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people recommended to me, but none of
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mind the poison could not be cured un-
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JUDITH'S MISTAKE.
"The great mistake that most
people make early in life," said Miss
Judith Mansfield, aged 21, "is they
form no decided plans to which they
are prepared to adhere. They allow
their whole career to be governed
by circumstances, so nine-
tenths of all the people know when
they come to die that their lives
have been utter failures."
"Precisely," replied Eugene Sey-
mour, her aunt's stepson, to whom
the remark was principally ad-
dressed. "But, my dear young
lady have you laid any plans that
you expect to adhere to?"
"I have said," said Judith, speak-
ing now for the benefit of her uncle
and aunt and her two cousins, Alma
and Merta, though her conversa-
tion was apparently directed solely
to Eugene. "I intend to go next
week to the city of W— and be-
gin the study of art. When I have
learned all I can in America I in-
tend to go abroad. After two or
three years I shall return and open
a studio. I shall then devote my
life to painting and perhaps to
sculpture. For recreation I shall
study music and literature. The
learned languages shall be acquired
one by one. It is my ambition to
establish a saloon to which the cul-
tivated, the refined and the famous
will be attracted."
"I see no difficulties in the way,"
said Eugene, stretching his legs
comfortably before the cheerful fire,
for it was winter and the cold was
intense. "Your fortune is very
large, and the fact that you are a
woman and used to the ways of the
world will be greatly in your favor."
"Sarcastic, as usual," replied Ju-
dith, with an impatient shrug of the
shoulders. "You mean that my in-
come is exactly \$500 a year, and being
a woman and heretofore de-
prived of the advantages of travel,
and hence of all knowledge of the
world, I shall of course, fail in
my undertaking; that my only
wise course would be to remain
here inactive and consumed with
discontent."
"Why inactive and consumed
with discontent?" echoed Eugene
in a vexed tone. "Some women
are born enigmas, especially if they
are fairly well educated and intelli-
gent. No wonder woman is en-
dowed with less brains than man.
It would be a blessing if the aver-
age weight of her thinking machine
were 25 ounces instead of 35."
"You would have us but one re-
move from idocy," retorted Judith.

"But it would be too tiresome to
prove to you the folly of making
such a remark. One might as well
attempt to argue with a man who
insists that two and two are three."
"That my reasoning is correct we
have here positive proof," said Eu-
gene, glancing at his sisters. "Here
are Allie and Merta. Neither of
them has two ideas above a goose
—"
"Oh, you wretch!" cried both
girls in a breath.
"And I'll wager if the three of
you are alive twenty years from
now," added the imperturbable Eu-
gene, "that they will both be mis-
tresses of model homes like this,
mother, and be happy and con-
tented with their homely spouses
and their chucked children, while
you—"
"Stop, enough!" cried all three
of the girls this time.
"Will," proceeded Eugene, "be
plodding along single handed in a
dingy studio with fame as far as
ever beyond your grasp and domestic
happiness you unrealized
dream."
"I shall not," said Judith, posi-
tively. "People will only know
you by that time as the bachelor
cousin of Judith Mansfield, the
famous artist, who lives an independ-
ent life."
Her uncle by this time was nod-
ding in his huge willow chair, but
her aunt sat bolt upright and
looked steadily down at her knit-
ting.
"You are a very foolish girl, Ju-
dith," she said at last. "I wonder
if you know how foolish and un-
grateful you are!"
"I know I appear so to you,
aunt," said Judith, with quivering
lips. "For ten years you have
been a mother to me. To leave the
home that has been so dear to me is
—far—harder than—you can ever
know." She was obliged to pause
for some moments. "But my des-
tiny can never be worked out here."
"Your destiny should be mar-
riage. We all know that you have
slighted two splendid opportuni-
ties—"
Judith sank back in her chair
with an expression of disgust.
"I entreat you not to mention
that subject, aunt," she said in a
tone of respectful impatience. "It
is extremely distasteful to me."
"And may I inquire why?"
"Chiefly because marriage is too
sacred a thing to be publicly dis-
cussed."
"Your uncle is asleep, and I am
sure you need not care for Eugene
and the girls."
"No, indeed, mother," cried Mr.
Eugene, giving his cousin a quizz-
ing glance. "She need not mind
us at all, for, as has been said, I am
but a cynical bachelor and my sis-
ters are so busily engaged with
plans for trapping some wary man
for themselves that their small
minds have no space for the affairs
of others."
"I confess," said Allie, with a
petulant air, "I cannot understand
how Eugene can have such a poor
opinion of his sisters, while he him-
self is so magnanimous, so high-
minded and incapable of intrigue."
"It all lies in a nutshell, however,"
said Eugene calmly. "I am a man
and therefore incapable of—"
"Being just to others," added
Merta, inspecting the toes of her
tinted shoes. "I will say, though, as
we are discussing the matter, that
Judith's views strike me as being a
little peculiar. If either Mr. White
or Mr. Stanton had asked me to
marry him, I should not have re-
fused, as she did."
"How do you know I refused
either of them?" asked Judith,
with a glance of displeasure.
"From their woe-begone counte-
nances after the ball. I am certain
that you refused both of them at
Lottie Ashton's party. And they
are considered excellent catches,
too."
The color mounted rapidly to Ju-
dith's cheek, and she drew her
straight, black eyebrows together
with an expression that repelled
curiosity. Eugene lay back among
the cushions of his luxurious chair
and watched her with an odd look
in his half-closed eyes. He was a
handsome man, 30 years old, and
widely traveled. His half sisters
were much younger, neither of them
being 20 yet.
"Let us drop the subject," said
Judith, glancing with a suppressed
yawn at the clock, which pointed to
10.30.
"It had as well be discussed now
as later," said Mrs. Seymour as she
finished her twentieth pair of slip-
pers to be distributed among the
convalescent patients at the hospi-
tal. "If Judith chooses to remain
single while other girls marry, she
knows that she is at liberty to
make her home here. In a few

years our fireside will be lonely
enough."
"With the girls married and her
bachelor stepson at the antipodes,"
explained Eugene to Judith.
"Probably not at the antipodes,
but certainly married," said his
stepmother calmly. "I understand,
Eugene, that Marie Harding is
again mingling in the gay world. I
do not imagine that she will remain
long a widow."
"Thank you for insinuating that
your son will be the first to make
her an offer," said Eugene, mock-
ing, and again he glanced at Judith,
who, as her eyes met his, suddenly
lost all her beautiful color. She bit
her lips as if to punish them for
trembling, and stooped down to
pick up a sketch which she had
been drawing before the conversa-
tion began. Again she glanced at
the clock.
"Well, the rest of you may keep
the battle as long as you please,"
Eugene said, glancing also at the
clock as he arose. "I confess that
I am sleepy, and will be obliged
enough to withdraw from the con-
ference. But I will warn you,
mother mine, that you may as well
lay down your arms. Judith will
do me off conqueror."
Half an hour later he heard his
parents and sisters come up stairs
without Judith. He had not gone
to his room, but to the library,
thinking that she might come there
for some book, as he knew that she
was in no mood to sleep. When he
found that she was not likely to
come up very soon, he went down
to the drawing room again.
"Oh," he said, in apparent sur-
prise, when he saw her sitting pre-
cisely in the same attitude as when
he left her, "still here, Judith? I
suppose the conference broke up in
a row, judging from the expression
on your face. I thought, too, that
I heard mother sob as she passed
the library door."
He went up to her and leaned
over the back of the tall, carved
chair in which she sat.
"I am sorry you came back,
Eugene," said Judith, looking very
pale and severe. "I do not care to
talk to you any more to-night, and
if you will excuse me I will go up
stairs."
"I will not excuse you, Judith,"
he said, detaining her. "I have
such a great desire to know why
you refused Frank White and
Harry Stanton and then formed
this mad resolve to become an ar-
tist that I shall not let you go un-
til you explain."
"You have no right to question
me in this way," said Judith, white
with anger.
"It may be that I have not," an-
swered Eugene in a strangely gen-
tle tone. "Do you think that I
shall be the first to lay my heart at
the feet of my old love—the pretty
Widow Harding—or—do—you—
care?"
He drew her back against the
high, carved chair and made her
look at him, her eyes kindling with
shame and resentment.
"I know you have remained sin-
gle all these years because she
threw you over for Major Harding,"
she said, looking defiantly up at
him. "I am also certain that she
never loved her husband as she did
you, and that you can win her now
if you choose."
"Now that my prospects are im-
proved and she is quite wealthy
herself," said Eugene scornfully.
"Judith, I thought you would give
me credit for more penetration."
"A man has none for the woman
he loves," said Judith in a lone
tone.
"I confess you are right, for I
have known you well for ten years
and never caught a glimpse of your
heart until to-night."
Judith looked up in bewilder-
ment, but Eugene bent down and
kissed her for the first time in his
life. As a son and brother he had
not been demonstrative. Still less
had he been so a cousin.
"Judith, don't you understand
me?" he whispered. "I love you,
and believe you love me, little girl."
"I wish I could believe you,"
wistfully.
"Do I always seem to say the op-
posite of what I feel? That cyni-
cal habit was the outgrowth of an
effort to conceal the real state of
my mind toward Marie Harding,
and afterward toward you, for I was
certain that Hal Stanton had won
your heart. Tell me again dearest,
what your eyes told me once this
evening—that it is really mine after
all."
"But my life plans," protested
Judith. "They are fixed now, and
I cannot change them."
"You mean you do not love me
then. Death and ambition are
weaker than love, Judith."
She thought again of the future
she had mapped out for herself,

counting love out. It would be a
joyless, empty existence after all.
"Indeed," he pleaded, "do you want
such happiness as a man's true love
can give, or can you be satisfied
with the hard and narrow life that
leads to fame?"
"I believe I can live without
fame, Eugene," she admitted at last.
"It would be much harder, I fear,
to live without you."—Commercial
Tribune.

CLUB WOMEN IN DENVER.
Governor Adams, of Colorado,
gave an address of welcome to the
great body of women who recently
met in Denver to represent the Fed-
eration of Women's Clubs. In the
course of his address he said:
"Are men of the West more chiv-
alrous or more just than their East-
ern brethren? Is it a coincidence,
or is there an element of truth in
the boast of Switzerland, Monte-
negro and other mountain lands,
that liberty has a clearer vision in
high altitudes? Certain it is that
it is only the mountain States of
Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyo-
ming whose statutes recognize that
the Creator made no mistake when
he placed man and woman side by
side in Eden. Westward the course
of justice, as well as empire, takes
its way.
"It is fitting that this great con-
federation of women's clubs should
meet in Colorado. While you are
not a suffrage association, and
many of you may not care to vote,
the ultimate of your intellectual
aspirations must be the elimination
of sex from the statutes of equal-
ity. Colorado has added a soprano
to the symphony of political lib-
erty, and we offer our laws, our
homes, our schools, our institutions,
as object lessons to those who doubt
the results of equality before the law.
"Woman suffrage needs not the
defence of results; it is not a ques-
tion of expediency, but of justice.
Yet no evil has come from the ex-
periment. My testimony may be
biased, for had I received no wo-
men's votes some one else would
have had the pleasure of greet-
ing you this morning. But to me
there has come no just criticism as
to the participation of the vigor, phys-
ical force and courage of man with
the higher moral and spiritual qual-
ities of woman will weave for our
children a fairer destiny than has
yet come to the race.
"While here, gather your testi-
mony. The State Superintendent
of Schools is a woman, and no office
in the State House is conducted
with more ability. Half the county
superintendents of Colorado are of
the same sex, nearly all the teachers
are women, yet we challenge com-
parison with the public school sys-
tem of any State of the Union.
"Women's clubs and her interest
in public questions have been a
revelation to many. Woman is
found to be neither divine nor sa-
tanic, neither a slave nor an angel,
simply human. She is neither the
soulless creature of Homer or Mil-
ton, nor the burlesque divinity of
Cervantes, but a being endowed
with common sense and an exalted
purpose. Every attainment but in-
creases her moral and intellectual
force, without damage to the char-
acter of mother and wife. She may
brake some of the chains of pre-
judice and conventionality, but she
will not lose her womanhood. Fear
not that equality will make her
masculine. Man and woman cre-
ated He them, and no belated act
of justice on the part of man can
change the ordinance of God."

THE PRESS, YELLOW OF SPAIN.
LA PRENSA AMARILLA DE ESPANA.
Spain has some yellow journals
which could give New York papers
odds and then win. Here is an ex-
tract from El Diario de Madrid in-
tended to fire the Iberian heart:
"The scene in the plaza was one of
frightful slaughter. The brave
Spaniards, to the number of about
200, with their beautiful wives and
children, made a stand in the pub-
lic square near the cathedral foun-
tain. On every side the Yankee
devils closed in. Cannons were
brought forward, and soldiers aimed
their muskets. At the signal the
guns exploded, and the valiant vic-
tims fell writhing in death agony.
The soldiers then bayoneted the
wounded until they died. The
square ran with Spain's best blood.
This is hair-raising indeed, and
think what an idea the Spanish peo-
ple must be receiving of their foe!
A few pointers on the physical
geography of the United States
from El Pais, make interesting

reading:
The country is not fit to live in.
The climate is execrable. When it
is not sleeting or snowing, the heat
is almost unbearable. Avalanches
are frequent at all times, and these
threaten the principal cities. As
for the people, besides the few
whites engaged in business along
the eastern coast, the remainder of
the country is one vast plain, cov-
ered with Indians, called cowboys,
and great herds of roaming cattle.
One asks himself if it is quite
worth while to teach people to read,
if they are to be intellectually fed
on such awful rubbish.
More "Geografia" from the lead-
ing paper, El Heraldico:
All the troops of the Yankees
are in the far Western part of the
country, many thousand miles from
the Atlantic coast. There are only
a few thousand men, all told, and
they are ill paid and ill-fed, and not
willing to fight. To utilize this
force it will be necessary to bring it
to the eastern seaboard. There is
but one railway by which it can be
transported, and that is an old and
poorly constructed affair. At one
place this railroad passes over Ni-
agara Falls, a cataract 1000 feet
high, near Labrador. At last ac-
counts the bridge at this place was
in a very dangerous position. It
need surprise no one to learn that
some agency had made it still more
so. It would serve the grateful pigs
of Yankees right if their miserable
army was drowned.
The Imparcial, a little four-page
paper which compares itself to the
London Times, drops into history
and shows how Fitzhugh Lee is the
mismo Lee who surrendered after
the Civil War to "General Lincoln."
An Havana telegram to the Im-
parcial imparts this precious infor-
mation:
Word has just been received here
that the Indians are rising against
the Yankees in Illinois, Ohio and
other places. The farmers are peti-
tioning the Government to protect
them from the blood-thirsty sav-
ages, who are burning houses and
killing on every side. Troops are
asked for at Colorado, in the State
of Denver, and at St. Louis, in Mis-
sissippi.

A PLUCKY CHICKEN.
A BANTAM ROOSTER WHIPS A LARGE
TURKEY GOBBLER.
The superior size and strength
do not always win a fight has re-
ceived a new exemplification in the
Drowned Lake district, near here,
says a Middletown correspondent
of the Chicago Chronicle. A game
bantam rooster, weighing less than
two pounds, worsted and nearly
killed a twenty-five pound turkey
gobbler in single combat. The
birds are the property of William
McPherson, who reports that he
was compelled to take the little fel-
low off in order to save the turkey's
life. Mr. McPherson does not know
the casus belli, as the war was on
when he reached the scene. He
supposes it was due to the interfer-
ence of the bantam with a turkey
hen before whose nest Mr. Gobbler
was attitudinizing.
Gobblers, as a rule, make good
fighters when not too heavily handi-
capped by clumsiness, but in this
case weight and power availed
nothing against the agile and deter-
mined foe. The rooster was never
where the gobbler expected him to
be. He would duck, side step,
avoid and lead back with the
greatest fury. In a few rounds he
had the gobbler pretty tired, while
he himself had not received a blow
in all the fight. The little fellow
would fly into the air, and had cut
the gobbler about the head and
neck in a dozen places, using bill
and spurs with fine effect.
Finally, the bantam, seeing his
advantage, flew upon the gobbler's
back and stuck there, plying his
bill with incredible speed, ducking
or fighting back when the unwieldy
bird turned his neck to displace the
enemy. Gobbler had enough after
a short bout of this kind of fight-
ing, and sank to the ground, a badly
whipped turkey. Still the bantam
pecked merrily away, and would
undoubtedly have killed his enemy
but for outside intervention. Mr.
McPherson took him off and forced
him to relinquish the battle.
Then the bantam walked away a few
paces, flapped his wings, crowed his
triumph and defiance. His feathers
were not ruffled, and he was still
full of fight. He waited until Mr.
McPherson turned to leave, when he
made a rush at the gobbler and
renewed the fight with much vigor,
again assuming his favorite posi-
tion. The gobbler did not fight
back this time; he was licked and
he knew it. But Mr. McPherson
saw he was about to lose a valuable
bird, and he seized the pugnacious
rooster, and carried him away,
kicking and struggling. He locked
the bantam up until his temper had
time to cool off. But he is still
hunting for trouble with the gob-
bler, and never overlooks a chance
to assail him. The gobbler, on the
other hand, makes a swift retreat
when the bantam shows up.

HER PRIDE HAD A BAD FALL.
HE WAS WILLING, AND CARRIED OUT
A SHARE OF THE INCIDENT.
A girl who lives over on Capitol
Hill is in a bit of a predicament,
and vanity is indirectly to blame
for it. She prides herself on re-
membering names, and it has al-
ways been her boast that she never
forgets a face. One night not long
ago she went out to a suburban re-
sort with her father to spend the
evening. In the crowd at the en-
trance a young man stood just be-
hind her, and when the crush pushed
him against her he apologized for
stepping on her toe. Then he gave
a start of recognition.
"Why," said he, "I didn't expect
to see you here. I hope you haven't
forgotten me?"
The Capitol Hill girl gaped des-
perately among her recollections of
the innumerable men she met last
winter.
"Oh, no, indeed," she beamed cor-
dially. "I remember you perfectly."
"You met so many men that
night," said the young man, "that I
hardly expected you to remember
me."
"Oh, I never forget anybody,"
said the girl. "I have such an ex-
cellent memory for faces."
By this time the girl's father had
begun to look questioningly at her,
and, of course she must needs in-
troduce the young man. A cough
made her utterance of the name in-
audible.
"What name did you say?" asked
her father.
"Smith," said the young man.
So Mr. Smith stayed with them
all evening. He chatted affably of
this and that, and recalled a dozen
things the girl had said to him on
the occasion of their first meeting.
The father was delighted and in-
vited the young man to call. Three

evenings later he presented himself.
A week later he called again. The
girl's honesty finally came to her
rescue.
"Won't you please tell me what
party it was I met you at?" she
asked bluntly.
"You never met me anywhere,"
he said. "I never saw you before
that night out there in the crowd.
I made up my mind to get ac-
quainted, and you took the first bait
beautifully, and you took the first
introduction to me, but you wouldn't
own up to having forgotten any-
body, so I—well, that's all."
Of course the girl is furious. She
can't bring herself to tell her father
the truth, either. She bows to Mr.
Smith whenever she meets him, but
she hasn't spoken of her wonderful
memory in days and days.—Wash-
ington Post.

COST OF ELEPHANTS.
MUCH USED IN THE MALAY STATES AS
BEASTS OF BURDEN.
It is somewhat interesting to com-
pare the weights carried by ele-
phants in the tin-producing dis-
tricts of the Malay peninsula with
those used in the long journeys and
mountainous country of the Lao
States. In the peninsula the dis-
tances are seldom more than at most
three or four days' march, and the
elephant is expected to carry as
much as 900 or 1,000 pounds, be-
sides his mahout and howda. The
latter is often a mere brace of pan-
niers, slung together so as to rest
one on each side of the backbone,
and covered sometimes with a light
barrel roof of bark. A good tusk
which will carry 950 pounds will
fetch about £56, and a female which
can bear 800 pounds is worth about
£45. In the Lao States, where
journeys of ten days or three weeks
are frequent, the average weight
hardly exceeds 300 pounds, or one-
third of what is usual in the penin-
sula. The prices in various parts
of the country vary considerably.
When we were on the Me Kwang
and in Muang Nan in 1893, a good
tusk could be had for £32 and a
female for £24; at Chlang Mal,
where good teak hauling elephants
are in great demand, a tusk may
fetch £150 and a female anything
from £50 to £100, according to her
strength and ability.

In the Siamese Malay States
there are probably about 1,000 do-
mesticated elephants, all told, and
in the Lao country probably over
2,500 elephants are working at the
present moment. That these ani-
mals breed in captivity in Siam is
due to the fact that a large number
of them spend the greater part of
their time holiday-making in the
jungle. When there is no work for
his beast the mahout takes him out
to a nice cool, green bit of forest
and leaves him there to enjoy him-
self. There is no expense con-
nected with his upkeep, for he looks
after himself. He has a hobble of
rattan round his feet to dissuade
him from wandering too far, and a
wooden bell round his neck, by the
tone of which the mahout or his lit-
tle boy can always find him when
they go out once a month to look
him up and gim him some bananas.
—Geographical Journal.

PETITION FOR PARDON.
WHY SHE WANTED HER HUSBAND LIB-
ERATED FROM PRISON.
Governor Taylor, of Tennessee,
tells of an interesting interview with
a pardon seeking woman. He had
fled to his summer home to escape
the crowds of pardon seekers, when
the woman who had sought him in
vain at the Capitol was ushered into
his presence.
"Well, madame, what can I do
for you?"
"I want to see the Governor, sir."
"Well, I'm the Governor; what
is it?"
"Ah, sir, my man he's been put in
prison, sir, and I want to ask if you
won't let him out."
The Governor's face hardened.
He had not, after all, escaped the
crowds of pardon seekers, but he did
not turn her away.
"What was he sent up for?" he
asked.
"You see, sir, he was hungry, and
he just stole a ham to keep us from
starving."
"Well, I'm sorry, but I can't do
anything for you. Your man must
serve his sentence. There's too
much stealing going on."
"Oh, Gov'nor, please, please let
him out," pleaded the woman, the
tears flowing down her cheeks. The
tears had their effect. The Govern-
or softened. Stealing a ham was
not such a terrible crime, and this
poor woman no doubt needed her
husband. He decided to question
her a little.
"But, why," he asked, "should I
give your man his freedom?"
"Because, sir, we are hungry
again, and we ain't got no more
ham!"



SEE here, editor Thomas, of the Bristol Gazette, what is the matter with editor Fetterolf, of the Langhorne Standard? For some reason or other you are disposed to hit his ribs. If your reason for so doing is not sufficient, we shall surely have to implore Editors Johnson and Dambly to call you down.

THE end may yet "justify the means," involving the loss of American lives, but it may be well to wait and see what the end is going to be, before too much is counted upon. The mere acquisition of territory, and rooted imperialism, will never serve as a justification. Never.

THE fire-eaters of the recent Congress should be at once dispatched to Cuba to condole with the Cuban bushwhackers who have not been allowed, as yet, to set up a government of their own. Perhaps the Congressmen could instill a certain kind of patriotism into the bushwhackers.

THAT old war-horse of Democracy, Joseph C. Beyer, of Whitpain, is again a candidate for Sheriff. If "everything comes to those who wait" and labor, it is high time for the Democrats of Montgomery to give Uncle Joe the nomination for Sheriff. It seems to belong to him; let him have it.

WE esteem highly Ellwood Roberts, the well-known local historian, and gifted editorial writer for the Norristown Herald. We therefore beseech him to restrain himself in future from soaring in the realm of fanciful imagery before he settles himself down to write upon a subject that has strictly to do with matters of fact.

HOW about it, neighbor Captain H. H. Fetterolf, are you a candidate for the Legislature, subject to Republican rules?

THE Norristown Herald says you are. Is the Herald "under the weather" in this particular, also?

BE it understood, however, that if you are a candidate, Captain, the INDEPENDENT is with you.

EDITOR HALDEMAN, of the Harleysville News, announces himself elsewhere in this issue as a Republican candidate for the Legislature, and, certainly the INDEPENDENT wishes him success. We have reason to believe that a capable Representative will prove to be a capable Representative at Harrisburg. We hope to see his name upon the coming Republican county ticket.

WITH county chairman Wm. F. Solly as a candidate for State Senator there is going to be considerable commotion in the Republican camp. Of course such a turn in political events would bear hard upon Mr. Jenkins, who has deserved something better than defeat these many years, but the school of politics don't reckon much along the line of sentiment. We have a notion that Mr. Solly will be nominated and elected State Senator.

A STATEMENT of the enlistments made under the recent acts of Congress shows that of the 277,500 men authorized to be enlisted at the outbreak of the war with Spain, 254,479 have been mustered into the United States service, and a large part of these are ready for the field. The 125,000 men included in the President's first call for volunteers were promptly obtained. Of the second call for 75,000, 67,000 have been mustered in, 35,000 as recruits for organizations already in the field and 32,000 in new regiments, leaving 8,000 yet to be supplied. There were also authorized, and have been almost completely recruited, three special regiments of volunteer cavalry, ten regiments, or 10,000 men, of yellow fever immunes, and 3,500 engineers.

FROM Dun's Review, of July 23: A state of war does not disturb business. But reaction after a phenomenal movement of grain causes relative loss, which many mistake for decrease in the volume of trade. So much grain has been required and shipped during the past twelve months that a decrease was inevitable, and Granger and Pacific roads show a loss in earnings, even compared with 1892, though not much yet compared with last year. Owing to this the aggregate of railroad earnings during the first half of July has been 3.2 per cent. larger than last year, and 6.2 per cent.

smaller than in 1892. Yet the volume of business has not decreased. Payments through clearing houses for the past week show increase over last year of 4.5 per cent. and 10.9 over 1892.

A CONSIDERATION that we desire our readers to take note of right now: The people of Pennsylvania, if they desire to emphasize, rather than obliterate, the belief that "a government by the people and for the people," is not an expensive delusion, they must elect, at their first opportunity, a Legislature composed of men who will not steele, either directly or indirectly, men who believe that "public office is a public trust," not a private snap, and who have the ability to act accordingly. It is the business of the people to know who they are voting for. If many of the Republicans named throughout the State for the Legislature are not of the right stripe, turn them down! If many of the Democrats aspiring to be lawmakers are merely office seekers in quest of cash, turn them down! If the next Legislature at Harrisburg is not to be a decided improvement upon the last Legislature, the people of Pennsylvania might as well throw up the sponge and acknowledge the incapacity of politicians and people alike!

Just before the war with Spain was inaugurated it was shouted in Congress that General Gomez with a band of 30,000 insurgents would efficiently second the efforts of American troops in the event of an invasion of Cuba. The war became an actuality, and what little the insurgents have accomplished can hardly be estimated. The brave boys under Uncle Sam's flag had to battle alone and win a victory against odds in the vicinity of Santiago. It has been ascertained to the satisfaction of the American soldiers, who have been fighting, if not to the loud mouths of the recent Congress, that the insurgents have been grossly overrated both as to numbers and ability to fight. It is also beginning to dawn upon some minds that the insurgents may yet turn about and assist Spain.

Now let us all talk about free Cuba, and a free government—self-administered, by the Cubans, with the insurgents at the head of affairs; while thousands of helpless ones on Cuban soil are starving to death!

WAR NEWS.

The French Ambassador, M. Jules Cambon, on behalf of the Spanish Government, and by direction of the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs presented, on Tuesday, a message to President McKinley from the Government of Spain looking to the termination of the war and a settlement of terms of peace.

Definite news was received Tuesday that General Miles' expedition made a landing on Monday at Guanica, on the south coast of Porto Rico. The auxiliary gunboat Gloucester first entered the harbor, sent a boat's crew ashore and hauled down the Spanish flag, replacing it with the Stars and Stripes. A detachment of Spaniards attacked the landing party, but were repulsed with some loss. The landing of the troops then proceeded without opposition.

The news of General Miles' landing at Guanica came as a great surprise to officials at the War Department, as it had been planned to land at another point, as remote as possible from that actually selected. It will now be necessary to intercept the sections of the expedition already at sea and notify them of the change in the plans.

Battery B, Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, arrived at Newport News, Tuesday.

The Third Brigade, First Division, First Corps, composed of the First and Third Kentucky and the Fifth Illinois, received orders Tuesday to proceed from Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, to Newport News.

The War Department has issued a statement showing that all of the States have supplied their quotas of troops under the two calls.

The Spaniards at Guantanamo, on Monday night, sank the gunboat Sandoval, which has been lying near Caimanera. This is looked upon as a gross breach of the terms of surrender.

Admiral Cervera's officers will not return to Spain with the Santiago prisoners.

The First United States Infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Bisbee, went Guantanamo on Monday, to occupy that place.

General Shafter telegraphed to the Adjutant General at Washington Tuesday that there were 495 new cases of fever on Monday, making a total of 2138. On the same day 412 men, who had been ill with fever returned to duty. There was one death of yellow fever on July 24. There are 287 sick cases, other than fever.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23, 1898.—More fighting, and lots of it, is on the administration program. It is to be started in Porto Rico next week, General Miles and Admiral Sampson being now on their way there in command respectively of

the army and navy expeditions which are to act in concert for the capture of the island. Spain occupies a conspicuous place on the program. It is to be visited by Commodore Watson's fleet, and the unusual activity in the moving of the troops other than those which are to go to Porto Rico has caused many to believe that the program actually includes an invasion of Spain itself by our troops. This belief was increased by the presence in Washington of Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, who is still United States Minister to Spain, although he ceased to perform the functions of that position at the breaking out of the war. That he was sent for by the President is known, and it is believed that it was to furnish information that could be utilized in the movement against Spain, whether that movement be confined to Commodore Watson's fleet or shall include an army of invasion.

Although peace talk continues to be cabled from Europe there is nothing but fighting in administration circles, the President and his Cabinet having become fully satisfied that Spain will not accept peace on terms that would be offered until she is further humiliated and having determined to bring about her further humiliation at the earliest moment possible.

The War Department has closed a contract for the transportation of the Spanish soldiers that surrendered at Santiago to Spain, and they will be sent as quick as ships can get to Santiago to take them.

The rush to enlist has not been equal in the States. Seven States Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Virginia and Wisconsin—have furnished more men than their quota, but all the rest are short, a majority, at least one-third, and North Carolina has only sent 55 men to meet its quota of 789 under the President's second call.

General Shafter seems to have had the law on his side when he declined, after the Spaniards had surrendered to him, to allow Admiral Sampson to take possession of the Spanish merchant ships that were in the harbor at Santiago, and put prize crews in charge of them. Several decisions by the United States Supreme Court have a direct bearing upon this matter. In one of them, the opinion by Justice Field, it was stated that no prize money could be allowed for captures or for the destruction of vessels by the navy, where the army had aided, even by its operations several miles distant. It is claimed by some that the above decision will bar the payment of head-money to the officers and crews of the vessels which destroyed Cervera's fleet, because it was the operations of the army which virtually drove the fleet out of Santiago harbor; but that seems to be drawing it rather fine, and the wrong way, at that, while the natural presumption is that if there is any stretching to be done it will be in favor of, and not against, the gallant fellows who destroyed Cervera's fleet. General Shafter was right in claiming that the navy had nothing to do with the ships that had surrendered to him, but he would not be right in claiming, and nobody who knows him believe that he will claim, to have assisted in destroying Cervera's fleet.

According to an official report to the War Department, the Russians are experimenting with aluminum horse shoes for their cavalry, and have found that the latter metal is better than iron and the shoe can be made now for about the same cost, with the probability of considerably lessening it when facilities for making them in large quantities are available. The aluminum horse shoe weighs 2 1/2 ounces less than the iron shoe, and being less affected by moisture outweathers it.

United States Consul Skinner, at Marseilles, France, has reported to the Department of State the completion of a movable bridge at the entrance of the canal between the Mediterranean Sea and Bizerte Lake that reflects no little credit upon French engineering skill. Two steel towers, 213 feet in height, have been erected on opposite sides of the canal, and by an arrangement of steel cables the bridge is easily elevated to the top of these towers in forty seconds, upon the approach of a vessel, allowing the vessel to pass under. A 6-horsepower engine furnishes all the power required.

While no one in Washington supposes that the disgruntlement of the Cuban insurgents because they were not given charge of Santiago to loot and do as they pleased with will go to the extent of an open rupture with our army, not a few of those who have contended from the beginning that the insurgents were as a whole a bad lot are saying "I told you so." The opinion is growing that the United States will have more with the insurgents, both in Cuba and in the Philippines, than with the Spaniards.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

More rain; -And more rain; -Means more potatoes and corn!

Another threatening letter has been received by a farmer of Hatfield...

Races at Billerbeck's Penn Square Driving Park, Thursday afternoon, August 4.

Wm. P. Bach will succeed Montgomery S. Longaker as postmaster at Pottstown, next month.

It is asserted that the fly can make 600 strokes a second with its wings...

J. B. Lazere, Esq., and family, of Norristown, are summering at Prospect Terrace, this borough.

There were 1218 births and 734 deaths in Montgomery county during the first six months of 1898.

For swearing at a policeman in a public street of Mount Vernon, N. Y., Michael Powers was fined \$50.

Reduction of 10 per cent during August in furniture at Bechtel's furniture store, Collegeville.

Joseph Wagner, of Norristown, fell from a car on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Sunday evening...

Mrs. Peter Smith, of No. 44 Mechanic street, Camden, gave birth to triplets Sunday.

Five thousand people worshipped on Sunday at the Chester Heights camp meeting.

Tuberculosis is gradually being stamped out of cattle herds in all parts of the State...

John H. Bechtel, of Royersford, died on Thursday, after a lingering illness of a year, aged 63 years.

After Lizzie DeKalb has finished her two years' sentence she will be tried for passing counterfeit money in Trenton.

The Schuylkill Valley Traction Company commenced Monday to carry the mails between Norristown and this borough.

Jacob S. Pottenger, living near Reading, at the Four Point Hotel, was robbed of his pocketbook...

The joint picnic of the Trinity S. S., of this borough, and the Ironbridge S. S., in Rahn's grove, Ironbridge, last Saturday, proved to be a pleasant event...

D. L. Swartz will sell about 40 shoats weighing from 40 to 75 pounds at his public sale of fresh cows at Perkiomen Bridge to-morrow (Friday) afternoon.

Two of a herd of four cows, tested for tuberculosis by Dr. Keeley, belonging to H. Rhoades, of New Hanover, were killed at Schweiker's place, Skippack, Tuesday.

Philadelphia Markets. Winter bran, \$14.00@14.50; flour, \$3.00 to \$4.60; rye flour, \$3.00; wheat, 75c; corn, 38c; oats, 32c; butter, 18c to 22c; poultry, live, 8c@9c; dressed, 9c@9.5c; turkey, 10c@12c; mixed, 40c@42c; straw, 30c@35c; beef cattle, 4c@5c; sheep, 2c@5c; lambs, 4c@6c; hogs, western, 5c@5.7c.

Religious. Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 7.30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

On and after the first Sunday in June divine service will be held at Union Church, Wetherill Corner, near Shannonsville, in the morning at 10.30. Service throughout the year in the afternoon at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks, at 3.30. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Tomlinson, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.30 a. m. and 3 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, pastor. The services for the week, beginning July 31, will be as follows: Sunday school at 8.45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m., on the subject, "A Haunted Conscience," and at 3 p. m., on the subject, "Overcomers." Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting an hour before the evening sermon. Y. P. S. C. E. conference on Friday evening at the parsonage. Junior C. E. prayer meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Luther League Outing.

The members of the Luther League, of Trappe, will have their annual outing on Saturday, August 6, when they will excursion to Chestnut Hill Park by trolley.

Memorial Services.

The annual memorial services of the 155th year of the building of the old Lutheran church edifice at Trappe, will be held in the ancient structure on Sunday a. m., August 14th.

Will Be Vacant Two Sundays.

The pulpit of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, will be vacant the first and second Sundays, August, owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. L. Messenger, who will be abroad on his vacation.

Robbed for the Fifth Time.

All the clocks in the establishment and about \$100 worth of shirts made for the government were stolen from the shirt factory of W. H. Pool, Lansdale, Saturday night. This is the fifth time the place has been robbed.

Old Easter Eggs.

Mr. John S. Heebner, of Upper Gwynedd, has an Easter egg in his possession that is 80 years old, and Mrs. Esther Krauss, of Upper Hanover, has an Easter egg bearing the date of 1807 and containing the name of Christopher Neuman. Mrs. Krauss is ahead.

Borough Taxes.

Borough Treasurer, Dr. E. A. Krusen, authorizes the announcement that he will be at his office to receive borough taxes on Friday and Saturday of this week, until 9 a. m. and from 1 to 3 p. m., each day, and that a rebate of 5 per cent will be granted upon taxes paid prior to August 1.

A New German Paper.

Editor I. R. Haldeman, of the Harleysville News, makes the announcement that a German newspaper will be issued from his office on and after August 5. The paper is to be Republican in politics and is intended to take the place of the Neutralist, of Skippack, which is to be suspended August 1.

Death of Peter S. Fry.

Peter S. Fry, a widower aged 72 years, died of gangrene at the residence of John M. Rittenhouse, Fairview Village, Friday. About ten days ago he was operated upon and the great toe of his left foot was amputated. The funeral will be held today. Services and interment at Wentz's church and cemetery, Worcester.

Afflicted with Paralysis.

Mrs. Esther Detwiler, the aged mother of Mrs. F. M. Hobson, of this borough, is afflicted with paralysis. Up till noon, Sunday, Mrs. Detwiler, though advanced in years, had been in the enjoyment of her usual good health. Some time after dinner she was severely attacked with the disease stated previously. Her condition at present is somewhat improved.

A Fine Sidewalk.

Last week the new sidewalk of cement in front of the premises of A. Kimby, Main street, this borough, was completed. The cement was placed upon a solid foundation of considerable depth and the finished work is both substantial and attractive. It is much admired. There has always been what some old-fashioned people would term pride in the upper ward.

A Disastrous Walk.

Mrs. Miles, of Swedeland, this county, recently dreamt that her son was in trouble along the road near his home. In her sleep she started to go to his assistance. Thinking that she was going down stairs she stepped out of the window. Mrs. Miles, who is an elderly lady, was injured in a comatose state since the accident, and her recovery is doubtful.

A Fatal Accident.

Mrs. S. H. Longaker, wife of Samuel H. Longaker, of Schwenksville, aged 55 years, died Tuesday afternoon of last week, from injuries received in falling down a flight of stairs on Sunday night previous. During the night Mrs. Longaker had attended to the wants of a child made a misstep that caused the fall and internal injuries resulting in death. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. H. B. Kratz, survive. The funeral services were held Sunday at 10 o'clock. It became necessary, however, to inter the remains on Friday afternoon.

Sudden Death at Mont Clare.

Monday at noon Mrs. Jacob Reilly, one of Mont Clare's oldest and most highly esteemed ladies, died very suddenly of heart disease, aged 67 years. The deceased was in her usual health up to within a few minutes of her death. Just before she died the family were about to sit down to dinner, and she was seen to be in some one present seeing her condition, caught her before she fell, and the next moment she was extinct, death resulting as said from heart disease. The deceased was the widow of the late Jacob Reilly, who died about twenty-five years ago.

DEATHS.

Lizzie, wife of Henry W. Shoe-maker, of near Spring Mount, died of apoplexy Wednesday evening of last week, aged 29 years. A husband and two children survive.

Jesse Jarrett, a well-known contractor and builder, died of biliary colic at his home in Shannonsville, Sunday morning, aged 76 years. He had been sick only a few days. He leaves a wife and nine children. Though 76 years of age he was actively engaged as a builder when taken fatally ill. Had he lived until November he would have celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Ex-County Treasurer Samuel F. Jarrett is one of the brothers of the deceased.

Entertainment and Festival.

The Eagleville Union Cornet Band will hold a musical entertainment and festival on Johnston's lawn, Eagleville, on Saturday evening, August 6. The band is composed of twenty-one members; John Fugh, leader.

OFF to Mexico.

U. S. G. Finkbinder, cashier of the National Bank of Royersford, and his wife, have left for Silver Spring, New Mexico, where it is hoped Mrs. Finkbinder's health can be improved. Edward Thomas will fill the cashier's place until his return, and Samuel Grob, of Schwenksville, was appointed clerk in the bank at the directors' meeting, Saturday.

Another Field of Grain Burned.

A field of grain owned by David H. Bean, of Schwenksville, was destroyed by fire, north of Sellersville, Thursday morning. A cinder, blown from a passing freight train into the nearby field, soon ignited, and in a very short time the adjoining field, containing five tons of cut hay, belonging to John Bechtel, were also consumed.

Luther League Reunion.

The first annual reunion of the Montgomery Luther League will be held at Sanatoga Park, Pottstown, on Monday, September 5, Labor Day. Rev. D. H. Reiter, of Richland Centre, Bucks county, is chairman of the reunion committee and arrangements are being made to run excursions to the park from all points in the three counties.

Shot at a Burglar.

An attempt was made to burglarize the residence of Charles Loder, at Arcola, last Friday night. Mrs. Loder was aroused by a noise occasioned by some one trying to force an entrance into the house. Mr. Loder fired two shots after the thief, who was seen running across a field near the Loder residence. Several petty robberies have been committed in the neighborhood of Arcola, recently.

Protectors to be Inspected.

Archbishop Ryan has issued a circular announcing the completion of the new Catholic Protectors, at Fatland, which is to be known as St. John's Protector, and arrangements are being made to effect the inspection of the Protectors, at Fatland, which is to be known as St. John's Protector, and arrangements are being made to effect the inspection of the Protectors, at Fatland, which is to be known as St. John's Protector.

Methacton Literary Society.

Next meeting of Methacton Literary Society, Saturday evening, July 30. Program: Recitations—Jane Armstrong, Herbert Arnold, Mame Davis, Nellie Evans. Readings—John Kratz, Annie Smith, Harry Johnson, Annie Franz, Music—Viola Auer, Nellie Evans, Joseph Kratz. Debate—"Resolved, That the United States should adopt an aggressive foreign policy." Affir., Jos. Kratz; assistants, J. H. Johnson, Harry D. Johnson. Negative, Ralph L. Johnson; assistants, Chester A. Kratz, Miss Cora R. Perry.

The Storm Was Severe in Limerick.

The storm on Wednesday of last week was very severe in Limerick where the roof of their foundations, the roof on the open shed at Miller's hotel was blown off. A number of telegraph and telephone poles were blown over and the wires torn down. On the farm of F. S. Peterman a large wagon house was razed to the ground and four wagons were damaged. While the wind was blowing a gale and large hail stones were falling in Limerick the sun was shining at Schwenksville.

Machinery for London.

The Norristown Herald says:—When the Sanitary Block and Tile Company, of London, England, sent the large order for block and tile making machinery to R. S. Newbold & Son Co., they invited the latter to submit proposals for the motive power for the new factory. The proposal was promptly forwarded and the English company has cabled its acceptance of the same. This additional order will comprise an engine of 250 horse power and three boilers aggregating 500 horse power. The company has also received an order from the Tyrone Iron Company, of Tyrone, Pa., for an engine of 500 horse power with fly wheel 25 feet in diameter and 30 tons weight; one skelp mill with rolls 23 by 54 inches, the housing for which will weigh 9 tons each. They will also supply the hot and cold galvanized shears, rotary shears, tilting tables, cooling tables, conveyors, and everything necessary for the complete equipment of the mill.

PERSONAL.

Rev. E. R. Cassady and family, of Philadelphia, are staying at "Ingleside," the old farm home north of Trappe, for the summer.

Charles Vandenslice and John Yost, of this borough, returned home Wednesday evening of last week from a bicycle trip to Camp Alger, Va. They found the soldier boys from Montgomery in good form. Charlie says they found some of the roads exceedingly rough.

E. H. Fetterolf, of Philadelphia, son of A. H. Fetterolf, Ph. D., resident of Girard College, and Clement Fetterolf, of Brooklyn, son of A. D. Fetterolf, Esq., are on their vacation visiting relatives in this borough.

Conard Fisher, for more than twenty years the accomplished editor of the Neutralist, Skippack, has been appointed Superintendent of the German Daily Gazette office in Philadelphia. The position is a good one and Mr. Fisher is able to fill it.

You will not know how much good Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you until you try it. Buy a bottle to-day and begin to take it.

Summer Guests at Lamb Hotel, Trappe.

Quite a number of guests are summering at J. B. Smoyer's Lamb Hotel, Trappe, this season. The names of those who have been and those who are stopping at the hotel are as follows: Misses Olive and Margaret Patton, Andrew Forbes and wife, John P. Slupe and wife, L. Winfield Shupe, W. E. Heist and wife and two children, Miss Inez Forbel, J. Mulford Wack, John Troxel, E. L. Swartz, E. J. Patton and lady, all of Philadelphia. Mrs. Jan. Roshong, Miss E. Jannetta Roshong, Wm. H. Young and wife, and D. B. Smoyer and wife, of Norristown; Miss Kate Wisler, of Glendale; Franklin Steltz and wife, and Miss Maize A. Steltz, of Pottstown.

TROLLEY CAR RUNAWAY AND WRECK AT NORRISTOWN.

GENERAL MANAGER DOUGLASS AND AUGUSTUS NUNGESSER INJURED.

A thrilling accident occurred at Norristown Monday evening shortly before 8 o'clock, in which General Manager R. M. Douglass and Augustus Nungesser were injured, two teams wrecked and considerable damage done to a trolley car. The accident occurred on the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company's line. Superintendent Davids and a force of men had gone over the Powell street line and loaded about thirty large poles on a construction car. The latter was placed in front of a trolley car and was shoved down DeKalb street hill. Superintendent Davids was in charge of the car. The trolley car, carrying a horse and carriage belonging to Patrick McGrath and James Williamson. The McGrath wagon was completely demolished, and Williamson's horse was buried under the pile of poles. The latter were quickly removed and the horse was found to be still alive. The animal was badly cut and bled freely. Augustus Nungesser was badly cut about the head. He was taken to Charity Hospital for treatment. General Manager Douglass had a hand lacerated; several other employes were shaken up. The trolley car jumped the track and struck an iron awning with such force as to demolish it.

NO RATS IN HIS GARRET.

The stillness of a midnight hour pervaded the usual quiet village where a massive iron bridge spans the Perkiomen, except in a top story room of the domicile of a well-known citizen and builder of homes. In that room, occupied by what-not except sleepers, there was a commotion. The old band box containing an antiquated hat, not altogether of the Greeley pattern, seemed to be thumping a chest filled with a variety of winter goods and campor hats. A pair of gum boots, not in use since the blizzard of last winter, parted company, the one glided across the room and collided with a little high chair, while the other touched the nearest window with sufficient force to produce a rattling of sashes. A plumb-bob suspended from a nail just back of the door broke the line, struck the floor with a sudden thud, and then bobbed up against a crook of apple butter, bringing the crook. The contents of the upper room were being turned upside down and endwise, as though an army of rats had taken possession, but such was not the case. Our friend had simply been dreaming and it happened to be one of the kind that pictured a scene of disturbance overhead and outlined in quick succession the various movements of certain objects known to be about the place somewhere. In the dawning when the proprietor awoke and collected his usual supply of good sense he could hardly believe that something hadn't happened, and straightway went up into the garret to look for a rat hole or two, but nary a one was to be seen. Everything seemed to be as things in a garret ought to be. "Well," he observed philosophically, "dreams are god-darned funny things anyhow," and when the Burgess and Pop heard the story next morning they could hardly resist charging their old friend with having recently taken a jaunt where kitchen spirits hold high carnival, but he had it, it was simply a dream, only that and nothing more.

IT ALL DEPENDS.

It is quite important when speaking of the longest day in the year, to say what part of the world we are talking about, as will be seen by reading the following list, which tells the length of the longest day in several places: At Stockholm, Sweden, it is eighteen and a half hours in length. In Spitzbergen, the longest day is three and one half months. At London, England, and Bremen, Prussia, the longest day has sixteen and one half hours. At Hamburg, in Germany, and Danzig, in Prussia, the longest day has seventeen hours. At Wardburg, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 23, without interruption. At St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tobolsk, Siberia, the longest day is nineteen hours, and the shortest five hours.

At Tornes, Finland, June 21 brings a day nearly twenty-four hours long, and Christmas one less than three hours in length. At New York the longest day is about fifteen hours, and at Montreal, Canada, it is sixteen hours.

S. S. PICNICS.

Evangelical Sunday School, of Trappe, at Sanatoga, Saturday, August 20.

M. E. Sunday School, Evansburg, at Zieber's Park, Thursday, August 18.

Lutheran Sunday School, Trappe, on church lawn, Saturday, August 27.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Sunday School, at Zieber's Park, on Thursday, August 4.

EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER REUNION OF MONTG. CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THIS BOROUGH.

At the September, 1897, reunion of the Montgomery County Historical Society, it was decided to accept an invitation tendered by President H. T. Spangler, of Ursinus College, and others, to hold the reunion in Bomberger Memorial Hall, this borough, and Henry W. Kratz was named as chairman of a committee of arrangements. Mr. Kratz named as the other members of the committee Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., Prof. J. Shelly Weinberger, L. L. D., and F. G. Hobson, Esq., of the Ursinus College, and Librarian Ellwood Roberts, of Norristown. At a recent meeting of the committee, Mr. Kratz was continued as chairman and Ellwood Roberts was chosen secretary.

The date for the reunion was fixed upon, Wednesday, September 14, being selected. There will be three sessions, morning, afternoon, and evening, and the exercises will be held in Bomberger Memorial Hall. The morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock, will be devoted to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Freeland Seminary. The exercises will include music; prayer; "History of Freeland Seminary" by Dr. Weinberger; an address by President Fetterolf, of Girard College; another by Rev. J. H. Hundricks, D. D., on "Distinguished Sons of Freeland Seminary," and five-minute addresses from other speakers.

At 12.30 luncheon will be served, and toasts be given, responded to by various prominent members of the Society and others. At the afternoon session, beginning at 2 o'clock, Miss Cora Rambo, of Trappe, will speak on the "History of Washington Hall, Trappe," reminiscences of the school will be given by prominent graduates; J. W. Sunderland, L. L. D., will read a "History of Pennsylvania Female College," the first attempt in America, or in the world to secure higher education for women. The session will close with reminiscences, etc.

In the evening it is hoped that Hon. Wayne MacVeagh may consent to deliver an address; Rev. Henry T. Spangler, who will preside, will deliver a historical address.

Other exercises will be added to the program which is outlined above. Dr. Weinberger will preside at the morning session; Mr. Kratz at the afternoon, and Mr. Spangler in the evening. The affair will be to some extent a basket picnic, tables being arranged for the contentment of guests and visitors. The following committees were named by Chairman Kratz at Tuesday's meeting: Speakers—Dr. Spangler, Dr. Fetterolf, to invite Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, with authority to engage someone else if Mr. MacVeagh cannot come.

Reminiscences—H. W. Kratz to speak; Hunsicker, Esq., and others to speak of Washington Hall.

FROM OAKS.

Rev. Jacob Z. Gotwals preached at Green Tree on Sunday, choosing his text from the second chapter of Acts, and a portion of the last verse: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." He advanced the idea, no one can be saved outside of the church; that baptism was absolutely necessary; that Christ was a member of his own church. Mr. Gotwals has been preaching some very able sermons, advancing many new lines of thought.

Rev. Mr. Meyers is gaining strength gradually, and will no longer be absent from his accustomed place in the pulpit.

There was a report on Saturday that John Shull would be transferred from the section on the Schuylkill Division of the Penna. R. R. to a section including Harrisburg on the main line, but on inquiry it was found some wag had perpetrated a joke on Shull. Here's a chance for reform. Mr. Shull could represent this part of the community in his spare moments in the Legislature, and that would do away with the necessary expense attached to a nomination and election to send a candidate there. This would be reform, for he would be already there, and no doubt not charge exorbitant prices for his services. Still this is hard to swallow.

This community was shocked at the notice of the sudden demise of Jesse Jarrett, an old and estimable citizen of Lower Providence. Mr. Jarrett had been complaining on the eve of his death, and it was only Saturday evening he was taken sick, dying on Sunday morning. The Jarrett family is well and widely known in our county. Jesse Jarrett was a son of David Jarrett, who belonged to the Society of Friends. Samuel F. Jarrett, ex-treasurer of the county, is a brother. Also P. Jarrett, of Norristown, and Chalky Jarrett, of Lansdale, John Jarrett, died some time ago, while the Farmer Jarrett went South before the war, locating at Shreveport, La., and was conscripted into the Southern army and was killed in one of the battles of the southwest.

There were two sisters: Lucretia Jarrett, wife of Joseph Umstad, who died last year, two ago, and Miss Elizabeth Jarrett, who still lives with Mr. Umstad at Green Tree. Mr. Jarrett married a daughter of Nicholas Bean, of Pawling. He leaves a widow and nine children.

ren. William, Charles and Harry Jarrett of Philadelphia, the latter in the banking business; David Jarrett, of Jeffersonville; William Jarrett, merchant at Valley Forge; Grant Jarrett, of Norristown; Rebecca Jarrett, who resides at home; Laura Jarrett, wife of Mr. Norris Brower of Oaks; Amanda, wife of Alfred Wyncoop of Philadelphia; Lew Jarrett, who met with a very sad accident, falling from a ladder when in picking apples, from which he died, was also a son. Mr. Jarrett was an extensive builder and contractor. He rebuilt the church here at Green Tree, the dwelling house of Mr. I. R. Weikel, the fine barn on the Shearer farm in Chester county. It was through his untiring energy, as well as that of Nicholas Bean, the beautiful burial ground, the Morris Cemetery, was organized. Mr. Jarrett was in his 76th year. Funeral at one o'clock on Wednesday; interment was made at Morris Cemetery.

John Foley, who is learning the trade of machinist at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, visited his home on Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Scott returned home from Hagerstown, Md., on Thursday, where she had been visiting friends.

Camp Hungry is no more, as the occupants have left for their homes.

John U. Francis, Jr., has replaced the old flag which he flung to the breeze at the first declaration of war and which was storm riven, with a new flag.

The daily papers, both American and foreign, publish reports which tend to encourage the idea peace will soon be proclaimed while the American fleet still continue shelling Spanish ships right along.

A rat sought shelter in the well on John U. Francis, Jr.'s property and necessitates the trouble of cleaning the well out, as there was too much water in the well for one rat.

Sergt. Mortimer of Co. D, 6th Regt. Pa. Volunteers, stationed at Camp Alger, who died of appendicitis and typhoid fever, was buried at Green Tree on Monday afternoon, with military honors. The body of the dead soldier was brought home in charge of a corporal and squad on Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday a detachment of Co. D came on to assist in the burial service. The Phoenix Military Band, Order of Mechanics, Post of G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans turned out in full force, marching from Mont Clair to the burying ground at Green Tree. The firing of the last farewell shot over the grave of the dead hero, the presence of the military, awakened to the dread realization that our nation was engaged in war, terrible, cruel war. Sergeant James A. Mortimer had been examined by the Surgeon to be transferred to the Regular Army and their report was he was a most perfect type of manhood. All of his comrades, as well as the captain of his company, spoke very highly of him as a gentleman and soldier.

QUEER LEGACIES.

Here are some amusing particulars of legacies with strange conditions attached, as given by the Brooklyn Citizen. Early last year a peculiar probate suit, involving some \$500,000, was imminent, the disinherited relations wishing to upset an old gentleman's will because he had left the sum named to found and endow a church on the conditions that every Sunday before the service the whole of the thirty-nine articles were to be read by the clergyman outside the church door.

A strange condition was attached to the legacy of the late Sir Edward Bales, who died last year left to his married daughter. He stated that he had seen his son-in-law's Scotch property, and he considered it would be a gross injury to his daughter and her children, considering "there are no neighbors within miles, and there is no medical man within six or seven miles," if she lived there any considerable time. So he arranged that, if his daughter stayed more than six months in any year, "and those six months not in the winter," at that point, the income derived from the legacy for the twelve succeeding months should go to the residuary legatees.

During this year a gentleman who died at Mons left a legacy of \$3,000 to five friends, the money to be spent on dinners served in different restaurants, and at each meal a certain dish to be eaten, and a certain wine, of which he was very fond, to be drunk. Furthermore, his memory was to be toasted at dessert, the five companions were to dine in black clothes and gloves, and enter the room preceded by a flag and the music of an accordion.

A wealthy gentleman recently left his son a large fortune on the condition that he shall visit every country in the world, and write a book on what he sees. This work is to be submitted to professors of Bonn and Heidelberg universities, and if in their opinion it is dull and stupid and badly written, the heir has either to write it over again or lose the fortune.

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A Boy Met a Terrible Death.

DANVILLE, Pa., July 26.—John Fowler, a 13-year-old son of Elmer Fowler, of South Danville, died yesterday from the effect of falling from a cherry tree upon an old harrow below. One of the teeth, the blunt end of which pointed upward, penetrated his head more than five inches. The harrow teeth measured three-fourths of an inch in diameter. He died a few hours after the accident.

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The height of the locomotive from the top of the stack to the rail is 35 inches and the gauge is 12 1/2 inches. The boiler is 1 1/2 horse-power, made of steel, and is tested to 300 pounds pressure, and will hold 24 gallons of water. It has 11 1-inch iron tubes, each 2 feet long. It is equipped with two injectors, and when in operation carries 125 pounds of steam. The diameter of the driving wheels is 10 inches. The forward truck has two wheels, which are 5 inches in diameter, and the tender attached has two pairs of wheels, the diameter of the wheels being 5 inches. The tank of the tender holds 30 gallons of water. The firebox is 10x10 inches. The weight of this little engine is almost 600 pounds, and will run on a rail three-quarters of an inch square. Hard coal will be used as fuel. The capacity of the locomotive is ten cars, each containing 2 persons, or about 4000 pounds. The locomotive is equipped with sand-box, bell, etc., and has a steam brake between the drivers. One man, whose position will be on a seat in the tender, operates the engine. The scale on which the engine was built is about 1-7 that of one of the New York Central's largest engines, and, as it stands in the shop, it has a very businesslike appearance. The length of the locomotive from the point of the pilot to the end of tender is 7 feet 3 inches.

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RAISING SUMMER CROPS.

MANY VEGETABLES CAN BE GROWN LATE IN THE SEASON.

Whether due to custom or to the extra labor required to keep down grass and weeds during the growing season, there is a general neglect of late crops; that is, farmers could have a supply of many vegetables late in the year if they will grow them. The hot-bed early in the spring is used for forcing plants that are to give an early supply, but if a test be made between those plants that are started in the hot-bed and those grown in the open air from seed after warm weather begins, it will be found that the later plants are usually very close in growth to the earlier ones at maturity. Even during the present year, although it is but little more than half gone, cases can be mentioned in which tomatoes started in a hot-bed and those started in the open air of the same size in growth, and both loaded with fruit and blossoms. This is due to the cool nights which existed after the hot-bed plants were transplanted, the days being warm, but the plants did not grow rapidly. The open-air plants, which came from seed planted in the ground, met with favorable conditions, such as warm days and warm nights, and, receiving no check whatever, grew rapidly from the start. Even Lima beans, which are never planted until danger of frost is gone, have been over-taken in growth by Lima beans that were planted a month later. The practice of forcing plants or attempting to do so, to secure early crops, will save but little time and should the nights remain cool, and it is doubtful if any considerable time is gained by planting tender plants until the weather and ground are warm and the conditions favorable.

PLANTING IN JULY. Seeds planted in July, provided there is no drought, will germinate quickly and grow rapidly, gaining largely in growth compared with planting in May, and it is not at all difficult to extend the season for vegetables by planting seeds in July, and even in August, although such late plantings are overlooked by farmers. A gardener who endeavors to have vegetables from the going to the coming of frost planted cantaloupes this month, as well as cucumbers and squash. String beans, which are quick to mature, can be had in succession until very late. Some varieties of cantaloupe, such as the Emerald Gem, ripen nearly all of the fruit in a short time, and a late planting provides a second supply, not so late as may be supposed, for the vines from the late planted seed will grow three times as fast as those planted early. In this latitude the early cantaloupes should come in about the latter part of July or early in August, but the late ones, though planted two months later, will be but a short period behind them. That many early plants are set out or are started from seed too early may be shown by the "seedlings" or volunteer plants. A chance tomato plant, which came from seed thrown away, happens to begin growth in a favorable location after the early plants are in blossom, and grows so rapidly as to come into bearing almost at the same time as the earlier ones. The result of the comparison is to prove conclusively that the very warm nights of summer assist to keep tender plants in rapid growth.

SUCCESSIVE CROPS. But few green peas can be found in gardens at present, and yet peas can be had until late. They do not thrive so well in summer as when grown earlier, but they can be grown with advantage, however, if kept well cultivated. Beets can even be planted this month for the table, as they may be used before they mature, but it is safe to assert that outside of the crops planted early beets will not be found on many tables, except such as have lost their quality by completing their growth. The fact should be kept in view that many garden crops are used before they mature, which shortens the time which is required for growth, while some crops, like the tomato, will blossom, produce green fruit and yield ripe fruit, at the same time. The dwarf Lima bean on rich ground, planted now, will produce this season, and late sweet corn can be had long after the first crop is gone. One of the principal reasons, perhaps, why but little attention is given late vegetables is the fact that summer is also very favorable to weeds, hence more labor is required than with the earlier crops. If weeds are kept down for a year or two they will disappear, and one of the reasons in favor of late garden crops is that they compel the grower to make warfare on the weeds. There should really be no weeds to destroy in a well-managed garden, and there is a self-denial practiced by farmers who can have a supply of late vegetables on their tables if they will determine to have more than one crop of a kind during the year.

FARM NOTES AND VIEWS. Farmers are conservative, but too much so at times. They have as persistently objected to improved stock and newer varieties of vege-

tables as the mechanics have in their opposition to labor-saving machinery. But few enterprising farmers in a community have been encouraged by their neighbors in their efforts to introduce better stock and better methods of farming. There are thousands of farmers who consider cows that average two pounds of butter a week as good animals, although there are farmers who have herds in which each individual will average from eight to ten pounds of butter per week. Some farmers are progressive, and quickly fall into line in the work of improvement, yet there is not a county in the United States lacking in those farmers who still refuse to believe that one breed is better than another, or that the scrub is not fully as good as the pure-bred animal. Until the farmer accepts conditions as they exist, and realize that the strongest competitor against him is the farmer with better stock, he will not be able to make farming pay. This is a progressive age, and farmers must be alive to all the advantages that will assist them in securing larger profits.

The growth of a young animal is the main factor in the increase of its weight, and when the food is both nitrogenous and carbonaceous there is a greater gain than when the food is mostly carbonaceous, as when corn alone is used. At the Alabama Experiment Station pigs pastured on nearly matured corn, and supplied with corn, made almost three times the gain in live weight made by similar pigs fed exclusively on corn. Pigs also gained more rapidly on ground cowpeas and corn than on corn alone. In effect 5.28 pounds of the mixed food was equal to 8.06 pounds of ground corn. One pound of cornmeal, however, proved superior to three pounds of sweet potatoes.

It is estimated that the number of cows in the United States used for producing milk from which butter is made reaches 11,000,000, and that the average amount of butter per cow is 126 pounds for one year, making a total of 1,375,000,000 pounds of butter. Estimating at 125 pounds per cow shows that the average was low. The cows can double their average if "bread and feed" are made to enter more largely into dairying. There are cows used solely for supplying cheese factories, and also milk for immediate consumption, the item of butter only being taken to point out the enormous value of cows on the farms and their usefulness to farmers.

Goslings and ducklings frequently show signs of lameness when nearly grown, and are also afflicted with vertigo. The cause is due to feeding largely of grain. During warm weather they will thrive best if allowed nothing but grass. All aquatic birds require bulky substances, and will not thrive on a diet of concentrated food.

Some weeds seem to hold possession of the land persistently, but when they are kept down by frequent cutting off of the tops it is but a matter of time before they will die, as every cutting causes exhaustion. The stubble field is a favorite place for weeds, but if the mower is run over the field the weeds will be prevented from seeding until the land can be plowed.

Cabbages will thrive with frequent cultivation; in fact, they may be cultivated every day with advantage. The first cultivation should be deep, so as to permit the ground to absorb water from rains, after which the stirring of the top soil for an inch or two will answer. If grass and weeds grow in the spaces between the plants do not hesitate to use the hoe, as the rapid growth of the cabbages will well repay for the labor.

When the crop has been picked from the raspberry and blackberry canes it is seldom any work is bestowed on the canes until next year. Considering the neglect given blackberry and raspberry canes in late summer they pay well in comparison with other crops. If fruit growers will cultivate the canes and clean the ground well of weeds and grass as soon as the berry harvest is over, and apply fertilizer on the land, the effect of the good treatment will be apparent the following year. Weeds and grass rob the canes, and when it is considered that with the canes producing crops for several years in succession, and weeds and grass taking possession between the rows, the land becomes exhausted, the crops fall off and the canes die out.

Prices may be low some years and high the next. It has been a short time since horses sold at marvelously low prices and cattle did not pay for the food consumed. Now horses are bringing better prices and choice cattle are scarce. It is safe for farmers to invest in stock, as the prospects are that there will be better prices in the future.

The borer works from June to September, or rather, the moth is always busy attacking the trees. Careful examination should be made for the borer at least every two weeks, and if the trees show indications of being attacked cut the borers out. If such work is delayed the borers will go into the trees deeper and their destruction become more difficult.

Different valuations are given horse manure, as it is made from many substances. It is estimated that a ton of manure contains about ten pounds of nitrogen, ten pounds of potash, and four pounds of phosphoric acid, the value of which is about two dollars. It will be interesting for farmers who buy manure to consider whether it will pay to haul manure a long distance unless it is of the most valuable kind. Manure from livery stables, which is composed mostly of straw, is not worth as much as that which is free from litter, hence when the farmer gives his labor and that of his team to haul a ton of manure a mile or more, as well as load and unload it, he may pay more for it than it is worth. Fertilizers are cheaper unless the manure is worth over two dollars a ton.

Regularity in time of milking is necessary. The dairy cow is a good time-keeper, and knows very well when milking time comes. If she is neglected and allowed to go far beyond the regular time she begins to worry and lose losses. There are some cows that certain milks can never get clean. They milk out all that they can readily strip around once or twice, and call her finished. With some cows this will do, but with others the milker must reach well up the udder, and work it with a sort of kneading process. A little manipulation of this sort will cause the whole quantity to flow into the teats, whereas, without it, there will be from a gill to a pint of the richest milk left in the udder every time, which means a prematurely dry cow.

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