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**THE LONELY HOUSE.**

Wayfarers on the road which  
winds across the moorland until it  
reaches civilization in the shape of  
a populous seaport town seldom  
fail to notice a small deserted house  
which stands against a background  
of wind-swept heather. The loneliness  
of location, even more than the  
forlornness of what remains of the  
building itself, attracts the  
attention of travelers. No  
voice, except the whisper of the  
breeze passing through purple tus-  
socks and brown-leeked fern, will  
ever echo again in the cottage  
rooms. The rain falls from the  
empty windows like tears from  
sightless eyes. Now and then the  
cry of a wild bird breaks the still-  
ness, or a small animal scurries  
through the open doorway and van-  
ishes at the back of the dwelling.

Very early in the century the  
owner of the house had been hanged  
for sheep stealing and for a consid-  
erable number of years after the  
outward event no one had perman-  
ently occupied it, though in those  
days a strong door still swung on  
its hinges and the roof was secure  
enough to keep out all but the most  
pitiless rain.

On an afternoon late in Septem-  
ber some seventy-five years ago a  
solitary female figure made her way  
over the moorland from which the  
bloom of heather had vanished.  
The day was a wild one and the  
moaning of the wind sounded  
strange, wistful, reproachful by  
turns as she struggled against it.  
Her path lay for a time in what  
seemed the deserted bed of a tor-  
rent, in which bowlders obstructed  
her feet, and the soil was soft under  
them as she slipped and strove and  
fought the gusts. She was a woman  
of slight and wiry figure and at  
some distance it would have been  
difficult to determine to what state  
of life she belonged. Her dress  
was of homespun, neatly and  
plainly made, and a close hood, per-  
haps the best headgear for the  
weather, tightly fitted on her head.

An acute observer would have  
noticed that, though her boots were  
heavy and strong, she had a high,  
well-shaped instep. Her neck was  
slender, and there was something  
unusual in the poise of her head  
that gave an air of dignity to an  
otherwise ordinary aspect. Her  
features retained traces of beauty,  
but they were too colorless, and the  
lines were harsh. Perhaps it was  
more than mere physical exhaus-  
tion that sent an odd spasm of pain  
across her face, and contracted her

mouth as she moved, gradually  
and more slowly, up the rough  
track.

The rain was coming on faster,  
and swept in a waving silver sheet  
over the grimness of the moor. The  
woman's hands, covered by stout  
gloves, were by this time wet and  
cold, and her petticoat clung tightly  
round her, hampering her progress.

But she continued to advance at  
the same slow, even pace. She had  
come some nine miles, when she  
reached a more beaten road on the  
crest of the hill. A faint flicker of  
light from the wild sky, like a smile  
on a dying face, fell across the path  
giving it a curious lilac coloring.

The woman stood still on the  
brow of the hill, a pathetic, isolated  
figure. She held her hand to her  
side, and panted heavily, wonder-  
ing if it was her own bodily ex-  
haustion or the sunset glare that  
made the dead heath look so red.

Then she went onward, at last on a  
fairly smooth road, winding and  
curving in its course, until she came  
to a small house of gray stone.  
She hesitated, and the last glimmer  
from the hurrying clouds showed  
that she was deathly pale. Half  
mechanically, she tried to arrange  
the shawl that she wore on her  
shoulders, and pushed a wisp of  
wet hair behind either ear. Then  
she knocked at the cottage door.  
There was a slight movement with-  
in, but no answer, and the visitor  
spoke.

"It is I—Hester."

There was a stifled sound of sur-  
prise in the room and a man opened  
the door.

"My God! You!" he said.

The tired woman followed him  
into the room, and he carefully  
closed the door. She noticed,  
though she was so weary as to be  
almost incapable of clear vision,  
that there was barely any furniture.  
On a broken table was a bottle of  
whisky, a saucer containing some  
milk, and in odd juxtaposition a  
few articles of silver. By the fire  
of logs sat a girl, and the flame  
shone vividly on her thick golden  
hair.

The traveler sat silent in the  
presence of the faithless husband  
who she still loved with the whole  
strength of her soul and of the woman  
for whose sake she had de-  
serted her. In spite of the lan-  
guor that was beginning to over-  
power her, Hester Munro was con-  
scious of a pang that stung her  
into new life as she realized the  
beauty of the girl by the fireplace.

This interloper had twenty years  
advantage of her. Her cheeks were  
soft and round, her eyes brilliant,  
the curves of her figure showed  
health and vigor. The dress that  
she wore seemed only to accentuate  
her loveliness. It was that of an  
ordinary working woman, a short  
petticoat, a handkerchief tied in a  
knot on her breast, and another  
scarlet one round her golden head.

"Hester, you are soaked to the  
skin and worn out," said the man,  
still standing and watching his wife  
uneasily. He was tall and very  
handsome, though his face was  
worn and his age was something  
under 40 years. As he spoke her  
gaze no longer rested on the fair  
face of the girl, but on his own.  
There was something half-maternal  
in the intense love which shone out  
of her eyes as she looked at him.  
It gave a beauty and softness to  
her tired eyes which touched and  
wounded him, callous as he was.

"They have got wind of where  
you are," said Hester, "and I knew  
of no other way to warn you—no  
other that was safe—but to come  
here alone. Do you remember,  
John—oh, yes, you do!—that day  
we crossed the moor and passed  
this house, and you said to me  
laughing, 'What a place for a man  
to hide from justice! It is so ut-  
terly lonely,' you said?"

Her face had grown ghastly.  
John Munro poured some milk into  
a cup and handed it to her and she  
drank it.

"But we are only here till to-mor-  
row," he answered; "then we shall  
cross the hill and make our own  
way over the moor to the woods,  
reach the village, take the coach at  
the cross-roads and get on to the  
coast."

Hester Munro shuddered. But  
knowing him as she did, his utter  
selfishness did not surprise. She  
only tried to forget the neighbor-  
hood of his companion, and sat  
with eyes riveted on him.

"Ah! but you must start at  
once!" she cried. "The news of the  
forgery of your partner's name,  
and of his—his—" (here she cast a  
look of disdain on the young wo-  
man) "and of his wife's flight with  
you, is known all over the coun-  
try by now! Why do you wait,  
John? Do you hear? Why do  
you wait a minute more?"

She rose, and leaning her hand on

the broken table stood staring at  
him. He looked so strange in the  
rough clothes in which he, too, had  
disguised himself, so obviously  
masquerading, that her heart was  
wrung with a fresh agony.

"I have come so far, so far," she  
gasped quickly. "John, don't let it  
be just for nothing."

He was almost as pale as she was.  
"You are too good, and you are  
brave as a lion," he said, speaking  
very low. And over his face, worn  
with dissipation and anxiety, some  
traces of what he had been in his  
youth seemed to flit and die swiftly.

Hester moved to the window and  
looked out. The moor was over-  
hung with a black cloud-curtain,  
but far below, half down the crest  
by which she had climbed she saw  
three small points of light. She  
turned toward her husband and  
spoke calmly and slowly:

"They are coming."

He started and clenched his  
hands, and looked over his shoul-  
der. Then, with agony in his  
voice, he strode to the fire and  
caught the hands of the girl who  
sat there in his own.

"Clarissa!" he cried, "they are  
on our track! What will become  
of us, if you, if they take me, my  
dear, my dear!"

He did not even look at his wife,  
although she clasped his arm with  
a grasp that hurt him.

"Tell her," she whispered, "to  
take off that dress, and to—  
to loosen her hair."

The terrified girl started to her  
feet, and trembling took off the  
dark blue skirt, the linen kerchief  
that was over her slender shoulders  
and the scarlet one that half hid  
her hair. Then she pulled out some  
pins, and a golden shower fell over  
her. Hester Munro had discarded  
her own sodden tweed, her shawl  
and hood. They lay on the floor,  
and without addressing the younger  
woman, she signed to her to put on  
these somber garments. Then she  
seized a knife that lay on the table.

"John," she said, still speaking  
in the measured voice of one un-  
touched by emotion or fear, "cut off  
two thick locks of her hair."

He suddenly divined her mean-  
ing, and obeyed her with trembling  
swiftness. In a few seconds Hester  
stood before him, wearing a blue  
skirt and white kerchief—her dark  
hair hidden on either side by a  
twist of gold, and a red covering  
keeping the borrowed curls in place.

He started, stung by something  
strange and noble in his wife's ap-  
pearance that he had never before  
noticed. Her eyes were the exalted  
expression of one in whom all crav-  
ing for joy of earth has passed  
away. They rested on him with  
love shining in their depths, such  
as one disembodied spirit might be-  
stow on another. But only for a  
moment. Then the mortal hunger  
of this lonely woman for his long-  
dead affection came back to her,  
and wrung her heart most bitterly.

"Kiss me, John, just once more."

He bent down and the cheek that  
his lips touched burnt like fire.  
Then he opened the door, leading  
through a smaller and dark  
room out on to the heath behind  
the house. The girl, trembling and  
awkward in her rain-soaked clothes,  
followed him. Hester Munro sank  
upon a rough log that did duty for  
a chair, at the fireside, and waited.

They had been gone half an hour,  
she thought it must have been fully  
that, when heavy steps came to a  
standstill at the front door and a  
loud knocking shook it. After one  
instant's hesitation, she undid the  
latch, and stood facing two constab-  
les carrying lanterns. A third was  
coming up the road which she had  
trodden that afternoon. Hester  
gazed at them unflinching, and the  
man nearest to her said to his com-  
panion:

"Well, we've caught one bird,  
Joe. It's her, sure enough, accord-  
ing to description—red handker-  
chief, yellow hair and the rest."

His eyes rested meanwhile on  
the woman with an expression of  
half-surprise. She was much older  
than he had expected, and though  
distinctly handsome, had none of  
the dazzling loveliness that he had  
been prepared to see.

"You know very well where, mad-  
am," he said curtly. "Your accom-  
plices appear to be away. But, ex-  
cuse me, I must search the inner  
room first. He went past the dis-  
dainful figure into the deserted lit-  
tle place, waving his lantern as he  
walked.

"Bolted, Joe," said he, laconic-  
ally. Then he turned to Hester.

"It's of no use, ma'am, your per-  
suading and defying of the law.  
In which direction has John Munro  
gone?"

The constable, who flattered him-  
self on his acuteness, watched her  
sharply. "Of course she'll lie," he  
thought; but I'll be even with her."

Hester's husband had known that  
she was a woman of strong affec-  
tions, of sense and courage. But  
he had not been aware that she had  
in her makings of a great actress.  
Quick as lightning she divined the  
thought of the man who questioned  
her. She pointed toward the back  
of the house in the direction John  
Munro had really taken. Then, as  
if by an uncontrollable impulse, she  
threw one look of agonizing intensi-  
ty toward the bare slopes that  
faced the cottage over the moor.

The constable smiled delightedly  
and whispered a word to his friend.  
The latter nodded.

"The safest way, after all, mate,"  
said he, slowly, "is to search right  
round the 'ouse for the steps. The  
rain's well soaked the earth near  
the walls, and we can't mistake the  
tracks."

The woman felt a sense of suffoca-  
tion. Then she thrust her fingers  
through the handkerchief on her  
chest and drew out a pistol.

"This is for the first man who  
goes prying around the house!" she  
said, with her head held high, and  
stretching out a hand that held the  
weapon. The second constable ad-  
vanced.

"No play-acting, if you please,  
madam!" His words had hardly  
left his lips when a sharp report  
sounded through the room, and  
died away over the waste of dark  
land. Hester, who had never will-  
ingly pained a living creature, had  
not missed her aim. The man, shot  
through the shoulder, fell back with  
a curse and a groan. Then she  
grew so faint that it seemed to her  
it was in a dream that the other  
man seized her, and wrenched her  
arms and wrists while she strug-  
gled and fought like a wild animal  
in a cage. She thought that the  
beats of her heart kept on saying:

"To gain time, gain time, gain more  
time for him!"

She was sure that they would  
soon break the bones of her arms,  
as she writhed and twisted herself  
with fast ebbing strength. And the  
first constable never forgot how she  
looked as she fell backward at last,  
with her eyes fixed on his, and smil-  
ing so that she showed all her beau-  
tiful white teeth.

In that final struggle the hand-  
kerchief on her head was loosened,  
and two long golden strands of hair  
fell on the floor at his feet. He let  
go his hold and cried out in sur-  
prise. The woman, still with that  
odd triumphant smile on her lips,  
was utterly outwitted; she lurched,  
and fell, and an arm caught her  
as her head was about to strike the  
ground.

In a cold dawn, when the sea fog  
hung low, a traveler, wearing rough  
working clothes, and a young wo-  
man who looked ill and trembling,  
went wearily on board a sailing  
ship that was bound for Australia.

When the sun was higher, and the  
silver mist had lifted a little  
from the moor, a small group of  
men stood near the cottage in the  
midst of the silent expanse. One  
of them, in uniform, who lingered  
a little apart, slowly pushed open  
the door of the house and looked  
in. A rigid figure—that of a wo-  
man—lay on the floor. A rough  
log of wood had been placed under  
her head, and someone had thrown  
a cloak over her feet and skirt. But  
the face was uncovered. It was  
white and cold as marble, and had  
perhaps been praised for its beauty  
in days when she had been younger  
and happier. Even now, as one  
long golden streak fell upon it from  
the unshuttered window, the man  
fancied that it smiled.

**WOOD PULP.**  
GROWING USE IN COMMERCE THREAT-  
ENS THE FORESTS.

The wood pulp bacillus is the  
enemy of forests, says the New  
York Tribune, and unless a halt is  
called in its ravages it may almost  
eat them off the face of the globe.  
So many things are now made from  
wood pulp that the demand for the  
substance, constantly increasing,  
however ample the sources of supply  
may now seem to be they have a  
bound and tend to diminution,  
while the demand promises a con-  
stant increase. Printing paper  
alone eats an enormous hole in our  
national forests yearly, and the  
future extent of that requirement  
can only be conjectured. The huge  
procession of railway cars all over  
the country runs to some extent on  
paper wheels; carpenters are be-  
ginning to use boards of paper  
handsomely veined, requiring no  
planing, twice as durable as the  
wooden variety and costing only  
half the money. The builder is in-  
troducing paper bricks shovily em-  
ameled, which will not burn, and  
possess many advantages over those

of burnt clay. The shipbuilder in-  
troduces masts and spars of the  
same substance, which is likewise  
used for telegraph and telephone  
poles and flagstays. These are not  
fanciful experiments, but serious  
business procedures, justified by  
the superior utility of the articles  
so produced. The same quality is  
claimed for the paper horseshoe re-  
cently invented and now so exten-  
sively used.

An enumeration of the purposes  
for which this surprising proto-  
plasm has come to be employed  
would stretch into a catalogue, and  
new ones seem to be discovered  
every day. They give a sign of its  
waxing demand on our forest  
growths at which the sylvan econo-  
mist and conservator may look  
with apprehension, but just at pre-  
sent it is difficult to see in what way  
he can intervene for their protec-  
tion. Humboldt says that where-  
ever the civilized, earth-tilling,  
wood-consuming man appears in  
arborescent regions of the globe he  
provides the conditions for his own  
extinction by the destruction of  
forests. His dictum antedates the  
wood pulp man, whose appearance  
certainly does not tend to invali-  
date it, and, useful as he is, it may  
in time become necessary to take  
him in hand and impose some kind  
of restraint upon him.

**ROADSIDE ADORNMENT.**  
MUCH ATTENTION PAID TO THIS MAT-  
TER IN FRANCE.

In France a road is not consid-  
ered completed, even though it be  
of the most perfect construction,  
until proper attention has been  
given to the trees and shrubs which  
grow along the side. There are  
two reasons for this—to please the  
eye and to lessen the cost of re-  
pairs.

Hedges and rows of trees are  
planted systematically along the  
roadsides. They are pleasing to  
the eye, afford shade to man and  
beast and protect the roadbed  
"from the softening and melting of  
the materials of which the roads  
are constructed in the summer and  
the deteriorations produced by the  
cold in winter. In fact, they do  
the service of a parasol in summer  
and of an umbrella in winter, for  
the water that is not absorbed and  
blown over by the leaves is utilized  
by the roots." The hedges grow  
in position the loose ground on  
the sides away from the road and  
form a sort of wall for one side of  
the gutters, which are usually dug  
near their roots.

Trees, however, require consid-  
erable care at first, and it is contin-  
ued, though gradually lessened,  
until they are ten years old. For  
three or four years after planting  
the ground around them is dug up  
and turned so that air and moisture  
can penetrate to the roots in both  
spring and fall, and then for three  
or four years more it is done only  
in the spring. Young trees are also  
frequently sprinkled.

Each year, about the end of Feb-  
ruary, the trees and hedges are  
cleaned of the nests of harmful  
animals and vermin and dead parts,  
which are burned up. In May and  
August the young branches which  
rise much above the general summit  
of the trees are trimmed off, and  
in the fall there is a general pruning,  
while from time to time, about once  
in three years, a general cutting  
takes place so as to give vigor and  
abundant sap to new growths. Horti-  
culturists are employed by the  
government to do the work.

**A MARVELOUS CLOCK.**  
NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OLD, IT  
IS A WONDERFUL MECHANISM.

One of the most striking individ-  
ual exhibits which Vienna will send  
to the Paris Exposition is a remark-  
able clock, one of the most marvel-  
ous mechanisms of the kind in the  
world. It was rescued from oblivion  
by Robert Dammer, a watch-  
maker of Vienna, and thoroughly  
renovated, during which process its  
unique history was revealed.

It was built in 1422 by Anton  
Poll, a master mechanic of Vienna,  
who, after spending two years in its  
construction, went blind. After  
several years of want and penury  
he was brought to the attention of  
the court and the clock was exhib-  
ited and treasured as a most remark-  
able relic. Poll was retained in the  
royal service and cared for it,  
but after his death it was neglected  
and became useless. It was then  
relegated to oblivion from which it  
has been recently rescued.

The clock has four dials. Besides  
those showing the time, arranged  
in minutes, and by divisions of 12  
and 24 hours, there are dials record-  
ing the exact course of the planets

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Ju-  
piter and Saturn around the sun,  
and the path of the moon around  
the earth. Then there is a wonder-  
ful calendar on which can be seen  
the hours, days and years, the  
month, the week-days and the  
phases of the moon for centuries  
to come, with even allowances for  
the leap years.

The numerical mechanical con-  
trivances, worked by the wheels of  
this marvelous clock, include a peal  
of bells, in which the striking is  
done in front of the spectator by  
sixteen angelic figures; the figure  
of St. George, of England, who  
comes out in full armor and slays  
the dragon, while the chimes ring  
the death-knell of the beast; Eve  
offering and Adam taking the fatal  
apple; the horse of Count Rudolph  
being offered to the sultan; Mary  
with her infant son crossing the  
desert on her way to Egypt and a  
procession of kings moving slowly  
by.

Every hour a boy, symbol of in-  
fancy, plays a pastoral air; youth  
is represented by a figure that ap-  
pears at the quarter hours; an  
adult is seen at the hours, repre-  
senting manhood, and a patriarch,  
symbolical of the last stage of man,  
recites the rosary.

**THE AMOUNT YOU EAT.**  
SOME FIGURES ON THE MEAT AND  
DRINK OF THE WORLD.

Did you ever stop to consider  
how much you eat in the course of  
the year?

If you are the average American  
citizen here is a part of your annual  
bill of fare:

One hundred and forty-seven  
pounds of meat, 133 eggs, 200  
pounds of potatoes, 240 pounds of  
wheat (in bread, &c.), 73 pounds of  
sugar, 24 ounces of tea, 155 ounces  
of coffee and four pounds of rice.

We are no more frugal in our  
use of beer, wine and tobacco to  
each person, 15 gallons of beer and  
about two quarts of wine.

Ireland leads all other countries  
in potato eating, the annual con-  
sumption there being 1467 pounds  
to each person—or over four pounds  
a day. Germany, with an annual  
per capita consumption of 1300  
pounds comes next; the Nether-  
lands coming third, and Italy bring-  
ing up the extreme rear with an  
annual per capita consumption of  
only 48 pounds.

France heads the list in the con-  
sumption of wheat, using 300,000,  
000 bushels a year, or 467 pounds to  
each inhabitant. Canada comes  
second, Japan using least—22  
pounds per capita per year.

But in the use of meats the dif-  
ference between the divers coun-  
tries is best seen. The United  
States stands well at the head of  
the list, consuming 11,000,000,000  
pounds a year. Of this meat 5,000,000,000  
pounds are beef, 4,000,000,000 pork and 800,000,000  
mutton. Great Britain comes sec-  
ond in meat consumption, averag-  
ing yearly 100 pounds to each per-  
son. Norway stands third in per  
capita consumption, while Italy  
only uses 24 pounds of meat to the  
inhabitant.

We are also at the head of the  
list in egg-eating, using 10,000,000,  
000 eggs a year. Canada is second,  
with a per capita consumption of  
90 eggs a year (to our 133), Italy's  
citizens having but 47 apiece.

The use of rice differs still more  
widely among different nations.  
The whole United States uses but  
300,000,000 pounds (4 pounds per  
capita), while the province of Bom-  
bay, in India, uses 10,000,000,000  
pounds a year, or 547 to each per-  
son. We use less rice to each in-  
habitant than Spain, Great Britain  
or Italy.

Our nation uses more tobacco  
than any other, consuming 200,000,  
000 pounds a year; but the per  
capita consumption falls far below  
that of Belgium, which leads the  
world with 110 ounces to each per-  
son (to our 43). We stand fifth in  
per capita use of tobacco.

Great Britain and her colonies  
lead the world in tea drinking, al-  
lowing per year 88 ounces for each  
person. We use 110,000,000 pounds  
a year (24 ounces apiece).

The Netherlands stand in the  
foremost rank as coffee drinkers,  
using 370 ounces a year to each in-  
habitant. We are but fourth on  
the coffee-drinking list, using 725,  
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A CABLEGRAM from Athens, January 22, announces that five heavy earthquake shocks occurred in Morea and other places in Greece.

ACCORDING to Editor Sellers, of the Doylestown Republican, Mr. Quay must be considered as guilty until he is proven innocent.

AND NOW Governor Stone is being condemned because he favors the re-election of Senator Quay.

EDITOR DAMBLEY, of the Transcript, has Quay defeated. The floor will be mopped later, it is to be assumed.

THE advices from Manila which have reached the War Department at Washington are far from reassuring.

WITH the exception of the appointments of Notaries Public and six State Medical Examiners and three Brigadier Generals, all of the appointments made by Governor Hastings during the recess of the Legislature that require confirmation were recalled by Governor Stone.

THE United States Senatorial deadlock at Harrisburg continues. The sixth joint ballot of Senators and Assembliesmen, taken Tuesday, resulted as follows: Quay, 106; Jenks, 80; Dalzell, 15; John Stewart, 8; C. W. Stone, 8.

SPEAKER REED has appointed Congressman Payne, Republican, of New York, to the vacancy in the chairmanship of the Ways and Means committee, caused by the death of Mr. Dingley, of Maine.

THE success attending the second annual meeting and banquet of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties should be and doubtless is a source of gratification to every member of that young organization.

THE Nicaragua Canal bill passed the Senate Saturday. The bill as it passed contains the name of the Maritine Canal Company and provides for the issuance of 1,000,000 shares of stock at \$100 each.

THE faithful helpmeet of the Hon. Jason Sexton, member of the Legislature from this county, takes a warm interest in contemporaneous politics.

WHILE there is much difference of opinion as to whether Senator Quay should be "licked," or not, we must nevertheless congratulate Mrs. Sexton upon the interest she takes in politics; and we must also indulge the hope that, in the event of a prolonged deadlock at Harrisburg, Mr. Sexton may be able to see his way clear to engage room and board for two in the vicinity of Capitol Hill.

OUR Representatives at Harrisburg have been assigned to positions on various committees, as follows:

Senator Wentz—Appropriations, Education, Public Supply of Light, Heat and Water, Public Printing and Library.

Assemblyman Sexton—Agricultural, Centennial Affairs, Forestry, Public Roads, Retrenchment and Reform.

Assemblyman Fetterolf—Accounts, Education, Elections, Military, Public Roads.

Assemblyman Rosenberry—Banks, Manufactures.

Assemblyman Hersh—Congressional Apportionment, Fish and Game, Library, Public Health and Sanitation.

Assemblyman Lazere—Counties and Townships, Public Roads.

EDITOR HOWER, of the Bryn Mawr Home News, is hardly fair in adversely criticising Representatives Sexton and Fetterolf because they refuse to vote for Mr. Quay.

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WASHINGTON LETTER. From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20, '99.—If Senators maintain their present attitude towards the treaty of peace, an extra session will have to be called to get it ratified.

LONGEVITY. Probably few persons outside statistical circles are aware of the fact that the Jews are considerably longer lived than any other civilized race.

OF 100,000 Hebrews born on the same day there will be 50,684 males and 49,316 females.

AT the end of the first year 100,000 Jewish infants will have established in a most remarkable way their superiority in point of vitality, for only 8991 will have died, as compared with 14,192 in the English experience and 16,706 Americans.

STRIKING as this difference is it will be found to be practically maintained throughout the later stages of life.

tenating circumstances. If the court finds him guilty it must add the penalty of dismissal from the army.

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Episcopal service at St. James, Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Boyersford at 3.15 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

On and after Sunday, December 4, morning service will be resumed at St. Paul's Memorial, Oak Hills, at 10.45. Afternoon worship throughout the year at 3.30. Sunday School at 2.30. Holy Communion the first Sunday in the month. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglas, 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 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayers and class meeting, Thursday at 8 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Weekly services as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. E. C. prayer meeting on Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock, and Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.30. Congregational prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class on Saturday at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7.30 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church, Preaching services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. every Sunday, Rev. Wm. Crozier, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shalomville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7.30; Bible school, Sundays, at 2 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesdays, at 7.30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

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Special Services.

Special services are being held at the Lower Providence Baptist Church every evening this week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Charity Hospital Supper.

The supper given for the benefit of Charity Hospital in City Hall, Norrisstown, Thursday afternoon and evening, proved to be a successful affair. Nearly 700 people took supper.

Won Forty Regular Prizes.

At the poultry show held at Washington, recently, F. G. Bean, of Worcester, had forty-eight entries and won forty regular prizes, besides ten special prizes and three Prairie State incubators.

Unsuccessful Balloting.

For six weeks the School Directors of Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, have been balloting without success for a night school teacher, and in the meantime the school remains unopened.

The Sermon Was Appreciated.

The sermon of the Rev. A. W. Lamar, D. D., in the church of this borough, Sunday morning last, was generally very much appreciated. One hearer characterized the sermon as "eloquent, thrilling, pathetic and evangelical."

An Appropriation Asked For.

Senator Wentz has introduced in the Senate a bill appropriating \$32,000 to Charity Hospital, Norrisstown, to be used for purchasing, completing ground, for constructing, equipping and furnishing a laundry, and for the maintenance of said hospital.

Work for Tramps.

The authorities of Birdsboro, Berks county, propose hereafter to arrest all hobos found within the borough limits. After imprisonment in the borough lock-up they will be compelled to carry pig iron at the mills for periods ranging from three to ten hours.

A Popular Supervisor.

Last Saturday evening the Democrats of the nine election districts of Lower Merion elected delegates favorable to the re-nomination of Supervisor A. J. Cassatt, and it is thought he will receive his nineteenth nomination to the office unanimously.

Killed on the Railroad.

Horace S. Beener, aged 30 years, was killed Saturday evening by being struck by a train on the North Penn railroad at Reliance crossing, one mile above Souderton. The unfortunate man was on his way to Telford to pay to a lodge of which he was a member.

Christian Endeavor Day.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity Church are arranging for a proper observance of the annual Christian Endeavor Day, Sunday evening, February 5. An elaborate program is in course of preparation for the occasion. Additional particulars in next week's issue of the INDEPENDENT.

In Charge of a Practice.

Mr. H. O. Williams, who is in his last year at the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, is temporarily attending to the extension of the practice of the prominent physician in Haddonfield, N. J. As is known, Mr. Williams is from Upper Providence and has many friends in this section of the county.

Reformed Ministerial Association.

The Reformed Ministerial Association of Montgomery County will hold its next monthly meeting, February 6, in Trinity Church, this borough. After the discussion of valuable papers the Association will be dined at the parsonage. The forenoon session will be open to the general public.

Death of a Limerick Citizen.

Wm. H. Marsteller, a farmer of Limerick township and President of the Board of Managers of the Goshenhoppen Mutual Fire Insurance Company, died suddenly at his home Saturday evening, aged 57 years. Death was due primarily to a severe attack of grip. A wife and two sons survive. The funeral will be held to-day. Interment at Limerick church cemetery.

Horse Thieves Discovered at Work.

On Saturday night three men broke the lock from the door of the stable of James Taylor, of Phoenixville, and carried off his valuable horse, Overholt, Jr., from the stable when discovered. One of the men was arrested and locked up, but his accomplices made their escape. They had the horse harnessed and a buggy ready for their flight.

Grand Bazaar and Supper.

The ladies of Colledgeville and Ursinus College will have a grand bazaar and supper on Saturday, January 28, from 3 to 11 o'clock p. m., in the recitation rooms and library of Bomberger Memorial Hall. Fancy work of all kinds, candies and flowers will be on sale by the ladies. The menu for supper is as follows: Oysters stewed, panned, fried and raw, chicken salad, potato salad, bread, butter and coffee, fancy cakes of all kinds, ice cream and water iced. It is hoped that the public in general will avail themselves of this rare treat and favor the college with their patronage.

There is more catarrh in this section of the county than all the other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for catarrh cured. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Help is wanted when the nerves become weak and appetite fails. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives help by making the blood rich and pure.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter flour, \$14 75/16; 1630; flour, \$2.25 to \$3.90; rye flour, \$3.20; wheat, 70c; to 75; corn, 40c; 55c; butter, 22 to 25c; poultry, live, 50c; dressed, 12@14c; 14@15c; hogs, 40@55c, mixed, 40@45c; straw, 35@40c; beef, 40@45c; sheep, 24@25c; lambs, 5@6c; hogs, western, 5@6c.

Luther League Meeting.

The Luther League, of Trappe, will hold its monthly meeting this (Thursday) evening, January 26, upon which occasion an interesting program will be rendered. Mr. F. L. Brown, of Norrisstown, President of B. M. C. C., will make the address. All invited.

Bills Introduced.

Among the bills introduced in the Legislature at Harrisburg, Monday, was one by Assemblyman H. H. Fetterolf, making it lawful to build fences constructed of iron pipe or cast-iron pipe along the public highways and as division fences. He also introduced a bill appropriating \$37,000 to Charity Hospital, Norrisstown.

Destroyed by Fire.

The large barn and wagon shed of John F. Betz, at Schrack's Corner, one mile from Jeffersonville, were destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon of last week. The farm hands made an effort to save the structure, but they were unsuccessful. They succeeded, however, in removing the valuable live stock. The loss will probably reach \$5000.

Reduction in County Expenses.

The annual statement of the County Commissioners, recently submitted to the Board in neat type-written form by Clerk D. H. Hiter, shows a reduction in the expenses of the county for the year 1898 of over \$40,000 as compared with the year 1897. The statement in full will be published, as it should be, in the county papers during next month.

Montgomery County Physicians.

At the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Medical Society, Wednesday afternoon of last week, Dr. D. H. Bergey, formerly of Skippack, was elected President. Dr. S. B. Horning, of Evansburg, was named as one of the Board of Examiners, and Dr. J. N. Hunsberger, of Skippack, as one of the delegates to the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

Will Schwenksville Be Incorporated.

A petition is being circulated for signers with a view of incorporating Will Schwenksville into a borough. This is a proposed step in the right direction, and, if once taken, one that will never be regretted by the citizens of Schwenksville. The item makes a strong plea in behalf of the movement, and in doing so does the proper thing.

A Boy's Hand Terribly Lacerated.

Monroe Ziegler, the 8-year-old son of Levi Ziegler, of Limerick, was assisting his father in cutting feed, Saturday, when his right hand was caught in the fodder cutter and terribly lacerated. The flesh was torn from the fingers. The wounds were dressed by Dr. Morey, of Royersford, and Monroe was subsequently taken to the Pottstown Hospital.

A Franchise Granted.

The Council of Phoenixville has passed an ordinance giving the Montgomery and Chester County Trolley Company a franchise. The ordinance requires the company to build the road within one year, and to use iron poles and run cars every forty minutes, at a rate not exceeding seven miles per hour. Each car to be taxed \$15 per year. Cars will be running by May between Spring City and Phoenixville—perhaps.

Crescent Literary Society.

The next meeting of the Crescent Literary Society will be held in the Mennonite school house, near Yerkes, Saturday evening, January 28. Program: Readings—A. Casselberry, John Lundes, Hettie E. Goyval, A. W. Grinstead, Kenneth—Lizzie Detwiler, David Kulp, Kathryn Raudenbush, Wm. Hunsberger. Instrumental solos—Bessie Ashenfelder and Eva R. Horton. Vocal duet—Sara Genarria and Susie M. Detwiler. Editor—Harvey Detwiler; assistant, Frank S. Zimmerman.

Personal Property Sold.

Sheriff J. K. Light sold the personal property of D. S. Raudenbush, of Upper Providence, Tuesday forenoon. The sale amounted to \$825. Considerable of the property was bought in by I. C. Landes, who will dispose of the same at his home Saturday evening, February 13, when Mr. Raudenbush's large and productive farm will also be sold; further announcement of which will be made in the advertising department of this paper next week.

February Holidays.

Although next month will be the shortest of the year, it will contain three legal holidays. With one of these the public has not yet become familiar—Lincoln's Birthday, February 12. As that date next month falls on a Sunday, the day following, under the provisions of the act of June 28, 1897, will be observed instead. The other two legal holidays will be election day, on the third Tuesday (the 21st), and the day following, which will be Washington's Birthday.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The Montgomery County W. C. T. U. has sent out petition blanks to its local unions for the latter to secure signatures of organizations in their respective localities, favoring the passage of the Ellis bill, "to forbid the sale of intoxicating liquors in military cantens; soldiers homes, immigrant stations and government buildings." Madam Barakat, of Philadelphia, a native Syrian, has been engaged by the County Union, to deliver a number of lectures during the winter and spring. The Colledgeville and Yerkes Unions have joined forces and have secured the lecturer for this place on February 16th, the lecture to be given in Bomberger Hall. Particulars later on.

LOCAL POLITICS.

NOMINATION MEETINGS.

There are some indications of a scarcity of councilmanic timber in this borough this season of local politics. The terms of Messrs. Fandreskie, Pais, and Keyser will expire with the present borough year. At least three of the gentlemen named have expressed an unwillingness to serve as members of council beyond their present term, and up to this time the names of no candidates to succeed them have been proposed by either Republicans or Democrats.

The Republicans will hold their nomination meeting in Firemen's Hall next Saturday evening, January 23. The Democrats will hold theirs at the same place on Tuesday evening, January 31.

The Republicans of the election district of Upper Providence will hold their Black Rock Hotel on Saturday evening, January 28, to form a township and district tickets.

The Democrats of Lower Providence will meet at Eagleville hotel Tuesday evening, January 31, to frame their ticket, and the Republicans of that township will meet at the same place on Thursday evening, February 2, for a similar purpose.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The January meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed Church was a delightful success. It was held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hobson, and was largely attended. A business session was held after which the following program was rendered: Recitation, The American Flag, Miss Susie Fanger; violin solo, Master Willie Fulton; recitation, Elder Lamb's Donation, Mr. Peters; mandolin solo, Miss Moser; recitation, Miss Ella Price; piano solo, Miss Ida Robison.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson are always entertaining and as usual they had several games prepared with which the evening was enjoyably passed. Among other things, there had been arranged a group of pictures of famous men and women in the library. A slip of paper was handed each guest and five minutes allowed in which to guess the names of the persons. Mr. Morris Robison guessed the highest number correctly and was given a prize in recognition of this distinction. Mr. W. C. Barrett received honorable mention.

NOTES FROM TRAPPE.

The Republicans of the borough will hold their nomination meeting next Saturday evening at J. B. Smoyer's hotel.

Mrs. Jane Rambo and her daughter, Miss Cora, left for Sumpter, S. C., where they expect to spend the winter with Prof. D. L. Rambo.

J. W. Wilson spent Sunday at home.

Quite a number of mild cases of grip are reported.

Town Council convened on Monday evening. Matters of routine business were attended to.

At a meeting of citizens, Friday evening, the following persons were nominated for the various offices to be filled at the February election: Council—D. M. Palmer, Charles Tyson, J. S. Kepler, for 3 years; unexpired term, Wm. Knipe. Directors—Irvin

