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This week we are selling a fine grade of the latest organdies in Roman styles and plaids at 8c per yard, worth double the price; not to speak of the great assortment of white goods in lawns, dimities, checks, striped organdies, plaids, &c., which are going at the same low price, from 5c per yard up. Also one peep at our millinery will assure you at once that you can save dollars in that line alone. **MONEY SAVED, MONEY EARNED.** So walk through the different departments and get prices and convince yourself of the money you can save.

THE BEE HIVE,

Third Door From Post Office.

Spring Has Come.

The voice of the lawn mower is heard in the land. Our stock of Lawn Mowers, Grass Shears, Hedge Trimmers, etc., is complete.

Lime in Cans, White Wash Brushes, Caustic Soda, Lye, Copperas, Sulphur, "Slug Shot" for Roses, Garden Seeds.

SWALM'S HARDWARE STORE.

WE HAVE TOO MANY

CANNED GOODS.

To Reduce Stock we offer a Few Special Bargains:

Corn.
Maryland Sugar Corn, 4 for 25c.
Fancy Northern, 3 for 25c.

Baked Beans.
Picnic size, 3 for 10c.
Standard—large cans, 5 for 25c.
Fine quality, very cheap, 4 for 25c.
Extra quality, 3 for 25c.
Fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

Tomatoes.
Extra size and fancy quality, 2 for 25c.

California Peaches.
Standard Yellow Crawford, 2 for 25c.

Peas.
Extra early June, 4 for 25c.
Sifted early June, 3 for 25c.
Fancy quality, sweet and tender, 2 for 25c.

Salmon.
Red Alaska, 3 for 25c.
Columbia River, 2 for 25c.

Gooseberries, 5 for 25c.

Apricots and Eggs Plums, 3 cans for 25c.

Fresh Stock California and Jamaica Oranges.

NEW CARPETS. FLOOR OIL CLOTHS AND LINOLEUM. NEW PATTERNS.

Do you want a good Tapestry Brussels at 60 cent worth 75 cents.

At KEITER'S.

THE OREGON AT KEY WEST!

The Battleship Arrived There This Morning For Coal, and To-Morrow Will Join Sampson's Fleet.

SAMPSON AND SCHLEY NEAR SANTIAGO.

It Is Reported That the Spanish Fleet Will Leave That Port For Martinique.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

WASHINGTON, May 23.

Up to this morning no word had been received at the Navy department of an engagement between the fleets of Rear Admiral Sampson, or Commodore Schley and Admiral Cervera.

A fight may occur to-day, but everything depends upon the maneuvers of the Spanish fleet.

It is expected that Sampson's fleet will reach Santiago de Cuba this morning.

Commodore Schley's squadron was last night either in the windward passage or in front of Santiago de Cuba. This statement is made on high authority in naval circles.

There is no truth in the published statements concerning an engagement off St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti, published yesterday in all the leading papers, and in which it was reported twelve Spanish vessels were sunk. Naval officers ridiculed the report, but did not give any reasons for believing that it was not true except that Cervera's squadron consists of only six vessels at present.

The United States battleship Oregon arrived at Key West this morning. Her record is regarded as magnificent in naval circles. She left San Francisco on March 19 and put in at Callao, Peru, on April 5. Two days later she left for Punta Arenas, where she was joined by the gunboat Marietta, and her next stopping place was Rio Janeiro,

where she took on board coal and other supplies. From Rio she went to Bahia, where she dropped the Marietta and Nietheroy, the latter having joined her at Rio. After that she made an average of 13 knots an hour. She will be ready to join Sampson's fleet by to-morrow or Wednesday, after taking on supplies. She needs no repairs.

Up to date the returns show that there are about 110,000 volunteers on the army rolls. Whether or not there will be another call cannot be foretold.

A dispatch from Martinique states that the Spanish fleet at Santiago de Cuba will return to the former port for coal. The dispatch further says that they will not be allowed to coal at Martinique. This dispatch indicates that the Spanish fleet is short of coal, and that they are unable to secure a supply at Santiago. This places them at a great disadvantage and will cripple them in an effort to avoid the combined fleets of Sampson and Schley.

It is believed in the Navy Department that Admiral Cervera's fleet will be either completely destroyed or driven away from Cuban waters within the next week. Secretary Alger, going upon this theory, is making every preparation to have about seventy thousand men ready to leave Key West for Cuba upon short notice. The officials say no possible contingency can prevent the prompt movement of United States troops in Cuba.

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CAPTURE BY OUR BLOCKADING VESSELS.

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Key West, May 23.—The British ship Ardablor, Capt. Dunn, arrived here this morning, escorted by Osceola, United States tug. The Ardablor, with a cargo of cattle, was stopped early in the blockade off the Cuban coast, but subsequently released.

Last night the ship was caught leaving the Cuban coast and, finding she was discovered, ran back towards the coast.

The Osceola was quick in giving chase and captured the vessel.

When a prize crew boarded the Ardablor it was found the cargo of cattle had gone. The ship will be thoroughly searched.

Driven Towards Havana.

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Key West, May 23.—An engagement between Cubans and Spaniards was fought on Thursday at a place fifteen miles west of Matanzas.

On the following morning Spanish troops were seen retreating towards Havana.

It is believed the Cubans are pushing rapidly towards the coast and will join the United States troops when the latter land.

Morro in Darkness.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Key West, May 23.—The search light on Morro Castle was not in operation Saturday night.

Naval men are wondering what the new tactics mean.

Cadiz Prepares.

Special to Evening Herald.

Madrid, May 23.—Buoys in the Cadiz harbor have been removed and lights extinguished.

No vessels are allowed to enter or leave the harbor at night.

Portfolio Declined.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

Madrid, May 23.—The foreign portfolio has been declined by Castillo and will be offered to Senor Abrunza, or Senor Agers.

Boycotting French Goods.

Special to EVENING HERALD.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 23.—Seventy-five prominent women in this city have decided to boycott French goods because of the French hostility to the United States in its war with Spain.

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Vegetable soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.



MYSTERY IN A WARNING

An Anonymous Letter Causes Property Owners Some Anxiety.

AN ALLEGED INCENDIARY PLOT!

The Chief of Police and Some Councilmen Make an Investigation. But Discover Nothing More Satisfying Than That a Fire Did Not Take Place.

No little excitement was occasioned Saturday evening by a report that the owners of a candy store on Main street, north of Lloyd street, had attempted to set fire to the place, and the excitement was increased when the Chief of Police and some Councilmen paid a visit to the store. The object of the visit on the part of the officials to the store was subsequently explained.

On Saturday, John M. Schaeffer, the soldier who has his shop and residence next to the candy store, received the following communication by mail:

"Dear Mr. Schaeffer: You better look out for those people who move in candy stores and don't know they don't make no business. He is going to set a fire in the store. Then he would fire a man from Philadelphia is chased for that business to get fire in stores."

The name signed to the communication was badly written and could not be deciphered. Mr. Schaeffer consulted with other property owners in the vicinity and it was concluded to notify the authorities and have an investigation made. This led to a visit by the Chief of Police and Councilmen.

Color was added to the letter when the officials were told by three men found in charge of the store that the proprietor had gone to New York city and would not return until Monday or Tuesday. It was also learned that one of the men at the store was a stranger who arrived on Friday last. None of the men could speak sufficient English to make themselves understood and it was with difficulty that they could be made to understand the object of the visit by the authorities. When this was finally accomplished, the men declared that they knew nothing of any fire plot.

rumors of all kinds got about in connection with the affair, but the facts in the case are as given above. The anonymous communication started the story and the investigation failed to develop whether or not an incendiary plot was on foot.

Mr. Schaeffer said the proprietorship of the candy store has changed hands at least half a dozen times during the past year. All the owners have been Crooked and little has been learned of them personally at any time. Several times Mr. Schaeffer has complained of the reckless management of the place, especially in the handling of fire and the receipt of the anonymous communication with the attendant circumstances, impelled him to have the investigation made. He has been criticised because he did not keep quiet and await the development of the plot, if there was one, but he says he did not wish to wait until his place might possibly be destroyed by fire. The building in which the candy store is located is owned by Mrs. Hrebony, of Mahanoy Place.

Of course there is no one who maintains that there was an incendiary plot. The letter may have been written by some one having a grievance against the present owners of the store and wishing to injure them in the eyes of the neighbors. But whatever the real status of the case may be the residents of that vicinity did not rest easy Saturday night.

At Repelinski's Arcade Cafe.

Puree of pea soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Examination of Teachers.

The annual examination of teachers for permanent certificates was held in Pottsville on Saturday. The following stood the examination: Misses B. M. MacCauley, Theresa Bastian, Minnie M. Reed, Hannah Edwards, Lizzie Hornsby, Mary A. McAtee, Margaret McGuire and James H. Prosser, Mahanoy City; Annie V. Curry, Frankville; John F. Arus, Tamaqua; John Jones, Hedges and Joseph O'Boyle. The papers will be forwarded to Harrisburg for further examination. Col. P. H. Monaghan, of Girardville, was a member of the board of examiners.

Metairie Cafe.

Vegetable soup, free, to-night.

Transferred to Philadelphia.

Charles Steidle, one of the P. & E. C. & L. Co's carpenters who has been stationed at Ellengowan colliery, left today for Philadelphia, where he will assume charge of the company's coal chutes at Twenty-third and Arch streets. He will be succeeded at Ellengowan colliery by Matthew Meyers, of Mahanoy City.

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Before the Justices.

The borough justices had little business Saturday night and yesterday. In fact the docket of Justice Shoemaker was clear. Justice Toomey had two cases. John Roshinski was put under \$300 bail for defrauding Mrs. Francesca Kosloski out of a board bill and Victor Powloski was held in \$300 bail on a charge of stealing a \$1.00 hat from Peter Buske.

School Board Meeting.

A meeting of the School Board will be held this evening to arrange for the closing of the school term.

War on Prices.

There is a cut-out war on between the temperance drink dealers of town and this morning the price per box fell to 33 cents.

PITHY POINTS.

Occurrences Throughout the Country Chronicled for Hasty Perusal.

Jacob Stenbiler, of Pottsville, was granted a pension of \$8 per month.

St. Clair will have a ten-months' school term next year.

Two local widowers have entered the race at Mahanoy City on Decoration Day.

Pottsville's theatre will undergo radical changes and improvements to the interior this summer.

E. D. Rapert, of Hightstown, and Jennie E. Fritz, of North Union township, have been granted a marriage license.

Employees of Armour & Co. spent Saturday afternoon fishing at Millers' dam, in the Catawissa Valley.

The teachers of the Bristol High school have secured the Bristol risk for an exhibition in aid of the suffering Cubans.

Roy Baldwin, a woodman, was taken to the hospital at Williamsport last night with his skull crushed, the injury having been inflicted by a tree falling upon him.

One of a crowd of young men standing in front of the Ferguson House last evening fell against one of the hotel doors, and smashed one of the lamp-pens of glass.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Young Men's Fishery Association will hold a social and entertainment in Wilkinson's hall to-night.

Some unknown person last night smashed a large window pane in the show window of the vacant storefront at 37 South Main street.

The advertisement of the Shenandoah drug store appears in another column of to-day's issue. Parties desiring out doors for recreation day will profit by placing their orders in advance.

Business Disposed Of.

Peter Beck, of the North Main street grocer, has disposed of his stock and retired from business.

HATS TRIMMED FREE AT THE BON TON.

29 N. Main St., Shenandoah, Pa.

Call and see our trimmed hats and bargain specials, every one of which is a record breaker. It shows beyond a doubt that the people get the latest styles, finest goods and lowest prices at the Bon Ton.

Lower indeed than in any other millinery parlors in Shenandoah.

THE BONTON

29 N. Main St., Shenandoah, Pa.

Leads Them All For Style and Low Prices. Next door to Holderman's Jewelry Store.

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From one of the largest manufacturers in New York enables us to make buying at our store a

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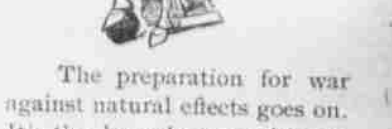
Don't fail to give us a call, as all the suits in this great purchase are marked at similar low prices.

MAX LEVIT,

15 E. Centre St.

Up-to-Date Hat Store and Shenandoah's Greatest Gent's Furnishing Store.

WE'RE READY FOR IT!



The preparation for war against natural effects goes on. It's the housekeeper with the broadest range of judgment who gets the most goods from the money spent. Some people have trouble finding the thing they want at the price they can afford to pay. Others come direct to us and get the best values the market affords.

T. J. BROUGHALL,
28 South Main Street.