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25 Cents.

At KEITER'S.

THE WEATHER.

The forecast for Sunday: Partly cloudy, slightly colder weather, and brisk to fresh southwesterly and westerly winds preceded by rain on the coast.

A SHORT STRIKE.

More Wages Were Asked For Under a Locked Lamp Rule. It has just looked out that there was a short and fruitless strike on the part of the miners employed at the Wm. Penn. colliery on Wednesday, last.

On the afternoon of the preceding Tuesday three Lithuanian miners were burned by an explosion of gas in a chute. The air courses and other regulations in that section of the mine were all right and at first the cause of the explosion was a mystery. An investigation showed, however, that some debris from the chute had blocked the fan pipe. The fan boy called the attention of the men to the fact, but they were too busy at the time to clean out the pipe and a small body of gas accumulated. It was ignited by the lamp of one of the men and the explosion followed.

The result of the investigation led inside Foreman Golden to give orders to the lamp man to give the men in that section of the mine locked safety lamps. When the men appeared for work on Wednesday morning and were told of the order they struck for more wages, claiming that they would not be able to do as much work with the dim light of a locked lamp. Foreman Golden appeared upon the scene and said no increase could be. It was stated that the men were making fair wages under existing circumstances and to demand an increase of the company might result to the disadvantage of the men. The strike was declared off and there has been no bolt since.

NEW ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

Early Work on the Ringtown Line is Now Promised.

A re-organization of the Shenandoah Street Electric Railway Company took place in town yesterday afternoon with the election of the following officers: President, Hamilton Godfrey, of Reading; Vice President, H. C. Gotsdiner, of Reading; Secretary, H. D. Bentzler, of Ringtown; Treasurer, J. W. Johnson, of this town; Engineers, W. H. Dechart, of Reading, and Mr. Thompson, of Pottsville. The company announces that the active work of locating the line over Loudoun mountain from this town to Ringtown will begin next Tuesday and the rights of way in town will be applied for at an early date. The terminus of the line in the valley will be at the Ringtown fair grounds.

Will Go to a Hospital.

Peter Poff, of North West street, will next week go to the Jefferson hospital at Philadelphia for treatment to his hands, which were badly burned by gas in the Shenandoah City colliery about six months ago and refuse to heal.

Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Cream.

To-night and to-morrow at Scheider's bakery, 27 East Centre street.

Social Gathering. A very pleasant time was spent last evening at the home of Miss M. Butler, on East Lloyd street, by a number of young folks. The feature of the evening was a solo by J. Murphy and a duet by Misses N. Cunningham and Mary McDermott entitled, "Beautiful Moonlight."

Wanted. The well known Singer Sewing Machine Company wants to rent a small store room on Main or Centre streets for an office. Will rent for a year. References, our present landlord, ex-Postmaster Mellet. 3-10-19.

Birthday Gathering. Mrs. Mary A. Crawshaw celebrated her birthday anniversary last evening and very pleasantly entertained a few friends at her home on North Jarrilla street. There were present Mr. and Mrs. George Crawshaw, of Mahanoy City; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Broughall and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and Miss Della Daddow.

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

A Good Investment.

A brick building, centrally located, with all the latest improvements, is offered for sale. Terms to suit purchaser. Possession given April 1st, or present lessee to continue at option of purchaser. For full terms and particulars write or call at S. G. M. Hollis, Peter's law office, Titman building. 2-23-19.

Bickert's Cate.

Sour kroust, pork, mashed potatoes to-night.

Glass Smashed. While a painter was at work in one of the show windows in Robbins' row on West Centre street this morning the chair on which he was standing tipped against the window and shattered a large pane of glass. The painter narrowly escaped being precipitated through the window.

Offer of Thanks. The family of the late Joseph Flock desire to extend sincere thanks to the Columbia, Phoenix and Rescue fire companies for their attendance at the funeral last Thursday.

Headache Quickly Cured. Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c.

Wagon Broke Down. A delivery wagon belonging to G. W. Keiter and loaded with oats broke down at the corner of Main and Lloyd streets this morning. The front axle gave way under the weight. Many of the bags of oats were scattered in the mud.

To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes. Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. All druggists.

Smoke Causes Alarm. Some excitement was occasioned on West Coal street last evening by dense volumes of smoke issuing from one of the residences in the Francy block. The smoke was caused by a fresh fire and the chimney did not permit free passage.

"I suffered for months from sore throat. Electric Oil cured me in twenty-four hours." M. S. Gist, Hawsaville, Ky.

Engine Disabled. Engine No. 377, being one of two drawing a long train of loaded coal cars on the Lehigh Valley railroad, met with an accident while rounding the curve at the foot of Market street this morning. The cap of one of the steam chests was blown off and the train was delayed for some time.

School Board Meeting. A special meeting of the School Board will be held on Monday evening to act on reports of committees.

No matter how long you have had the cough; if it hasn't already developed into consumption Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup will cure it.

HOPING FOR THE BEST,

Government Officials Are Actively Preparing For the Worst.

TO BUILD THREE BATTLESHIPS!

House Naval Committee Will Report a Military Department of the South Created—Minister De Bernabe Says Spain Will Try to Avert War.

Washington, March 12.—Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represents the situation in the war and navy departments these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of the present threatening difficulties, but meanwhile prepare with serenity to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise. The most important and significant development of the war department admitted by the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battleships and a conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue an order creating a new military department, including within its confines the entire coast of the country which would in all likelihood be nearest to the field of hostilities in case it should come to that.

The order, which was issued this morning, will create a commission in the grade of brigadier general of Texas is abolished and the headquarters, which has been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the department of the south. General Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. All of these states save the last are at present attached to the department of the east, under command of General Merritt, of New York. Headquarters of the new department will be at Atlanta, Ga.

For the first time yesterday officials of the war department admitted that they were straining every nerve to improve that part of the defenses of the country confined to their care. It is without question the most unusual mark of confidence in an executive officer to empower him to give orders without limit for the purchase of war material, yet this is what the president and Secretary Alger have done in the case of General Flagler, chief of ordnance. General Flagler has instructed every concern capable of supplying war material, such as explosives, guns, shot, shell and ammunition, to go to work at full capacity.

The navy department has now reason to believe that it has secured the two warships Amazonas and her sister ship, now building in England at Bristol. It is stated at the cabinet meeting yesterday by Secretary Long that the naval attaché at London, Lieutenant Colonel Well, had almost completed the negotiations for the sale. So far, however, the final notification from him that his offer has been accepted has not yet reached the navy department. Secretary Long has determined that there shall be no wasteful extravagance in his department in the expenditure of the funds so generously provided by congress, and to this end he has addressed the following letter to the assistant secretary of the navy, the colonel commandant of the marine corps, and to each of the bureau chiefs of the navy department, instructing them to incur no expense or liability except after written statement and estimates made by them and approved by the president and secretary.

In anticipation of a rupture between the United States and Spain, many naval officers on the retired list have notified the secretary of the navy of their willingness and readiness to perform any duty in the line of their profession that he may deem suitable for them. The president has power to assign any retired officer of the navy to duty during the progress of war, but he can only assign him to the command of squadrons or ships by and with the advice and consent of the senate. There are army officers on the retired list in the full enjoyment of health and mental vigor, despite the fact that they are over 62 years of age. The statement was persistently circulated yesterday afternoon, and in some cases the report came from those whose sources of information should be reliable, that the administration was in possession of information the result of the investigation of the court of inquiry as to the cause of the Maine disaster would show that the explosion which destroyed the battleship came from some external agency. A cabinet officer, however, was quoted as making this announcement, and another report had it that the stenographic notes of the inquiry were before Secretary Long. When the matter was brought to the attention of Secretary Long he pronounced the statement as false in every particular.

THREE NEW BATTLESHIPS.

They Will Be of the Finest, and Will Cost \$5,000,000 Each. Washington, March 12.—Three new battleships of the staunchest type about were authorized by the house committee on naval affairs yesterday, and a provision for their construction was inserted in the naval appropriation bill. At the same time the committee agreed on a maximum price of \$400 per ton for armor plate for our vessels, increased the force of naval marines by 475 men, and put matters in fair shape for a decision today on the location of dry docks, probably four in number, capable of accommodating the largest sized war vessels.

The new warships provided for will be of the finest pattern. It will be two years, doubtless, before they can be placed in commission. One of them, the committee decided, should bear the name of the ill-fated Maine. The appropriation for the construction was not fixed, being referred to the subcommittee on appropriations, which will report to the full committee today. The cost, it is expected, will be about

\$5,000,000 each, though for the fiscal year covered in the bill the amount of expenditure may not exceed \$2,000,000. An important question was raised as to whether the expenditures for the new battleships should be defrayed out of the \$50,000,000 emergency bill, but this subject was passed over. The committee also agreed upon a provision authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase armor plate by contract or otherwise at a cost of not exceeding \$400 per ton. This was agreed to, however, only on the express proviso that this item should include the nickel used in the armor, for which a large outside percentage heretofore has been paid by the government. One of the most important features of the work on the bill was an agreement on an appropriation of \$125,000 for outfitting, rationing and uniforming 473 additional marines. This increase in the naval force was made the subject of a special and urgent request sent to the house after the submission of the regular recommendations.

The outlook is that four new dry docks will be authorized, two on the Atlantic coast, one on the Pacific and another on the gulf. If the present expectations are materialized the docks will be authorized to be constructed at Boston, Mass.; Algiers, New Orleans, Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, Philadelphia. With the amounts to be paid for dry docks and for armor plate, the aggregate not yet determined, the bill as it stands carries in all something like \$5,600,000, which, however, will be largely augmented by the other items. Rapid progress has been made with the bill, and it is likely it will be in shape to report to the house Monday or Tuesday.

opposed to Powderly's Confirmation. Washington, March 12.—The committee on immigration has reported adversely upon the nomination of Hon. T. V. Powderly to be commissioner of immigration. The nomination has been held up in committee for several weeks on account of the absence of Senator Chandler. He having returned to Washington, the matter was brought up, and the vote being taken, Mr. Chandler united with the Democratic senators to secure an adverse report. It is believed that the report will be made the basis of an animated controversy in the senate.

FAIR TO ALL.

A System That Carries With It Genuine Equality. The Spring season has arrived and we are ready for it with the largest, finest and best stock of clothing for men, youths and children ever brought to Shenandoah. Each article is sold with a guarantee as to quality and make, and every piece is made by us. Have you heard of our One Price System? We'll tell you. Since the 3rd of March we have been doing business on a strictly One Price basis. No more cutting prices at our place. We had every garment marked distinctly at what it is actually worth to the consumer. If you like what you examine you take it at the price marked—nothing less and nothing more. Since the One Price system has been in operation our business is greater than ever it was before. People express surprise at the prices marked on our goods. We have always sold cheap, but under the One Price system our prices are still lower. We mark every piece at bottom rock and that mark becomes our One Price. We can sell cheaper than others because we manufacture all our own clothing and have no rent to pay. Spare a few minutes to look at our show windows—one filled with men's clothing and the other with children's clothing. After looking you will agree with us that there never before was better or more beautiful display of clothing in children's suits and novelties in Shenandoah. Anyone who wants to see the latest styles in clothing should not miss looking at our windows.

A Fine Merchant Tailoring Department has been opened in our store and we have over \$10,000 worth of piece goods from which you can select and have a suit made by our own tailors in our own building. We guarantee perfect fit and elegant finish at any price you want. No fit, no purchase. MAMMOTH CLOTHING HOUSE, L. G. Giddens, Prop., 9 and 11 South Main street, Shenandoah, Pa.

P. S.—If anybody finds five days after making a purchase of us that we are not cheaper with our One Price system than any other store in Shenandoah, we will refund the money.

Kendrick House Free Lunch.

Cream of tomato soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

Missing Since Wednesday.

Mamie Hoek, seventeen years old, residing with her parents in Pottsville, left her home on Wednesday evening, during her father's absence, and has not been seen since, although diligent search has been made for her. It is reported to her parents by her young lover, that she had drowned herself.

Meladiazs Cate.

Bean soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning.

Advertised Letters.

Letters addressed to the following named people remain uncalled for at the local post office: Mrs. George Heywood, Miss Lerner Wright, John Lawlor, Edward Luck, Mr. Chambers.

At Kepphinski's Arcade Cafe.

Hot Tamale, free, to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning.

Social and Entertainment.

The social and entertainment by the Christian Endeavor Society of the M. E. church next Monday evening, March 14th, promises to be very largely attended. Cards of admission 10 cents, including refreshments.

Boner Was Defeated.

It is something unusual to record a defeat for Jack Boner, the Summit Hill pugilist, but in the 6-round bout at Philadelphia last night, between Boner and Tommy West, the latter won the decision.

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THE COUNTY COURT NEWS

Closing of the First Week of Criminal Court.

WEST MAHANAY CASES GO OVER.

The Case of Commissioner Meyers Will be Taken Up Again on Monday Morning. The Resignations of Commissioners Bentz and Martz in Hand.

Special to Evening Herald.

Pottsville, March 12.—After disposing of Constable Matt, Gibbon's, Shenandoah case early yesterday afternoon, Judge Savidge went to his home at Sunbury. He and Judge Koch have disposed of the following cases: Jas. Dubles, assault and battery to kill, on oath of August Hausert; not guilty, each pay half the costs. Jas. Dubles, assault, oath of Alex. Kleiza; guilty, \$1 fine, costs and 30 days. John Stone, assault and battery, oath of Anna Klesner; not guilty, each pay half the costs. Anthony Grzesinski, assault and battery, oath of Daniel McElaney, \$1 fine, costs and 30 days. Josiah Gambler, plead guilty of fondlement, oath of Mary Saut; \$100 fine and costs, other cases dismissed. Charles Chastain, larceny of nine, six tickets at the St. Clair Coal Company's colliery; guilty, \$5 fine, costs and four months. M. Rohm, John Rohm, Vasil Snyka and Joe Prum, murder of John Ostenski, oath of Constable Fred Goding; bill ignored by the Grand Jury. Joe Karculis, assault and battery, oath of Mike Yancovsky; bill ignored, prosecutor for costs. Anthony Wenczek, assault and battery, oath of Mat. Petrusky; bill ignored, prosecutor for costs. Mike Kuchumus, Dominick Markot and John Lebeayago, assault and battery, oath of Anthony Mositis; bill ignored, prosecutor for costs. Simon Matulis and Joe Batanavich, assault and battery, oath of Wm. Matulsky. This was a Mahanoy case. The verdict was not guilty but pay the costs. Thos. W. Reese, adultery, oath of A. W. Swade, of Tamaqua. Reese's wife swore they were married in 1884, and it was developed that they separated. Annie Staller is the woman involved. She did not appear when called for the witness stand and Judge Koch adjourned the case till this morning, when it was tried. No evidence was put in by the defendant, but George J. Wadlinger, Esq., made a special plea for Reese, saying it was the defendant's father, Harry Reese, of Shamokin, who died the Petersburg mine in 1884. The jury is still out. The cases against the school directors, the tax collectors and some of the school teachers of West Mahanoy township, which were brought by Thomas H. Doe some weeks ago, were not acted upon by the Grand Jury. The indictments will be presented at the May term. The bills of indictment had not been prepared, because they are of a voluminous character, containing many counts, similar to the bill brought against the directors when they were tried last year. Charles E. Breckens and Deputy District Attorney McLaughlin will prepare the bills.

SMALL BODILERS ON TRIAL.

The case against Ishmael Rodgers, of Frackville, charged by the District Attorney with furnishing deadly weapons to assist a prisoner, William, in escaping from the county prison, was put on trial before Judge Koch at 10 o'clock last evening. Assistant District Attorney McLaughlin and William Wilhelm appeared for the prosecution and J. D. Noecker and H. O. Haag represented the defendant. Wm. Rodgers, son of Ishmael, sat at the commonwealth's table with Mr. Wilhelm.

Geo. W. Seiders, Deputy Warden of the county prison, aware that himself and Warden Brower found the two pistols in Wm. Rodgers' pockets when they searched him in his cell, October 14th, 1897. His father, Ishmael Rodgers, the defendant, visited William several times and once had with him a little girl.

John J. Duffy, Deputy Clerk of the Court, was sworn and read from the records of various crimes that Wm. Rodgers had been charged with before Judge Philip E. Coyle, of Mahanoy City, including larceny and carrying concealed deadly weapons, and another suit for arson brought by Thomas Bradley with Justice John C. McElmuis, relating to an attempt to burn the former's barber shop at Frackville. He had been sentenced in May, 1897, to one year on the latter charge and two years and three months for the other offenses.

Wm. Rodgers then took the stand. He is not more than 25 years old and had a queer look at times in his eyes. He was questioned by Mr. Wilhelm.

Q. William, who did you get the revolver from? A. I got 'em in all right. Q. From who? A. Never mind from who. After being warned by the Judge to answer, he said, "My father; I took them from him in prison."

Cross examined by Mr. Noecker. Q. How did you take them from him? A. I took them out of his sleeve. Q. They are 32 and 38 calibre revolvers, pretty big to have up your sleeve? A. I don't know; that's where I got them. Q. How did you come to get the revolver? A. My father said he had them and I took them in; there was an understanding between us; that's all.

To more questions by counsel and the court, he answered that his father promised him three weeks before that he'd see about getting the revolvers. His cell mate, Thos. Clemens, didn't know anything about him having the revolvers. It took but three minutes to get them. His father came regularly to see him and brought a little girl with him some. At this point he said to Lawyer Noecker, "Speak out plain, what do you mean by previous?"

Q. How did your father hand you the revolvers? A. He stood outside the door and when I reached to shake hands with him I pulled the revolver from his sleeve. Q. Who gave you the ammunition? A. Never mind who the parties were. Q. Yes, but we want to know. A. You won't know. I'll not tell you. To Judge Koch: I got the cartridges later. They were handed in. I don't know the person, or can't remember him. It was not my father. Q. Don't you know? A. I told you it was another party; there is one implicated now, and that's enough.

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Entirely new styles.

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And the largest assortment.

New goods, new shapes and new colors.

Don't fail to be at the opening.

Our stock is large and prices the lowest.

And goods open for inspection on March 17th, 18th and 19th.

Hats for spring and summer from 49c to \$12.95.

Also mourning hats and bonnets a specialty.

Hats trimmed free of charge.

A souvenir to all callers on the opening night.

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Plain Words About Baby Coaches.

Spring will soon be here and we are anxiously awaiting its balmy days. Why? Because we are already prepared to have every wife call on us and see our new and extensive line of

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Which we have selected for the season of '98. When it comes down to prices we can sell you wonders of makes at

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Illustration of a baby in a carriage.