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Fancy Dairy Butter This Week. Strictly Fresh Made, Equal to Creamery and Lower in Price.

Oranges.—California and Jamaica Oranges—Large Juicy and Sweet. Just Received—A Car of Heavy Clipped Oats.

At KEITER'S.

THE WEATHER.

The forecast for Sunday: Threatening weather and probably rain in light showers.

BURGLARS FOILED.

It Was Intended to Rob the Annunciation Church. The police last night tracked some suspicious characters to several parts of the town and concluded from their actions that a robbery was on foot. The tracings led the hunt to the vicinity of West Cherry street and there the trail was lost for a while. At 1:30 o'clock this morning Policemen Mullaly and Foyle stood at the corner of Cherry and West streets when the former suggested that a walk be taken towards the Annunciation church. The police walked but a few steps on the side of the street opposite to the one the church is on when they observed the forms of two men suddenly spring up just inside the church yard railing. Mullaly and Foyle made a dash, but the burglars had too much a start. The latter fled to the rear of the church yard and sprang over the fence, making their escape. The police aroused Rev. O'Reilly from his sleep and he accompanied the officers in making a search of the premises, which showed that the burglars had not succeeded in breaking into the place. The burglars entered the church yard from Mayberry alley and got over the high fence with the aid of a beer keg turned up on end. Appearances indicated that it was the intention to first break into the church. The men were evidently lying on the grass plot in the church yard watching the movements of the police when the latter concluded to walk in that direction.

Chocolate and Vanilla Ice Cream. To-day and to-morrow. At Scheider's bakery, 27 East Centre street.

An Apology Demanded. ED. HERALD.—The individual known all over town as Levi Refowich, assailed the character of the undersigned in a local newspaper last evening under the signature "Citizen." The local referred was paid for at a certain rate per line, the same as his advertising and shows up the calibre of the man who was the instigator of it. A righteous and gentlemanly apology has been demanded from Mr. Refowich and unless it is forthcoming in the columns of this paper he will pay well for his lies, slander and libelous advertising.

THE FAMOUS. ARTHUR A. SPERO.

The License Money. The County Treasurer has prepared the list of towns and boroughs and their respective appropriations from the license fees, which are now payable, as follows: Ashland, \$5,280; Butler Twp., \$1,020; Cass Twp., \$900; Frackville, \$1,500; Gilberston, \$1,050; Girardville, \$4,500; Gordon, \$600; Mahanoy City, \$15,120; Mahanoy township, West, \$200; Minersville, \$4,000; McAfee, \$3,200; Pottsville, \$8,280; St. Clair, \$3,480; Shenandoah, \$18,240; Tamaqua, \$1,500; Union township, \$450; Union township, East, \$720; Union township, North, \$240.

Set of Rooms For Rent. Suitable for offices, Melhot building, corner Market and Centre streets. Apply on premises. 3-14-98.

"Y" Program. The following program will be rendered at a meeting of the "Y" to be held in Mellet's hall this evening: Singing, by "Y"; scripture reading, Esther Daddow; extracts from the Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, Hattie Mansell; recitation, Emma Llewellyn; select reading, Maud Gilpin; solo, May I. Disto; address, subject, "Why should American claim Cuban soil?" Daniel McNeelis; recitation, Jennie Hughes; critic, to be appointed.

Kendrick House Free Lunch. Plain chowder will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

Book Case Added. The meeting room of the Annunciation T. A. B. Society was considerably beautified yesterday by the addition of a large book case. It is fifteen feet in length and is made of quartered oak, with a handsome glass finish. Its addition has added much to the appearance of the room, of which the members are justly proud. The case was gotten from M. O'Neill, the furniture dealer. An order has also been placed for new linoleum for the floor, and the repainting and painting of the meeting room.

Book Beer. Now on tap with the trade the celebrated Feigenbaum Book Beer, the finest in the market. A trial will convince you. Orders promptly attended to. SOLOMON HAAR, Agt., 119 S. Main St. 3-19-98.

Favorable Report. Mine Inspector William Stein stated to-day that the reports from the colliers in his districts for the month of February were very favorable, there having been but one fatal accident and three cases of injuries, which were slight.

Removal Sale. We have a large stock of dry goods and notions on hand, and in making preparations for moving we will for the next ten days offer our entire stock of plain and figured silks, satins, cashmires, serges and fancy novelty dress goods at cost. Our stock of domestic goods, muslins, towings, tickings, flannels and cotton flannels at similar prices. Notions consisting of gloves, hosiery, handkerchiefs, collars, cuffs, underwear, corsets and all other notions will be sold at cost. 3-15-98 R. F. GILL.

The Bon Ton Opening. The management of the Bon Ton millinery store was disappointed in the musical features of their grand opening, but Kelly's orchestra will be present to-night and discourse musical selections. This is a new departure, and the Bon Ton people are to be complimented upon their enterprise. Their display of the latest things in the millinery art is worthy an inspection.

At Kephinski's Arcade Cafe. Hot Tamales, free, to-night. Hot lunch on Monday morning.

Ushers' Meeting. Gospel meeting will be held in the rooms of the Young Men's Ushers' Association to-morrow afternoon, at 3:45 o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of E. D. Danks, and will be addressed by Rev. D. I. Evans. All young men are invited to attend.

The City Cash grocery, at 239 West Centre, will remove to 213 West Centre street, about the first day of April. In order to reduce our stock we have concluded to offer it at sacrifice prices. You should take advantage of them. 3-18-98

Pan-Tina! What is it? The greatest cure for coughs and colds. At Grubler Bros. drug store.

REPORT ON THE MAINE

Expected in Washington Some Time Next Week.

NEW NAVAL POLICY APPROVED!

Cabinet Officials Unanimously Applaud Secretary Long's Plan For Coast Defense—Cubans Are Willing to Pay Indemnity to Spain.

Washington, March 19.—An air of suspense is noticeable in the navy department, due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the court of inquiry. It is not known just when the document will come to Washington, and of course, in view of the reports of the determination of outside parties to obtain possession of it before the department receives the report, the officials, if they know, will not say. The report is expected to be brought to Washington. All that is known definitely is that the president has suggested that the report be made as soon as possible, and in consequence it is expected to reach this city in the course of two or three days. The cabinet yesterday talked over the matter, and the time stated was the general opinion of the members when they had heard all that Secretary Long had to report on the subject.

There is an impression that Lieutenant Commander Marix will bring the document, though it is within Admiral Sigsbee's power to take it to the city. A cabinet officer expressed the belief that the report will require careful consideration on the part of the president and his cabinet before given to the public, which would seem to postpone publication to some time after the report is received. Although nothing is certain on that point, the new naval policy embodied in the creation of another squadron to rendezvous at Hampton Roads was also discussed at the cabinet meeting at length, and received unanimous approval. The cabinet members were impressed at the delay on the part of the navy department in taking some such step to ensure the protection of the more valuable coast ports along the North Atlantic, the gathering of a useless surplus fleet at Key West, Florida, and the expense of putting all of our eggs in one basket.

The San Francisco reported her arrival from Lisbon at Gravesend yesterday. Under his orders the commander will divide his crew with the Amazonas and sail at the earliest possible moment for the United States conveying the new ship. The Amazonas was originally transferred to Lieutenant Commander Colwell yesterday at Gravesend by Commander Correa, the Brazilian officer. The flag of Brazil was taken down and the Stars and Stripes run up to the masthead with simple ceremony.

Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship, Abreuval, and the yacht Mayflower, no purchase of ships have been made by the navy department. A number of fleet steam yachts owned in the United States are being offered to the department, and it is probable that some of these will be purchased. Secretary Long takes the view that it is to equip some of these speedy boats with torpedo tubes and light batteries, and improve their armor.

The department is convinced that the Spanish government has not acquired possession of the Varsoe, the Italian armored cruiser. It would not, however, be a matter of deep concern if the report were true. The department itself had the vessel in mind as a gift to the United States. The idea upon learning that she could not be made ready for service in less than three or four months, which practically put her out of consideration as an emergency purchase.

Some idea of the activity prevailing in the navy department is shown by a statement that the payroll of the construction department, only one of several departments in the Mare Island navy yard, for March was \$80,000. This great expenditure per month, it is said, was not equaled during the late war.

The president and his advisers to keep a separate and distinct account of all funds expended from the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation made by congress for the national defense. In accordance with this intention a separate form of report will be prepared, and the amounts allotted from the fund are made upon the direct order signed by the president himself. The amount paid for the yacht Mayflower was about \$400,000.

The ordinance bureau of the war department yesterday awarded contracts for a large number of steel armor-piercing and deck piercing projectiles for the coast fortification guns. There were several bidders, but instead of giving the contract to one concern the bureau divided the contracts, so that supplies will be coming from several quarters at the same time.

The house committee on ways and means favorably reported yesterday, with amendments, the Dingley bill for the temporary admission free of duty naval supplies purchased abroad. The bill is amended so as to include military supplies as well as naval supplies. Recruiting is going on apace at all stations for the army and navy. The Michigan, at Erie, Pa., has enlisted 55 men so far, and good reports come from all quarters. The Columbia and the Minneapolis are still 210 men each short.

Recently thousands of men is the number of Spanish soldiers who have been killed, wounded and otherwise incapacitated for duty during the present war in Cuba. These figures have been received in this city recently from reliable sources, and are said to be as nearly authentic as it is possible to obtain them without resorting to the records kept by the Spanish government. From the same source it is learned that Spain's army in Cuba at present consists of 135,000 men, of whom 50,000 are effective for military purposes. There are also 50,000 men in what is known as the voluntary army. These are mostly in the prov-

ince of Havana, and are largely in the nature of home guards, corresponding to our state militia. The strength of the Spanish army at Havana and including her nearby possessions is 100,000 men. In the Philippine Islands Spain has an army of 32,000 men, which includes about 15,000 native troops. In time of war the latter are of very little use to the Spanish government. On Porto Rico there are 5,000 Spanish troops, which in the event of hostilities could be supplemented by 4,000 volunteers.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

The Members Highly Engaged in Preparing Their Report. Key West, Fla., March 18.—The court of inquiry is diligently continuing its sessions on board the battleship Iowa, and judging from statements made by members, it is quite probable how many more days will pass before the public learns its conclusions.

By the courtesy of Rear Admiral Sigsbee this correspondent was yesterday enabled to escape the rigor of the recent rule forbidding correspondents to go on board warships, and was the first civilian to interview the members of the court of inquiry since they ascended themselves on Wednesday on the Iowa.

Captain Sampson received the correspondent on the poop of the splendid ship he commands. "The court is still hard at work," he said. "I have just left my cabin at home and thinking it possible to say when our report will be ready. If I surmised the date, and you reported, I am afraid something might occur that would defeat the expectation and only serve to disappoint the anxious public. When the report is ready, it will not be for the closest scrutiny of searchlights. Both vessels are ready to pull out at 15 minutes' notice, and special attention is being given to the instruction of the sailors in small arms and firing practice.

Unusual precautions are observed on the New York and the Iowa, double harbor watches being enforced. Every craft that passes on its way into the harbor is submitted to the closest scrutiny of searchlights. Both vessels are ready to pull out at 15 minutes' notice, and special attention is being given to the instruction of the sailors in small arms and firing practice.

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A Fine Merchant Tailoring Department has been opened in our store and we have over \$100,000 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.

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Bickert's Cafe. A special free lunch served to-night.

Pottsville Real Estate Deal. The Mountain City building, at the corner of Centre and Norwegian streets, Pottsville, was sold yesterday for \$85,000. The Pottsville Improvement Company is a corporation of recent date, composed of such well-known men as Harrison Hall, of Mahanoy City; J. A. Dewey, manager of the Delano store; Alex. Scott, of Frackville, former Sheriff; George Scott, of Pottsville, division superintendent of the Reading Coal & Iron Company; and Charles E. Brockton, attorney-at-law. The object of the company is to buy, improve and lease real estate in Pottsville.

Shooting Match. The shooting match at Minersville yesterday between David Weiss and Daniel Walker on one side, and Kettner and Albright on the other, for \$100 a side, was won by the former.

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Advertised Letters. Letters addressed to the following named people remain in our local post-office: Isaac Jones, George J. Bely, M. Hecker, John Owens and Henry Mehl.

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VERDICT REACHED ON FIRST BALLOT

The Address to the Jury in the Mahanoy City arson case, After Which It Went to the Jury—The Attendance Was Very Large—The Meyers Case.

Pottsville, March 18, 3:00 p. m.—The jury in the Mahanoy City arson case retired shortly before one o'clock this afternoon, and twenty minutes later brought in a verdict of guilty in manner and form indicted.

The jurors reached a verdict on the first ballot, and they were unanimous in this conclusion. The usual motion for a suspension of sentence pending a motion for a new trial was made, and until this is done, requiring about two weeks, no other action will be taken.

The defendants are Michael Derrah, Edward Knowles and William Richardson. Pottsville, March 18.—The trial of the young men charged with the crime of setting fire to the Mahanoy City in January last, drew big audiences to-day to listen to the closing argument of the counsel and Judge Koch's charge. The defendants in their testimony, denied everything that had been testified by Fleming and Wooden.

Michael Derrah, one of the defendants, was called to the stand late yesterday afternoon, and said he did not set fire to the hosiery mill and saw no one else set fire to the mill, and was not present when it was fired. He denied having heard anyone talk about setting fire to the mill, and heard no one call Wooden a coward. Said he was home when the hosiery mill fire was discovered. He was not at the time the fire broke out, but was at the mill on the following day. The witness said it was about 7 o'clock Sunday evening when he met Richardson. Derrah was then taken over the route he said he took that night, and stuck pretty closely to the story told on direct examination.

The third defendant, Edward Knowles, also denied setting fire to the hosiery mill, and he did not know who did. He told where the defendants were the night of the fire. On cross examination he said he was at home at the time of the Parker fire; would not swear the others did not drink when they met on the night of the fire, and that he did not know who set the fire. On his own account, he had been working from 10 o'clock to nearly 1:30. He went to the hosiery mill and found his hand burned carrying things out of Fritz's house; met Richardson at the fire, but had no conversation with him, only to tell him his hands were burned; said there was no talk about setting fire to the mill; that Wooden met at the fire; that Wooden said nothing about the reward; met Fleming at the mill fire next day; then they went to view the other ruins, and after that went to the lime kiln to unload stone.

This closed the testimony for the defense, and the Commonwealth rested its case. Judge Duffy, to prove that the defendants had been convicted of offenses and this made incompetent as witnesses. Judge Koch ruled that they could not admit testimony as to the character of the defendants, but anything that related to felony, fraud, etc., would be heard. Chief Justice was then requested to let the jury retire for the night, and he read the entry, showing that William Richardson had been convicted on three counts, larceny, forcible entry and receiving stolen goods, and had been sentenced by Judge Koch to pay costs and imprisonment for nine months.

There was a delay in opening the case this morning owing to the illness of Mr. Marr, one of the counsel. Judge Koch finally instructed Mr. Whitehouse to proceed with his address on the summing up of the defense and he occupied about 45 minutes. He opened by saying that the happiness of three families was involved in the case. Derrah, Knowles and Richardson were the names told by Richardson, Derrah and Knowles in the witness stand he asserted that the stories were the more true. He attacked Fleming's evidence and described him as a self-confessed criminal. Bryan's story was contradicted by Joseph Eichman, who swore Bryan was in bed when the second fire was started. Wooden's testimony was discredited and described as simply incoherent. Talking and drinking with these men the day after the fire he prepared a story blaming them for this terrible crime of destroying the power of usefulness that employed many people.

The speaker dwelt on the danger of convicting on the evidence of an accused and accomplice, and upon that of another who is expecting reward. Book upon book has been written on how dangerous and unsafe to rely on such testimony. There is nothing remarkable about these young men being out a night like that and of running to fires. Being well, sleeping well, all young and vigorous they had a little carousal and then went home, parting like boys usually do. There is nothing said about going home on such occasions. It is the natural time to go home. It is the natural way to go home. Knowles said he parted with Fleming on 3rd street and saw Fleming going towards his friend, Carmody's house and in the direction of the mill. Fleming has confessed that he burned the mill. He said that he slept at a friend's down town that night, and yet we proved that he stopped at Carmody's, near the mill that he burned. All the evidence against us is from criminals, or persons seeking reward. Mr. Whitehouse declared the fact that because a man commits one crime is no reason under the law that he should be judged guilty of another. The law prevents that very thing because it would have a tendency to do more harm than justice. The lawyer concluded by saying the defendants were in jail because the law would not accept bail. They are of the young blood of America and the country is now in need of such blood as this. Under the law and the evidence the Commonwealth has not proven the case and you cannot convict on suspicion. Convict, and the best part of this was in witness stand, and on such damnable and infamous testimony.

William A. Marr, Esq., made the address for the Commonwealth and opened by saying the jury, no doubt, thought from the brilliant, eloquent and pyrotechnical of Mr. Whitehouse that Fleming and Wooden were on trial, and not the three defendants. He said that Mr. Whitehouse almost made a burlesque of the Commonwealth's case.

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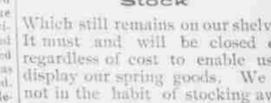
A Word on Our Winter Stock Which still remains on our shelves. It must and will be closed out regardless of cost to enable us to display our spring goods. We are not in the habit of stocking away any goods for future seasons.

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