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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.
- CORN.**—Choice Maryland corn, 4 cans for 25 cents. Fine N. Y. state sugar corn, 3 cans for 25 cents. The finest Maine corn, 2 cans for 25 cents.
- PEAS.**—Fancy Early June and Sweet Wrinkled, 2 cans, 25c. Choice Marrows, 10 cents. Good Marrowfats, 3 cans for 25 cents.
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The largest stock and best assortment of Floor Oil Cloth we have ever offered.

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NO PAPER MONDAY.

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POLITICAL POINTS.

A. D. Gable has been mentioned as a candidate for School Director in the Fourth ward. School directors will certainly secure a place on the Republican county ticket next fall. Poor Director or Jury Commissioner seems to be about our size.

There is strong opposition to the reappointment of the present clerk at the Althouse. Among the political announcements in today's HERALD will be found the nomination for Chief Burgess, subject to the rules of the Citizens' party voters. Mr. Williams is at present a member of the local corps of public school teachers, has always evinced an interest in the affairs of local government, and is a young man of many qualifications. His friends are already active in his support in every ward in the town. Mr. Williams is a son of ex-Chief Burgess Daniel Williams.

Senator S. A. Loech, who has been at a Philadelphia hospital and at Atlantic City for the past three or four months, returned to his home in Schuylkill County greatly improved in health. He many friends throughout the county hope for his permanent recovery.

Says the *Tammany Courier*: "Although it is stated that the strenuous effort will be made to elect machine-plagued candidates for the Legislature from the Schuylkill county district next year, the utility of such an attempt becomes obvious when it is known that the Republican newspapers in Schuylkill county are in a state of active hostility to any party in opposition to the Republican party in any important matter."

The contest for Chief Burgess, so far as the Democratic nomination is concerned, looks favorable for Michael Durkin. His friends say he will carry three of the wards, and when they make that prediction they appear very confident. Mr. Durkin is a young man who is a faithful party worker. He has many warm personal and political friends in the Republican ranks in this town.

Michael Graham, one of the old school horses of the Republican party in this town, announces in today's HERALD his candidacy for the nomination of Chief Burgess by the Citizens party voters. Mr. Graham is a large land owner, has been prominently identified with every progressive movement in the interest of the local government, and is the borough's chief executive would no doubt be a credit to the town in the right place.

J. Harry Yillert has been selected as County Assessor by the County Commissioners. This is his second term, and the position pays about \$1,500.

John E. Reynolds, Esq., of Mahanoy City, is again a candidate for the Legislature. William Galvin, of town, is another Democrat who would appreciate the prefix "Hon." to his name.

What will the Poor Directors give Shenandoah is a question just now worrying the local Democrats.

The mention of Frank Schmidt's name in connection with the Citizens nomination for Chief Burgess is not favorably received by the Democrats. The reason is plain—his nomination would mean his election.

Hub specials.
Just received, by express this morning, a lot of collarettes and scarfs. Time and space will not permit details. At the Hub. 12-18-99

Leave your order for Holly Wreaths, etc., at Shenandoah Drug Store. 12-18-99

The Ashland Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will entertain its members and friends at a dance next Wednesday evening. About thirty residents of town belong to the lodge. On Christmas and New Year's days the lodge will have "open house" at its social quarters.

Fancy shirts at reduced prices. Holiday bargains. At Max Levitt's. 12-21-99

Dan, Brennan's Attractions.
Beginning on Saturday, 23rd inst., Franklin & Mori, of Philadelphia, versatile comedians and vaudeville artists, will give an evening of Dan, Brennan's attraction. This is a star attraction and readers all that is new in the vaudeville world. Go and hear them, and enjoy yourself during the holidays. 12-20-99

Injured at Knickerbocker.
Joe Urns, a kid of some, a minor 25 years of age, was hurt at the Knickerbocker colliery, by being hit by a lump of coal. He has several extended lacerations of the back of the hand, with severance of the tendons.

We do insist on the purity of our confectionery. M. L. Kemmerer & Co. 12-14-18

Coats, Caps, Carpets
and oil cloths cheaper than elsewhere. Christmas goods and blankets. We guarantee the best value for the money. A clearance sale of underwear. Come at once. 12-18-99 P. J. MORGAN.

Roger teaspoons, \$1.00 per dozen, Swalm's.

Barbers to Close.
Barbers Dush, Off, Amoskock, Ormsby, Smith, Devers, Ragner, Poppert, Boddall and Brown have signed an agreement to keep their shops closed on Monday, Christmas Day.

Come and See 3 men.
Dressed in turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens. Choice cuts of beef, lamb, pork and veal. Full line of smoked meats. Eggs and butter. At Bauer's.

Advertised Letters.
The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the local post office: James J. Adams, T. J. Funston & Co., Jos. H. Fox, George Williams. D. W. REDDA, P. M.

Make no mistake but go to Max Levitt's for your girl's kid gloves. 12-21-99

Turkeys, Ducks and Geese Given Away.
Beginning to-night and during this entire week turkeys, ducks and geese will be given away, free, at Tim, O'Brien's cafe. Go there and secure your poultry for your Christmas dinner, free. 12-19-99

Store Room for Rent.
April 1st, 1900, now occupied by Frank Schmitt, 116 North Main street. Apply at store. 12-9-99

A Christmas Treat.
For a good time come to William Levano's, 211 West Coal street, tonight. Miss Annie Jones' quartette will render some fine selections. Music in attendance. 11

Pearl Kid Gloves
For \$1.00. You can buy them only at Max Levitt's. 12-21-99

A JUVENILE HOLOGAUST.

Little Girls Were Preparing For Christmas Entertainment,

AND ELEVEN BURNED TO DEATH

The Children, HANGING IN AGE FROM NINE TO ELEVEN YEARS, WERE DECEASED IN FLAMES AFTER—ONE CAME IN CONTACT WITH GAS JET.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 22.—While the school children of St. Francis Parochial school, between Twelfth and Vine streets, were rehearsing yesterday afternoon for a Christmas entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening, one of their dresses caught fire from a gas jet and ten minutes later twelve of them were burned to death, two died an hour later and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others were burned more or less severely.

The dead—Emma, Bernadine, May Waverling, Mary Althoff, Bernadine Freund, Collette Middendorf, Mary Hickey, Wilhelmina Guttendorf, Olivia Timpe, Adelle Pulter, Josephine Bohrer and Margaret Warner. All these were between 2 and 11 years of age.

Helen Seebing and several other teachers, Father Nicholas and Professor Frank Meinhart were patiently burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a little dressing room. Three or four little girls were in the dressing for the rehearsal and laughing excitedly among themselves. A dozen others were grouped in the wings of the stage, near the foot of the stairs descending from the dressing room. The girls in the dressing room had nearly completed their costumes when one of them brushed against a gas jet, but which one it will never be known. A touch of the flame was sufficient to set an instant her dress on fire. She screamed and ran out of the room, communicating the blaze to the others as she ran.

One of the girls, with her dress in a blaze, jumped out of a small window into the stairs leading to the stage, and then down the stairs. A flaming torch she was, as she almost fell down the stairs and rushed into the group of children standing in the wings. They were all clad like her, in fancy costumes of cotton, lace and silk, and the fire spread with incredible rapidity from one to another. There were 14 children in the east of the Christmas entertainment and only a few escaped. It was all over in ten minutes, and in that time four perished, including the girl who started the fire. The children were in a panic and a few minutes and rushed for the doors, but prompt efforts quieted them and no one was hurt in the rush.

The shrieks and screams of the injured were agonizing. The little ones lay helpless and impotent on the floor and writhed in their agony. The dead were carried in most cases by peaceful people. The home of peaceful pleasure had in an instant become a charnel house. The doctors died about on their stations of mercy seeking to supply soothing lotions to those who were still alive and seeking also to cover the charred bodies of the dead with blankets or other covering.

The excitement inside the building was soon intensified with the situation without. The crowd congregated in an instant, and parents soon came searching anxiously for their little ones. The landing at the third floor was a combination of hospital and morgue. Besides the many patients within the smoke-enshrouded walls, there were dozens of fainting and heart broken women without. They screamed as some of the scenes came to them, and if the child or loved one was among the dead or wounded their grief gained the mastery and there was a collapse which required the attention of the doctors.

Coaches and drays galore at Davison's.

Quinter Convicted of Manslaughter.
Reading, Pa., Dec. 22.—In the case of Solomon Quinter, on trial for the murder of his wife, the jury last night returned a verdict of manslaughter. Sentence was deferred. At the March term of court Quinter will be tried for killing Edward Kitzmiller, his wife's paramour. Quinter found the couple in a compromising position and shot them both dead.

Splendid Christmas gifts in jewelry. Ellis Deall's, 123 South Main street. 12-20-99

To the Smoker.
How will a box of 20 Henry W. Sage cigars hit you for a Xmas present? Shenandoah Drug Store. 12-19-99

The best place in town to buy clothing, Harry Levitt's, next door to M. C. Watson's.

A Runaway.
A team belonging to W. S. Breisch, of Hingston, ran away on South Main street this morning and was stopped near the Shenandoah colliery. A foreleg of one of the horses was cut during the flight.

We are never undersold. Brunna. 11

MAY CAUSE A BREAK.

The Division in the *John O'Leary* United American Mechanics growing out of the refusal of certain State Councils to pay the per capita tax levied by the National Council at Minneapolis may disrupt the organization. Neither faction will yield to the other and each insists on fighting out their differences in the courts, no matter how expensive or what may be the consequences.

Both sides are getting ready for a hard legal battle at the hearing of the Dauphin county court on the petition of Deacy Council, of Hummelstown, for an injunction to restrain the state officers from collecting the per capita tax. The outcome of this procedure will have an important bearing on the future of the State Council in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, all of whom were expelled for refusal to pay this tax.

The National Council has retained former Attorney General Hensel of Lancaster and A. D. Wilkins of Pittsburgh, a clerk in the Adjutant General's Department, to look after its interests. A. D. Wilkins, of Philadelphia, represents the State Council. John E. Fox, of Harrisburg, and A. M. Pike, of Philadelphia, are the attorneys for the "disrupters."

The State Councils through the south and west are in sympathy with the National Council and are awaiting with much interest the result of the suit. The "disrupters" in this state say they are stronger today than ever before, and are confident of winning the fight.

Just the thing for a Xmas present in the distant frontier—a coal iron stand, tooth brush holder, sewing set or one of the heavy novelties made from coal at Brunna's. 12-18-99

Helweg Veterans Organizing.
Special to EVENING HERALD.
New York, Dec. 23.—A meeting was held to-day by a fraternal organization of the Helweg veterans who served in the army and navy. One of the objects of the meeting is to compile data and statistics to prove that patriotism has called forth the men of Helweg faith in full proportion to our numbers to bear any sacrifice for our country. The Helweg Union Veterans Association will have a \$10,000 monument in Cypress Hill cemetery in Helweg who died in the Civil war. This older organization offered a tablet on the monument to the new one.

A lot of knives worth from 75c to \$1.00 reduced to 50 cents for this week only at Swalm's. 12-18-99

Dress Kid
Gloves. Piece lined. At Max Levitt's.

Birthday Party.
Annie, daughter of German Gregory, of 404 Oak street, last evening celebrated her twelfth birthday anniversary at her home with her friends. The party was a very young friends. Games and other amusements were indulged in and a supper table was elaborately spread. Among the guests were Lizzie Stutz, Nellie and Louise Sadler, Maggie, Mabel and Annie. Entertainment was given by Lydia Smith, Katie Yuda, Mabel Bush, Maud Pooler, Annie King, Mary Smith, Nellie and Violet Ford, Jennie Weeks, Myrtle Gregory, Mary Flannery, Margaret O'Brien, Tillie Gradville, William and Harry Sheeler, Harry Lally, John and Thomas Downey, Harry Thomas, William Toomey, William Smith, James Erasmus, William Heister, James Campbell, David King, Thomas O'Brien, Samuel Gradville, William and Albert Weeks.

A novel way to advertise, will you get that fine gold plated lamp? See the Brunna's show window. 12-18-99

Fire Sale Special.
One lot cotton flannel, full width, 3 cents per yard. Yard wide sheering, 4 cents. Lancer's flannel, 5 cents. Carpet lining, 2 cents the yard. At Walcott's, Main and Lloyd streets. 12-21-99

Parlor and bedroom suits Christmas at Davison's.

Obituary.
Joseph, son of Rev. James and Mary Moore, died at 9:30 o'clock last evening after suffering four weeks from meningitis, aged 1 year, 6 months and 12 days. The funeral will take place at 10 a. m. on Monday. Services will be conducted at the family residence on South Jardin street, by Rev. D. I. Evans, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the remains will be interred in the Old Ladies' cemetery.

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