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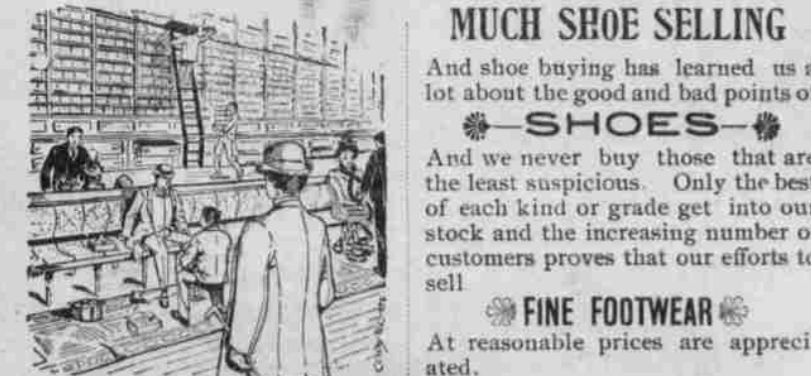
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Fancy No. 1 Norway Mackerel—Large, White and Fat. Extra Shore No. 1 Mackerel. Medium No. 1 Mackerel. Large No. 2 Mackerel—all White, Fat, New Fish. CODFISH—Whole and Strips. Codfish Bricks and Shredded. Corned Codfish in Cans. SALMON—All kinds and prices, from 10 cents up. Smoked Yarmouth Bloaters. Saused Mackerel and Sardines.

At KEITER'S.

### WORK OF DEGENERATES.

A School House Turned Into a Residence by Burns.

A case of a most unusual character was heard before Justice Shoemaker last night and the accused parties will no doubt be the object of the court's severest censure when the case comes up for trial. The School Board is the prosecutor and the case will be pressed to the full extent of the law, in order that an unmistakable example of the offenders may be made to deter others from violating the sanctity of buildings devoted to public educational purposes. The affair has aroused much indignation.

The accused parties are Patrick Egan, who was locked up Sunday night after a scuffle with Policeman Hand for disorderly conduct on North Main street; George Gudaliewicz, a youthful Lithuanian with a criminal record; Terrence McLane and a fourth party known as Peter Smith.

The charge, as shown by the information sworn to by Truant Officer Michael Connors, is that the accused "burglariously entered the Coal street public school house in the borough of Shenandoah, despoiling the same by having a keg of beer therein, drinking the same and, further, did feloniously take everything in value out of the desks and drawers after breaking the locks thereof. That they also maliciously defaced and injured the charts and other property belonging to the school building and held occupation thereof until early Monday morning."

Egan was held in the lockup of the Sunday night charge until Gudaliewicz was arrested last night by Policemen Hand and Foyle. Both were then taken before Justice Shoemaker and given a hearing. When called upon to plead the accused said they heard there was beer in the school house and they went there. They found only a keg of beer and a bottle of beer. They were then taken to a drink apiece. Then they left.

Mrs. Mary Waters swore she saw Gudaliewicz pry open a window of the school building at about two o'clock Sunday afternoon and he climbed into the building with Egan. They remained in the building about five minutes, and then came out. Mrs. Mary Slack gave similar testimony.

Truant Officer Connors testified that a panel and lock of the school building were found broken, charts hanging on the walls were destroyed by having beer thrown upon them, single evidences of beer being shown about the room were found, the teacher's desk was found broken open and pencils had been stolen.

Policeman Patrick Hand testified that when Gudaliewicz was arrested he found two lead pencils with the Shenandoah School District stamps upon them and a revolver upon his person.

Upon the close of the hearing Justice Shoemaker fixed-bail in the sum of \$500, each, in default of which the accused were taken to the Pottsville jail this morning.

M. M. Burke, Esq., counsel for the School Board, was in attendance at the hearing, as prosecuting officer. Several of the School Directors and Superintendent J. W. Cooper were also present.

Last night Peter Smith was taken into custody by Policemen Hand and Foyle. Terrence McLane was arrested by the same officers at his home early this morning, as he was preparing to go to his work in the mines. Both of these young men were locked up.

After a hearing before Justice Shoemaker this afternoon McLane was put under \$500 bail for trial at court and Smith was put under bail for a further hearing to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, there not being sufficient evidence upon which to hold him for trial at court.

### ON TRIAL AT SCRANTON.

Three Shenandoah Men Facing Charges of Burglary.

C. & I. Policemen James Daniel, Policeman Martin Mullaney and Thomas Bellin, Constable Talento Shenandoah, Dan E. Brennan are at Scranton to attend as witnesses on the trial of four men accused of burglarizing the Carbondale Traction Company's offices several months ago. It will be remembered that the fifth man implicated in the case was shot dead during his flight of escape.

The accused are William Zollner, alias William Zerby; James Gaughan, alias James Kelly; Patrick Dalton, alias Joseph Leonard; John Cummings, alias "Western Red." The latter was shot in the arm during the attempt to get away and the arm was amputated at a Scranton hospital. Zollner, Gaughan and Dalton are residents of Shenandoah. Zollner served a long term for the robbing of Daniel E. Brennan's house in town several years ago, when about eighteen hundred dollars were stolen.

Isn't that a pretty display of hand decorated and gold plated goods shown in Brum's show window? 11-28-11

Mine Workers Meeting.

A meeting of the United Mine Workers of America, for the purpose of organizing a local branch, will be held in Rykswick's hall, corner of Main and Oak streets, to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. It will be addressed by President John Fahey, who will speak in English, and District President Paul P. Palanski, of Mt. Carmel, who will make an address in the Polish language. Mr. Fahey will also address the City to-day, to make arrangements for establishing a branch there and will also visit Girardville and Mahanoy Place this week, to make similar arrangements.

"The Star of Bethlehem." The above cantata will be presented to the people of Shenandoah on the 18th inst. in the Primitive Methodist church. It will be an elaborate affair, and the leading musical talent of the town will participate in its production, on a most elaborate scale. Those who fail to secure tickets, and witness the cantata will miss a treat. 12-5-99

BRECHAM'S PILLS for distress after eating.

Officers Installed.

District Deputy Mrs. Emily T. Williams, of town, and Past Noble Grand Mrs. Meta L. of Lost Creek, last night installed the officers of Annie Harrison Lodge No. 83, Daughters of Rebekah, at Mahanoy City. The lodge will hold an anniversary turkey supper next Wednesday evening and plates will be prepared for 125 people.

Try our Hoke-Pokey Taffy, at 30c per pound. At M. L. Kemmerer & Co.'s. 4-18-11

Dropped Their Plunder and Ran.

Burglars gained entrance into the residence of Thomas Scott, at Mt. Carmel, at an early hour yesterday morning. They collected a quantity of silverware in the dining room and one was about to enter George Scott's bedroom when Mr. Scott was awakened and shouted for help. The robbers became frightened and fled, leaving most of the plunder behind. Mr. Scott shot at the burglars, but missed.

Women love a clear, healthy complexion. Pure blood makes it. B. Rock Blood Bitters make pure blood.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READ IN CONGRESS!

The Chief Executive Outlines Our Philippine Mission, and Says the United States Has Observed Neutrality in the Transvaal—Must Keep Faith With Cuba.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: The Fifty-sixth Congress convenes in its first regular session with the country in a condition of unusual prosperity, of universal good will among the people at home, and in relations of peace and friendship with every government of the world. Our foreign commerce has shown great increase in volume and value. The combined imports and exports for the year are the largest ever shown by a single year in our history. Our exports for 1899 alone exceeded by more than a billion dollars our imports and exports combined in 1870. The imports per capita are 20 per cent less than in 1870, while the exports per capita are 58 per cent more than in 1870, showing the enlarged capacity of the United States to satisfy the wants of its own increasing population, as well as to contribute to those of the peoples of other nations.

Exports of agricultural products were \$784,776,142. Of manufactured products we exported in value \$339,529,148, being larger than any previous year. It is a noteworthy fact that the only years in all our history when the products of our manufacturing sold abroad exceeded those brought abroad were 1898 and 1899.

Government receipts from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, including \$1,708,314,14, part payment of the Central Pacific railroad indebtedness, aggregated \$610,983,004.35. Customs receipts were \$206,128,481.75, and those from internal revenue \$273,437,161.51.

For the fiscal year the expenditures were \$700,093,564.02, leaving a deficit of \$89,111,559.67.

The secretary of the treasury estimates that the receipts for the current fiscal year will aggregate \$640,958,112, and upon the basis of present appropriations the expenditures will aggregate \$700,093,564.02, leaving a surplus of \$40,864,547.90.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, the internal revenue receipts were increased about \$100,000,000.

The present gratifying strength of the treasury is shown by the fact that the entire surplus, including cash balance, was \$378,904,837.72, of which \$229,744,905.36 was in gold coin and bullion. The conditions of confidence which prevail throughout the country have brought gold into more general use and customs receipts are now entirely paid in that coin.

The strong position of the treasury with respect to cash on hand and the favorable showing made by the revenues have made it possible for the secretary of the treasury to take action under the provisions of Section 2534, Relating to the sinking fund. Receipts exceeded expenditures for the first five months of the current fiscal year by \$13,413,389.91, and, as mentioned above, the secretary of the treasury estimates that there will be a surplus of approximately \$40,864,547.90 at the end of the year. Under such conditions it was deemed advisable and proper to resume compliance with the provisions of the sinking fund law, which for eight years has not been done, because of deficiencies in the revenues. The treasury department, therefore, offered to purchase during November \$25,000,000 of the 5 per cent loan of 1904, or the 4 per cent funded loan of 1907 at the current market price. The amount offered and purchased during November was \$18,408,606. The premium paid by the government on such purchases was \$2,293,521 and the net saving in interest was about \$2,885,000. The success of this operation was sufficient to induce the government to continue the offer to purchase bonds to and including the 28th day of December instant, unless the remainder of the \$25,000,000 called for should be presented in the meantime for redemption.

In its earlier history the national banking act seemed to prove a reasonable avenue through which useful additions to the circulation could from time to time be made. Changing conditions have apparently rendered it now inoperative to that end. The high margin in bond securities required, resulting from large premiums which government bonds command in the market, or the tax on note issues, or both operating together, appear to be the influences which impair its public utility.

The attention of congress is respectfully invited to this important matter, with the view of ascertaining whether or not such reasonable modification can be made in the national banking act as will render its service in the particular here referred to more responsive to the people's needs. I again urge that the national banks be authorized to organize with a capital of \$25,000. I urgently recommend that to support the existing gold standard and to maintain "the parity in value of the coins of the two metals (gold and silver) and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the market and in the payment of debts," the secretary of the treasury be given additional power and charged with the duty to sell United States bonds and to employ such other effective means as may be necessary to these ends. The authority should include the power to sell bonds on long and short time, as

conditions may require, and should provide for a rate of interest lower than that fixed by the act of Jan. 14, 1875. While there is now no country in the world which withdraws gold from the government, but, on the contrary, such widespread confidence that gold seeks the treasury demanding paper money in exchange, yet the very situation points to the present as the most fitting time to make adequate provision to insure the continuance of the gold standard and the public confidence in the ability and purpose of the government to meet all its obligations in the money which the civilized world recognizes as the best.

The financial transactions of the government are conducted upon a gold basis. We receive gold when we sell United States bonds and use gold for their payment. We are maintaining the parity of all the money issued or coined by authority of the government. We are doing these things with the means at hand. Happily at the present time we are not compelled to resort to loans to supply gold. It has been done in the past, however, and may have to be done in the future. It behooves us, therefore, to provide at once the best means to meet the emergency when it arises, and the best means are those which are the most certain and economical. Those now authorized have the virtue neither of directness nor economy. We have already eliminated one of the causes of our financial plight and embarrassment during the years 1895, 1894, 1895 and 1896. Our receipts now equal our expenditures, and our revenues no longer create alarm. Let us remove the only remaining causes by conferring the full and necessary power on the secretary of the treasury and impose upon him the duty to uphold the present gold standard, and preserve the coins of the two metals on a parity with each other, which is the repeatedly declared policy of the United States.

In this connection I repeat my former recommendations that a portion of the gold holdings shall be placed in a trust fund from which greenbacks shall be redeemed upon presentation, but when once redeemed shall not thereafter be paid out except for gold.

Value of a Merchant Marine. The value of an American merchant marine to the extension of our commercial trade and the strengthening of our power upon the sea invites the immediate action of the congress. Our national development will be one-sided and unsatisfactory so long as the remarkable growth of our inland industries remains unaccompanied by progress on the seas. There is no lack of constitutional authority for legislation which shall give to the country maritime strength commensurate with its industrial achievements and with its rank among the nations of the earth. The past year has recorded exceptional activity in our shipyards, and the promises of continual prosperity in shipbuilding are abundant. Adequate legislation for the protection of our seamen has been enacted. Our coast trade, under regulations wisely framed at the beginning of the government and since, shows results for the past fiscal year unequalled in our records of those of any other power. We shall fail to realize our opportunities, however, if we conspicuously regard only matters at home and blind ourselves to the necessity of securing our share in the valuable carrying trade of the world.

A Chapter on Trusts. Combinations of capital organized into trusts to control the conditions of trade among our citizens, to stifle competition, limit production and determine the prices of products used and consumed by the people are justly provoking public discussion, and should early claim the attention of the congress.

The industrial commission, created by the act of the congress of June 18, 1898, has been engaged in extended hearings upon the disputed questions involved in the subject of combinations in restraint of trade and competition. They have not yet completed their investigation of this subject, and the conclusions and recommendations at which they may arrive are undetermined.

It is universally conceded that combinations which engross or control the market of any particular kind of merchandise or commodity necessary to the general convenience and comfort whereby prices are unduly enhanced to the general consumer are obnoxious, not only to the common law, but also to the public welfare. There must be a remedy for the evils evolved in such organizations. If the present law can be extended more certainly to control or check these monopolies or trusts it should be done without delay. Whatever power the congress possesses over this most important subject should be promptly ascertained and asserted.

President Harrison's message of Dec. 3, 1899, is then quoted, and President McKinley proceeds:

An act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and

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### LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS.

The Ministerial Association Has Organized to Punish Evil Doers.

The Shenandoah County Ministerial Association met at the Second Presbyterian church, at Pottsville, yesterday. Steps were taken toward the organization of a Law and Order Society for the maintenance of the county's laws and the suppression of evil. The committee having this matter in charge is composed of Rev. George Elliott, D. D., chairman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church; Rev. W. F. Renta, English Lutheran; Rev. J. H. Eastman, D. D., First Presbyterian; Rev. James B. May, Trinity Episcopal, and Rev. A. J. Brunner, United Evangelical church.

Rev. I. F. Hessler, of Zion's Evangelical church, read a very able paper on "The Relation of Secret Organizations to the Church." His paper and the establishment of the Law and Order Society were much discussed. The latter organization will have for its chief object the punishment of all violators of the Brooks' license laws in this county. Large numbers of saloon keepers, it is alleged, have been for some time past breaking the liquor laws with impunity.

All kinds of nut meats at M. L. Kemmerer & Co.'s. Walnuts, 20c; shellfish, 35c. 12-4-1811

Tommy Waters Writes. The following letter from one of our townsmen who is making his mark in the theatrical world will be read with interest: EDWARDS HERALD—Kindly tell all my friends through the columns of your valuable paper that I am still at Dumont's Minstrels, 11th street opera house, Philadelphia, being in my fourteenth week, and doing well. I have seen many faces in the audience from Shenandoah since I have been here. Frank W. Nason, manager of the Pat Maloney troupe, who appeared at Shenandoah on December 7th, is a partner of mine in several theatrical ventures, which have proved very successful, our latest addition being the purchase of the old John Howorth Hibernian Comedey Company and panoramas of Ireland, which we will put on the road next season with a brass band and orchestra. Wishing you and your paper and all Shenandoah a Merry Christmas, I remain, Yours truly,

TOM WATERS. Manager Ferguson says Mr. Waters will make a special trip to Shenandoah and appear with the company here Thursday evening. Buy your clothing at Harry Levitt's. Petty Cases. Justice Shoemaker disposed of the following cases last night: Charles Zetars and Matt Sawick, larceny on oath of Klennens Karbicz. Each gave \$300 bail. The prosecutor says he entered a saloon and met the accused. He asked him to change a \$5 bill for them. They kept both the change and the bill. Anna Hudak was prosecuted for assault and battery and surety by Mary Mroch and gave \$300 bail. Mary Mackiewicz gave \$300 bail on a charge of carrying and nuisance made by Anna Krakowska. 12-4-11

STRAWBERRY AND VANILLA ICE CREAM, ORANGE WATER ICE. Made daily at Scheider's bakery, 27 East Centre street. Pure and delicious. 12-4-11

New Trolley Line. It is reported that several influential Shenandoah citizens are interested in a new trolley line, which will connect Pottsville and Tamaqua, a distance of 74 miles. It is said rights of way have already been granted by all the towns with the exception of Port Carbon and Pottsville. This line will also connect Tamaqua with Mahanoy City, passing Lakeside, thus making a continuous line from Pottsville to Shamokin. The rights of way through the various towns have been worked very quietly. Some of the Shenandoah parties were in Pottsville on Sunday interviewing the Councilmen of that town and Port Carbon.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. Necessity for a Change Evident. From Philadelphia Press.

The suggestion is made that a combination consisting of Senator Sam. Losh, Daniel Duffy, Charles A. Snyder and William Wilkins will likely be controlling influence in the Republican politics of Schuylkill county in the immediate future. The necessity for some change there has become evident to everybody. Methods of corruption and dishonesty have cost the organization the confidence of the people.

If You Want Bargains. In Overcoats and Suits, go to Harry Levitt's.

Mine Inspector's Report. Mine Inspector Edward Brennan, of the Seventh anthracite district, reports three fatal and five non-fatal accidents in that district for the month of November. Last year, for the same month, the casualty list was very large in Mr. Brennan's territory.

Special For This Week Only. Our 40-cent chocolates for 30 cents per pound. They are delicious. At M. L. Kemmerer & Co.'s. 12-4-11

Mine Accidents. Peter Frank, of town, employed at the Wigan's colliery, had his right thumb mangled in a tan yesterday afternoon. Dr. Stein found it necessary to amputate the top part of the thumb.

Dr. Stein yesterday dressed the injuries of George Burbanek, who had the ring and middle finger of his left hand mashed while at work at West Shenandoah colliery.

Closing Out Millinery Sale. All kinds of trimmings, trimmed hats for ladies and children at cost price. Also, a new well case and twenty-four fancy hat stands will go at a bargain. An excellent opportunity and a good bargain. Hoffman's Millinery, 110 North Main street, Shenandoah, Pa. 11-20-21

A Promotion. John J. Ryan, son of Patrick Ryan, of Mahanoy City, has been promoted First Lieutenant of the U. S. A. signal corps at Porto Rico.

CHRISTMAS REMINDER.—See Orkin's stock of jewelry first. Next door to Mammoth Clothing House. if

FREE LUNCHEONS TO-NIGHT. BICKERT'S. Special lunch to-night. Sour kroust, pork and washed potatoes to-morrow morning. HENTZ'S. Extra fine lunch to-night. Vegetable soup to-morrow morning. CHAR. MADEWICZ'S. Pen soup will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

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## THE HUB

New Ones —AT— Low Prices.

Children's Coats, latest Gretchen double box plete in back, slashed revers, trimmed with four rows, pearl buttons, and white Hercules braid, corded collar, \$2.98.

ANOTHER—Fancy mixed goods, full size collar, trimmed with two rows silk soutache anone fancy braid, two rows on cuffs and collar, \$1.99 only.

White Cashmere Coat embroidered puffed sleeves, circular collar, at \$1.49.

Fine Cashmere extra long puffed sleeves, full size cape, trimmed with fancy ribbon and braid, three pearl buttons, four tucks and fancy braid around skirt and lined, \$2.37.

Long Bedford cord cloak trimmed with silk braid on yoke and satin ribbon on collar, \$2.37.

Child's Reefers in fancy boucle, all colors, inlaid cloth, cream and black soutache to match, bound seams.

In ladies' and misses' we have a good line of Golfs, Plush Capes, \$4.98, and better.

## "The Hub."

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