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- Fancy California Lemon Cling and Crawford Peaches. Fancy Pears, Plums, Apricots and Cherries.
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- BEANS**—Fancy Sifted Early June, 2 for 25 cents. Sweet Wrinkled, 3 for 25 cents. Extra Early June, fine quality, 4 for 25 cents.
- OLIVES**—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.

SCHOOLS CLOSE.

Interesting Exercises Held in the High School To-day.

With the close of the morning session the public schools of town today practically closed their work until after the close of the Christmas holiday season. All the schools had a session this afternoon, but there was no study, or recitation of lessons, the closing hours being devoted to literary and music exercises. The schools will remain closed until January 3rd.

The exercises in the High school were of a particularly interesting character. All the classes of the school participated and the program was a lengthy one. The supervision of exercises was divided into three parts. Miss Clara E. Glene, the principal, directed the dialogues, Miss Anna M. Deugier has charge of the vocal and instrumental music, and Mr. James A. Lewis supervised the choruses, which were features of the program. They were taken from standard works of literature, including poetry, history and the drama, and each was attended with rich settings. The renditions were of a superior order. During one part of the program prizes were awarded for the correct guess as to the work each chorale was taken from. The program was as follows:

Address, Master Whitaker; chorale, "In Excelsis Gloria," school; declamation, "Dot's Christmas," Miss Newhouse; chorale, scene from "Miles Standish," reading, "A Christmas Parable," Miss Roche; vocal duet, "Where Warbling Waters," Misses Haughton and Bartsch; declamation, "Apples Finkley—the Water-Boy," Miss Schmidt; chorale, scene from the "Return of Columbus"; reading, "A Letter to Santa Claus," Miss O'Hara; instrumental duet, Master Bobbin and Miss Bobbin; declamation, "Miracle of Malate," Miss Kirk; essay, "Origin of Christmas," Miss Knapp; chorale, scene from "Merchant of Venice," chorale, "A Christmas Sleigh Ride," school; declamation, "Buy Your Cherries," Miss Devers; chorale, scene from "Maui Miller," essay, "December," Miss McGuire; chorale, scene from "Snow Bound," instrumental solo, Miss Neiswander; declamation, "A Christmas," Miss Keith; chorale, scene from "Enoch Arden," chorale, "Ring the Bells," school; declamation, "Christmas Eve," Miss Waaley; chorale, scene from "Bridal Feast," vocal solo, "Lullaby," Miss Gilpin; presentation of prizes, dialogue, "Mrs. Lester's Soiree," A class; chorale, "Wonderful Star," school.

Good underwear, low prices, MAX LEVIT.

Try Cream Silver Polish. Best on the market. At Brumm's.

Christmas Week Attraction.

To those who have seen little Irene Myers in her brilliantly costumed acts, her first appearance on Monday afternoon, at Ferguson's theatre as "Ned" in the "Black Flag," will be the occasion of no little surprise. The character of Ned is that of a man, who, being in the power of the captain of a pirate ship, is denied sufficient clothing to properly clad his person. The role is a difficult one, even in the hands of an actor of mature years, as besides being very emotional the plot of the entire play revolves upon it. The remainder of the cast is ably portrayed by capable artists, it being the purpose of the management to give this clever little star as strong support as it is possible to secure. The Meyers & Leysburge company will play a week's engagement at popular prices. The prices for the Christmas matinee will be 10 and 20 cents, while 10, 20 and 30 cents will prevail at the evening performances.

Wouldn't your distant friends be delighted to receive a Xmas gift made from Antkracht coal? See them at Brumm's. 12-14-14

There is nothing in the candy line that you can not get at Kemmerer's. 12-14-10

Electric Mayor.

A copy of The Guardian, a newspaper published at Crewe, England, has been received at the Herald office. It contains a lengthy article on the election of John Jones as Mayor of the town in which the paper received its publication. Mr. Jones was a resident of Shenandoah up to about fifteen years ago. He bought the Dean wheelwright business and conducted it for some time on Market street. After selling out the business he went to the town in England of which he is now the chief executive.

Roses, Violets and Carnations.

Leave your orders at the Shenandoah drug store. Telephone connections. 12-21-14

Fine dress kid gloves, MAX LEVIT'S. 5c

Child Operated Upon.

An operation was performed upon Samuel, a 24-year-old son of George Johnson, of North Pear Alley, by Dr. J. Pierce Roberts yesterday afternoon. The child is afflicted with an attack of purulent pleurisy. An opening was made in the left side of the chest, and considerable blood and pus was extracted. The condition of the child was much improved to-day, and its recovery is now a certainty.

Patterns were never so pretty, prices never so low, selections never equalled as our stock of jewelry and silver novelties is this year. E. B. Brumm. 12-14-14

For nobly hats go to MAX LEVIT'S. 5c

Spun Around in Machinery.

Mrs. John Craigie, wife of a Quakake farmer, while aiding her husband in a saw mill, was caught in a wheel of the circular saw and whirled with every revolution. Horror-stricken, the husband stopped the machinery, but not before nearly all her clothing was torn from her body, her right arm and leg broken, with probably fatal results.

Call at Holderman's Jewelry store and get prices on goods superior to any in town. 4c

The newest neckwear, MAX LEVIT'S. 5c

A Severe Squeeze.

James Flynn, a young man residing at 411 West Line street, was severely squeezed about the body this morning by being caught between a lever and a piece of timber at the Shenandoah City colliery. He was removed in an ambulance to his home, where Dr. Stein attended him.

A pretty selection of diamond rings suitable for Xmas gifts. Prices very low at Brumm's.

Fashionable stiff hat, \$1, MAX LEVIT'S.

Pensioners Granted.

Pensions have been granted as follows: George Cooper, of Pottsville, increase from \$8 to \$10; George Reese, St. Clair, from \$6 to \$8.

All kinds of mixtures from 5c to 75c. a pound at M. L. Kemmerer's, the leading confectioner. 12-14-10

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MINING LECTURE!

An Instructive Talk on Timbering and Explosions.

HIGHLY INSTRUCTIVE PAPER!

Prof. Hilseng Explains the Various Gases Manufactured and Their Properties, and Shows How to Detect Their Presence.

An interesting and instructive lecture was delivered at Hazleton on Tuesday evening, by Prof. M. C. Hilseng, Dean of the Pennsylvania State College, School of Mines. The subject selected was "Timbering and Causes of Mine Explosions" and it is one of such great importance to the men who earn their living by working underground and are exposed to dangers which a practical knowledge can avoid, we have desired to reproduce a short synopsis of the lecture.

The speaker said in referring to gases and the causes of explosions, is well to demonstrate by experiment the properties of the gases and their behavior when ignited, also the various forms of explosions and their causes. Among all the destructive agencies, said the Professor, less attention is paid to the presence of white damp than should be. This is the most violent poison known to the chemist and is always present in haulage ways and inlets immediately after an explosion. This gas causes the death of members of the rescue parties and should be carefully guarded against. After an explosion the men should remain in their room or make their escape by the return air. A blue cap to the light of the lamp indicates the gas, as well as the presence of fire damp and the equally dangerous stink damp.

Fire damp or ordinary mine gas is composed of carbon and hydrogen. It corresponds to the volatile constituents of bituminous coal and has been freed from the original soft coal by pressure and violent changes produced at the time that the rocks were bent and folded to give rise to the several coal basins of the anthracite district. No coal mine is free from this gas. Choke damp is composed of carbonic acid and I will show that it extinguishes flames and is heavier than air.

Stink damp is sulphureted hydrogen, produced by the decomposition of the sulphur balls in the gob. Wherever recognized it may be taken as a warning preceding spontaneous combustion and fire.

Black damp is mine gas having a deficiency in oxygen and will therefore neither support life nor feed a flame. The Professor gave a series of interesting experiments showing how eagerly oxygen will attack various substances. Watch springs were burned in the air and other forms of its destructive properties demonstrated. The various gases were also manufactured and analyzed. The speaker then resumed his discourse. "Mark Twain once said he was never afraid of the powder but of the match, so an explosion cannot ensue if the gas is not ignited by a naked flame, a blown out shot, or coal dust ignited by any of the various sources of flames.

"As a comparison regarding explosions and timbering I will say that out of ten thousand miners killed in the state since 1870, 900 only were killed by explosion and very nearly 4,000 by the fall of roof and coal. Care in timbering and a watchfulness of the condition of the roof can alone reduce the number of accidents from the latter cause.

"For this reason special attention must be given to the correct position of the timbers and the best methods of withdrawing them. Timber is placed not so much for the purpose of holding up the roof as for the purpose of showing by its bending, the danger which threatens. All blocks of roof and coal near slips and all scaly roofs should be closely timbered so that each loose fragment shall be held in place. It is also to be remembered that it is not poor roofs which are dangerous but it is the so-called good roof which does the damage. A poor roof is known as such and is carefully watched, but no precautions are taken when a roof is regarded as sound. There is, however, no known rock, particularly in this high altitude of the country, which can be regarded as secure and self-supporting. It is evident, therefore, how important it becomes to the miner to prop his roof."

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All kind of taffets at Kemmerer's. We also sell the nut maces. 12-14-10

The Coroner's Pay.

A contention has arisen between County Controller C. A. Snyder, Deputy Coroner B. C. Guldin, of Minesville, as to whether a deputy coroner is entitled to more than the salary fixed when his appointment is made, should he hold a post mortem examination. The Controller contends he is entitled to the salary only. Dr. Guldin contends otherwise, and it is looked for a case stated may be presented to court to have the question determined judicially.

We can furnish you with pains of any size or variety, at short notice, and our prices are reasonable. Electric cars pass our door. Payne's Nursery, Girardville. 12-16-14-00

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THE LAST CALL.

Christmas Shoppers Will Save Both Time and Money at Strouse's.

Christmas is almost here. Are you ready? Many people still have shopping to do, and as there is no further time to be lost, Strouse, the jeweler, with his extensive and exquisite line of jewelry, silverware, bric-a-brac, chinaware, etc., offers you everything the heart could desire. The stock we carry this year is much larger than that of any former season. The Christmas trade we are enjoying is far in advance of the past seasons. It is the outcome of those popular prices that are always in vogue at our store. It is an accepted fact that the people can get what they want here—right goods, large assortment to choose from, and less money to pay. We don't say that you can't get jewelry elsewhere, but we do say, and mean it, and will prove it when you come to our store, that what we carry in stock is the very best produced, and fashioned by people who know how to put the touch of style on them. And we say farther, that not only are the goods right, but the prices also, because they are based on the cost of production and sold for a small profit, without any fancy features in price, as is customary at this season of the year.

We have offered during this season many inducements to the ladies, and think we ought not to forget the gentlemen in return. To-day and to-morrow we have put on special sale a beautiful assortment of lockets, especially those studded with diamonds. Our jewelry and silverware cases have been reserved their best offerings for the last few days. Our recent advance sales were not skilful lines before the greater holiday buying onslaught. Therefore, as a last reminder to fill your list of Christmas gifts, do not forget Strouse's jewelry store, 11 North Main street. Seeing is believing. Call on us. Your visits are always welcome.

No matter how much better you think you are going to do by buying your Christmas presents somewhere else, don't let go of your money until you have seen our goods and learned our prices. You may think this little speech is made wholly in our own interest, but if you take our advice you will find there is money in it for you. E. B. Brumm. 12-14-14

Burglars at Ashland.

Quite a number of burglaries have occurred at Ashland within the past few weeks. Early yesterday morning two places were entered. Mrs. P. K. Horning was surprised by awakening and finding a masked man with a revolver standing over her. Two of them entered the house but got away with only a few pennies from the lady's pocket book. Thieves also broke into the cellar of the M. E. church parsonage, but were scared away before they finished their work.

Engraving Done Free.

When you buy your holiday gifts from Buchanan, Jeweler, 118 S. Main St. 1f

Outer Proceedings.

From Pottsville Chronicle.

Charles A. Snyder, Esq., County Controller, has been retained to investigate outer proceedings against Coroner-elect Dr. C. A. Bleiler and Poor Director-elect John F. Horgan, as soon as they take the oath of office the first Monday in January. By whom Mr. Snyder is retained he declined to-day to divulge to a Chronicle reporter, but stated he had been paid a retainer fee and as soon as the two officials named were sworn in he would apply for writs of quo warranto to oust them, upon the ground of having made ante-election promises. He has not yet prepared the papers in the case, but will do so by the first of January.

SILK MUFFLETS.

Our entire line of fashionable patterns at our prices. Seasonable holiday gifts. MAX LEVIT'S. 12-20-5c

Got Here at Last.

A letter mailed at Greenfield, Ind., in February, 1888, to friends of Mrs. Mary A. Timman, deceased, in town, was delivered to them through the local post-office yesterday, lacking about two months to complete a three-year journey. Postmarks showed that the letter had traveled many parts of the country, the most prominent reading, "Try Shenandoah, Pa." The party who addressed the letter omitted the "Pa."

If you want good and fresh candy for your Sunday School, go to M. L. Kemmerer, 35 N. Main street. 12-14-10

Deaths and Funerals.

Louis Lechleiner, aged 23 years, died this morning at his home on West Centre street. He had been an invalid for several years.

Joseph DeFreh, one of the oldest residents of Zion's Grove, and well known in this town, died on Tuesday night from pneumonia. He was 70 years old.

Dr. Theodore Augustus, after an illness of several weeks, died yesterday at his home in Minesville. He served as surgeon in the civil war. A widow and one daughter survive.

Shooting Pains in the Temples.

Dull aches across the forehead—these troubles are from the eyes. Examination free. Buchanan, optician, 118 S. Main street. 1f

Fell From a Ladder.

While dressing a Christmas tree at her home in Mahanoy City this morning Mrs. William Jones fell from a step-ladder and sustained a dislocation of the right hip.

Served an Artery.

Mrs. John Kendrick, of Mahanoy City, almost bled to death by severing an artery of her right hand this morning. A knife with which she was cutting bread slipped.

The Columbia Fair.

The fair of the Columbia Hose Company is attracting a great throng of people nightly to Robbin's open house and the patrons find many attractions to please and interest them. Peter Murphy won the door prize last night, a ton of coal. To-night's prize will be two cans of lard.

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Gift of Citizens of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

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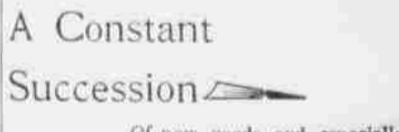
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