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Feather Boas, 25c. 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. Collarettes from \$1.65 up. Heavy Skirts from 99c. up to \$10.00. Silks, Satins 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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FULL STOCK--ALL NEW GOODS, NEW CROP and NEW PACKING.

RAISINS---New blue muscatels, 2, 3 and 4 lbs for 25 cents. New Seedless. New Seedless. New Sultana. New Valencia. New Layer Raisins. PRUNES---2, 3, 4 and 5 pounds for 25 cents. EVAPORATED FRUITS---New Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Apples and Plums.

New Figs and Dates. New Citron, Lemon and Orange. New Florida and Jamaica Oranges. NUTS---Almonds, Cream, Filberts, Pecans and Walnuts.

CANNED GOODS---1898 PACKING.

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.

DEED GRANTED. Girard Estate Sells a Plot For the Soldiers' Monument. Hon. M. C. Watson, treasurer of the Shenandoah Soldiers' Monument Association, was yesterday officially notified that the Girard Estate had concluded to sell the Association the plot of ground between the I. O. O. F. and Annunciation cemeteries as a site for a monument. William Thickens, supervisor for the Estate, showed Mr. Watson the deed which has been prepared and the conditions are evidently satisfactory, but official action will not be taken by the Association until it holds its meeting on the 15th inst., when the Girard Estate will have an official in attendance to make a formal offer of the deed. It is very gratifying to the Association that the Girard Estate has finally brought the matter to a focus. It was the delay in that respect that led to a suspension of active work on the part of the Association since last summer, as the members were not disposed to urge the project until the question of a site was definitely settled. Now that this point has been gained the Association will once more direct its efforts to have the monument erected.

SENATOR HIGGINS ILL. A Sufferer From Pneumonia in a Harrisburg Hospital. State Senator-elect John F. Higgins, of this town, was taken suddenly ill at Harrisburg, and is now a inmate of a hospital in that city. He suffers from pneumonia. His cousin, Dr. O'Hara, of Pottsville, is in attendance at his bedside. A telegram from Harrisburg to-day stated that the patient was doing as well as could be expected and there was no occasion for alarm over his condition. Owing to the illness, Mr. Higgins was unable to qualify as Senator yesterday.

KILLED BY TIMBER. A Piece the Victim was Carrying Broke His Neck. Michael Brumba, a Polish resident of West Coal street, met with instant death at Packer colliery No. 3 yesterday afternoon under singular circumstances. The man was carrying a heavy piece of timber on his shoulder when he slipped and fell. The timber rolled upon his neck and broke it. The victim was 28 years old and had been married but six months.

Injured by a Fall. Enoch H. Bacon, a representative of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, was engaged here from Philadelphia to superintend the construction of the slides at the ice houses of the Kestey Ice Company, met with a serious accident yesterday. While he was engaged in making measurements he missed his footing and fell a distance of twelve feet to the ground. He was badly bruised on the left side of his body and face. The victim is about 60 years of age. He is at his home in the Ferguson House, Dr. J. S. Kistler is attending him and says he believes the victim received a sprain in the region of the kidneys.

Wargraph Exhibition. Animated scenes that battle description will be presented at the Wargraph exhibition at Ferguson's theatre next Monday evening, under the auspices of Imp. O. R. M. and Deane of Pottsville. This reserved seat chart will be opened at Kirkin's drug store four days in advance. The 25 and 35 cent tickets may be procured in advance from Marshall Myers, North Main street; William T. Evans, East Coal street; Thomas Bellis, 27 North Market street, and D. S. Owens, South Jarrin street.

Two Fair Girls. By permission of Mr. John Pooler, the Colman Hardware Company has engaged for tonight Mr. Al. Henz, late of Walsh Bros. show, slackwire walker and juggler; Mr. Prof. Basely, songs and funny sayings, and Prof. John Hoyt, pianist. Mr. John Pooler will also give English character songs. Tobin and party will also appear. The door gift will be a large ham and there will be a main gift of a large parlor lamp.

Health Reports. The new year record of the Board of Health is a clear one thus far. No deaths of communicable diseases have been reported thus far. Secretary Curtis says that a comparison of figures shows that the local death rate was between 60 and 70 less in 1898 and in 1897. There was a notable decrease in deaths of children under five years of age.

Deleasant Entertainment. Miss Dunkel and Miss Ross will resume work with their classes physical culture on Thursday at the usual time. The classes will be concluded with a dramatic and deleasant entertainment about the middle of February in Ferguson's opera house.

Dividend Notice. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Shenandoah, Pa., held Jan. 3, 1899, a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. was declared, payable on demand. S. W. Yost, Cashier.

Grasp Your Opportunities. As they fly past. Don't let this chance to buy winter garments slip by you. All that is new in ladies' and children's coats are going at greatly reduced prices at R. F. Gill's. It is never too late for bargains. If

Slighting Parties. Enjoy your sleigh rides while the snow lasts. If you want a nice single or double team, O'Hara Bros. have lots of them. Sleighing parties, regardless of the number of persons, can be accommodated at short notice. Our stables are open day and night.

Officers Installed. District President Brown of Girardville last night installed the officers of Washington Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., in town. Tonight he will install the officers of Camp 183 and of Camp 206 on Thursday night.

Held for Seduction. Anthony List was taken to the Pottsville jail this morning by Constable Matt. Gibbon on complaint by Justice Tuomey in default of bail on a charge of seduction made by Josephine Pompkova.

The School Board. A regular meeting of the School Board, the first of the new year, will be held this evening, at seven o'clock.

BOND CASE DECISION.

Conclusions of Judge Bechtel on Mrs. Mellet's Claim. EVIDENCE CAREFULLY SIFTED! The Testimony of All Witnesses Reviewed and the Contradictory Points Discussed at Length--Court Held Mrs. Mellet's Evidence Was Not Corroborated.

So much interest hinged upon the case of Mrs. Mary Mellet, who sought to be relieved from Tax Collector Scanlan's bonds on the ground that the signing of her name thereto were forgeries, that it has been deemed advisable to publish the opinion of Judge Bechtel, in dismissing the rules, in full, in this issue, in order to afford an opportunity of learning the manner in which the court proceeded in its decision upon the contradictory evidence in the matter. The opinion is as follows: M. J. Scanlan was the tax collector for the years 1893-4-5 and 6, and for the years 1895 and 6 he has failed to comply with the requirements of the act of 1893, and judgment bonds are required of tax collectors in this county. The above judgments were entered upon the bonds of 1893 and they have been certified into the Common Pleas in the usual way. Each of said bonds is for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Mrs. Mellet, one of the sureties appearing upon said bonds, made application to court and obtained the above rules, and now seeks to be relieved from liability, upon the ground, as she alleges, that she neither signed nor authorized any one to sign, either of said bonds. Testimony has been taken upon both sides, and this is now before us for consideration. The cases are important to all parties concerned, and especially to the municipalities whose funds, to the extent of many thousands of dollars, are involved. We have, therefore, given to these cases a most careful examination--having carefully considered every word of testimony, as well as all papers connected with the records. Mrs. Mellet states in her testimony that she did not sign either the bond of '93 or '96 and did not authorize anyone to do so for her, and as to these matters she speaks positively. In her cross-examination she admits she knew Scanlan was collector for 1893-4-5 and 6, and that she did sign one bond for him in 1893. When her attention was drawn to the fact that Scanlan's bond for that year was given by a Trust Company, she seemed uncertain, but finally concluded she signed an indemnity bond to the Trust Company without acknowledging the same. She positively testifies she did not sign Scanlan's bond of '96 or '93 and did not authorize anyone to do so for her, and as to these matters she speaks positively. In her cross-examination she admits she knew Scanlan was collector for 1893-4-5 and 6, and that she did sign one bond for him in 1893. When her attention was drawn to the fact that Scanlan's bond for that year was given by a Trust Company, she seemed uncertain, but finally concluded she signed an indemnity bond to the Trust Company without acknowledging the same. 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