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The White is King
AGAIN VICTORIOUS.
The White Sewing Machine was awarded
highest honors, the Gold Medal, at the Omaha
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QUEEN MACHINES,
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All Are Warranted for Five Years.
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Feather Boas, 23c. Plush Capes from \$2.50 up to \$20.00. Astrakhan Capes at the same prices. Also a full line of Cloaks at the lowest prices. Reefers from 69c. up to \$7.00. Collarets from \$1.65 up Heavy Skirts from 90c. up to \$10.00. Silks, \$1.00 and a full line of Waists. In the Millinery department we have a full line of hats and all kinds of trimmings. Ladies' and Gent's Natural Wool Underwear, 35c. A full line of Children's Underwear.

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New Figs and Dates.
New Citron, Lemon and Orange.
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Fancy California Lemon Cling and Crawford Peaches. Fancy Pears, Plums, Apricots and Cherries.
TOMATOES—Extra Quality and extra size cans, 2 for 25 cents. Extra Quality Standard cold packed, 3 for 25 cents.
CORN—Extra Fancy Maine, 2 for 25 cents. Fancy New York State, 3 for 25 cents. Standard Maryland, 4 for 25c.
PEAS—Fancy Sifted Early June, 2 for 25 cents. Sweet Wrinkled, 3 for 25 cents. Extra Early June, fine quality, 4 for 25 cents.
BEANS—New Lima Beans, 3 cans for 25 cents. White Wax String Beans, 4 cans for 25 cents. Baked Beans, 2 and 3 cans for 25 cents.

New Orleans Baking Molasses, best quality, 10 cts. a quart.
Don't forget our strictly Fresh Fancy Creamery Butter. Fresh Dairy Butter.

At KEITER'S.

A BOROUGH MULCTED.

Won Before Arbitrators, But Lost on Trial Before a Jury.
A jury at Pottsville this morning rendered a verdict mulcting the borough of Gilberton in damages in the case brought against it by Patrick Ryan, of that town. M. M. Burke, Esq., of this place, represented the plaintiff and the borough was represented by S. R. Edwards, Esq., of Pottsville. The case was arbitrated last summer and an award of no cause of action was entered. The plaintiff appealed and on Tuesday a trial before a jury was commenced. The jury retired last night.

The case is one of interest to borough officials, as it involves a question as to what is notice to them of the condition of highways. On August 16, 1897, Ryan was driving in his milk wagon along the main street of Gilberton when both wheels on the right side of the vehicle went through the covering of a culvert. Ryan was thrown forward against the milk cans, and then backwards over the seat. He was injured in the groin and kidneys. Dr. Esterline, formerly of Mahanoy Place and now of Truett, N. J., was one of the witnesses. He testified that Ryan was permanently injured. Dr. Donahoe, of Mahanoy Place, gave similar testimony.

Solicitor Edwards made an effort to have the court take the case from the jury and direct a verdict of non-suit, but Judge Bechtel refused to do so, stating that it was for a jury to say whether, under the testimony, the defect in the highway was noticeable and had continued for so long a time as to give the borough authorities constructive notice of its existence.

The defense was that the borough had no notice, either actual or constructive, of the defect, and that the Supervisor and street committee had exercised due care in keeping the streets and highways of the borough in good condition.

Counsel for the plaintiff succeeded in showing that a gentleman named Ryan, a member of the Council from the Middle ward, and who was also a member of the street committee, had detected a break in the bridge some days before the accident. This plaintiff's counsel claimed, was direct notice to the Council. The suit was for \$5,000 damages. The jury rendered a verdict for \$1,000.

News-vender's Cafe.
Chicken soup, free, to-night. Potato soup to-morrow morning.

Zoller Still Missing.
William, alias "Butch," Zoller has not been seen since his exciting escape from the Schuylkill Haven on Monday evening. Many of his friends believe that he will remain away, while others maintain a contrary opinion. The charge is not as serious as at first reported, although he will no doubt be held on an additional charge of meeting in the Post hall, Friday evening. A friend had furnished the old man with a railroad ticket for the trip to Schuylkill Haven. The Justice made out the commitment.

New Recor.
The pulpit of the St. Stanislaus Polish Roman Catholic church, on West Cherry street, has again been filled after a vacancy of several weeks. The new rector is Rev. W. V. Matulak, who until recently filled a charge at Minersville.

Women's Relief Corps.
Members of the Women's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G. A. R., are requested to meet in the Post hall, Friday evening, as an inspecting officer will be present. By order of Mrs. Mary Schwindt, Pres. Attest: Cassie Lewis, Sec'y.

Finney Wants an Increase.
Sub-Treasurer John F. Finney, accompanied by W. J. Whitehouse, was in Washington yesterday in an effort to secure the former's confirmation by the Senate. Mr. Finney also wants his salary increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000, and asks for an additional clerk and an additional counter on his force.

Evergreens for the Holidays.
Holly wreaths and wreathing, mistletoe and other evergreens. Leave your orders at the Shenandoah drug store. Telephone connections. 12-8-3t

Fish Cakes With Oyster Soup.
Free to everybody at Meade Peter's restaurant to-night. A nice dish awaits you.

Druggists Met.
The Schuylkill County Pharmaceutical Society held its regular meeting at the Union House, Ashland, to-day. The annual election of officers for the coming year was among the important business transacted.

Car Load of Poultry.
We will receive a car load of poultry, principally ducks and geese, which will be disposed of at wholesale, at the Lehigh Valley depot, either Saturday or Monday. 12-7-3t SHENANDOAH PRODUCE CO.

At Payne's nursery, Girardville, you will find the largest stock ever seen in the county.

Will Not Contest.
Authoritative information was received to-day to the effect that David M. Graham has not decided not to contest the election of John F. Higgins, of town, as State Senator in this district. Mr. Graham so informed the Herald to-day to that effect and said all proceedings have been dropped.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup prevents consumption. One-fifth of the deaths in cities is from consumption, caused by neglected colds. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup always cures colds.

Pottsville's Deputy Coroner.
It is said that Coroner-elect Bieler has appointed Dr. Charles A. Veitch, son of Capt. John Veitch, of the P. & R. C. & Co., as deputy Coroner for Pottsville.

FINANCIAL TROUBLES!

The School Board in a Tangle Over the Tax Levy.
TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OBJECTS.
Mr. Schaefer informs the Board They Have No Legal Right to Levy More Than Thirteen Mills—Adjourned to Meet Again This Evening.

The School Board held their first meeting for the month of last night, and most of the business considered had a bearing on the financial affairs of the district. There was hardly a quorum present when President Coughlin rapped for order, the following Directors answering to the roll call: Messrs. Sullivan, Hanna, Bangh, Malick, Dove, Holvey, Britt and Whitaker. Superintendent Cooper, Solicitor Burke and Trust Officer Smith were also in attendance.

The County Commissioners informed the Board that the total assessed valuation for the year 1898 was \$2,468,067. A motion made by Director Britt that the subscription to the School Journal be renewed, was withdrawn upon statements made by Directors Dove and Hanna, to the effect that the expenditure of \$90 in that manner would be ill-advised under the financial condition of the district.

Superintendent Cooper submitted his report, and after being read was adopted, and the committee referred to were requested to meet the Superintendent. The report is as follows:
The fourth month of the term of our day schools closed December 1, with the following results: Monthly enrollment—Boys, 1232; girls, 1426; total, 2658. Average daily attendance—Boys, 1114; girls, 1367; total, 2481. Percentage of attendance—Boys, 90; girls, 91; total, 90. Fifty-seven visits were made by citizens and 21 by Directors.

The first month of the evening school closed on the same date with the following results: Monthly enrollment—Boys, 539; girls, 1085. Average daily attendance—Boys, 331; girls, 34; total, 365. Percentage of attendance—Boys, 62; girls, 100; total, 79. Fifty-five pupils of the evening school were present; sixty-six visits by citizens, and 27 by Directors were made.

During the first two evenings after the opening of these schools there was much trouble in some of the rooms. Most of those who went to school chiefly for mischief have been expelled. Now the schools are running reasonably quiet and many are taking an interest in their work.

In regard to the day schools, sickness has somewhat interfered with our attendance. Negligence on the part of parents is one of the difficulties which we have been unable to overcome. Some of our pupils are failing to comply with the compulsory education law. We have at least one incorrigible truant in the person of Master Joseph Schwindt. He has been punished repeatedly in the Superintendent's office, but this fellow is going from bad to worse. The Trust Officer and myself desire to meet the members of the Compulsory Education Committee any day after the first of next week.

Our Superintendent Weiss submitted a report upon the attendance of teachers during the month, and the absence of two or three for a short time was satisfactorily explained by Supt. Cooper.

Mr. Whittaker offered a motion that the proper officers be instructed to pay off the temporary loan of \$3,000 at the Merchants National Bank to-day, which was adopted. The Secretary read a communication from the amount due on Tax Collector Scanlan's bonds, as follows:

POTTSTVILLE, PA., Dec. 5, 1898.
To the Members of the School Board, Shenandoah, Penna.
GENTLEMEN: In the interest of the taxpayers of Shenandoah, we have sickened John F. Whalen, Esq., as attorney to represent them in the proceedings now pending for the collection of the balance of taxes due by Collector Scanlan of Shenandoah.

We have requested him to appear at the hearings now going on, and we would request that the Superintendent be authorized to act in conjunction with their Solicitor in the carrying on of such proceedings as are necessary to protect the borough and its taxpayers. The cost of such services will be met by us, and we hope that you can pass such action as will give him full authority to protect your interests which are to a great extent those represented by us.

Very truly yours,
WM. L. SCHAEPER,
For the Estate of P. W. Schaefer, dec'd.
The Philadelphia and Reading C. & I. Co.
By H. C. WILSON, Asst. Land Agent.
The Girard Estate.
By HERBERT S. THOMPSON, Engineer.
Mr. Whittaker, chairman of the Finance Committee, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted on motion of Dove:

To the School Board.
GENTLEMEN: We, your Finance Committee, recommend that the offer of the following named gentlemen: W. L. Schaeffer, (for Girard Estate), and K. C. Wilson (for P. & R. C. & I. Co.), offering the services of their Solicitor, John F. Whalen, Esq., to act in conjunction with our Solicitor, M. M. Burke, Esq., in the proceedings now pending for the collection of the balance of taxes due by Collector M. J. Scanlan, of Shenandoah, be accepted.

Committee, submitted a lengthy and interesting report, with the following introductory:
To the School Board, Gentlemen:—Your Finance Committee, after careful investigation and consideration of the affairs of the school district, respectfully submit the following reports:
On the eighth of last August we submitted a report revealing a very discouraging state of affairs and owing to our not having received from the County Commissioners a certificate of the assessed valuation of the district and also, owing to the uncertainty of what the amount of the school tax would be, you were obliged to defer the levying of taxes pending the adjustment of the matter.

The valuation has now been adjusted and we are gratified to find that instead of the amount previously estimated, we were led to believe we had increased from \$2,398,201 for 1897, to \$2,468,067 for the present year.

Another source of encouragement is found in the fact that the methods and measures of economy and retrenchment inaugurated a few months ago have exceeded our expectations in standing of the district. Compared with last year our practical working experience, up to November of expenditures will be effected as follows:

Renting and repairing, \$2,227.90; expenditures for fuel, \$1,060.92; salaries, \$1,700.00; text books and supplies, \$750.00; insurance, \$675.75; library expenses, \$1,700.00; miscellaneous expenses, \$250.00; total, \$11,225.00.

Justification, the Board, thus far in the year, has done all that could possibly be done in the way of economy of management without impairing the interests of our schools, and yet we cannot assure ourselves that we will not see a slight deficit of receipt at the end of the year. However, we are confident of our adherence to our present policy and methods without in the least impairing the condition of affairs of the school year, and will continue to adhere to a strict economy will wipe out any deficit now existing.

Your committee realizes, as we believe every member of the Board does, that our indebtedness cannot be further increased, and that we could not feel justified under present circumstances in further increasing the burdens of our people by increases of the school tax rate. The school tax rate in former years was eighteen cents, making a total rate of thirty-two cents. But as the school rate was reduced, the borough rates and expenditures, which were increased with a school rate of four cents more, and a county rate of thirteen, and a county rate of eight, a total rate of thirty-five cents, had to be met. Under the present depressed circumstances surrounding our affairs, it becomes our duty to so manage our affairs that we can get out of debt, and receipts produced by the fourteen mill levy, since the school tax rate is already high, and we feel it unjust and burdensome to increase it.

In consideration of the facts above stated we recommend the following estimate and recommend the adoption of the resolution appended.
The report shows temporary loans outstanding to the amount of \$21,000.00; total liabilities and expenditures, \$21,031.00. Among the estimated receipts are the following amounts payable by the tax collectors:

M. J. Scanlan, on '98 duplicate, \$4,515.01
M. J. Scanlan, on '98 " 10,189.32
John F. Burke, on '97 " 6,784.58
These resources make the total receipts for the year, \$20,398.91, leaving an apparent deficit of \$791.62.

The following resolutions were appended to the report and action thereon was deferred until to-night's meeting.
Resolved, That it is hereby ordered by the Board that the tax levy for the year 1899 shall be the tax levy for the year 1898, and that the rate of fourteen (14) mills on the dollars of assessed value, district taxes, shall be reduced to ten (10) mills; for bonded indebtedness and interest, 2 1/2 mills; for school purposes, 11 mills; for library purposes, 1/2 mill.

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On the conclusion of the reading of the report Mr. Whittaker stated that a representative of the Schaefer Estate notified the Board that they objected to the assessment of the tax for school purposes, claiming that it was contrary to law, and that the Board could not legally levy more than 13 mills for that purpose. This statement evoked considerable discussion during which Mr. Hanna took issue with the Schaefer Estate, and quoted the school laws to sustain his position. He contended that the parties objecting were in error, that the law actually put them in error, and that they were not fully informed themselves, and that it was no business of theirs to assume a position of that kind. He said that thirteen mills would not meet the general expenses of the district.

Solicitor Burke was called upon for an opinion, and said that under the law you have a right to levy a tax of 13 mills for school purposes and 13 mills for building if necessary. Your committee has levied 14 mills, apportioning them as follows: Eleven mills for school, 1 mill for library and 2 for bonded indebtedness and interest. Whether or not the 8 per cent. of your bonded indebtedness, which the law says you must pay off annually, must be included in the general fund, or whether that can be covered by a special and separate levy, is the question before you. He was of the opinion, however, that the Board could not exceed thirteen mills.

The solicitor suggested that the matter be laid over until this evening, when he will submit a written opinion.
On motion of Dove the Board, after passing upon bills adjourned to meet this evening for consideration of the tax levy and general business.

SCORING NICARAGUA.

In the Report of the Senate Nicaragua Canal Committee.
GRAVEDANGER OF EMBROIDLMENT.
Our Government, Says the Committee, Should Assume a Determined Attitude to Prevent Consummation of the Republic's Latest Concession.

Washington, Dec. 5.—As a result of the meeting of the senate committee on the Nicaragua canal yesterday Senator Morgan gave notice of an amendment to the Nicaragua canal bill authorizing the immediate issuance, with a guarantee by this government, of \$5,000,000 worth of bonds for the redemption of all outstanding stock except that held by the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and the cancellation of all obligations. He submitted at the same time a report upon the situation with reference to the canal, dealing exclusively with the fact that the government of Nicaragua granted a concession to construct a canal to another company than the Maritime Canal Company in severe terms, upholding the rights of the Maritime company for the present and for an extension of its concession for ten years more. The report arraigns the conduct of the republic of Nicaragua, as well as that of the American citizens securing the new concession, in the most severe terms, attributing the course of Nicaragua to jealousy of Costa Rica, and that of the concessionaires to "obstruct a great national policy in selling out to a trans-continental railroad company for the defeat of a supposed competitor."

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All kinds of vegetables and flower seeds, and plants at Payne's nurseries, Girardville. Electric cars pass the door. 5-6-1t

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From Hazleton Kenton.
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Bicket's Cafe.
Fish cakes, free, to-night. Oyster soup to-morrow morning.
Reply to Our Competitor.
In reply to the article published by a "business competitor" last evening, we, the undersigned, wish to inform that "business competitor" and also the public who have been misled that the design of our wagon has not been taken from him. Moreover it is a suggestion of our own and can be verified at any time by the manufacturer. And furthermore this wagon has been paid for and rolls freely along our streets without having any right attached to it. Regarding our wagon we can state without hesitation that it is being conducted under the firm names of D. & J. Siegel and not under an assumed name. Our business career dates back nine years and the reputation we have sustained among the public guarantees us a steadily increasing trade each day. D. & J. SIEGEL.

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Large rocking horses, - - - 65c, worth 95c
Toy iron sled, fancy, - - - 45c, " 75c
Toy trucks, with lock, - - - 25c, " 50c
Toy drums, with whistle, - - - 20c, " 35c
Large blackboard, on stand, - - - 10c, " 20c
Fancy doll hammock, - - - 25c, " 50c
Frosty dressed doll, - - - 10c, " 20c
Fancy color medallion pictures, - - - 25c, " 50c
Large iron tank, - - - 10c, " 15c
Doll coach, with parson, - - - 45c, " 75c
Frosty pink cracker jar, - - - 45c, " 65c
Frosty decorated salad bowl, - - - 25c, " 35c
Frosty decorated comb, brush tray, 25c, " 35c
Frosty decorated vases, - - - 15c, " 25c

Our line of holiday goods cannot be beat, in price, quality and variety. Our doll department consists of a variety of over 100 dolls from 1 cent up to \$1.00.

GIRVIN'S,
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Absolutely Pure
Made from pure grape cream of tartar