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**HYPNOTIC LOVE.**  
There was quietude in the old  
Browning mansion, as was to be  
expected of such staid respectability  
at so late an hour of the night. Only  
one light was burning, and that was  
in David Pierson's room just under-  
neath the eaves. Only one indweller  
was awake, and that one was David  
Pierson himself, but he made no  
sound as he paced the floor in  
slipped feet.

A slight, swarthy young man  
was David, with heavy brows and  
black eyelids. His lips were  
firmly set, his expression stern and  
unchanged save when the twitch of a  
muscle betrayed suppressed excite-  
ment. An attractive young man was  
David, well liked by his guardian,  
Amos Browning, his far-away cousin;  
by the dear old lady who was the  
guardian's wife, and by Alice, their  
only child. Indeed, there was a  
natural charm about David which  
accompanied his presence.

Even Paul Maxwell, who, like him,  
was a cousin and a ward in that house,  
yielded to it grudgingly. Yet Paul  
had the strongest reason for dislike,  
since passions are arguments and  
jealousy is their chief. Lately Paul  
had not resisted the fascination, for  
successful love can afford to be  
generous, and Paul felt that his love  
was successful. Why else was Alice  
shy instead of free? Why had her  
frank, fearless gaze been displaced by  
blushes and downcast glances?

David, too, was conscious of his  
agreeable personality, and more he  
comprehended it. In his early youth  
—he had realized that he was  
endowed with a certain mysterious  
magnetism, which if understood  
would be a potent auxiliary to his  
hope. A child may evolve sparks  
from a battery, which under the touch  
of a master becomes a genius of light  
and heat and speech. If he  
possessed a power, why shouldn't he  
be its master? And that he did  
possess an exceptional power he was  
sure.

Why, there was the great mastiff  
Lion, their guard at night, their fears  
during the day. Had not the brute  
always sprung to the length of his  
chain and struggled and growled  
whenever approached? And had not  
one day, in an unthinking recklessness  
which fate must have directed,  
confronted the fierce beast and caught  
its nozzles in his firm grasp and gazed  
into the fiery blood red eyes until the  
lids dropped, and the limbs trembled,  
and the tongue that had dripped with

vicious slubber had licked and  
caressed? Was not that ungovernable  
animal his slave thereafter? And if  
he could accomplish such subjection  
unwittingly, what might he not do if  
his innate forces were lightnings to  
his Jove?

So had David reasoned, and  
thenceforth pride, ambition and  
selfishness turned and held his  
energies to the investigation and  
enlightenments of the obscurities of  
the will, of animal magnetism, of  
clairvoyance and of hypnotism. His  
intellect was profound and acute. It  
seized and ground grain from both  
ancients and moderns, intuitively  
rejecting chaff. At length he  
formulated a hypothesis of the extent  
and control of his own physiological  
faculties, and he demonstrated its  
truth. He found that his natural  
gifts, when impelled and concentrated  
by self discipline, would give him an  
influence over another nature not so  
endowed that was absolute, and to one  
not understanding both miraculous  
and impossible. And the purer the  
nature so affected the more complete  
the control. If he thought at all of  
the condition, the self poise and self  
mastery, he laughed scornfully and at  
his ease, for he believed that he  
would always be himself, to and for  
himself.

And now the time had come for  
him to exert his natural and acquired  
qualities. They were valueless to him  
unless they procured the object of  
their training, and that was Alice.  
Not that he loved the girl. David's  
heart had been too single to his  
ambition to love, but he desired her,  
he envied her, he appreciated that she  
was the complement necessary to his  
own fulfillment; that through her  
connections, her fortunes, her personal  
charms, he could best advance himself.  
Above all, he hated Paul with that  
poisonous hatred which has no source  
save its own venom.

Yes, now the time had come.  
Never could he hope to be mightier;  
his intellect was at the full strength of  
its education. Besides, if he con-  
temned love, he recognized it. Al-  
ready he had detected signs of  
mutual passion in Alice and Paul.  
He must throttle the god in his  
infancy, else his lustiness might attest  
his divinity. To-night was the night  
of action. There was nothing  
dishonest or evil in what he planned.  
Alice would be just as happy with  
him, just as happy. What position,  
indeed, could be prouder than that of  
being his wife?

David stole down the broad  
stairway and through the corridors of  
the second floor. The moonlight  
streaming through the oriel windows  
at each end paved his path with  
serenity. He came to the door of the  
corner room with the southern  
exposure, that room which his  
guardian had said had evidently been  
planned by the architect for the flower,  
the angel of the household. It was so  
cozy, so comfortable, so full of  
sunshine, so free from frost—a bower  
for beauty, a nest for innocence. Yet  
did it not derive its character from  
its occupant? For where Alice was,  
there, too, must be loveliness.

The door was ajar, for locks and  
bolts were foreign to that peaceful  
home. David entered and stood for a  
moment with bowed head in  
reverence, like a pilgrim approaching a  
shrine. Indeed, had not prudence  
restrained him he would have  
prostrated himself in homage to  
purity. There was a silvery glow on  
hangings and rugs and divans. The  
bird in the casket chirped as if to  
the day. On the couch lay the  
young girl, her hands folded across  
her bosom. The effigy of a virgin  
martyr she seemed were it not for  
that tranquil pulsation which betrayed  
both life and sex.

David crept near. The covering  
had been cast from the shoulders. He  
drew it closer, as a mother might  
enfold a sleeping child. Calmly Alice  
was sleeping, as those only sleep  
whose minds are transparent to truth.  
Pleasantly Alice was dreaming, for  
now she smiles and murmurs, "Deaf  
Paul."

David hesitated and drew back and  
trembled. Despite his knowledge that  
he who would rule others must first  
rule himself, his soul quaked within  
him. He drew back and again gazed  
about him. From the flowering  
plants in the corner, the swinging  
bird-cage, the dainty garments  
carefully arranged, the little table  
with its books and writings and  
embroideries, the dresser with its  
thousand pretty trifles, there came an  
accusation of cowardice.

He gazed about him, and a sob rose  
in his throat. Was it not a shameful  
thing that he planned to take away a  
young girl's heart and to replace it  
with an alien affection? Could any  
tenderness atone for such irretrievable  
treachery? But there was his ambi-  
tion, and there was Paul! Must he  
abandon the one and yield to the other?  
Were his toils, researches, persisten-  
cies, successes, to become inane through

a ridiculous scruple? How could he  
expect to hold that which he should  
take if at the very outset he faltered?  
Come, now, he was master of himself,  
he would be master of Alice—and of  
destiny.

David stepped lightly and speedily  
to the bedside. He raised his hands  
with downward palms and made cer-  
tain passes. He stroked the fair brow  
and the great gray eyes unveiled, but  
there was neither recognition nor  
memory in their aspect; naught save a  
dull fascination. His own black orbs  
glowed in intense contrast to the moon-  
light as he concentrated his powers.  
His hands moved more rapidly, from  
the finger tips came sparks. The eye-  
lids grew heavy and drooped and fell.  
David bent low and breathed into the  
nostrils.

He drew away slowly, weaving gradu-  
ally lessening spells, until as he stood  
upright his hands formed an arch over  
her head. Then he felt the virtue pass-  
ing from him. He knew that what he  
had willed had already worked its mis-  
sion on that unconscious soul. His  
hands fell to his side. For a moment  
he waited and watched. Again Alice  
was sleeping lulled by the wings of  
Truth. Pleasantly, too, she was dream-  
ing, for she now smiles, and murmurs  
as she smiles. He listened, like one  
expectant at the cave of the sibyl, and  
an exultant joy leaped within him, for  
from the sweet lips came the words,  
"David, dear David?"

And David, as proud as Prometheus  
after he had fished the fire from  
heaven, stole through the moonlit cor-  
ridors and up the broad stairway to his  
room, and again noiselessly paced the  
floor in slipped feet. He could not  
sleep; who could, indeed, whose blood  
was aglow and flesh a-tingle with a  
supernatural ecstasy? He longed for  
the morrow with an impatience that  
seemed mighty enough to dismiss the  
stars and irradiate the east. Yet why  
should he be impatient when he could  
foresee just what would happen? He  
saw himself entering the breakfast  
room. Even his guardian and his dear  
wife would start in unconscious admi-  
ration of that majesty which must sur-  
round one of the illuminated.

He saw Paul eying him uneasily, as if  
recognizing a change, yet unable to  
analyze it. Ah, it takes a knight to  
detect the golden gleam of spurs hid  
within his knightly breast! He saw  
Alice approach. Where was the frank  
careless association of yore? Gone  
with the laughter of childhood, and in  
its stead ruled a maidenly shyness  
more potent than speech. He saw the  
inevitable meeting alone—he brave,  
yet tender; she timid, yet tender too.  
He heard his impassioned speech, her  
faint but fervid response. He felt the  
pressure of soft arms around his neck,  
of lips clinging to his lips. Oh, vision  
of ever increasing bliss! He was be-  
loved, he loved.

A cold tremor caught David as he  
realized this change in himself. The  
few moments when he had paused by  
Alice's bedside, abashed by the power  
of her loveliness, had availed more than  
his entire past. His dreams of ambi-  
tion, of conquest, of success, condition-  
ed on his union to her, were now  
shrivelled into nothingness by the ra-  
diance of that revelation. All his fac-  
ulties seemed meagre, all his spells in-  
effectual, and he himself, who was to  
have been the master, now appreciated  
that he would willingly serve as slave.  
And he comprehended also the danger  
of this new emotion and strove to re-  
state the sway of his intellect and to  
restore the bounds of his judgement,  
but in vain.

He could no longer reason. The  
memory of that dainty room, with its  
silvery illumination, of that fair form  
begirt with purity like a nimbus, en-  
thrilled him. He had invaded heaven.  
What if the knowledge of its glories  
should paralyze his strength? Too  
well he remembered the remorseless,  
absolute secret and condition of his  
power—self subjections. Was that  
self subjected, when it now seemed a  
necessity of seeing Alice, to fall down  
and to kiss her feet?

Alas for the attainments of scientific  
research, at a touch of nature they re-  
coiled in confusion! But a few hours  
since David had vaunted himself as  
more than a man. He now admitted  
he was less than a boy. A false mod-  
esty seized upon him, and the fluent  
words which he had imagined he would  
utter acquired the difficulties of an un-  
known tongue. And so, torn by pas-  
sions alien to his education and hence  
the more terrific, he awaited the morn-  
ing with far more of uncertain dread of  
the condemned than the confident  
bearing of the victor.

It was late when David entered the  
breakfast room. The family had al-  
ready gathered around the board. He  
stammered a "Good morning," which  
even to himself sounded laughably  
different from his ordinary crisp greet-  
ing?"

Paul kissed Alice and laughed aloud,  
and laughed and kissed her again and  
again.

"Ho! ho!" he shouted. "I think  
my little girl must have been greedy  
at supper last night. Poor David! He

been set on Alice, not with the fiery  
force of the night, but inquiringly, be-  
seechingly. She certainly had glanced  
for one thrilling instant shyly, curi-  
ously, unwontedly toward him, but evi-  
dently what she had seen was not what  
she vaguely anticipated and perhaps  
feared, for after that instant she had  
shrugged her pretty shoulders as if  
dismissing an idle thought, and ac-  
cused him with the calm familiarity of  
their intimacy.

He felt his cheeks flush, a strange  
phenomenon which in his normal con-  
dition he would have striven immedi-  
ately to diagnose.

"Oh, it's nothing," he faltered, and  
dropped the cup.

"That cup is nothing, surely," said  
Amos Browning jestingly.

"Pale!" repeated Paul. "Yes, if the  
jaundice is the scarlet fever. And then  
he laughed, and Alice joined with him,  
as merrily, as innocently as the bird  
had chirped at the moonlight in her  
room.

"Never mind, David," said the dear  
old lady, and David felt that irritating  
burning self consciousness that over-  
whelms those who are unfortunate  
enough to be told "not to mind."

"Come, Alice," cried Paul, "let us  
see how your roses are blooming," and  
as the twin stepped into the garden  
the old couple exchanged significant  
glances.

David dawdled over his breakfast  
and finally left it touched, but not  
tasted. He was very miserable, so  
miserable, indeed, that both flesh and  
spirit seemed to cry aloud for extinc-  
tion. One thing alone had he accom-  
plished by his faithful study, his ex-  
haustive research, in place of the  
longed for supernatural power, he had  
gained a supernatural capacity for suf-  
fering. Oh the pity of it, that he who  
knew his own strength should have  
proved so impotent! He wandered  
aimlessly out into the garden, a broad  
expanse traversed by quaint winding  
paths bordered by thick shrubbery.

He sought a secluded nook, and throw-  
ing himself on a rustic seat, yielded  
supinely to despair.

David had never comprehended his  
own nature. On a single line he had  
been encouraged by success and sus-  
tained by hope; hence even to himself  
he had seemed resolute. He had drawn  
the confines of life so narrowly about  
him that he had believed that they  
comprised its entirety. Now the line  
had faded, the goal had disappeared,  
the confines had fallen and revealed a  
darkness through which he wandered  
with the inaptness and ignorant dreads  
of a child.

Like a child, he, David ceased to  
struggle—like a child, therefore, he  
hid his face in his hands and sobbed.  
Nor did his unusual emotion arouse  
inquiry in his mind as to why grief  
should cause the lachrymal ducts to  
become active, or why such activity  
should bring solace to the soul. No,  
perhaps, again like a child he would  
have fallen asleep, for he was very  
weary, had not the sound of voice on  
the farther side of the hedge quickened  
him like a goal—Alice and Paul were  
there, unconscious of his proximity—  
he could hear their confidences and  
learn his doom.

"And you have always loved me,  
dearest?" Paul was asking.

"Why, Paul," the girl replied softly,  
"you know when we were children  
together in our play you were always  
my little husband."

"Yes, but that is not quite what I  
ask. Have you ever thought of any  
one else in such a way?"

"Paul," continued Alice—and  
David was smitten by the solemnity of  
her tone—"I have always loved you;  
you know I have. Yet in that  
perfect love I must tell you something,  
if only to have you to laugh away my  
memory. I seldom dream. My sleep  
seems but a dropping of the eyelids,  
and then comes the day, and I hear  
the call of my bird, and I scent the  
fragrance of my flowers. But last  
night I dreamed of you, and—and of  
David. And it seemed that we loved  
each other and were happy, as we now  
are, when he came between us—a  
majestic, glorified David, as if a  
demigod were occupying him—and in  
the radiance that surrounded him I—  
lost sight of you, dear.

"And it seemed that he waved his  
hand and showed me celestial beauties  
and wonders, and beckoned me to  
follow him which I did, oh, so willing-  
ly. That was my dream, but this  
morning I could not shake away the  
impression that I was in some way  
bound to David. And I was so  
anxious to see him! But when he  
came and looked so foolish and acted  
so like a clown, why, I felt again as  
I always had felt, that I loved you,  
and you alone. Wasn't that a singu-  
lar dream, and do you think it disloy-  
alty?"

Paul kissed Alice and laughed aloud,  
and laughed and kissed her again and  
again.

"Ho! ho!" he shouted. "I think  
my little girl must have been greedy  
at supper last night. Poor David! He

little knows how fortunate he was for  
awhile."

"Don't speak of him," cried the girl  
hotly. "I—here her tones became so  
low and intense that David could not  
catch their significance.

Then came whispers and soothing  
and caresses. Paul announced again  
and again that he must hasten to his  
office, that he was late, yet he lingered.  
Finally there was a quick step on the  
graveled walk, a wave of the hand, a  
hearty "goodby," a plaintive "Oh,  
come back soon," and Paul was gone.  
Then David burst through the hedge  
and stood livid and menacing before  
the startled girl. Yet she looked at  
him firmly, and in her glance there was  
mockery.

David felt the desperation of the  
impulse slipping away, the trembling  
reasserting itself. His nails dug deep  
into his palms. Ah, if he could but  
tear away all his traitorous flesh.

"I want you," he said hesitatingly.  
"I will that you shall love me." But  
alas for the words, their power was  
waning.

"You've been listening," replied  
Alice. "Oh, how contemptible!"

"I want you," he repeated.

"You've been listening. Did you  
not hear what I said?"

"I heard a part—"

"I told Paul that I hated you, and I  
do. The remembrance of that dream  
is a shame to me."

There was a distant bay, which  
grew louder. Over the flower-beds the  
great mastiff came bounding.

"Oh, David," cried the girl, Lion  
has broken loose. He is mad—fero-  
cious. He will kill me," and she clung  
to him.

On came the brute, growling and  
snapping from side to side. Fiered  
were his eyes and his gaping throat,  
and a bloody slaver dripped from his  
jaws. David summoned the force of  
his nature. The old power revealed  
itself through every fibre. Like a  
demigod he stood, with hand extended  
and brow of might. The dog hesitated  
and stopped and groveled in the dust.

"Oh, David," sighed Alice, "how  
wonderful, how glorious you are! It  
was so that you appeared to me."

He turned his gaze and looked into  
her eyes. In their glance he saw admi-  
ration, tenderness, love—yes, love that  
thrilled his being and took away his  
senses and his self control and set his  
flesh all a-tremble.

There was a low growl, but he heed-  
ed it not. He was absorbed, entranced  
overcome.

"David! David!" screamed Alice as  
she sprang from his side and over the  
graveled paths.

There was a roar, the bound of a  
huge body straight at his throat, and  
then the exultant crunch of vicious  
teeth.—New York Times.

**Former Elephants.**  
EUROPE AND THE BRITISH ISLES ONCE  
THE FEEDING GROUNDS OF HUGE  
ANIMALS.

The great Northern elephant per-  
ished as a species in the prime of life.  
It had lived under the most prosper-  
ous conditions. Its enemies were few  
and comparatively impotent. Alone  
among contemporary animals, the sa-  
ber-toothed tiger occasionally, per-  
haps, got the better of an antagonist  
which must have been less sensitive  
to the flint-tipped arrows of mere hu-  
man assailants than Ship Surgeon Gul-  
liver was to the multitudinous pickers  
of Lilliputian missiles.

Exhaustible supplies of food, too,  
were furnished by the forests and  
swamps of the vast European contin-  
ent to the terrestrial leviathan, which  
accordingly multiplied and thrived ex-  
ceedingly. Then was the culminating  
epoch of the proboscidean family.  
Thick-skinned animals with tusks and  
trunks attained a larger size, ranged  
over a wider area of the earth's sur-  
face and existed more numerous and  
in greater variety than ever before  
or since.

Mammoths wandered into Ireland  
and Scotland, they tramped by the  
score through the thickets of the  
world, they roamed in great herds  
along the flats and valleys of central  
Europe and across the endless oak-  
clad plains of Russia and the now bar-  
ren tundras of Siberia. Italy reared  
elephants of its own (elephas meridio-  
nalis); another antique species of  
large size (elephas antiquus), was met  
with from Yorkshire to the Atlas;  
even Malta swarmed with pigmy ele-  
phants of two, if not three, separate  
kinds, while the huge mastodon was  
the chief representative of the genus  
in North and South America.—Edin-  
burgh Review.

**A Belle of the Eocene Period**  
Professor Cope of Philadelphia has  
a creature which all naturalists are  
unanimous in pronouncing the first  
representative of the hoofed animal  
species. The animal is not alive,  
neither is it entire so far as flesh and  
blood are concerned, but to the paleon-

tologist, who cares only for the fos-  
siled bones, the specimen is perfect.  
It is not larger than a yearling calf  
and not nearly so tall, and was found  
in the Wind river country in Wyom-  
ing. Professor Cope named it Phenac-  
odus primævus when it was first dis-  
covered, giving it as his opinion that  
it was akin to a specimen which was  
found several years ago in France (the  
paleotherium), and which gave Cuvier  
and the other naturalists so much  
trouble to classify.

At the time of the discovery of the  
French specimen the savants of  
Europe decided that it was the ances-  
tor of "hoofed critters," but the Wind  
river fossil, which is easily distinguish-  
ed as being a type of the same, is  
believed to be much more ancient.  
Cope's curiosity was found in rocks  
belonging to the eocene period, and  
the time when it grazed on the  
western prairies has been placed as far  
back as 500,000 years. Every bone is  
perfect and in place, and the specimen  
could not be purchased for \$10,000.—  
St. Louis Republic.

**A Bee-Line Railroad.**  
"A railroad without a curve or a cut-  
ting," said Wallace Kennedy, a Bu-  
enos Ayres merchant, who was at the  
Southern yesterday, is a splendid  
thing from an engineering standpoint,  
but it is a very tedious affair for the  
passenger. Curves and cuttings are  
both necessary evils in one sense, but  
they relieve the monotony immensely.  
The new road from Buenos Ayres to  
the Andes beats all records, with more  
than 200 miles of uneventful track, al-  
most on a line such as mathematicians  
describe as the shortest distance be-  
tween any two points. No one who  
has not seen this remarkable stretch  
of road, straight in front and behind  
as far as the eye can reach, even when  
aided by a field glass, can grasp what  
it means or what an amount of wear-  
some monotony it involves and entails.  
—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

**A Rabbit Drive.**  
HOW THE TEXANS CLEAR THE LAND OF  
THE OVERPLUS "BUNNIES."  
"Did you ever see a rabbit-drive,"  
asked J. B. Dixon, of Texas, of the  
corridor man at the Lindell. "In the  
Panhandle of Texas the rabbits are  
very nearly as much of a nuisance as  
they are in Australia, and the problem  
of how to exterminate them is a seri-  
ous one. Unlike the prairie dog,  
which moves when civilization reaches  
his habitation, the jack rabbit will  
remain very near the settlements and  
run the chances of being killed. Part-  
ies are formed to drive these rabbits.  
A triangle, with the sides about a  
quarter of a mile long and the base  
about an equal distance across, is  
formed with closely constructed wire  
fences of wire screening. The hun-  
ters separate very much as in a fox  
hunt and, going in a circle, meet a  
short distance below the base of the  
triangle, beating the grass as they go.  
Then closing in they drive the rabbits  
into the triangle and the animals sus-  
pect no danger until they are huddled  
together at the point. They try to  
jump the fence, and failing in that,  
make a grand rush to retreat. The  
hunters are armed with stout clubs  
and kill them by the hundreds. It is  
not uncommon for 2,000 or 3,000 to be  
killed in a single drive. The sport is  
an exciting one, as the animals are ex-  
ceedingly quick in their movements  
and will execute some very artful  
dodges to try to pass the hunters.—  
St. Louis Globe Democrat.



Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

If it so happens
In coming days
That a great big vein of good coal

Is found in the Skippack hills,
Why, then, it may follow that the price of coal in this section will come down several notches!

If so, why not?

There are a good many ifs involved, to be sure, but let it be hoped that there is a vast amount of coal in the Skippack hills.

Billy-the-worker and Doc Johnson appear to have some trouble in fixing up their political staves, preparatory to a trip to Black Rock.

Mr. A. L. Wynne and Editor Sullivan of the Republican, both of Phoenixville, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Yost, of this place, is suffering a severe attack of gripe.

The work of placing one thousand names in the jury wheel at Norristown was completed yesterday, and the names of jurors for the March term of court were drawn from the wheel.

Some people do not recognize their obligations when they meet them. -Galveston News.

It is one of the peculiarities of the season that when a man takes his grip it is no sign that he is going away from home. -Lowell Courier.

T. C. Smoyer of Worcester, who intends to relinquish farming, will sell his live stock and farming implements at public sale on Thursday, February 15. See advertisement next week.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church, this place, will be held on Monday evening, January 22, at the residence of F. G. Hobson, Esq.

B. F. Forker, of this township, is a Democratic candidate for Supervisor.

There are people who never hear any music that suits them, except they are playing first fiddle. -Ram's Horn.

Six children of Andrew Alberto, of Delaware Water Gap, are dead and it is feared he will become insane.

Samuel W. Reiff, and Miss Susan K. Hackman, of Skippack, were married on Saturday.

Henry Freedly, Sr., one of the oldest members of the Montgomery county bar, died Thursday evening, aged 77 years. Mr. Freedly was admitted to the bar in 1836, and retired from practice about 20 years later.

The really successful man in this world is the man who always seems to take all the advice that everybody gives him, but who knows just when it is best not to follow it. -Somerville Journal.

The Teachers' Institute of Upper Providence will hold a meeting in the Green Tree school house on Saturday morning, Jan. 20, at 9 o'clock. All interested are cordially invited.

The Young Peoples' Lyceum of Augustus Lutheran church will meet this (Thursday) evening. Program opens at 8 o'clock. Members will convene at 7.30.

LOCAL POLITICS.

There seems to be no embarrassing scarcity of candidates for the various township offices to be filled at the election next month. The majority of voters in this township being on the Republican side, that side presents the most activity and the greatest number of aspirants. Supervisor Hallman, of the lower end, will be renominated. In this end Supervisor Kratz will have to deal with at least two lively competitors. -Samuel Starr and Abram Custer. In his efforts to obtain a renomination, Collector J. R. Weikel is a candidate for renomination and he will be entertained by several opponents whose names are stated by our Oaks correspondent.

The Republicans of the three election districts of Upper Providence will meet at Black Rock Hotel on Thursday evening, January 25, to nominate their candidates, and on Saturday evening following the Democrats will meet at the same place for the same purpose. The committee of both parties are to be commended for their promptness in naming early dates for the nomination meetings.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Thursday evening, 7 1/2 o'clock, the C. E. prayer meeting; subject, Our temptations and how to avoid them; leader, Miss Anna Harshey. Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m., missionary meeting, the sermon to be preached by the Rev. S. W. Callender, D. D., and in the evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, the usual preaching service. The first Sunday in February is the time when the church will hold its next quarterly Holy Communion.

Divine services next Sunday morning at Augustus Lutheran church at 10 o'clock and in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. The pastor will begin instruction in the catechism next Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All desiring to attend the class are urged to be present at this first meeting.

Presching at St. Luke's Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Public missionary meeting on Sunday at 7.30 p. m. Special music, select reading, and an address which will be made by Rev. A. H. Hibshman, of Prospectville, will be features of the program. Catechetical lectures by the pastor every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Lectures on the Bible every Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. All are invited to these services.

ENTERTAINMENT.

An entertainment will be given in Bechtel's school house, this township, next Saturday evening January 20. Exercises will begin at 7.30. Admission 10 cents.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Winter bran, \$15.00 @ \$15.75; flour, \$2.75 to \$3.00; rye flour, \$2.90; wheat, 64 to 67c; corn, 42c; oats, 34c; butter, 25 to 29c; live fowls, 10 1/2 @ 11c; dressed fowls, 9 @ 10c; hay, timothy, \$1.05 to \$1.15; mixed, 95c. @ \$1.05; straw, 65 @ 75c; beef cattle, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2c; sheep, 2 to 4 1/2c; lambs, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2c; hogs, western, 1 1/2 to 2c.

A PROSPEROUS RAILROAD.

The annual report of the Perkiomen Railroad Company shows a surplus of \$33,501, for the past year. This is an excellent exhibit, particularly so when the unfavorable financial condition of large railroad companies is taken into consideration. It is proposed to spend this surplus in improving the road, fixing up trestles and repairing the stations and the tunnel.

FINGER SAWED OFF.

Tuesday last week J. Frank Vorhees, near Perkiomen Junction, was engaged sawing wood with a circular saw when the saw caught the glove on his left hand which was drawn into contact with the saw. The second finger was cut off near the first joint and another finger is severely lacerated. Mr. Vorhees is slowly recovering from the painful injuries received. One report of the accident had it that his left hand was cut off and still another that the arm was severed from the body.

REPORTED INSANE.

It is reported that Charles Widmayer of Mont. Clare, this township, a member of the Salvation Army of Phoenixville became violently insane at the barracks while the Army was in service on Wednesday evening, last week. It required the combined efforts of four men to hold him and prevent him from harming himself or the audience, who crowded around. A physician was summoned and stated that the man was suffering from a gripe, which had rendered him temporarily insane.

A VALUABLE FIND.

While walking on the historic camp grounds at Valley Forge on Wednesday last week, Nelson Longaker and John D. White, of Phoenixville, made a valuable find. They had just taken a drink at the old Washington spring and were starting away from that point, when about five feet above the spring, Mr. White's toe tripped against something, and they stopped to examine it. It was a piece of iron apparently, and looked like the butt end of a butcher knife. They pulled it out and found it to be a very well preserved lieutenant's sabre 28 inches long.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

This coming Sunday, the 21st inst., will be Missionary Day in Trinity Reformed church of this village. The Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed church in the United States, has promised to be present at the morning service to give an account of the grand and encouraging prospects of the missionary operations in Japan, and to present the further claims of that distant empire upon the generous liberality of the Christian Church. The public generally and the membership of the church in particular are cordially invited to attend this service.

NOT INSURABLE.

A prominent business man in a nearby county applied for \$10,000 life insurance. The medical examiner went all over him. He was what is called a gilt edged risk. He was in perfect health. He was then asked whether he ever drew a pension. He got red in the face and stammered, but admitted that he was now drawing a pension of \$12 a month. He admitted that he had never been injured or suffered in any way, but he had made out some sort of a case of nervous shock or general deterioration at the suggestion of a pension agent and because "they all do it." The company refused the risk on moral grounds. This test now appears on the blanks of several insurance companies. -Phoenixville Messenger.

AN UNFORTUNATE FAMILY.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., January 11.—The family of Lewis Garland, a miner who lives in Dorancetown, has been visited by an extraordinary series of calamities during the past fortnight. Twelve days ago Garland met with an accident which crippled him for life. Two days later his wife died, and on the fifth day after the accident his infant child died. The youngest son, who was the sole support of the family, was killed in a mine. Another child, aged 11, died of typhoid fever on the day after the son was killed, and yesterday a daughter 17 years old fell a victim to the same disease. The remaining members of the family, two daughters, are both very ill with typhoid fever.

DON'T SCARE EASILY.

One day last week two dogs from Lower Providence happened at Yerkes station where one of Yerkes' smart young men chanced to be. He thought it would be fine sport to tie tin cans to the dogs' tails and watch them become frightened and see them run. After some difficulty he succeeded in obtaining a sufficient amount of string and tin cans and proceeded to make a union of tails and tin cans. When he had completed his task, he stood back, with merriment, expecting to see the funny part. But, behold! "He laughs best who laughs last." The dogs turned and, calmly but disdainfully, surveyed that smart young man, then turned and walked away. Mart observed: "Ah, there! Lower Providence dogs don't scare."

A Quarter Century Test.

For a quarter of a century Dr. King's New Discovery has been tested, and the millions who have received benefit from its use testify to its wonderful cures in all cases of Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Croup and Lung. A remedy that has stood the test so long and that has given so general satisfaction is no experiment. Each bottle is positively guaranteed to give relief, or the money will be refunded. It is admitted to be the most reliable for Coughs and Colds. Trial bottles free at Culpeper's Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.

The Shepard will cases, before the Norristown court last week, attracted considerable public attention. After hearing the evidence and Judge Weand's charge the jury deliberated about an hour and then rendered a verdict for plaintiffs, which sustains the validity of the will.

FINE FARM SOLD.

J. W. Rosenberger, of this township, has sold his productive and well improved farm of 96 acres, to George Dannehower, of Plymouth, for \$11,500. Mr. Dannehower will take possession about the first of April. Mr. Rosenberger will dispose of his personal property at public sale on Thursday, February 15. See advertisement next week.

ATTENDED A RECEPTION.

The reception given by Silas S. Neff, President, and his wife, at the Neff College of Oratory, 1414 Arch street, Philadelphia, last Saturday night, was a very enjoyable and largely attended affair, no less than six hundred invitations having been sent out. Miss J. C. Gordon, of this place, a former pupil of the College, attended the reception.

DAIRYMEN'S PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

The Dairymen's Protective Association, 822 Thompson street, Philadelphia, a full account of which was published last week, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, George Wolf; Vice President, D. M. Casselberry; Treasurer, W. S. Wyatt; Secretary, W. M. Hiltelbeitel; Directors: O. Rex, J. R. Wells, M. S. Shultz, W. Holstein, J. R. Youcum. The price of milk fixed for January, 1894: 4 1/2 cents per quart.

A CHELLENHAM BLAZE.

Edge Hill this county, was the scene, Friday morning, of a destructive fire, in which valuable property was laid in ashes. The building destroyed was the large barn on the farm of F. C. Conly. The flames first started in a tenement house on the farm, probably from a defective flue, and spread to a stack of corn fodder not far away. A high wind was blowing at the time and carried sparks to the roof of the barn, which was quickly ignited. Four horses, one male and a cow, were literally roasted alive, and 400 bushels of potatoes, 150 bushels of wheat, a large quantity of hay and straw and twelve wagons were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. There is little or no insurance.

K. OF G. E.

The following are the officers of Ironbridge Castle, No. 104, K. of G. E., for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, M. S. Moyer; Noble Chief, W. J. Thompson; Vice Chief, John G. Fetterolf; High Priest, Edward Emer; Venerable Hermit, John H. Willauer; Master of Records, Frank F. Saylor; Clerk of Exchequer, M. K. Hunsicker; Keeper of Exchequer, H. T. Hunsicker; Sir Herald, John M. Sherrick; Worthy Bard, J. P. Koons; Worthy Chamberlain, J. Warren Rahn; Ensign, I. T. Keyser; Esquire, Harvey Coder; First Guardsman, William Underkofler; Second Guardsman, Geo. S. Tagert; Trustees, J. P. Koons, A. Pfeiger, John H. Willauer; Representative to the Grand Castle, O. S. Gottshall.

A MAN OF NERVE.

The Norristown Herald says: Harry Elwell, residing at 214 Pearl street, is indeed a nifty man. He was employed on the Nace farm removing the timber. Tuesday morning [last week] he was chopping, when the axe slipped and almost served two toes of his right foot. Mr. Elwell had been out of work for some time and did not want to give up. He, therefore, stuck bravely to it. In the meantime the blood was running out of his shoe. When his work was done he walked to the office of Dr. J. R. Unstadt, where the injured member was dressed. The first toe was almost severed, only a small piece of flesh holding it on. The second toe was cut half through the bone. He is now confined to the house, his injuries being very painful.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the last meeting of the Young People's Social Literary Society at Fernwood were passed the following resolutions:

In view of the loss of our friend and leader, Charles W. Johnson, and the loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him, be it,

Resolved, That it is only a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that, in regretting his removal from our midst, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and following.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the departed in their affliction, and commend them for consolation to Him who girds all things for the best.

Resolved, That this token of our sorrow be forwarded to the family of the departed friend, and a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes.

DIRECTORS ELECTED.

The following Directors of the banking institutions named were recently elected:

Royersford National Bank: E. P. Keeley, S. B. Latslaw, H. A. Cole and H. R. Thomas, all of Royersford; Augustus Kebl, Limerick; J. W. Evans, Linfield; A. D. Reiff, Philadelphia; E. H. DeWiler, Ironbridge; H. F. Bean, Drennery; Newton Evans, Uechlan, and Horace Ashenfelter, Arcola.

Home National Bank, Royersford: J. A. Buckwalter; Adam Grander, Frank Eppelimer, I. M. Schellinger and Dr. J. S. Morey, all of town; E. G. Brownback, Linfield; Henry M. Alderfer, Collegeville; E. G. Krause, Limerick, and John A. Kriebel, Lucon.

Spring City Bank: A. P. Fritz, Limerick Square; Dr. William Brower and Milton Latslaw, Spring City; D. B. Latslaw, East Vincent; Knauer, Knauerstown; Charles Erick, Linfield; Edward Brownback, Trappe; Harrison Bean, Royersford; Franklin March, Esq., Parkersford.

Don't Tobacco Spill or Smoke Your Life Away. It is the truth, starting life of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless, guaranteed tobacco habit cure. It is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using No-to-bac. Sold by all druggists. Book at Druggist's Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

Reorganized.

The Directors of the Schwenksville National Bank have organized for the year by electing H. W. Kratz, Esq., President; J. G. Steiner, Secretary; John G. Prizer, Cashier; Irwin S. Schwenk, teller.

Farmers' Club Officials.

The Worcester Farmers' Union Club has elected for President, J. S. Kriebel; Vice President, J. P. Dastard; Secretary, H. K. Anson; Assistant Secretary, A. H. Shultz; Treasurer, George Kriebel. The club has 150 members.

Dividends.

The Lansdale Trust Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. The Pottstown Security Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. The Spring City National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent.

A Sorrowing Family.

On Wednesday of last week the third death in three weeks occurred in the family of Jacob Wismer, of Parkersford. First a son, Winfield, was stricken with grip, which developed into pneumonia and ended in death. One week afterward the father died of the same disease, and Wednesday night another son, Joseph, died of consumption.

Limerick Hogs and Big Ones.

Squire R. Brooke Evans, of Limerick township, slaughtered a hog, a few days ago, which weighed 365 pounds.

Harvey Hartensine, of Limerick, slaughtered a Chester White hog, the weight of which was 535 pounds. It was 10 1/2 months old and had been fed seven weeks.

For School Directors.

At a meeting of the citizens of this (Trappe) Independent school district, held at Dorworth's hotel, Trappe, Tuesday evening, to nominate two School Directors, H. H. Fetterolf served as President and W. P. Fenton and Daniel Bartman as Secretaries. D. M. Fulmer, of Trappe, was renominated as one of the candidates and Dr. E. A. Krusen, of this place, was nominated to succeed David H. Albeck, who, having served as a Director for fifteen years, declined positively a renomination.

A Bigger Jail.

Whether crime is on the increase within the borders of Montgomery county, or not, the present Board of Commissioners have decided to enlarge the jail at Norristown. An addition of 60 feet in length and of a width corresponding to the present structure is to be constructed west of the present jail. The new addition will afford space for 44 new cells, all of which will be lined with steel. Periodical efforts have been made within the past twenty years to secure an enlargement of the county jail, and it may therefore be taken for granted that the proposed addition will be built none too soon.

Fought a Wildcat.

The Bloomsburg Pa. Advertiser says that while Elmer Krise, of Liberty, a nearby county, was returning from Bloomsburg on Saturday, a huge wildcat sprang from a tree by the roadside upon the backs of his horses. Krise jumped from the wagon and dragged it from the horses' backs, when the beast turned upon him with great ferocity. The fight lasted for several minutes, when Krise finally beat and choked the cat to death. It weighed 45 pounds and measured 4 feet 6 inches in length. It can now be seen skinned and mounted at a hotel in Liberty.

The Arcola Coal Find.

Last Monday afternoon about a hundred persons inspected the coal vein in the Skippack hill on Mr. Shirley's farm, near Arcola. Edward Cleaver loosened up a quantity of rock, slate and coal, by exploding dynamite cartridges, and the coal and slate were carefully examined by a number of gentlemen from Phoenixville, Norristown and Philadelphia, and other parts of the State, who anticipate the organization of a company to determine more fully whether there is present in the hill coal in paying quantities. F. P. Faringer, of this place, was one of the leading factors among the interested persons at the meeting. An organization was not effected Monday afternoon, but an effort will be made to do so at another meeting to be held either in Bridgeport or Philadelphia next week.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR THE TROLLEY.

It is reported from Collegeville that the prospects for the trolley from that place are good. Information on the subject is hard to get, and those in a position to know most decline to talk freely. Even the INDEPENDENT has ceased to agitate the matter, and not for want of interest or information either. -Skippack Transcript.

We have to say in relation to the above observations from Brother Dambly that the Committee appointed at a recent meeting of the citizens of this place, to confer with the management of the Norristown Company or Companies, has thus far not been able to discharge the duties of their appointment; not through any fault of the Committee, however. The members of the Committee hope to be able to make a definite report in the near future. When the proper time comes strenuous efforts will be made to hasten along the electric railway improvement.

EIGHT O'CLOCK CLUB REUNION.

This great event, to which thousands of Eight O'Clockers look forward with great delight and anticipations for many days and weeks beforehand, took place on Saturday last in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. Mr. D. B. Waggener, editor of "Our Boys and Girls" page of the Times and leader of the Eight O'Clock Club, opened the entertainment of the afternoon with an address of welcome, after which he awarded the prizes for the Composite Puzzle of hidden names of birds, animals and fishes. Frank T. Matthews, of Philadelphia, won the gold medal. There were besides one hundred and twenty-five other prizes awarded. Then followed an interesting program of music, dancing and juggling. The music rendered by the Spanish Serenaders, a club of mandolin and guitar players, proved exceedingly pleasant. And now the Sixth Annual Reunion of the Eight O'Clock Club is a thing of the past, and we all look forward to the Seventh.

It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in the back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures, but without any good result. About a year ago he began to use Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all kidney and liver troubles, and is the most reliable and safe relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At Collegeville Drug Store.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER.

Since the beginning of 1894 a change in the official head of the Collegeville post office was daily anticipated until last Friday when the announcement was made that G. W. Yost had been duly appointed postmaster to succeed J. W. Culbert. Mr. Yost was postmaster during Cleveland's first administration and gave the patronage of the office efficient service, and it is therefore reasonable to assume that he will do equally as much when he resumes control of the affairs of the office. To the credit of the retiring postmaster it is said that he has discharged his duties faithfully and well, and his record as one of Uncle Sam's officials is clean from beginning to end. It is expected the change will be effected some time this week.

AN OLD, OLD COIN.

It is claimed that Brother Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, has in his possession the oldest coin in the United States. It is an ancient Jewish coin familiarly known as the widow's mite, mentioned in Bible history, and was presented to Editor Roberts by Dr. Duglass, who is noted for his explorations among the ancient ruins of old Egyptian cities and burial places. By the way, in referring thusly to Brother Roberts and his valuable relic we just happen to be reminded that his Chester county friends mean to nominate and elect him to a seat in the Pennsylvania Legislature next fall. "It is in the wood." We hope Brother Roberts will win the prize, for very sufficient reasons: He has ample capacity to shine among the lawmakers at Harrisburg, and he has the manly independence that is always a desirable characteristic of a member of the Legislature. Hurrah for Brother Roberts!

From Eagleville.

Mr. Garber's dogs do not always run Reynard. Sometimes it is canine.

There is still lots of empty space in the ice houses of this vicinity.

A young man of our hamlet will soon enter into a pleasant partnership.

Mr. Frank Cherry, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. Stroup.

Mr. John Hendricks moved to Norristown Wednesday last week, where he will continue in the store business. We regret his absence; he always wore a smile, and had a pleasant word for everybody.

Ursinus College Notes.

Rev. Jesse String, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in Collegeville. He is one of last year's graduates from the Seminary.

Orville Weber has returned to college after several weeks absence on account of an attack of pneurisy.

On Friday evening the members of the Zwinglian Society debated the question: "Resolved, That the discovery of electricity is of more value than the invention of the magnetic needle." The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Messrs. Noll, Buchanan and Meek gave short practical talks at the religious services in Garwood school house on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14.

At the last regular meeting of the Schaff Society the following question was debated: "Resolved, That Lee was a greater General than Grant." The affirmative side won the question.

The chapel choir was reorganized this week; and now consists of the following members: Dr. Crum, Rohrbach, Hartman, Welsh, Middleton, Jackson, Steckel and Hoyer.

From Oaks.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and we hope the high wind Friday blew the grip far, far away.

Entertainment at Green Tree school house Friday evening, January 19, to be given by the scholars of Miss Roberts' school.

We have read what motive prompted Zachaeus of old to climb a sycamore tree, but no one can tell what motive prompted a certain person to climb up a tree at Francis' store stand.

The bell has ceased ringing, and love has been froth bitten, all owing, as a funny writer puts it, to a "fatly degeneration of the heart."

From reports some divine will have his hands full tying nuptial knots.

There is not the least doubt but Jake Dettre thinks himself a bigger man than the President; his wife presented him with a boy baby.

Harry Bare got the gold watch, and Jake Baum a box of cigars, at the raffle, the other night.

Good skating on the canal and the young folks are making good use of the time.

Brower has room for Tom Johnson's \$3,000.00 steel rail plant.

Capt. C. S. Carmack announces himself a candidate for collector. There are only four candidates—Cormish, Moyer, Weikel, Carmack. There you are! And like the darkey who bought his best girl two finger rings, said: Dar you am Dinah. Take yo' pick, hofe fo' you. So dar you are. Take yo' pick.

Some of our people have been working up the ladder and wall question and would like to know the correct solution.

Does a colored pension fraud mean a darkey getting a pension by fraud?

Quite an excitement was caused when Bruno came home from the store with several empty tomato cans tied to his tail. Time, fifteen seconds.

We hear of certain changes to be made shortly, but as we are cautioned to be mum until they transpire, our letter of instruction might contain a "hiatus," and then we would be off.

Fred Miller's house has been newly painted.

In glancing over the columns of the INDEPENDENT we notice an increase in death notices. The apud yields a greater power than the scepter.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in the back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures, but without any good result. About a year ago he began to use Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all kidney and liver troubles, and is the most reliable and safe relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At Collegeville Drug Store.

NO WOMEN NEED APPLY.

A majority of the members of the Montgomery County Bar Association recently voted in favor of this resolution: "Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to permit women to practice at the bar." This gingerly worded decision of a majority of the thoroughly masculine baristers of the Hub was the outcome of an application made by Miss Richardson last October for admission as a student-at-law, which was refused by the law examiners. It is on record therefore that no member of the gentler sex, with whatever aspirations inspired, need apply for admission to the Montgomery County Bar, either as student-at-law or as a full fledged lawyer. At the next meeting of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Montgomery a committee should be appointed to draft a series of resolutions, tenderly expressed, setting forth sundry observations in regard to the action of the Montgomery County Bar. One of the resolutions might be written thus:

Resolved, That at least a majority of the members of the Montgomery County Bar Association need to be specially enjoined by their mothers, wives, or sisters, to keep within doors during damp weather, to avoid draughts of cold air and other draughts, and not to meander about the streets of Norristown without chest protectors and the protection of the police.

Still another might read as follows: Resolved, That some of the legal luminaries of Norristown are so extremely jealous of their professional rights and interests, that any encroachment upon their domain would be cruel and wicked, indeed.

By one of our reporters.

LIMERICK'S LOCAL INSTITUTE.

The Local Institute held at Limerick Square last Friday and Saturday was a very great success. The exercises during the day consisted of singing, class-drills, spelling contests, addresses and discussions. The singing by the schools was good. The class drills were interesting as well as instructive, showing the methods of different teachers in class work. The addresses by Prof. John T. Wagner of Michigan University were very instructive. In answer to "What else can the law do for our schools?" Prof. Wagner presented some new ideas very forcibly. The explanation of the "Aim and Intent of the Laws of our Public Schools" was clear and comprehensive, impressing the teachers with the necessity of such knowledge.

Friday evening Prof. A. T. Smith gave the audience "Glimpses of Mexico," its history, inhabitants, vegetation, scenery, etc. Prof. Smith is a very pleasant speaker and his lecture was full of valuable information. The music both evenings was provided by a glee club consisting of musicians from Trappe, Linfield and Limerick, and accompanied by Miss Emma Reiff-snyder. The music was excellent and very much appreciated.

RAILROADS.

PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

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HOW TO IMPROVE OUR ROADS.

The movement for good roads has this advantage over most social reforms—that the argument is all on one side. Nobody is opposed to good roads—the only practical question is how to get them. Several plans have been suggested. These may be grouped as follows:

1. National roads—laid out through States and Territories at the national expense and under the supervision of a National Government Bureau.

If we were compelled to wait for better highways until this Federal plan is carried into effect, I fear the present generation will never enjoy the benefits. The project is too chemical and foolish to be possible of realization, and we might as well dismiss it from serious consideration.

2. State roads—laid out through the counties of a State at State expense, and under State supervision.

There are objections to the plan of State roads which seem to me to outweigh the considerations in its favor. It is a dangerous tendency into which we are drifting—to load down our Federal and State Governments with a multiplicity of tasks which the smaller political divisions of the people are abundantly able to bear. That tendency is toward State Socialism. The more simple we keep our Government, the fewer offices we create, the greater economy we practice. For any except the smallest States to undertake the establishment of a department of highways, and the comprehensive construction of State roads, would necessitate the employment of a very large army of State officials and laborers, and, therefore, the creation of a powerful political machine—sufficiently numerous in its membership, perhaps, to control elections. Moreover, construction of highways at State expense, means maintenance and repairs at State expense, and these involve, indefinitely, continuing appropriations of public money, and the appointment of thousands of road-keepers, engineers, overseers, and day-laborers. I do not believe that the people of any large State would be wise in saddling their Government with so great a burden, or in giving their administrative offices so much political power. A misuse of such power would entail more serious results than the lack of good roads.

3. Town roads—laid out at town expense, and under the supervision of town authorities.

The merit of the township road system is its embodiment of the principle of Local Option and Home Rule in the extreme application. This is probably its chief defect. Such a system depends for its success upon the concerted action of two or more towns, which is not easily obtained.

4. County roads—built at the county expense, at the option and under the direction of the Board of Supervisors.

In my judgment, the county road-system offers the wisest and most feasible plan yet suggested for securing good highways.

Legislation enacted last Spring in New York State illustrates very clearly the features of the county road-system. The Law is simple and optional. It provides that the Board of Supervisors of any county may formally adopt the county road-system, and shall then designate as county roads such highways as they may deem best for the purpose, outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages. The intention of the Law is that, as far as possible, these designated county roads shall be the leading markets of the county. Thereafter, the expense of rebuilding or maintaining these roads is to be a county charge, and the necessary amount for this purpose is to be appropriated each year by the Board of Supervisors.

In my intercourse with the farmers of the State during the last Summer, I found many of them averse to taking advantage of this legislation, because of the dread of additional taxation, but when I suggested that convicts might be employed in road-building, I was greeted with applause—which convinced me that the agricultural communities would quickly welcome good roads, if somebody else would pay for them. Our farmers know what bad roads cost them, and they also know that the sum of the pecuniary advantages in favor of good roads would outweigh the cost of procuring them; but, in spite of these advantages, good roads are slow in coming, and we cling to our old-fashioned habit of once or twice a year plunging up the sides of a highway into the middle, and calling that road-improvement.

The mathematics of road-improvements need to be pressed home many times and in many ways before they produce the conviction that leads to action.—R. P. Fowler, Governor of New York, in the North American Review.

POTATO CROP OF AMERICA.

The produce markets are liberally supplied with potatoes, and the railroad yards reveal the fact that carload after carload remain on the tracks, while commission dealers are offering at low prices, even as low as, say, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per barrel by the carload. Appearances would indicate that the season had been very good from the farmer's standpoint.

The fact is, however, that the crop was light, not only in this State, but throughout the entire country, and the liberal supply in the markets and the low prices current are due to growers forwarding their stock before the weather turned cold enough to make it hazardous to ship from distant points.

The present outlook favors comparatively high prices for the winter, as it will be necessary to depend upon foreign countries for stock enough to make up the deficiency of the home crop.

THE TOTAL YIELD.

The Department of Agriculture estimates the yield on a basis of 100 bushels to the acre for a full crop of the entire country, as follows: Maine, 120 bushels per acre; New Hampshire, 119; Vermont, 111; Massachusetts, 119; Rhode Island, 108; Connecticut, 87; New York, 70; New Jersey, 73; Pennsylvania, 76; Delaware, 50; Maryland, 49; Virginia, 84; North Carolina, 97; South Carolina, 83; Georgia, 74; Florida, 87; Alabama, 83; Mississippi, 81; Louisiana, 67; Texas, 53; Arkansas, 89; Tennessee, 68; West Virginia, 80; Kentucky, 68; Ohio, 58; Michigan, 75; Indiana, 51; Illinois, 53; Wisconsin, 77; Minnesota, 66; Iowa, 58; Missouri, 78; Kansas, 44; Nebraska, 44; South Dakota, 54; North Dakota, 69; Montana, 138; Wyoming, 134; Colorado, 94; New Mexico, 70; Arizona, 75; Utah, 88; Nevada, 132; Idaho, 153; Washington, 120; Oregon, 127; California, 96. This gives a total average yield per acre of 72.2 bushels for the entire country, which is 7.8 bushels less than the average for a ten year period ending 1888—20 bushels less than the large crop of 1891, and ten bushels more than the crop of last year.

The average last season was fully equal to former years, and the short crop is attributed to continued dry weather during August and early September, with the drought not broken in some of the Western States until nearly October.

This had a tendency to weaken the vitality of the plants to such an extent that more damage was done by the potato beetle than for many years; while in the East, especially in New York, a superabundance of rain prevailed in September, which, following the excessive drought, caused the tubers to rot badly.

Excepting New York, Kentucky, Arkansas and Missouri, where considerable rot is reported, the quality of the year's crop is exceptionally fine. The dry weather caused the tubers to average small in size, but this is not particularly an unfavorable feature, and they are generally sound and mealy, the percentage of quality for the country being 89.

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Americans, as a class, are noted for their desire to do things on a large scale and for a certain carelessness, closely allied to contempt, of details and the doing of small things. It is, probably, largely owing to this spirit that so many of the Western farmers allow their corn fodder to waste. The fact that they have feed enough without it does not alter the case or palliate the offense against economy. If not needed for the amount of stock carried then to increase the herd in order to turn it to account.

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