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Volume 20.

Collegville, Pa., Thursday, March 21, 1895.

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This week the Literary Social holds the advent of Spring with the words of some of our sweetest songsters—the poets. And we propose having our readers determine which of the following sentiments is the prettiest.

Songs of Spring, Lo! where the rosy-bosom'd hours, Fair Venus' train, appear, Disclose the long-expecting flowers,

Wide flush the fields; the softening air is balm; Echo the mountains round; the forest smiles; And every sense, and every heart is joy.

Spring comes lithely, Buds the rose; Roses wither, Sweet Spring goes.

Now the earth profligate swells With leafy buds and flowery bells; Gemming shoots the olive twigs, Clusters ripe festoon the vine;

The smiling Spring has come rejoicing, And surely winter grimly flies;

Now crystal clear are the falling waters, And bonnie blue are the sunny skies. Fresh o'er the mountains breaks forth the morning,

There's music in the sighing of a reed; Of wintry storms, the sudden threat; There's music in all things, if men had ears; Their earth is but an echo of the spheres.

In blooming of flower and budding of tree The symbols and types of our destiny see; The life of the Spring-time, the life of the whole, And, as sun to the sleeping earth, love to the soul!

Then slung along the gushing rills, And the full springs, from frost set free, That, brightly leaping down the hills, Are just set out to meet the sea.

The year's departing beauty hides Of wintry storms, the sudden threat; But, in thy sternest from abides A look of kindly promise yet.

Clearly the blue river chimes in its flowing Under my eye; Warmly and broadly the South winds are blowing Over the sky.

One after another the white clouds are fleeting; Every heart this May morning in joyance is beating.

I welcome thee with all my heart, Glad herald of the Spring, And yet I cannot choose but think Of all that thou dost not bring.

The violet opens her eyes beneath The dew-fall and the rain— But oh, the tender drooping lids That open not again.

Crowds of bees are giddy with clover, Crowds of grasshoppers skip at our feet, Crowds of larks at their matins hang over, Thanking the Lord for a life so sweet.

The sun is bright—the air is clear. The darting swallow soars and sings, And from the stately elm I hear The bluebirds prophesying Spring.

So blue you winding river flows, It seems an outlet from the sky, Where waiting till the west-wind blows, The freighted clouds at anchor lie.

All things are new—the buds, the leaves, That gild the elm tree's nodding crest, And even the nest beneath the eaves:— There are no birds in last year's nest!

Come up, April, through the valley, In your robe of beauty dress'd, Come and wake your flowery children From their wintry beds of rest; Come and overflow them softly With the sweet breath of the south;

Drop upon them, warm and loving, Tender kisses of your mouth; Come up, April, through the valley, Where the fountain sleeps to-day, Let him, freed from icy fetters, Go rejoicing on his way;

Through the flower-enameled meadow, Let him run his laughing race, Making love to all the blossoms That o'erleant and kiss his face.

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arm, and emulating his own coldness she said: "Then I will not ask you to stay. But as it is late, and you will have your preparations to make, I will not intrude on your time, and courtesying she withdrew.

"And this is the being in whom I had garnered up all my heart's best affections," exclaimed Harry, when he found himself alone.

Mary hurried to her chamber, and locking the door she flung herself on the bed and burst into a flood of tears.

Henry Ashton had passed when Ashton found himself again in America, and sitting, after dinner, with one of his most intimate friends at the table of the hotel.

"You have not seen Mary Derwentwater yet, have you, Harry?" Ashton answered calmly, with a forced effort, in the negative.

"You must not positively delay it. Do you know how beautiful she has grown?—far more beautiful than when you went away, although then you thought her surpassingly lovely."

Mary appeared that evening at the supper table, but in the cold, averted looks of Ashton she saw only new cause for pride.

Henry Ashton had known his lovely cousin scarcely two years, but during that time she had seemed to him a divinity. Never in his wildest dreams had he imagined a countenance more surpassingly beautiful than hers, and he had accordingly been had given his heart with a devotion which had become a part of his nature.

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Ashton was stung to the heart. He had been on the point of declaring his long cherished passion for Mary Derwentwater, and he felt that she knew not only the depth of his affection, but that the words trembling on his lips were an avowal of his love.

Hour after hour she would sit, watching the gate for his return, and hour after hour she experienced all the bitterness of disappointment. When, at length, she read in the newspaper that he had really sailed, she gave one long, loud shriek, and fell senseless to the floor.

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"Why, Harry, you jest," said his companion, struggling to appear composed, although she felt how cold and pale her cheeks had grown.

"I do not jest, especially with a friend." The tone, the emphasis, the manner, all stung the pride of Mary. She felt that his censure was just, and yet she spun it. Her hand fell from his

deserted. The shock almost killed her; and though she recovered after a long and weary sickness, it was to discard all her old habits, and to assume a quieter—yet, oh! how far more beautiful demeanor than in her days of unmitigated joy.

"Oh, you are always jesting, Annie; you know it is not so." "We shall see. I prophesy that this afternoon, when we go to the exhibition, he will escort you and leave Miss Thornbury to Seacourt's nephew."

"Don't, my dear Mrs. Seacourt, don't tease one this way. You know, indeed you know, Ashton cares nothing for me," and she felt how great a relief would have been a flood of tears could she have indulged in them.

The afternoon came. The little company were assembled in the drawing room, Ashton entered just as the last moment had come and when the ladies were rising to go.

"I have not heard from the family for years," said Ashton at length, feeling that his companion expected some reply.

"Then you know nothing of her?—push up some of the almonds—why dear fellow, she is irresistible. But she is different from what she used to be; her beauty is softer, though not so showy, and whereas she once would flirt a little—mind, only a little, for she is a great favorite of mine—she now goes by the name of the cold beauty."

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feel they are not wanted. I know it is an unpopular thing to say, but it is the truth, that many of our churches are only social clubs with a religious bias.

You are religious, but you do not give that as an excuse for not being taxed. I would tax charitable institutions—hospitals, orphanages and the like. Their work is not wholly philanthropic. My mother was left a widow with three little orphans to care for. Her little country home was taxed. If any orphanage should be exempt from taxation, such a one as that was ought to be.

Tax all church property, so we may get a total separation of church and state, and no church may derive support by the taxation of the people at large.

RABBITS CAN FEED THE WORLD. THEY WOULD SOON POPULATE LARGE ISLANDS FOR A MEAT SUPPLY.

With the constant increase of the population of the world the disciples of Malthus have predicted an inadequate food supply for the future.

"The rabbit," this new philosopher of diet declares, "supplies in many ways the requirements of the poor man's food." The poor can easily raise them, for they are cheap to keep, and their propagating power is most extraordinary.

For the first time for years Ashton's arm upheld that of Mary. At first both were embarrassed; but each made an effort, and they soon glided into conversation on different subjects.

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"Mrs. Seacourt is upstairs. I will ring for her." "Not for the world, if she is in any way engaged. I can await her pleasure."

"Mary!" he said. She looked, half doubtingly, half timidly, up. "Mary, we love each other—do we not?"

MATRIMONIAL SEPARATIONS IN EGYPT. The liveliest divorce centers of the west have to take second place when compared with matrimonial separations in Egypt, according to the accounts of the American consul to the land of the Nile.

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TAXATION OF CHURCHES. Rev. Madison C. Peters, a well known New York clergyman, has created considerable discussion by his recent utterances against the exemption of churches from taxation.

THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT DOGS. "Well," said Snags, "I think many dogs have more sense than their masters."



Collegerville, Montg. Co., Pa.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, March 21, 1895.

An estimate of the cost of the strike of the trolley employes in Brooklyn makes the loss to general business about \$3,000,000.

SHAKESPEARE'S "Much Ado About Nothing" appears to apply to the recent investigation, authorized by the Legislature, of the affairs of the Norristown Hospital for the Insane.

WHAT has been achieved in the growth of the leather trade by free hides provides a standard for an estimate of what is possible in wool fabrics under free wool.

THE information that woolen goods of American manufacture are finding a market in England, right in competition with similar goods of British make, has induced the more defiant "calamity howlers" of much recent notoriety to jump to their feet and proclaim a lot of regulation partisan platitudes about "lower wages to American workmen."

SOME days ago the American ship Allianca was fired upon by a Spanish gunboat, in the vicinity of Cuba. Secretary Greshman has rightly declared "a disavowal of the unauthorized act and due expression of regret on the part of Spain."

SENATOR SNYDER, of Chester county is trying to pass a bill through the Legislature to provide for the inspection of meats offered for sale—ostensibly in the interest of the public health, but in reality a bill to tax Chicago beef, to tax beef slaughtered by butchers at home, and to provide a herd of entirely unnecessary officials whose duty it shall be to inspect all carcasses or parts thereof at a cost in each instance of from \$2 down to 50 cents.

A RECENT editorial in the INDEPENDENT, having reference to Normal Schools, seems to have thrown the editor of the Phoenixville Republican into a state of mental perturbation, and considerable space is consumed to show that the substantial opposition to the bill to establish a Normal School in this county was due to lofty conceptions along educational lines on the part of Dr. Schaeffer and others; that there is a good deal of popular misunderstanding as to the amount of money which the State expends in educating public school teachers at Normal Schools; that the Normal Schools are a positive necessity [such stuff]; that the Normal Schools are here to stay, and so forth.

We shall likely take occasion at some future time to review the Normal School system somewhat in detail; then, should it please our cotemporary, the Republican may perhaps notice that the more important points raised in the preceding paragraph will receive ample attention. In the meantime, however, we pray the Republican to divest itself of all unnecessary verbiage and kindly answer these questions:

Is it the opinion of the Republican that it is right for the State to engage in the business of educating public teachers, favor in a financial sense institutions for that purpose, when, all over the State there are Academies and Colleges—dependent upon individual and corporate effort—engaged in the same business?

Is it true that the management of the Millersville Normal School had, two years ago, \$30,000 at interest when the Legislature was asked for the usual appropriation for that Normal School?

WASHINGTON LETTER. From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15, 1895.—If the administration were of the same mind as the young naval officers war with Spain would be the inevitable outcome of the firing a United States mail steamer by a Spanish gunboat; but the administration isn't, and there will be no war, notwithstanding the popularity of jingoism in certain quarters. Even before the Department of State had been officially informed of the shooting episode the Spanish minister called to say that he had cabled the governor general of Cuba for a report and had received an answer that it would be forwarded as soon as the vessel charged with having fired on the American flag entered port. While holding the opinion that the report will when received put a different face on the matter, the minister says should it appear that there was any offense, or even indiscretion on the part of the commander of the Spanish ship Spain will speedily make every apology consistent with the friendship she bears the United States. It is difficult to see how any trouble can arise, even if this country was seeking it, when the minister of the other country talks in that strain.

There is really far more danger of war in the diplomatic wrangle now on with the continental European countries which are unjustly discriminating against American meat and cattle than there is in connection with the foolish firing of a couple of shots by a hot-headed Spaniard. It is understood that the United States has taken a diplomatic position in dealing with France that is bound to result in a withdrawal of its embargo on our meats by France, or in tariff retaliation by the United States. If the latter is resorted to it must be extended to the other countries, and where it will end, or how, no man can say.

At the conclusion of the arguments in the case involving the constitutionality of the income tax the United States Supreme Court took a recess—until the 25th inst., in order to give its members an opportunity to study and discuss the decision to be handed down in this important case. While the impression is general that the decision of the court will uphold the tax, officials of the government do not

conceal their fear that it may do otherwise. The principal reason why administration officials fear a decision declaring the income tax unconstitutional is that it would mean the calling of an immediate extra session of Congress, to replace in some way the twenty-five or thirty millions of prospective dollars which the killing of the income tax would keep out of the Treasury, and which will be needed during the next fiscal year. So far as mere legal argument—learned jugglery, some call it—was concerned the government was outclassed, although Attorney General Olney made a much better argument in favor of the constitutionality of the tax than might have been expected from a man who is credited with being strongly opposed personally to the tax, and who is a corporation lawyer.

A FLYING MACHINE WANTED. From the New York Herald. Just now, perhaps, no quest is being more diligently made than the one for a commercially useful flying machine. At the moment there is no device that holds out even a reasonable hope of success. All is tentative and uncertain. Nevertheless, it is probable that the time is ripe for the production of a practical machine for navigating the air, and it cannot be much longer delayed. The Columbus of the clouds may make his appearance before the end of the century.

Not Merely an Apology. From the New York Sun. It is not merely and not chiefly a hypocritical apology and a long deferred, illusory reparation for the wrong already suffered that American citizens demand. They want effectual precautions to be taken against their exposure in the future to shameful indignity and to perils unprovoked. They do not see what warships are for, if not to protect our commerce from every risk of wanton molestation. They want to know what our flag is to mean to wanderers in foreign harbors or on the ocean, who have no safeguard except the great name of the Republic emblazoned in the Stars and Stripes.

General Prosperity. From the Washington Times. General prosperity is the aggregate of successful individual efforts. It represents energetic business methods and careful economical management of business enterprises. It is the result of peaceful labor conditions and the thrift and industry of working people. Therefore it is well when the public ceases to look to Congress for relief and returns to vigorous individual efforts. With a return of good times labor troubles will diminish and work and money be more accessible. Trade makes a demand for both, and to stimulate trade every business man should put forth his best efforts. Let us stop this talk of "hard times," cease to depend on business salvation through legislation and proceed to forge ahead, each at his chosen work, and all for the United States of America.

Japan's Demands. From the New York Telegram. The demands of Japan are rather large and they will probably be modified before the negotiations are concluded. She requires all the territory she has conquered and a good deal more. She is to have a protectorate over Corea, which is certainly very proper and which will give her the opportunity to make a profitable bargain with Russia, who would like to have a port or two in that country. She wants a large slice of China on the north and insists on the cession of Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei, the two fortresses, which will render China almost powerless. In the matter of indemnity she will be satisfied with the snug little sum of two hundred and fifty millions of money, to be paid in installments. She would also like the island of Formosa, but England will have something to say on that subject.

E. RASER, Auctioneer, PHOENIXVILLE P. O., PA. Sales entrusted to me will receive my best efforts. 2-14-95. COLLEGEVILLE Carriage Works! I have now nearly ready several fine PORTLAND SLEIGHS. Call and see them. Now is the time to look about you and see what you will need in the spring. It will be to your advantage to order early. Extra Low Prices in Painting from now until the first of March next. Repairing of all kinds a Specialty. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Respectfully yours, R. H. CRATER.

The New Department of Agriculture. The new State Department of Agriculture provides for a Secretary at \$3,500 salary a year, Deputy Secretary at \$3,000, an economic zoologist at \$2,500, forestry commissioner at \$2,500, veterinary surgeon at \$2,500, chief clerk at \$1,000, stenographer \$800 and messenger \$600. The cost of farmers' institutes is given at \$7,000 more. This calls for an expenditure of \$27,000. The salaries of the Dairy and Food Commissioner are provided for in other bills. The present system cost \$27,250 a year, of which sum \$16,500 goes to the State Board of Agriculture and \$10,000 to the Forestry Commission.

Against the Silverites. From the New York Sun. No class movement, limited to men engaged in a single department of agriculture or manufacture, ever amounts, or can ever amount, to much. The corn producers, for instance, important to our prosperity as is the growth and sale of corn, could never institute a political party. Neither could the sheep men. Neither can the wheat and cotton producers. Farmers are proverbially slow to engage in progressive political movements. They follow; they do not lead. A party which cannot gain followers and recruits in the cities and towns of this country can practically gain them nowhere, and that circumstance will necessarily stand in the way of the Silverites. They are substantially without support, or the prospect of any, in the large cities.

Gave Birth to Four Children. BREWER, Ga., March 15.—Mrs. Allen Jones, colored, gave birth last night to two girls and two boys, the smallest weighing three and a half pounds. Mother and children are doing well. The woman has twice given birth to twins.

American Wools in England. From the New York Herald. It cannot be questioned that the ability of our woolen manufacturers to sell their fabrics now in England is due to the Wilson tariff, which inaugurated free trade in raw wools. But for free wool, which Mr. Wilson gave them, our manufacturers would be powerless to gain an entrance for their cloth in Bradford. Manufacturers, artisans and mechanics of every kind will do well to ponder the meaning of this momentous news.

Not Merely an Apology. From the New York Sun. It is not merely and not chiefly a hypocritical apology and a long deferred, illusory reparation for the wrong already suffered that American citizens demand. They want effectual precautions to be taken against their exposure in the future to shameful indignity and to perils unprovoked. They do not see what warships are for, if not to protect our commerce from every risk of wanton molestation. They want to know what our flag is to mean to wanderers in foreign harbors or on the ocean, who have no safeguard except the great name of the Republic emblazoned in the Stars and Stripes.

General Prosperity. From the Washington Times. General prosperity is the aggregate of successful individual efforts. It represents energetic business methods and careful economical management of business enterprises. It is the result of peaceful labor conditions and the thrift and industry of working people. Therefore it is well when the public ceases to look to Congress for relief and returns to vigorous individual efforts. With a return of good times labor troubles will diminish and work and money be more accessible. Trade makes a demand for both, and to stimulate trade every business man should put forth his best efforts. Let us stop this talk of "hard times," cease to depend on business salvation through legislation and proceed to forge ahead, each at his chosen work, and all for the United States of America.

Japan's Demands. From the New York Telegram. The demands of Japan are rather large and they will probably be modified before the negotiations are concluded. She requires all the territory she has conquered and a good deal more. She is to have a protectorate over Corea, which is certainly very proper and which will give her the opportunity to make a profitable bargain with Russia, who would like to have a port or two in that country. She wants a large slice of China on the north and insists on the cession of Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei, the two fortresses, which will render China almost powerless. In the matter of indemnity she will be satisfied with the snug little sum of two hundred and fifty millions of money, to be paid in installments. She would also like the island of Formosa, but England will have something to say on that subject.

E. RASER, Auctioneer, PHOENIXVILLE P. O., PA. Sales entrusted to me will receive my best efforts. 2-14-95. COLLEGEVILLE Carriage Works! I have now nearly ready several fine PORTLAND SLEIGHS. Call and see them. Now is the time to look about you and see what you will need in the spring. It will be to your advantage to order early. Extra Low Prices in Painting from now until the first of March next. Repairing of all kinds a Specialty. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Respectfully yours, R. H. CRATER.

The New Department of Agriculture. The new State Department of Agriculture provides for a Secretary at \$3,500 salary a year, Deputy Secretary at \$3,000, an economic zoologist at \$2,500, forestry commissioner at \$2,500, veterinary surgeon at \$2,500, chief clerk at \$1,000, stenographer \$800 and messenger \$600. The cost of farmers' institutes is given at \$7,000 more. This calls for an expenditure of \$27,000. The salaries of the Dairy and Food Commissioner are provided for in other bills. The present system cost \$27,250 a year, of which sum \$16,500 goes to the State Board of Agriculture and \$10,000 to the Forestry Commission.

Against the Silverites. From the New York Sun. No class movement, limited to men engaged in a single department of agriculture or manufacture, ever amounts, or can ever amount, to much. The corn producers, for instance, important to our prosperity as is the growth and sale of corn, could never institute a political party. Neither could the sheep men. Neither can the wheat and cotton producers. Farmers are proverbially slow to engage in progressive political movements. They follow; they do not lead. A party which cannot gain followers and recruits in the cities and towns of this country can practically gain them nowhere, and that circumstance will necessarily stand in the way of the Silverites. They are substantially without support, or the prospect of any, in the large cities.

FOR BARGAINS GO TO Beaver & Shellenberger's. Appleton A Muslin at 7c. per yard. Hill Mungo 1 yd. wide, Bleached, 7c. per yard. A Good Muslin, 1 yd. wide, Bleached, 6c. per yard. Best Quality Gingham, at 6c. per yard. Simpson's Calicoes in Remnants. Outing Flannels at 8 and 10c. All-Wool Cassimeres, at 55c. Canton Flannels, at 5c. and upwards. Bed Blankets from 75c. up to \$5.50.

Chase's Lap Robes and 5 A Horse Blankets. A FULL LINE OF SHOES. Freed's Make of Boots & Shoes. RUBBER SHOES - AND - GUM BOOTS. New California Raisins at 6 cents per pound. 7 lbs. Rolled Oats, at 25c. Floor and Table Oil Cloths. 6 Bars of Good Soap, at 25c. The Best Table Syrup at 40c. A Good Baking Syrup, at 25c. And everything in Groceries and Dried Fruits at

Rock Bottom Prices. Beaver & Shellenberger TRAPPE, PA. DON'T READ THIS Or you will know that we are selling Clothing at one-quarter less than the regular price, on Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Jersey and Knit Jackets. Our Children's Cape Overcoats were sold from \$2.00 to \$6.00; they can now be bought for half the money. We have a bargain in a white shirt sold for 59c.; it is equal to a \$1 Shirt. And one not quite as fine for 39c. Those laundried Shirts with collar and cuffs attached, in mixed and striped goods, always sold for 75c., now 50c. We are headquarters for Underwear, from 25c. to \$2.50 a garment. You will have to see our immense line of Goods in Clothing, Hat and Furnishings to know that we are advertisers of facts. Ask for YOUNG SQUARE MAN at 105 North Main Street, SPRING CITY.

FROM \$1.00 and \$1.25 a Yard REDUCED TO 75c. a Yard. Body Brussels A special lot of about 575 yards of Body Brussels Carpetings which have heretofore been sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard, shall go at 75 cents a yard while the lot lasts, and the lot will not last long at this price. Take our word for it and be one of the wise buyers to come early to get the pick of the patterns. There are about twelve different patterns and some of them have borders. If you delay in making selection you must be content with whatever patterns are unsold; but no delay can make any difference in the price.

Great Money Value Carpets while any of this lot remains. Be quick and get the choicest patterns; be wise and get this great lot of carpet value for so little as 75 cents a Yard for Body Brussels SPRING ARRIVALS of Tapestries and Ingrain Carpets are the best in quality and price, and most numerous in styles and patterns ever shown in this town. We ask your personal investigation of this statement. Tapestries 45 Cents and Up. INGRAINS! Need to be gone over by eye and feel to prove to you that the patterns are here to meet your taste and that the price means more in carpet quality than money has ever before brought.

JOINTLESS MATTING 40 yards roll - \$5.00. Two-sided matting that is a good seller because, quality, patterns and price are so very attractive when personal inspection and handling give witness to the fact. What you profit yourself and do us the favor to permit us to show to you in person the advantage of BRENDLINGER'S CARPET DEPARTMENT. Remember, we take measurements, sew and lay the carpets, guarantee our work in every particular and save you trouble and money in every way. YOU MAKE SELECTIONS and we will do the rest. You are cordially invited to visit our store. I. H. Brendlinger, NORRISTOWN, PA. LEADING DEALER IN Dry Goods, Books, Carpets, Trimmings, and Coats. 213 and 215 DeKalb St.

FOR SALE. A good heater, heater pipe and a lot of good stove pipe; will be sold cheap. Apply to A. K. HUNSICKER, Collegeville, Pa. If you have anything to sell, advertise it in the Independent.

STOP A SECOND! It won't take any longer than a second to tell you of the bargains we have in WATCHES. Gent's Gold filled case, Elgin or Walton 15 years \$12, 14k 30 years, \$15 00 Ladies' Gold filled cases, 8 00 Ladies' Silver, open cases, 3 50 Gents and Boys' nickel stem wind, 2 50 CLOCKS. 8 Day, strike half hour, \$2 75 8 " " " " on gong, 3 00 8 " fancy, black, 4 50 SPECTACLES. Gold Spectacles, \$3 50 up Silver Spectacles, 2 00 " Eye Glasses, 25c. to 4 50 With every gold eye glass a gold plated eye glass chain is given. SILVERWARE. Tea Sets, 4 pieces, \$10 00 up Cream Sets, 3 pieces, 8 50 Water and Ice Pitchers, 4 50 All quadruple plated and warranted Sterling Silver tea spoons, 1/2 doz., 4 50 Sterling Silver Novelties.—After Dinner Coffee Spoons, Book Markers, Pocket Knives, Pocket Combs, Shoe Hooks, &c. RINGS. Solid Gold Rings, \$1 00 up 18 karat Plain Rings. Diamond Rings, 3 00 " Give us an opportunity to show you the above.

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YOUNG HOUSEKEEPERS! We wish to call your attention to the fact that now is the time for you to be on hand and NEW GOODS FOR SPRING ARE HERE. They are exceedingly fine and low in price. Bedroom Suits from \$12.50 and upwards, Parlor Suits from \$15.00 to \$35.00. Handsome line of Tables, Sideboards, Spring Mattresses, Goose Feathers, &c., &c. FREE A handsome decorated CHAMBER SET of 10 pieces with every bedroom suit sold before the 15th of this month. We had quite a big sale of them last week. It will pay you to visit our Dry Goods and Grocery Departments. In fact all of our departments have great bargains for you. NEW THIS WEEK: Crepe Cloth Dress Gowns, at 12 1/2c. 94 Unbleached Sheetings at 12 1/2c. Serviceable Wool Belizes at 12 1/2c., worth 25c. Still a few of those 100-piece Dinner Sets at \$5.50 per set. They will soon be gone. Call and see our new line of goods. You need not buy. Houses furnished from cellar to garret. We deliver goods free of charge. E. L. MARKLEY, 211, 213, 215 Main Street, Norristown, Pa. NOTICE. During the session of the Legislature Geo. W. Steiner, Esq., will act as Secretary of the Parkersburg Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Steiner will be in attendance at the office of A. D. Fetterolf, Collegeville, Friday of each week. Persons having business with the Company will please call on him as above. A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary, Collegeville, Jan. 14, 1895. FOR SALE OR RENT. The store property and residence, together with three acres of land, at Upper Providence Square. Apply to J. M. ZIMMERMAN, Collegeville, Pa.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

—Fast it's warm an' nice like June, Then it's dreifol cool; Spring hez started ruther soon Playin' April Fool.

Washington Star.

—The lilies bloom along the vale, The robins sing their lay; Or if they don't the chances are They will sometime in May.

Detroit Free Press.

—After the snows to come

—Have come and gone,

—After the robins mate and nest

—And the swallows fly this way,

—After the g. h. comes out

—And forgets the hole he left be hind,

—After the frost is out of the ground

—And wags wheels quit churning mud,

—After the grippie stops gripping

—And sneezing matches are over,

—After another blizzard or two

—And a little more gossip around the corner,

—Spring may get here!

—So much can be hoped for.

—Our confidence will remain shaky however until we see the swallows,

—And an organ grinder, about town.

—Our readers will be interested in the new advertisements of I. H. Brendlinger and J. D. Sallade, of Norristown.

—Those who desire to plant trees this Spring will please notice the advertisements of J. H. Miller, Parkersford, and of Thomas Meehan and Sons, of Germantown.

—Squire J. M. Zimmerman is building a barn on his premises in the middle ward.

—J. T. Taylor & Co., artists, have removed their headquarters from this place to Greenlane.

—A hurricane of music and song will take place at the Salvation Army on Thursday evening.

—Says the Norristown Herald.

—Editor Wills and his staff will of course cogitate in a basement

—Until the storm blows over!

—Our old friend J. W. Barry, formally of Eagleville, is doing a lively livery business at his extensive stables, 9th and Girard avenue, Philadelphia.

—George Gould says he didn't pay two millions. Well, we had our suspicions all the time that the transaction was watered.—Cincinnati Tribune.

—It is reported that Beaver & Shellenberger, of Trappe, have sold their large store stock and business to Edward G. Brownback of the same place.

—The Y. M. C. A., of Ursinus, will give an entertainment in the college chapel on Tuesday evening, April 2.

—Divorce cases in Chester county increase in a ratio four times greater than the population.

—We regret to learn of the serious illness of local editor L. H. Davis, of the Potstown Ledger. We hope he will soon recover.

—Walter Chapin, aged 79 years, and Mary Walter, 78 years, who were lovers from their youth, were recently married at Wilkesbarre.

—An Episcopal Church is to be erected in Roversford, to cost about \$3000. The Catholics will erect a church in the same neighborhood.

—What is the meaning of this, Mary? This is the second time you have found a man in the kitchen." "Lor, mum! I'm so afraid of the cockroaches."—Fall Mall Budget.

—Citizens of Roversford have subscribed to the amount of \$30,000 for the erection of a plant for the manufacture of wheels. The industry is now thought to be assured.

—Three children of Walter Vaughn, a farmer on Howard Wood, in Lower Merion, died within forty-eight hours of diphtheria, last week. The third child was buried on Saturday.

—The free silver fanatics tear their hair as they see gold flowing into the Treasury faster than it is paid out. Every sign of returning prosperity provokes a fresh wail from these prophets of evils.—Atlanta Journal.

Sunday School Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday School Association of Trinity church, this place, held on Thursday evening of last week, the following persons were elected to the several offices of the Association for the ensuing year, commencing April 1st: President, Daniel H. Bartman; Vice-President, Joseph C. Landis; Treasurer, F. M. Hobson; Secretary, Abram T. Allebach; Superintendent, E. G. Hobson, Esq.; Assistant Superintendent, P. H. Hoover; Female Superintendent, Miss Ida T. Allebach; Librarian, Miss Hattie Fetteroll; Organist, Miss Sara Hendricks; Teacher of infant department, Mrs. F. G. Hobson. The interest of the Sunday school for the year just closing, has been well maintained; an encouraging balance being in the treasury, out of which an appropriation of twenty-five dollars is made to the cause of home missions. The school is now preparing for a special Easter service, at which a collection will be lifted for some benevolent object.

Two Lives Saved

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors that she had "consumption" and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 189 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Collegeville Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

3849 Pieces.

Miss Amanda Grubb, of School street, has just completed a "patchwork" quilt. It is made of calico and contains 3849 pieces.

Where Many Hogs are Slaughtered.

During last week there were 604 hogs slaughtered at the pork packing establishment in Bridgeport. From last September up to the present time over 17,000 porkers have been killed there.

Will Talk on the Silver Question.

In response to an invitation from Senator Penrose and other members of the Legislature, Charles Heber Clark, of Conshohocken, has consented to deliver an address in Harrisburg on the Currency question on Tuesday, March 26.

A New 'Squire.

Samuel P. Fox, of Skippack, has been commissioned a Justice of the Peace by Governor Hastings to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Garrett T. Hunsicker. The new 'Squire will hold his office by appointment until the first Monday of May, 1895.

Mr. Kane Will Retire.

Next Monday a week Edward F. Kane, Esq., will retire as Chairman of the Democratic Standing Committee, after serving as a Democratic leader for five years. It is probable that Mr. Daniel F. Quillman will be Mr. Kane's successor.

Seriously Injured.

Charles Whitmyer, of Mont Clare, was very seriously injured in the yards of the Phoenix Iron Company, Friday. Whitmyer, who is a cripple, was working about the engine in the yards, when it jumped the track, and fell on him, badly crushing his limbs.

Surprise Party.

On Monday evening about eighteen of the lads and lassies of Collegeville tendered their friend and schoolmate, Cora Prizer, a surprise party, in honor of her birthday. The young folks spent a most enjoyable evening; after refreshments and after wishing Miss Cora many, many such happy birthdays, they returned to their homes.

A Cantata.

Rev. E. Clark Hibshman is arranging to give a cantata—"Jephthah and His Daughter"—in Memorial Hall on the evening of April 30, for the benefit of the Athletic Association of the college. This is the same cantata that was presented with gratifying success in Memorial Hall, under the direction of Mr. Hibshman, nearly two years ago.

About to be Sold.

John T. Keyser is about selling the Collegeville Bakery to Eli S. Riegner, of Potstown. The sale is to include the residence as well as the large bakery and appurtenances thereto belonging, including horses, wagons, &c. The parties interested met yesterday (Wednesday) to consummate the deal, and the presumption is that the same was effected.

Opposed an Insurance Bill.

During the consideration by the House on Thursday of the bill intended to compel fire insurance companies, in the event of loss, to pay the full amount of the policy, Representative H. W. Kratz took the floor in opposition. He consumed twenty minutes in a forcible argument against the measure, and succeeded in bringing about its defeat.

"The Flowery Kingdom."

T. Milton Brunner, of Yorkes, has the agency for Upper Providence, Lower Providence, and Phoenixville, for the sale of a very interesting book—"The Flowery Kingdom and the Land of Mikado"—which contains graphic descriptions of China, Japan, Corea, and the war between China and Japan. The work is profusely illustrated. It is worthy of careful examination and will form a valuable addition to any library.

School Directors' Meeting.

The sixth annual meeting of the School Directors' Association of Montgomery county will be held in Acker's hall, Norristown, on Thursday, March 23. Among other timely topics the following question will be discussed: "Has the increased State appropriation to our public schools been judiciously expended?" The roll of townships will be called and a member of each Board will be expected to report what use has been made of the State's money.

PERSONAL.

Miss Alice Farringer, of Norristown, is visiting F. P. Farringer and family, this place.

Mrs. James Paist, this place, has been suffering the past week, with an attack of the grippie.

A Parlor Meeting.

An event of much interest took place on Thursday afternoon, March 14, at the house of the Rev. J. T. Meyers of Oaks, the occasion being a parlor meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Port Providence. Miss Sara Casselberry of Shannonsville is superintendent of this department, and this was one of the many meetings held about 40 persons were present from Mont Clare, Port Providence, Oaks, and vicinity. After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Joseph Fitzwater, President of the Union, an address of welcome was made by Mrs. J. T. Meyers, the hostess. A paper on parlor meetings was read by Mrs. Gertrude Thompson of Mont Clare, singing by Mrs. Clarence Kennedy of Philadelphia, recitations by Misses Cornish and Weikel, and an address by Rev. J. T. Meyers, "Comparing woman's present status with her former position in the educational and business world," which was listened to with a great deal of interest, and very favorably received.

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The Location of One Who "Pow-wows."

Peter Yonse, of Potstown, who was convicted of assault and battery by the court at Norristown, in the indecent assault case brought against him by Mrs. Clara Miller, was sentenced Saturday morning to 30 days imprisonment in jail. Peter might try his hand at "pow-wowing" the keys from the warden.

Obituary.

Died, March 11th, at 628 West Cumberland street, Philadelphia, John H. High, in the 55th year of his age. The deceased was the son of the late Mrs. Sarah High, and a brother of the late Henry H. High, both long residents of this place, and had many relatives in this community who will be greatly surprised to hear of his death through the columns of this paper. Mr. High's funeral took place on last Thursday afternoon, interment private; a widow and six children survive to mourn the sudden death of a beloved husband and father.

Will Deliver an Address.

In response to an invitation extended by a Committee of the Montgomery County Historical Society, of which Mr. Wm. H. Richardson is chairman, Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker has consented to deliver an address in Norristown on "Local History." The date has been fixed for Friday evening, March 29, in front room No. 1, which has been kindly granted by the County Commissioners for the purpose. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear this distinguished jurist, who has a wide reputation for oratory and historic research. Admission will be free, but by tickets. It is hoped the room will be well filled. The address will be delivered at 7.30 o'clock.

Union Missionary Meeting.

The Trappe and Collegeville churches and the good people of the community generally will unite in holding a Union Missionary meeting in Trinity church of this village, on Wednesday evening next, March 27, at 7 1/2 o'clock. The Rev. W. E. Hoy, one of the Reformed Japanese Missionaries, who is on a short visit to his friends and native country, will be present to address the meeting, and a very interesting and edifying address may be expected. Let the community avail itself of the rare opportunity of hearing one who has been personally and successfully engaged in missionary operations in that land which is now for special reasons an object of peculiar interest.

Death of a Former Citizen of Montgomery County.

From the Morrill (Kansas) Vindicator.

Samuel D. Haldeman died at his home, one-half mile north and one-half west of Hamlin, Kansas, on Sunday, March 10, of jaundice together with dropsy. The funeral services were held at the River Brethren church northeast of Morrill on the following day, one o'clock. Mr. Haldeman was born August 21, 1833, in Montgomery county, Pa., and came to Kansas in 1876. During a portion of his life he worked at the carpenter trade in Morrill, but several years ago he started to travel, which he did up to a few weeks prior to his death, when he came home to spend the remainder of his life with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Haldeman.

Runaway.

Monday evening Frank Fuhrman, of Skippack, was on his way home from Philadelphia where he delivered a load of hay. At David Reiner's place, a short distance below Perkiomen Bridge, Mr. Fuhrman stopped for a spreader he left there the day before. He had not gone far from his spreader, when they started to run, and, by acting quickly, he managed to get hold of one of the runaways. His position was such that he was in imminent danger of being forced against the fence and he was compelled to let go; the horses went on at a rapid gait, made a number of turns and reached home, where they went through an open wagon house and brought up in grain field, unharned. The wagon was slightly damaged, and Frank will have to plant another gate post.

Railroad Wreck.

The midnight passenger train passing Potstown at 12.52 Tuesday morning, west-bound, met with an accident at Perkiomen. The train was running past the junction at a rapid rate, when it suddenly plunged into a switch which had been left open, and carried the train into a siding on the Perkiomen road, and into an engine standing there. Both engines were crippled beyond present use. The engineer on the Perkiomen engine got out of harm's way. Engineer Kline, on the "Buffalo," was somewhat injured. Postmaster Saylor, of Roversford, was sitting in the smoker and the shock threw him forward and crushed a finger of his right hand. A woman on the train fainted. The baggage car telescoped the engine and the wreck to the machinery is serious.

Said to be Disqualified.

When the case of Sara Murphy, an inmate of the Bucks county jail, was called for trial in criminal court at Doylestown Monday, her counsel, Joshua Beane and Howard L. James, moved that the bill be quashed upon the grounds that District Attorney J. Freeman Hendricks, who had signed the bill, was not a duly qualified officer. It was agreed that the bill of indictment was not legally signed by any one authorized to do so, because that at the time the oath of office was taken, December 10, 1894, Hendricks was an acting Notary Public, duly and regularly qualified and commissioned as such. It was also charged by the lawyers that he has not yet resigned and had performed official duty as Notary Public for which he received emoluments, thereby exercising the prerogatives of two incompetent public officers at the same time, contrary to the acts of Assembly. Judge Yerkes stated that the question was too momentous to decide at once, and overruled the motion to quash, but awarded a motion in arrest of judgment. It is expected that the same motion will be made in all the cases to be tried this week, and it now looks as if the criminal business on the docket would not be finally disposed of until this question is settled by the Court. Mr. Hendricks was elected over his Democratic opponent, Webster Grim, by 900 majority last fall.

Court Trial of the H. L. S.

The mock court trial that was to have been held on Wednesday night in the Level school house, was, on account of the rain, postponed until Saturday evening. Mr. Abram Allebach sued the Trolley Company of Lower Providence for damages, he having received injuries by his horse taking fright at the cars. Mr. R. P. Baldwin was attorney for the Trolley Company and Mr. Howard Johnson defended Mr. Allebach. Mr. Horace Williams acted as Judge. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the Company, and attorney Baldwin wears another feather in his hat.

FROM OAKS.

[The following is a part of the correspondence that came too late for publication last week.—ED. INDEPENDENT.] There is considerable sickness in this neighborhood.

Rev. Jacob Gotwatts preached a good sermon on Sunday at Green Tree from the subject: "Lovest thou me more than these"—more than the fallacies of the world.

Will Deliver an Address.

Herbert S. Nichols is slowly recovering from an attack of remittent fever. The Chapel at Pawling will be dedicated Sunday, March 24. Dedicatory services at 10 a. m. Also services afternoon and evening. A clergyman from Philadelphia was to deliver the dedicatory sermon, but he is now dead. "Man proposes, God disposes."

On Account of Mud.

Mr. R. P. Baldwin, of Lower Providence, met with an accident, Tuesday, on the Level road near Evansburg. Mr. Baldwin had been very successfully navigating through the mud and sink holes when he suddenly dashed into a deeper one than usual and broke his wagon. The horse hearing the noise, and not used to pulling at wagons that won't go, gave a leap and tore out of the harness, but did not get away. Mr. Baldwin, who is suffering very much at present, either from the excitement of his mishap, or from being wrenched while controlling his horse, is doubly convinced that mud roads are an abomination to any community.

Prohibition.

The State and National committee of the Prohibition party held a conference at Norristown, Tuesday. State Chairman H. D. Patton, of Lancaster, presided, over 100 delegates being present. Papers were read in the morning on "Junior Movement," by D. S. Sherry; "How Shall We Reach and Impress the Business People?" by R. B. Cameron, of Amble, and "The Need of a Better Press," by Lee L. Grumbine, of Lebanon. Various topics were discussed at the afternoon meeting. Samuel Dickie, National Chairman, of Albion, Mich., was present and stated that nothing was doing more harm to the Prohibition party than to commit the party to other political issues. He was in favor of woman suffrage, and advocated the adoption of currency in the platform of the party. The National Chairman and Rev. C. H. Mead made addresses in the evening.

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 Roversford at 3.15 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Lenten services at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks: Wednesday afternoon at 3.30. Theme: The Beautiful, Matt. v. 1-13. Good Friday, April 12, at 10.30. On Sundays at 10.45 and 3.30. Sunday school, 2.30. All welcome.

Services at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, next Sunday at 10 a. m., to be conducted by Rev. E. R. Cassidy.

Preaching at St. Luke's church, Trappe, Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Catechetical lectures Saturday at 2 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. All cordially invited.

United Evangelical church, Trappe circuit: Services next Sabbath as follows:—Limerick, 10.30 a. m.; Trappe, 2.30 p. m.; Zieglerstown, 7.30 p. m.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, 7.30 o'clock, the church prayer meeting; Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, catechetics. Sunday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., Sunday school, at 10 o'clock, preaching by Rev. Prof. G. Shibley, Ph. D., at 2 o'clock, p. m., the Junior C. E. prayer meeting, topic: How can we keep pure our thoughts, words, and deeds; leader, Miss Marion Gertrude Spangler; at 6.30 o'clock, the Senior C. E. prayer meeting, topic: Pure thoughts, pure words, pure deeds; leader, Mr. O. R. Frantz; at 7.30 o'clock, the monthly missionary meeting. Pastor Hendricks will preach at Skippackville on Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, and in the evening at Ironbridge Chapel at 7.30 o'clock, the C. E. prayer meeting at Ironbridge Chapel, at 6.30 o'clock.

Germany's Food Embargo.

From the New York World.

The latest news from Germany indicates that the government is not disposed to carry out the policy of excluding American grain and meat. Dear food and hungry populace do not make happy conjunction for a monarchy in these days. The French apparently adhere to their purpose of protecting their farmers, by setting up an embargo against our beef. Well, let them go on eating horse meat, if they prefer it. If the dressed beef trust will kindly put down prices a little, the American workmen will dispose of the surplus beef—the best that is made in the world.

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Burned to a Crisp.

A Rebuke From Iron Gray.

FRIEND MOSER: I must ask the indulgence of your readers in offering the following lines relating to the mangled and garbled poem in the last issue of your paper, over the non de plume of "Gray Iron." I admit the verses are somewhat out of place in the columns of a paper entitled to the exalted position which the INDEPENDENT justly holds, but when a person willfully and maliciously and without cause seizes upon any of my writings, twists and garbles them to suit his tastes and publishes them to my detriment, I feel myself fully justified in carrying out the old saying: "Answer a fool according to his folly." Hence these verses:

BRUTAL ROBBERS.

MASKED MEN BURN AND WHIP A MAN AND BIND AND GAG HIS FAMILY.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., March 19.—Word has reached here that five masked robbers entered the house of John McMillin, near Watts' Mills, bound and gagged the live man and three women and then waited nearly two hours for the return of McMillin. When McMillin came he was bound to a board and leaned head downward against the wall, while the robbers threatened him with instant death unless he revealed the hiding place of his money. McMillin had deposited \$1,000 in a bank the previous day.

After burning his feet with hot coals and whipping him unmercifully the villains finally believed his story and departed. Mrs. McMillin and daughters, who were compelled to witness the torture of McMillin, are in a very serious condition from fright.

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Department of Agriculture.

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Now the reaper and mower and threshing have superseded the old and toilsome methods. And there is hardly a department of human industry but has been similarly revolutionized by the introduction of labor-saving machinery.

The result has been an enormous cheapening of the cost of the necessities of life. We have been passing through an economic revolution, while but few have realized its magnitude, or measured its inevitable results.

A writer in the Boston Herald throws a great deal of light on the enormous shrinkage in the prices of some of the great staples, taking for illustration the exports and imports of Great Britain, because there has been no irregularity in the monetary system of that country, and consequently no derangement of values from that cause, nor has there been any due to tariff rates, as Great Britain is a free-trade country.

From this winter's figures we find that in 1874 England paid \$155,000,000 for 47,000,000 hundredweights of foreign wheat and flour, and that last year 89,000,000 hundredweights cost her only \$133,000,000.

In connection with the above we note in an Orange county, N. Y., paper the statement that near Montgomery there is a horse thirty-five years old, which raked this season ninety loads of hay; in other words, a mare thirty years old, which does her share of work on the farm and never missed a meal or was sick a day; and another mare of thirty, which works on the farm and takes milk to the creamery - Country Gentleman.

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thirty-five years, as I bought him from the grandson of the man who had him all that time. I think I am correct in saying that the noted trotting mare Goldsmith Maid went into the breeding stable only when twenty-six years old, and many of the best racers have lived over thirty years.

There is a record of a shire horse in England that reached the age of fifty-nine years old, at which his teeth and eyes were still good, and he was then pensioned off by his owner on a farm. My forty-five year old mule did good service in drawing empty railroad cars into a mine, which I was then working, to be loaded with iron ore, and I kept him at it two years, when I gave him to the person who bought out my interest in the property.

Now if it is possible for a horse by means of good feeding and general care to live and work to such an age as this, how much is the aggregate loss which occurs through neglect and mismanagement on all the farms in the country? I have had this horse ten years and he has never missed a feed or had a moment's sickness.

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