtedly in Mexican territory, although not settled by Mexicans. There has been no excitement over the matter.

They Will Make Your Home Sweet.

For they are beautiful, elaborate and cheap. Gold and bronze pitchers, vases, statuary, ornaments, etc., at Holderman's Jewelry Store, No. 31 North Main street. 12-14-1f

Program.

The following program will be rendered at a meeting of the "Y" in Mellet's hall this evening: Singing; prayer; scripture reading. Miss Mattie Price; declamation, John Danks; reading, Miss Bevan; notes of interest, Alfred Millechop; solo, Thomas Hall; "How I enjoyed my Christmas?" John T. Lawson. Critic to be appointed.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Roddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using Dr. Williams' Little Early Biscuits, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. C. H. Hagbuch.

Visiting His Parents.

John Evans, of Bisbee, Arizona territory, has been spending the past week with his parents at Gilberton. He is well known here. Mr. Evans has been in the West a number of years and is engaged as a miner in the gold and copper mines.

Have Your Dead Animals

Taken away, free, by leaving word at 108 North Main street, or telephone to the Shenandoah exchange, Shenandoah Fertilizing Company. 11-30-1m

Advertised Letters.

Letters addressed to the following named people remain uncolled for at the local post office: Martin Mager, John Ulsbater, M. A. Bushell, Isabelle Fletcher, Mrs. John Harrison, Frederick Kelly.

Shake Off Rheumatism and Neuralgia.

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

THE STORM.

Travel Impeded by Snow Drifts—No Electric Cars Running.

The storm which started yesterday and continued with severity until this morning has proved a source of much embarrassment to the traveling public. None of the cars so any of the electric railway lines were running to-day. All the steam railroads are running their trains on schedule time, although some trains fell behind a few minutes occasionally on account of heavy snow drifts in the cuts. Owing to the day being a holiday the full effects of the storm are not noticed to-day. Should the present condition of the weather continue to-morrow the effects will be more apparent. The teams upon the streets to-day were very few.

T. M. Stout, the water superintendent, E. J. Cleary, John Stanton and others who were engaged in repairing the broken main of the public water works were left in the storm this morning. They left the pumping station shortly after midnight and it was after two o'clock before they reached town. The snow drifts were so great in the valley the men were obliged to abandon the highway and drive across fields.

Culberson's senatorial Ambition.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—Governor Culberson yesterday announced himself a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Roger Q. Mills, whose term expires this year.

Call at Holderman's for your holiday presents.

12-14-1f

Holiday Gifts FOR LITTLE MONEY.

A solid oak bedroom suite, handsomely carved and has eight pieces. Our price is \$17.00. Six-foot solid oak extension tables \$3.50. High-back dining chairs, 50c. Cane Seat dining chairs, 75c.

Who would not buy at such low prices. Our stock is too big, we must reduce it, hence such amazingly low prices.

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There is a great deal of pleasure in the pictures drawn by a skilled artist. There is more pleasure in the values drawn from a stock life ours when the pencil gets to marking goods at a price to make them sell. You will appreciate the pencil work done at our stock of

GROCERIES.

We have taken the pencil and are putting the finishing touches here and there and you will be astonished at the good your dollar will do you in buying now.

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NOTICE TO PATRONS!

Our barber shop will close at noon on CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S DAY. W. G. DUSTO, Prop. Ferguson House Block.

GIRVIN'S

.. Bargains..

A Few Easel Blackboards. Price 15c.

CHILD'S DESKS. Price 25c.

Doll's Cradles, Worth 50c. Price 19c.

A big lot of skates this week. GIRVIN'S No. 8 SOUTH MAIN ST.