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Offered to our patrons. The assortment of Holiday Shoes and Slippers is new, fresh and stylish and the quality is all that could be desired. Our line of Men's, Women's and Children's Fancy Slippers. For presentation purposes should receive your attention. You cannot find more elegant goods nor lower prices.

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- TOMATOES.**—Choice cold packed, 3 cans for 25 cents. Extra quality and extra size can, 10 cts. Fancy quality, the largest cans and finest goods packed, 2 cans for 25 cents. Good tomatoes, medium size, 5 cans, 25c.
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- STRING BEANS.**—Good quality, 4 cans for 25 cents. Choice white wax, 3 for 25 cents. Fancy stringless, 2 cans for 25 cts.
- PLUM PUDDING.**—Two cans for 25 cents.
- SOUPS.**—Concentrated—six kinds—good, cheap—convenient—10 cents a can.
- FLOOR OIL CLOTH.**

The largest stock and best assortment of Floor Oil Cloth we have ever offered.

At KEITER'S.

BEWARE OF THIEVES.

A Gang of Notorious Crooks is Infesting the Town. Yesterday afternoon a gang of eight men, spotted by men who acquainted with them as notorious crooks, hovered about a questionable resort in town and remained in town last night. The police spent some time in shadowing them, but this was not a full performance of their duty. Under the resolution adopted by the Borough Council a few weeks ago every one of the gang should have been placed under arrest as suspicious characters. Some time ago the police complained that they had no backing. The Council's resolution gives it to them, why don't they act? At the fire at Wilkinson's store yesterday morning a notorious crook from Ansville, Lebanon county, a member of the Welsh-Buzzard gang, was among the spectators. Why was this man allowed to roam at will about the fire?

RECORDER'S DEPUTIES.

Recorder-Elect Nibler Makes His Appointments—Many Were Called, But Few Chosen. From Mahanoy City American.

Notwithstanding the multitude of rumors which have been rife concerning the coming deputies and clerks of the Recorder's office, the Daily American is in a position this morning to give the names of the men who will occupy desks in that office on and after January 1st, next.

Frank Bronnan, late Democratic candidate for Commissioner, will be Mr. Nibler's first deputy, at a salary of \$125 per month. Charles C. Palmer, of Owingsburg, shall be second on Mr. Nibler's staff, with a salary of \$75 per month. Mr. Joseph Smith, a prominent Lithuanian of Minersville, will be No. 3 in Mr. Nibler's official family, at \$75 per month. Mr. Thomas Larkin, inside foreman at Eagle Hill, will complete the list, also at \$75 per month.

We're told we have the finest selection of Xmas presents in the county. Wonder if it's true? Like to have your opinion. E. B. Brumm. 12-12-99

THE IDEALS

A week's engagement was opened at Ferguson's theatre last night before an audience that filled the theatre. The company which so frequently appeared here, received a cordial welcome. The play was "The Irish Hero," in which an interesting story is told. The scenic arrangements were elaborate and the effects were magnificently light. The company carries a large amount of scenery and gives every attention to details. The overtures and other selections by the orchestra were excellent. This part of the entertainment is alone worth double the price of admission asked. To-night "In the Heart of the Storm," an elaborate scenic play, abounding in thrilling situations will be produced. A matinee will be given Saturday afternoon.

Palms, ferns, primulas and carnations in pots. Small ferns. Payne's greenhouse, Girardville. 12-9-99

WINTER SHANTY CASES.

In pursuance of proceedings lodged before Justice Schoenaker yesterday G. & I. Policemen Kiehn and Kiehn arrested seven young men for malicious trespass in maintaining and frequenting winter shanties in and about breaches above the workings of the Thomas Coal Company. Other parties are to be arrested. Those given a hearing were George Miller, Edward Brobst, Clayton Powell, John Cale, John Shoener, William Meyers and John Lape. Each furnished \$30 bail for appearance at court. The prosecutions are being made because, it is contended, the maintenance of winter shanties threaten colliers with fire.

Umbrellas suitable for Xmas gifts from \$1.50 to \$8.00. New patterns in handies just received at Brumm's. 12-12-99

AT KAISER'S OPERA HOUSE.

The attraction at Kaiser's Opera House, Mahanoy City, this and to-morrow evening is "My Friend From India," which made such a hit at Pottsville recently. Indications already point to a large audience, and Shenandoah will be well represented. The Miners' Journal says: "The play is simply immense—ludicrously funny without being vulgar or common—the very acme of high comedy."

Hop at Robbins' hall, Tuesday evening, December 12. Music by the popular Riley orchestra, accompanied with piano. Our guarantee—"A good time for everybody, and music that does not jar your nerves." 12-12-99

TO-NIGHT'S SERVICES.

The services in the Trinity Reformed church, on West Lloyd street, this evening, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization, will be of special interest. The program will be a service in christian fellowship with the pastors and congregations of the town, and to these a special invitation is extended.

No finer holiday stock than at Davison's.

The Mock Trial. The members of Washington Camp No. 119, P. O. S. of A., will continue their mock trial at their regular meeting to-night. The trial has excited so much interest that a large number of extra seats have been provided for the attendance expected to-night.

The Third Course. The third attraction, under the direction of the Central Lyceum Bureau, of Harrisburg, Pa., will be William Dudley, the "Kodak Fiend," at the Kaiser Grand Opera House, Mahanoy City, on Friday, December 15. Reserve seats sale opens at Snyder's drug store, Thursday evening, Dec. 14. It will prove one of the most enjoyable and instructive entertainments in the entire range of Lyceum work.

A large stock of gold fish and aquariums, fish food, water plants, etc. Aquariums arranged in very best style. Aquariums for Christmas presents may be ordered and left here until Christmas. Payne's greenhouse, Girardville. 12-9-99

Met With Much Success. Many Schuylkill county young men have made their mark in other fields of labor, and among them from Shenandoah who have thus advanced is W. J. Poppert, who many years ago worked at one of the local collieries. He is at present located in Philadelphia as night wire chief for the Postal Telegraph Company in that city. He is up to date in his profession and is held in high esteem by his employers.

Select your Xmas gifts and have them laid aside until Christmas. Assortment is now complete at Brumm's. 12-12-99

A New Hearse. M. O'Hara, the undertaker, has added a new hearse to his undertaking establishment. It is white in color. Mr. O'Hara's is now one of the most completely equipped burial establishments in this locality.

GIGANTIC SYNDICATE

Combining the Breweries of Schuylkill and Northumberland Counties.

WILL BE PERFECTED THIS WEEK

The Columbia, Kaiser and Yuengling Plants Are to be Included in the Consolidation—Millions Are Involved. Progress of the New Brewery Project.

There is about to be perfected in this region one of the branches of a wide spreading syndicate which will eventually embrace almost every brewery interest in the state and, it is said, the state corporation will in time become either absorbed by, or closely identified with a national syndicate designed to secure the brewing interests of the United States.

The movement in this region has been under consideration and in course of formation since early last summer, but these interests have kept the affair guarded by as much secrecy as possible, and it was only yesterday that details which could be published with any degree of certainty leaked out.

The syndicate is to have a capitalization of \$3,000,000. The chief promoter is former Senator William H. Andrews, of Allegheny county, and W. J. Whitehouse, Esq., of Pottsville, is said to be directing the legal affairs of the combination.

It is contemplated that all the breweries in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties shall be included in the syndicate. Among those thus mentioned are the Yuengling, Heitz & Schmidt, of Pottsville; Columbia, of Shenandoah; Kaiser, of Mahanoy City; Antracite, of Mt. Carmel; Fuhman & Schmidt, of Shamokin; McGinty, of Tanawana; and the brewery at Pottsville Springs, near Ashland. Hazleton and Mauch Chunk breweries have also been spoken of in connection with the absorption, but this is an error. The breweries of those two places are absorbed, or will be, by the Wyoming Valley syndicate. Some other combinations are being made, one of which is to take in the Philadelphia breweries, another to combine the breweries of Erie and vicinity, and so on until syndicates will be perfected in all parts of the state and eventually become merged into one gigantic combination that will involve a capitalization running into millions upon millions of dollars. It is stated upon what appears to be most excellent authority that former United States Senator M. S. Quay will be one of the chief promoters of the state syndicate.

The Schuylkill-Northumberland combination has approached so close to a culmination that it is expected the final details will be arranged this week at a meeting which will probably be held in Pottsville.

It has been stated that an organization will be effected within a few days and the first step will be regulation of prices for the products of all the plants concerned which, undoubtedly, means the adoption of a uniform price list. When asked if there would be any change in the control, management or other affairs of the respective plants, a gentleman cognizant of affairs in connection with the syndicate replied, "That will be a matter for future consideration."

THE NEW BREWERY.

Ground Will Soon be Broken for the New Plant.

An application for a charter and another for a license were filed yesterday by The Home Brewing Company of town. The promoters say that nearly all the machinery has been bought and paid for. A site has been secured for the plant. It is 140,000 feet in size and is located on Line street, between Bowers and Emerick streets. Ground will be broken for the foundations this week, and possibly to-morrow.

Without a Doubt The finest assortment of rings and jewelry is shown at Ellis Deull's, 123 South Main street. 12-12-11

The Superintendent Known Here. In yesterday's HERALD was given a detailed account of the horrible mine accident at Coronado, Wash., as a result of an explosion. Thirty-two men were killed. The superintendent of the mine is D. T. Davies, a native of Columbia, who is well known throughout this country. He was in Pottsville about a year ago, having brought the body of his mother there for interment in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. He staid long enough at that time to erect a monument over his mother's grave. Mr. Davies has a brother as his assistant and a number of Schuylkill county and Scranton miners are in his employ.

Confident of Being Released. Mrs. Annie Dillon, who was arrested here yesterday charged with violating the United States postal laws, the particulars of which were given in these columns, was taken to Philadelphia after a hearing in Pottsville. She appeared cheerful and expressed herself as confident of securing a bail in that city, where she is well known.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

Leasing Property Sold. The leasing property, at Hazleton, which was sold by Sheriff Harvey on Saturday, was purchased by F. J. Ferguson, of Shenandoah, for Fred C. Cyle, of the firm of Cyle Bros., stripping contractors. The consideration was \$6,500.

At Banquet's. Choice beef, lamb, pork and mutton, pickled pig's feet, tongues and tripe, sausages. All kinds of fresh and smoked meats; eggs and butter. Cherry and Chestnut streets. 12-12-99

Oppose Liquor in Politics. At a meeting of Camp 30, Sons of America, at Shamokin, it was resolved to heretofore in nowise give sanction to a candidate aspiring to a political office who will barter with men for their votes for drink.

Parlor and bedroom suits for Christmas at Davison's.

Trading Stamp Premiums. The Shenandoah Trading Stamp Association has presented a beautiful salad dish to Mrs. Marshall Bogen, of South White street, and a dozen of silver teaspoons to Mrs. William Kandelker, of East Centre street, as premiums in exchange for trading stamps.

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FEWER LIQUOR LICENSES.

Upwards of a Hundred Less Filed This Year Than Last Year.

Pottsville, Dec. 12.—It was near midnight when Clerk of the Courts Shoener closed his office last night. This was done to accommodate any belated applicants for liquor licenses and as usual there were none. Yesterday was the last day to file applications and when the office closed there were 1000 applications on file. There is a falling off of upwards of a hundred from last year, when there were 1147 applications. There were but 973 applications made up until last Saturday evening, so that about one-half of the entire number of applications were filed yesterday.

There are several reasons for the falling off, one of them being, there are too many licensed places, and in many towns it was a case of the survival of the fittest. As a result few saloonkeepers made money last year, notwithstanding the fact that beer is sold wholesale much cheaper than a year ago. However the fact that one hundred less applications appear this year will not be noticeable, not an average of one to each district.

So far as Shenandoah is concerned, there is an increase of applicants this year over that of last year. In 1898 there was a total of 173 applications filed, and only four of them were refused, thus making 169 granted. This year there are 176 applications on file with the Clerk of the Courts, an increase of three over last year.

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

Thirty-five Fatal Accidents. Mine Inspector John Maguire, of Pottsville, of the Eighth Anthracite District, has announced the following casualties among the thirty-seven collieries in his charge, which occurred from December 1, 1898, to December 1, 1899: Thirty-five fatal and seventy-nine non-fatal accidents, which made thirteen widows and sixty orphans. A comparison of the previous year shows a considerable decrease, though the fatal accidents were the same in number.

The most appropriate holiday gifts at Davison's.

Police Suppress a Lecture. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd, the ex-nun, who precipitated riots in Pittsburg and Johnstown recently, with her anti-Catholic lecture, came here yesterday and rented Woodcock's Hall. Five hundred women flocked to hear her, and half as many more were turned away. Her lecture was stopped by the police, who demanded \$100, and after that was paid refused to allow her to lecture because the hall was without fire escapes. She will lecture today if a hall can be secured.

BECHAM'S PILLS cure Sick Headache.

Miners Celebrate End of Strike. Nanticoke, Pa., Dec. 12.—The miners' strike was officially declared off last evening, and the event was celebrated by the ringing of church bells, blowing of steam whistles, etc. The strikers gathered in the streets, threw their hats in the air and embraced each other.

Try our Hokee-Pokee Taffy, at 20c per pound. At M. L. Kemmerer & Co.'s. 4-181

Alms House Changes. Through the resignation of Electrician Roger McCaffrey, of the Alms House, and the promotion of Fireman Falls to the position, James Donnelly, of Mahanoy Place, has been appointed to succeed the promoted fireman, and is giving entire satisfaction.

Beautiful pictures and mirrors at Davison's.

The Report Not True. It was reported several weeks ago that John McClusky, of Minersville, a U. S. soldier, had died in Cuba. Word has been received from the War Department that McClusky is with his regiment in Cuba, alive and well.

Couches and divans galore at Davison's.

Another Match. Much disappointment among the sports was felt because of the result of the shooting match at Lanigan's on Saturday between Joseph Farrell and Joseph Griffith. It resulted in a tie, and another match has been arranged for New Year's Day, for \$100 a side.

Store Room for Rent. April 1st, 1900, now occupied by Frank Schmidt, 116 North Main street. Apply at store. 12-6-99

The Settlement is Growing. From Minersville Free Press. Every Republican newspaper in Schuylkill county is demanding the retirement of the present local bosses. The party has tried of Brumm, Whitehouse, Schrick and Yedinsky and want new leaders.

Buy your Clothing at Harry Levit's.

The Beer War Over. The beer war at Shamokin is over. Yesterday the agent at that place for the Yuengling Brewery Company started to sell beer at \$6.00 per barrel, the price fixed by the retailers. A representative of the company was informed and stopped the agent's work, stating that he must retain the regular fixed price, \$7 per barrel.

All kinds of cut meats at M. L. Kemmerer & Co.'s. Walnuts, 20 cents; shellnuts, 35 cents. 12-4-181

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GATACRE'S GRAVE ERROR

Will Probably Delay British Invasion Several Weeks.

TOTAL BRITISH CASUALTIES. In the Nine Engagements Fought Forty-five Hundred and Seventy Britons Have Yielded to the Boers, Over Five Hundred Being Killed.

London, Dec. 12.—No further official news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging General Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised additional message, and the censorship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter. While it appears to be generally admitted that General Gatacre is inclined to overwork his men, Lord Durham's remarks are considered as in rather bad taste. Until General Gatacre has given his explanation it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laings Nek. The only flankings through lofty hills and flanking is to be an almost impregnable position, and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that General Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the cape. The first detachments will sail Saturday next. Even if General French is not compelled to retreat he will be obliged to pause in his advance.

No news has yet been received confirming the Boer report of the capture of 50 prisoners at Modder River from Lord Methuen's column. The Boers is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought and the British have lost 556 killed, 2,027 wounded and 1,977 missing or prisoners.

The war office has issued a notice that after Jan. 1 a deduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa—in the case of privates, four pence per day for wives, and a penny for each child; in the case of sergeants, 3 pence for wives and 2 pence for each child. The notice indicates a belief that the campaign will be a long one.

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Louwfontein bridge, between Stormberg and Burchardsburg, which the British had destroyed on retiring.

A Pretoria dispatch says that 672 British prisoners were taken at Stormberg, and that the Boers captured three British guns.

In the fighting at Modder River Sunday evening General Cronje maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

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Details are expected from the Boer outposts in the direction of Modder River. There is a report that the British are advancing on the plain, and heavy fighting is anticipated. General Prince Loos and General Cronje command the Boer forces.

The following dispatch has been received at Lorenzo Marquese from the Boer lagger near Ladysmith: Several Kaffir runners from Ladysmith to Estcourt have been captured. They reported a total of £15 to £40 for the intercepted messages show that men and horses in Ladysmith are now on half rations, that whisky is £1 a bottle and that beer is exhausted.

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Will buy a nice shirt or drawers in the best of camel's hair goods. \$1.00

MEDICATED RED FLANNELS. NATURAL WOOL. AUSTRALIAN WHITE WOOL.

Gent's half hose, all kinds, at lowest prices. Our hats and neckwear are interesting for every buyer. Remember we sell the genuine Stetson hat.

MAX LEVIT UP-TO-DATE HATTER. CORNER MAIN AND CENTRE STREETS.

THE HUB

New Ones AT Low Prices.

Children's Coats, latest Gretchen double box plete in back, slashed reverses, 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, \$1.98 only.

Baby's Coats. White Cashmere fancy cape, embroidered cape, at 98c.

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 Coaters 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 Goffs, Plush Capes, \$4.98, and better.

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

Philadelphia's Conviction Bombers. Washington, Dec. 12.—The preliminary skirmishing for the contest for the honor of entertaining the next Republican national convention was begun yesterday when the advance guard of the Philadelphia delegation which is to work in behalf of that city arrived at the national capital and took quarters at the Arlington hotel, where the national committee will meet next Friday. The Philadelphiaans regard Chicago as their strongest competitor.

To Cure LaGrippe in Two Days 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.

Statistics of Mine Accidents.