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Providence Independent.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, July 18, 1889.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs 6000 marriages have taken place in Camden during the past year, all to evade the marriage law of Pennsylvania.

UPWARDS of 600 lives are reported to have been lost by a terrible flood in China which occurred a few days before the Johnstown disaster.

The great English statesman, Mr. Gladstone, will celebrate his "golden wedding" on the 26th of this month, and extensive preparations are being made by his admirers to make the anniversary notable.

AND NOW there is a serious dispute between the people of Johnstown and the methods of the State Commission in distributing the large fund contributed for the relief of the sufferers.

EARLY estimates by the Agricultural Department at Washington and by commercial agencies placed the wheat crop at something over 500,000,000 bushels, or one of the largest ever grown in the country.

THE payments made by the Government for pensions are now larger than the entire cost of the large standing army of Germany, including its pensions, and the present Commissioner of Pensions, Tanner, continues to rush headlong forward in favoring all kinds of applications for pensions.

arrived about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The excitement reminded one of that common a few years ago in receiving election returns from the October states. For some reason, the White House telegraph operator considerably remained on duty all the evening and his wire being in direct connection with the Western Union line bearing the news of the battle, he could not help receiving the account.

Commissioner Tanner is tasting the sorrows of official life. The inevitable reaction which follows a too pronounced success, has set in, and the Commissioner's life is not a happy one. The removal of his private Secretary by Secretary Noble has been followed by an order from the Interior department prohibiting the promiscuous making of claims "special."

Re-rating as a system, was discovered by General Black as a very neat means of showing that former administrations had not dealt liberally with the soldiers. These re-ratings were however not allowed to greatly deplete the Treasury by their size and were generally restricted to the doubtful states.

Corporal Tanner's accession to power was regarded by a vast number of ex-soldiers as an unalloyed blessing. The cry was "the old flag and appropriations." There was to be enough money for all, and one would have but to ask to receive. In the Pension Bureau itself is a small but powerful clique of pensioners whose members are continually applying for increase.

The muttering heard against the Secretary, from a small circle of these people, he does not heed.

An Instructive Lesson.

From the Philadelphia Times. Most of the Southern States now pension their actually dependent soldiers who wore the gray, and the number of dependents in the South furnishes an instructive lesson to the North. When it is remembered that the South was utterly prostrated at the close of the war; that it had no capital to aid in restoring its desolation; that it suffered ten years of even greater spoliation than war under the scourge of the carpet-bagger, that the opportunities for required labor have been much less there than in the North, it is fair to assume that the proportion of actually dependent Southern soldiers would be vastly greater than in the rich, prosperous and rapidly advancing local States.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent. WASHINGTON, July 12, 1889.—The climate of Washington has again shamelessly disgraced us all, the thermometer recklessly plunged into the nineties. With few exceptions, the capital has been during the past week the hottest town in the United States.

Locomotive in Motion Struck by Lightning.

Quite a remarkable incident of an express train being struck by lightning while moving at the rate of thirty miles an hour recently occurred on the New York and New Haven Railway, at Stamford, Ct., during a heavy thunder storm. It was shortly before 4 p. m., as the train was whirling through the town that a tremendous bolt of lightning struck the centre of the locomotive. The report says: Engineer John Schofield and his fireman felt a severe shock which dazed and half stunned them. Upon being taken from the cab, both were seized with violent attacks of retching. The electric bolt disabled the engine and caused it to come to a stop. The substitution of another engine caused a delay to the train of forty-five minutes. The engineer and fireman soon recovered from the unpleasant consequences of the shock they received. Railroad men who were

discussing the incident recently said it was the first time they ever heard of an engine in rapid motion being struck by lightning.

The Secret of Youth.

AN EMINENT FRENCH DOCTOR THINKS THAT HE HAS FOUND IT AT LAST.

The Courier des Etats Unis has published an account of the most startling discovery of the age. It is alleged to be the secret of perennial youth. Dr. Brown-Sequard is Claude Bernard's successor in the College de France, and one of the most eminent specialists in nervous diseases in the world. He is president of the world Biological Society of Paris. At the last reunion of that body, a few weeks ago, the venerable old scientist, bowed with seventy-two years of existence, rose, and in slow, firm tones addressed his colleagues thus:

"Gentlemen, I believe that hereafter the question of preserving youthfulness can be studied, and solved by what science has given us!" Dr. Brown-Sequard then went on to say that transfusion of blood had not solved the problem of rejuvenating age. The blood is a great distributor of oxygen to the organs, but the organs themselves are the depositories and transformers of forces.

On the 15th of last May, believing that he had arrived at a convincing proof of his view, he chose himself as the next subject for experiment. The latest searcher for the fountain of youth and the well-spring of life obtains his panacea in this way. He takes from young living animals, such as dogs and pigs, certain organs. These still palpitating, he casts into a mortar and brays. The triturated organs are then commingled with distilled water and the liquid filtered.

After this elixir was thoroughly clarified Dr. Brown-Sequard administered to himself a cubic centimeter with an hypodermic syringe, just as morphine is injected.

The Doctor declares that the day following this experiment, after two injections of this vital essence, he felt himself transformed. Up to that time half an hour's work, standing up in his laboratory, exhausted him.

Now, he declares that he can study three hours uninterruptedly without the least repose. His appetite has increased, his sleep is sweet and refreshing, his stomach performs its functions admirably, and his intellectual labor is performed with wonderful ease and clearness. His feelings, also, have become youthful.

Dr. Brown-Sequard declared that the dose he took was equivalent to ten years' rejuvenation. Truly Pascal's remark seems true, that "the mind tires of conceiving before science wearies with supplying."

READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

The old elm tree, withered and dead in the top from old age, which stands at the entrance of the south approach to the State Capitol at Harrisburg, was spared from destruction years ago at the request of General Cameron, who had taken a liking for it and had asked that it should be left untouched during his lifetime. He was so earnest in pleading for the tree that his wishes were respected.

The remarkable whiteness of the light houses, beacons and keepers' dwellings is thus explained: The material used is simply whitewash, and here is the United States Government formula for mixing a whitewash that, when properly made and applied, gives a white that does not easily wash or rub off: To ten parts of best freshly slacked lime add one part of the best hydraulic cement. Mix well with salt water and apply quite thin.

"If I gave you a pound of metal and ordered you to make the most of it, what kind of metal would you select?" asked a well known jeweler. "Gold, of course," was the prompt reply. "I'd prefer a pound of steel," said the jeweler, "and I'd have it made into hair springs for watches. A pound of such springs would sell for an even \$140,000."

Benjamin Johnson, it is said, owns a farm in Rush Valley, U. T., upon which he has just discovered a mine of natural shoe blacking. An analysis of this peculiar material shows that it contains 16 per cent carbon, 34 per cent aluminum, and the remainder clay. When taken out the material is moist and soft, and when used as a shoe blacking produces a fine polish, which is not easily destroyed.

Some one has taken the trouble to find out how far a farmer has to walk to put in and attend forty acres of corn. To plow the ground with a sixteen inch three-horse plow, he travels 350 miles; to harrow the ground thoroughly before planting, he walks 50 miles; to cultivate it afterwards he will have to travel 300 miles, making a grand total of 700 miles, besides the gathering.

Fifty tons of ice are required daily to supply cold water for travelers on trains leaving Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, these midsummer days. During every 24 hours 210 trains are moved out of the depot, and in each car there is a water cooler to be filled. To supply these coolers with ice requires the constant attention of twelve men day and night. The men are divided into crews of two, and each crew is in charge of a truck, which holds about a ton of ice. During the day about sixty of these truck-loads are distributed. The ice is placed in the coolers from the tops of the cars,

The strangest canal in the world is a canal sixteen miles long, between Worsley and St. Helens, in the north of England, and is underground from end to end. Many years ago the Duke of Bridgewater's managers thought they could save money by transporting the coal in his mines underground instead of on the surface. So the canal was constructed, the mines connected and drained at the same time. Ordinary canal boats are used, but the power is furnished by men. On the roof of the tunnel arch are cross pieces, and the men who do the work of propulsion lie on their backs on the coal and push with their feet against the cross bars on the roof.

Six Thousand Lives Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—The steamer City of New Orleans arrived last evening from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Japan Gazette of the 29th ultimo contains the following: Intelligence has been received at Hong Kong from Kyang Chan, Prefecture in the north-east of Kwangtung, that early on the morning of the 2d of June the Chan Pinges Ping Yuen districts were flooded by the bursting of a water-spout or tornado, described by the Chinese as a water dragon, and the level country was flooded with nearly thirty-six feet of water. Upwards of 6,000 lives were lost.

Her Preference.

We sat upon the topmost step, And talked of this and that; She asked me if I'd been that; And how I liked her hat.

We chatted about various things, Of novels and the weather; For hours, on almost every theme, We there conversed together.

I asked what paper she preferred; She hesitated some, While through the dark around me heard The gay mosquito's hum.

She moved a little closer then, And answered: "Can't you guess? Why, the one of all that suits me most Is the Daily Evening Press."

—Chicago News.

Philadelphia Markets.

Table with market prices for Flour and Meal, Grain, Provisions, Cattle, and Hay as of July 13, 1889.

J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Near Collegeville, Pa., Dealer in Milk, Butter, Cottage Cheese, &c.

WM. CRATER, Paper Hanger, with W. H. Blanchford, Collegeville, Pa.

F. SCHEUREN, Tonsorial Artist, Next door to Independent office, Collegeville, Pa.

THE OLD STAND! The Collegeville Barber Shop, L. H. INGRAM, Proprietor.

COLLEGEVILLE Carriage Works! Sol. E. Heavner, Proprietor, W. D. Valentine, Lessee of Painting Rooms.

THE LARGEST Assortment of Goods!

EVER OFFERED IN TRAPPE!

Dress Goods! DELAINES, CHALLIES, GINGHAMS, PRINTS, AT BOTTOM PRICES.

CLOTHS and CASSIMERES Was never More Complete.

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS! In Complete Variety.

Large Stock of Summer Hats! Queensware, Glassware, &c., Linseed Oil, Lubricating Oil, Paints, Hardware, &c., &c.

GROCERIES: Always the best. Choice Evaporated Peaches, 10c; Prunes, 6c; Canned Corn, 6c; Canned Tomatoes, 8c; Raisins, Apricots, Currants, coconuts, &c., &c., &c. Headlight Oil, 13c per gallon.

Beaver & Shellenberger, TRAPPE, PA.

THE FOOLISH MAN. Filled with dismay at the frequent and large bills for his children he resolves to KNOW why it is that his neighbor Mr. Wiseman succeeds; he learns from him the secret in buying the CHEAPEST "SOLAR TIP SHOES."

THE WISE MAN. For the children. Gold Medal First-Class Award at World's Fair, N. O. Above is the trade mark which must always have our full name on the sole of every pair "SOLAR TIP" shoes.

Ladies' and Gents' Shoes! Direct from Keystone Shoe Manufacturing Co. Every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded.

Freid's Celebrated Hand-made Shoes. Sole Agent for Snag Proof Gum Boot, price \$2.75. Do. \$3.50 per pair and warranted to wear well.

DRY GOODS: Large stock Cashmeres & Cottonades for spring. Beautiful shades of Tricot dress suitings, only 25 cts. yd., double width. Gingham, 4 yds. for 25c. All grades of Muslins and Canton Flannels. Bed Tickings, 12c to 25c.

GROCERIES: Maple Sugar Syrup, 50c gal. Extra Baking Syrup 40c gal. 4 cans corn, 25c. 3 cans tomatoes, 25c. Choice evaporated peaches, 2 lbs. 25c. Valuable raisins, 3 lbs. 25c. Fresh Rolled Oats, 5 lbs. 25c. Try our choice Rio Coffee, only 25c.

GREATEST BARGAINS Store Goods! EVER OFFERED IN TRAPPE.

Largest Stock of Shoes For Men, Ladies and Children, of all kinds, to be found in any country store, and in quality and price take the lead. Men's Brogans, \$1.00. Shoes for Ladies and Men from \$1.25, up to \$5.

Queensware Crockeryware Earthenware, Hardware, Forks, Bakes, Spoons, Spades, &c.

FRESH GROCERIES IN FULL ASSORTMENT. Good Rice, 4 pounds for 25 cents; Peaches, 3 pounds for 25 cents; good Corn, 3 cans for 25 cents. No trash kept in stock.

F. B. RUSHONG, TRAPPE, PA.

AT GOTWALS' STORE, PROVIDENCE SQUARE,

IN THE LINE OF STAPLE DRY GOODS You can see over 200 different styles and qualities for Suitings for Men and Boys, which will be made up to please anyone. Fit guaranteed.

Choice - Groceries - for - Everybody. HARDWARE for the builder. A full line of the very best Mixed Paints, (a guarantee sold with every gallon,) and in fact anything you want from a needle to an anchor. Come all and examine our goods for yourselves.

COLLEGEVILLE DRUG STORE. GOLDEN BAKING POWDER, Strictly pure. Sold in bulk. CHAMOIS SKINS, BIRD SEED IN PACKAGES.

Strictly Pure Spices and Flavoring Extracts. ANTI GASP MIXTURE, For the prevention and cure of gasps in poultry. GRAY CONDITION POWDER, An excellent remedy for diseases of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

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Leading Dry Goods and Trimmings House, 80 and 82 Main St., Norristown, Pa.

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We have made arrangements for taking measurements and laying Carpets in the country. A new delivery wagon has been put in service and our upholsterer will personally take the measure of any rooms, will make the carpets and put them down. No matter where you are in the country, we are prepared to call at your home and take the entire charge of fitting your carpets.

ASSORTMENT of Carpets, Rugs, Plain and Checked Mattings, of the latest and choicest patterns from all the leading makers, all of which are sold at the

LOWEST PRICES! Our Upholsterer has had 18 years' experience in the business and we guarantee our work in every particular. Reliable in Quality, Perfect in Work, Lowest Possible Prices. We are prepared to give entire satisfaction. You are invited to call.

BAUGH'S RAW BONE MEAL AND ANIMAL BONE \$25 Phosphate

NOT CASH PRIZES BUT THE OLD "STAND-BY" BAUGH'S PURE RAW-BONE MANURES AT LOWEST CASH PRICES.

BAUGH'S GOODS have been used so long and acceptably, that farmers need not experiment with them, but apply them freely with entire confidence in their value as superior Raw Bone Manures.

NEW DRESS GOODS! Coat Cloths and Jackets. FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1889

HOWARD LEOPOLD'S, POTTSTOWN.

WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN RECEIVING from the Leading Importers of New York and Philadelphia the Choicest Variety of High Grades of DRESS GOODS ever shown in Pottstown. Among them are

Finest French Serges at \$1.25 and \$1.50, in Plain Colors, and also in Handsome Plaids and Mixtures. Fine French Henrietta Cloths in all the New Shades, 82 1/2c, 75c, 87 1/2c, 1.00 and 1.15.

NEW CLOTHS IN AMERICAN CASHMERE. Pure Wool Filling, at 10c. New Double Width Cashmeres, worth 25c; at 22 1/2c.

Elegant Styles in New Dress Gingham and Sateens. New Choice Cloths for Spring Jackets in Colors and Blacks.

WE HAVE THE BEST and finest line of JERSEY COATS, for the prices, to be found in America. We had them made to order by a leading manufacturer, who makes both the cloth and the garments, and sells them to only large dealers and manufacturers.

HOWARD LEOPOLD, POTTSTOWN, PA.

MAGGIE MACGREGOR, DRESSMAKER, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

MRS. S. L. PUGH, TRAPPE, PA., Attends to laying out the dead, shroud-making &c.

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