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The Day is Done. The day is done and the darkness falls from the wings of night.

I see the lights of the village gleam through the rain and the mist, And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me That my soul cannot resist.

A feeling of sadness and longing, That is not akin to pain, And resembles sorrow only As the mist resembles the rain.

Come, read to me some poem, Some simple and heartfelt lay, That shall soothe this restless feeling, And banish the thoughts of day.

Not from the grand old masters, Not from the bards sublime, Whose distant footsteps echo Through the corridors of time.

For, like strains of martial music, Their mighty thoughts suggest Life's endless toil and endeavor, And to-night I long for rest.

Read from some humbler poet, Whose songs gush from his heart, As showers from the clouds of summer, Or tears from the eyelids start;

Who through long days of labor, And nights devoid of ease, Still heard in his soul the music Of wonderful melodies.

Such songs have power to quiet The restless pulse of care, And come like the benediction That follows after prayer.

Then read from the treasured volume The poem of thy choice, And lend to the rhyme of the poet The beauty of thy voice.

And the night shall be filled with music, And the cares that infest the day, Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs, And as silently steal away.

While the epic mania—while the idea that, to merit in poetry, prolixity is indispensable—has, for some years past, been gradually dying out of the public mind, by mere dint of its own absurdity—we find it succeeded by a heresy too palpably false to be long tolerated, but one which, may be said to have accomplished more in corrupting our Poetical Literature than all its other enemies combined.

I allude to the heresy of the Didactic. It has been assumed, tacitly and avowedly, directly and indirectly, that the ultimate object of all Poetry is Truth.

Every poem, it is said, should inculcate a moral; and by this moral is the poetical merit of the work to be adjudged. We Americans especially have patronized this happy idea; and we Bostonians, very especially, have developed it in full.

We have taken it into our heads that to write a poem simply for the poem's sake, and to acknowledge such to have been our design, would be to confess ourselves radically wanting in the true Poetic dignity and force—but the simple fact is, that would we but permit ourselves, to look into our souls, we should immediately there discover that under the sun there neither exists nor can exist any work more thoroughly dignified, more supremely noble than this very poem—this poem per se—this poem which is a poem and nothing more—this poem written solely for the poem's sake.

With as deep a reverence for the True as ever inspired the bosom of man. I would, nevertheless, limit, in some measure, its modes of inculcation. I would limit to enforce them. I would not enfeeble them by dissipation. The demands of Truth are severe. She has no sympathy with the myrtles. All that which is so indispensable in Song, is precisely all that which she has nothing whatever to do. It is but making her a flaunting paradox, to wreath her in gems and flowers. In enforcing a truth, we need severity rather than efforescence of language. We must be simple, precise terse. We must be cool calm, unimpassioned. In a word we must be in that mood which, as nearly as possible, is the exact converse of the poetical. He must be blind indeed who does not perceive the radical and chasmod differences between the truthful, and the poetical modes of

inculcation. He must be theory-mad beyond redemption who, in spite of these differences, shall still persist in attempting to reconcile the obstinate oils and waters of Poetry and Truth.

Dividing the world of mind into its three most immediately obvious distinctions, we have the Pure Intellect, Taste, and the Moral Sense. I place Taste in the middle, because it is just this position which, in the mind, it occupies. It holds intimate relations with either extreme; but from the Moral Sense is separated by so faint a difference that Aristotle has not hesitated to place some of its operations among the virtues themselves. Nevertheless, we find the offices of the trio marked with a sufficient distinction.

Just as the Intellect concerns itself with Truth, so Taste informs us of the Beautiful while the Moral Sense is for the appropriate, to the harmonious—In a word, to Beauty.—From The Poetic Principle, by Edgar Allen Poe.

FOR THE INDEPENDENT. SOME FACTS IN REFERENCE TO THE REFERENDUM QUESTION IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Upon the question "Is it expedient that municipal woman suffrage be granted to woman," it appears from the result of the election that of 17,000 women who voted 16,300 voted yes, almost unanimously in favor of their rights. Some one writing to the New York Voice, gives the facts in reference to the political movement in that State relating to woman suffrage which it would be well for every male voter to reflect upon, no matter to what political party he may give his support. The facts are thus stated by this writer: "To understand the matter, it should be stated that under the constitution of Massachusetts the regulation of suffrage in towns and cities is vested in the legislature, while suffrage for State officers is limited by the constitution to our male citizens and no others. Therefore the suffragists have for a number of years limited their demand to municipal suffrage by act of legislature." Then he shows that "the question of liquor license is annually voted upon by the towns and cities, and is decided in each by municipal suffrage. Of course the Liquor Dealers Association opposes the admission of women, believing that women would wipe out the traffic, even in the city of Boston."

"Two years ago a municipal woman suffrage bill passed the House. A majority of the Senate promised to support it; and Governor Greenhalge, who had recommended the measure in his annual message, stood ready to sign it. The Liquor Dealers' Association took alarm, raised a fund variously estimated at \$30,000 and \$50,000, and employed an active and unscrupulous lobby. Leading men of both parties personally interviewed the Senators. Ex-Governor Robinson from Chicopee, W. F. Draper from Milford, and Benj. Lovell of the Governor's staff, all went personally to the Senators, and a letter was obtained from United States Senator Lodge, advising Senators to defeat it. A caucus of Democratic Senators was held, and voted to oppose it. By this combination of effort our promised majority of 21 senatorial votes came down to a minority of 16. Even the Boston Daily Herald, the bitterest opponent of woman suffrage of all the daily papers was scandalized, and in a leading editorial warned the opponents that if they continued to resort to such methods the future success of the bill would be assured; thus implying that corrupt means had been used to defeat it. The Liquor dealers say openly that they would prefer State prohibition to municipal woman suffrage, because they can bribe the police, but not the women." Query: What would be the consequence if women would get into the Senate? Speaking of the "great corporations and monopolies," who desire to limit the suffrage, and resist its extension to women, he says: "They have organized a man suffrage association. Active efforts and a large expenditure of money—including a fund raised by the Liquor Dealers' Association of the State—circulairs addressed personally to the leading political workers of both parties in every town and city, posters, flyers, and the vigorous use of party machinery—such were the means employed by the opponents of woman suffrage."

"The agitation will henceforth be vastly broadened and extended, for which we heartily thank our opponents. Woman suffrage has made more converts in Massachusetts during the past month than in any previous year."

"The recent so-called Referendum was a shrewd device of the enemy to

get a 'snap judgment' against woman suffrage in advance of our next legislature. As the bill provided for no practical change in the political status of women, but only for an expression of opinion by persons qualified to vote for school committee, it was believed that few women would take the trouble to register, and that a majority of these would be against it.

"The fact that so many women took the trouble to vote on a mere expression of opinion is an evidence of enlightened public spirit almost unexampled in political history. We doubt whether under similar conditions 10,000 men would have voted."

Now how does this agree with what some of our papers in the service of political organizations would make their readers believe? The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph before the late election called the attention of its readers to the small number of women registering in proportion to the number of male voters in Massachusetts, and then informed them that "it would be ungentlemanly to force the suffrage upon women when they did not want it." The Public Ledger and other papers also attempted to show how little progress woman suffrage had made in Massachusetts, and how women did not care for the franchise.

The result of the late election in Massachusetts now shows the female voters who registered went almost unanimously for their rights, but that the male voters, in obedience to the power that rules their respective political organizations, voted down the women's majority and succeeded in giving a majority of about 76,000 in the State against the women. J. H.

HIS CHANCE AT LAST.

Clement and Henry Walford were twin brothers. How like and yet unlike! In appearance there was everything to lead one to see that they could both lay claim to the same birthday; their faces were identical, their figures the same. Fortune, however, had placed them in totally distinct channels. Their mother in her day (for she had been dead these twenty years) was an actress of rare ability, and people crowded the theatres night after night to follow her impressive acting.

Both her sons had inherited her talents in no small measure, and two years previous to her death they had launched out in their first struggle to win fresh laurels for the name around which all that was gifted had gathered. Talents, alas! may live and shine, yet they may live and scarcely flicker. To-day these two men were only brothers in name. The gifts of the one had been recognized by a fickle public, the abilities of the other never even had a thought.

Clement Walford! His name was on everybody's lips. The critics gave him columns in the papers, theatrical managers almost knelt at his feet and paid eagerly the money he demanded to secure his services; society held open its doors, and the great actor entered at his ease. And Henry? A struggler—nothing more; a disappointed struggler. Clever but unknown; gifted, but unheard of. His brother's success may have cut him, but it never discouraged him. He labored on, still hopeful. While the popular man was rich in London, the other was hovering on the very edges of poverty. There were times when he had been forced to write to his brother a letter asking for help, but no reply ever came. The poor man's wife had even knocked at the great actor's door, but the response from a servant's lips was that "Mr. Walford was engaged."

And so the brothers lived. The one utterly oblivious to the ties of relationship, the other hoping for recognition and reconciliation at last. Clement Walford's triumph was at hand. Hitherto Shakespeare's characters had with him remained untouched, but paragraphs in the newspapers had just appeared announcing the fact that it was his intention to appear at an early date as Hamlet. Everybody, from manager to public, was sanguine of a great success; it was the topic of the clubs, the conversation of the critics. Clement Walford himself felt inwardly comfortable and satisfied that failure with him could never be. Success! Success! He harped on that word at night, saw the dream of his life realized as he walked the streets to rehearsal and heard the enthusiasm of the people, and watched them clamoring there, even in the empty theatre, as scene by scene was gone through at rehearsal on the stage. In all this he was alone with himself. He thought of Clement Walford and of him alone. A brother. He had none. The other had had the same chances—why did he not take them? If a man, even his own flesh and blood, snapped his fingers at his opportunities, was it for him to put them in his grasp? The night drew near. The day be-

fore the performance had arrived and the last rehearsal had been held. Clement Walford returned to his rooms. He stood before the gilded mantelpiece and looked into the glass. He started back! He felt giddy. Again he looked into the mirror with straining eye. He had never seen such a deathly pallor on his face before. He smiled at his foolishness. He attempted to reach a chair, but his feet would scarcely carry him. Make what effort he might his head was dropping on his breast; he felt his hands trembling and looked at them to see if it was true.

"Engagement—strain—anxiety—nervousness—overdoing it," he cried; "a drink of water—brandy—will set me right. Where's the bell rope? Ah! there it is," and crawling toward the cord, across the room, he just managed to reach it when he fell to the floor.

When he awoke he lay in bed, the doctor standing by. He lifted his eyes toward those of the doctor.

"Why—why am I here? How long have I been here? Is this—is this the first night?" he asked.

"You have been here for a few hours, that is all," was the doctor's reply. "Lie quite still—keep your hands in bed, now."

"Thank God! Thank God!" the man said. "I was afraid it was the first night. What's the matter with me? What's the matter with me? Why don't you answer? Don't look at me like that; answer me?"

"You have been doing too much lately; you are not strong."

"Not strong!"

"And nothing but perfect rest will bring you around again," the doctor said. "You have—"

"What? what? Tell me quickly!"

"You have broken a blood vessel!"

The man looked at the doctor for a moment. Then he rose in his bed. His voice was scarcely discernible; it was cold and hard; it was not the voice of a man whose tone had fascinated all its hearers. He looked the medical man wildly in the face. He asked quietly at first:

"Do you know what to-morrow-night is? No; of course you don't. But I do. It is the first night of 'Hamlet,' and I shall be there—there, with the house before me, hanging on every word I utter. Do you think this bed will hold me from my triumph, do you think you, or the warning of any man, will prevent me from welcoming the hour of my success? Not strong? you don't know me. You are a stranger to my strength. Don't speak a word. I shall only ridicule your warning. I tell you, you don't know me. Take your hand away—take it away. What do you say? Rest—rest here, or I must—what! Die? Die? You talk madly. No, no, I shall live! Live in myself for years, live in the memory of all forever. After to-morrow night! After to-morrow night! Give me a drink of water!"

With trembling hands the man refused the aid of the doctor, but lifted the glass to his lips and gulped down the contents. Hour after hour passed, at the night had gone and with the first signs of the approaching day the doctor—who had remained a faithful watcher all through the night—drew aside the window curtains, and the light streamed in upon the man as he lay in his bed. It lit up the face of a man whose life was fast going. He looked almost pitifully toward the doctor.

"I shall be there to-night, eh?" he asked. "I mustn't disappoint them, doctor. Let me run through my lines with you. Do! There is my Shakespeare—there, on that table by the window. It was my mother's gift. Bring it to me carefully."

The doctor silently did as he was bid. He knew that he was obeying the wishes of one for whom he could not do much more. When he turned his head he saw that the dying man had raised himself in the bed.

"Turn to Third Act—the First Scene. I enter. Listen now, and tell me what effect this has upon you. Listen!"

"To be or not to be—that is the question—Whether 'tis nobler in the mind, to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune; Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And, by opposing, end them? To die—to sleep—No more—and, by a sleep, to say we end The heartache, and the thousand natural shocks That flesh is heir to—'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To die—to sleep—To sleep! perchance to dream; ay, there's the rub For in that sleep of death what dreams may come."

"Why do you stare at me? Keep your eyes on the book and not on me. For in that sleep of death what dreams may come."

Then the man stopped. He murmured these words yet again and again, then, turning to the doctor, he told him what he well knew—that he was dying.

"Do you know what would be my dream in that long sleep?" he asked wildly and yet plaintively. "I will tell you. My brother! He would mock at me that I was snapped off in the very moment of my triumph. He would point at me and laugh. I, who

had refused to hold out a helping hand to him and exert my influence to better his position. Oh, I couldn't bear that! Harry, Harry, old fellow, if I could only see you again; if I could only ask you to forgive me before it is too late; if I—Doctor," he cried suddenly, "I must see my brother Harry! I must see him! You'll find his address in that desk—send for him. Tell him his brother Clem wants to speak to him and do at last what he has always refused. There, in that desk."

The doctor quietly laid the patient's head upon the pillow. Then he told him that which brought a wild smile of gladness to his pallid face. He laughed at the news. His brother Harry was below waiting even then. When the doctor saw that the man was dying, he asked the servants if their master had any relations living. They only knew of one—a brother he never saw, a brother who a few days before had knocked at the door and had gone away unseen. They knew his address, for he had left it. He had come up to London, hoping against hope that still the great actor would endeavor to get him an engagement. So the doctor telegraphed to him, and he had only just that moment come.

"Send him to me—now—at once," the dying man said in a voice now weak. "Tell him, before he comes up, that his brother Clem is longing to see him."

The doctor went to the door and called, and when he saw Harry Walford ascending the stairs he started in surprise. How like these two men were; how wonderfully like. But one, though poverty had lined her story upon his face, looked strong and well, the other man was dying fast. Quietly he entered.

"Harry, old fellow," one said, lifting a hand out of bed with a last strength. "Clem! Clem!" the other cried, taking the proffered hand and putting the other arm around his neck and lifting his head up. Then the two men kissed each other.

"Harry, old boy, I'm dying! I know it. I shall have missed to-night, shan't I? But I've found you. Come nearer to me and listen! Harry, I've been cruel to you—you forgive me?"

The other clasped his hand.

"No, no; say it! Say, 'I forgive you.'"

"Clem, my brother; I forgive you, Clem," Henry Walford said, through his tears.

"I shan't be able to talk much, so I must say it quickly. A little water—just wet my lips. Thank you—thank you, old fellow. Now, listen earnestly to me. Come very near. Harry, your chance has come at last—and to-night. You can take it in my stead, for I shan't be here. You know the part? Ah? I thought so—you have played it many times. But mine—mine is a daring plot. There is my fur coat on the back of that chair—put it on. Yes; never mind about letting go my hand—put it on, Harry."

Henry Walford did so.

"Yes—yes—it is myself. Go down to the theatre to-night. Walk in at the stage door without saying a word. They will touch their hats to you and let you pass. Go to my room—it is the first on the left. Make up—dress—everything is there. Be in readiness—the orchestra will commence, the curtain will rise, and—and—as—you—step on the stage the house will ring with applause. Your chance—has come—at last. Thank God—I—your brother, Clem—can give it to you. Harry—Harry, old fellow—Harry—hold my hand—I'm—good-bye—put your arms—round me—Harry—Harry—"

The man fell back in his brother's arms—dead!

That night the theatre was packed. The stage doorkeeper touched his hat to the great actor as he passed through without a word. The prompter's bell rang and the curtain rose. Hamlet entered and the noise was deafening, and when the curtain fell he who played the prince was called again and again. On the morrow the newspapers devoted column after column in eulogizing a remarkable performance, "one that would live in the memory of all who had seen it." Then, when the truth came out, the excitement and curiosity were increased twofold. Clement Walford was ever remembered, Henry Walford from that night was never forgotten. His chance had come at last.—Harry How, in Strand Magazine.

DIPHTHERIA'S FOE.

ANTITOXINE HAS PROVEN A GREAT SUCCESS IN THE BOSTON HOSPITALS.

It is seldom that the use of any agent in the treatment of disease has met with the complete and lasting success that has attended the use of antitoxine in diphtheria cases. The success in its use in this city has been marked, and it is a conservative estimate to say that since it has come into use the mortality from diphtheria has decreased one-half. This is shown

by the results of the cases taken to the City Hospital. While there are, of course, many cases which are never brought to the knowledge of the hospital people, it is fair to suppose that the most of the worst ones are taken there. The cases treated at the City Hospital represent a decrease of about one-half in the fatality, so that it is pretty safe to say that this rule holds good throughout the whole city.

As a matter of fact, it is probable that the use of antitoxine has reduced the death rate from this disease to a much greater extent, as from the case with which cases are treated with the new agent many can at once be taken care of, which under the old system of treatment might, through the poverty of the family, or through other causes, have reached such an advanced stage that it would be difficult to combat it.

Another factor in keeping down the disease has been the perfect systematization which has been reached by the Board of Health. It is very strict in the isolation of cases known to be diphtheria, and those which are supposed to be. These latter can be taken care of much more expeditiously now, owing to the arrangement which has been made with the Harvard Medical School Laboratory, which at once examines the culture taken from the case supposed to be diphtheritic, and makes a report on it, so that the doctor in attendance can tell decisively whether or not the case is one of diphtheria.

Interesting as the use of antitoxine in the actual application of the agent to diphtheria is, it is only a small part what it means to the medical profession. As soon as it was found out that there could be no doubt that antitoxine could be successfully used in fighting diphtheria medical men all over the world asked themselves why the same system could not be applied to diseases of a like nature, and the result is that experiments are now going on which, if successful, bid fair to revolutionize certain lines of medical science.—Boston Transcript.

STATES AND THEIR COUNTIES.

The 51 States and Territories are subdivided into 2,849 counties. Texas leads with 244, and Delaware is at the small end with only 3. New England has but 53 counties, while New York, with a smaller territory, has 60, Arkansas 75, Virginia 101, and Georgia 137. Maine has 16 and South Carolina 35. North Carolina, with about the same area as New York, has 96. There are 191 counties, divided among 27 States, in which no newspapers are published, viz.: Texas 49, Virginia 26, North Carolina 20, Kentucky 18, South Dakota 11; Georgia, Tennessee and Utah 10 each; 6 in North Dakota; Idaho, Indian Territory, Michigan, New Mexico and Oklahoma 3 each; in Alabama, Florida and Nevada 2 each, and Arizona, Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming, 1 each.

WHEN DID THEY LIVE.

One of the most interesting questions relating to the early history of Switzerland is that of the probable length of time that has elapsed since the people called the "lake dwellers" occupied the curious houses whose remains are now found there. A fresh examination of this question has lately been undertaken by M. Vouga.

The earliest of the lake dwellers belonged to the age of stone, and they were succeeded by others who made weapons and implements of bronze. M. Vouga thinks that the people who made the stone implements lived during only one, or at most two centuries on the shores of the Swiss lakes, and that for some reason, perhaps because of an inundation, they suddenly deserted their homes.

Then for 3,000 years the waters continued to deposit a slowly thickening layer of mud upon the sites of the abandoned villages. At the end of that time another people, who had acquired the art of making bronze, appeared upon the scene, the lakes having in the meantime perhaps sunk to their former level. These people remained there for two or three centuries, and then in their turn disappeared, and another layer of mud, occupying 3,000 years more in the process of deposition, covered the remains of their dwellings and the relics of their art and industry.

The muddy bottom of a lake forms a strange record book for human history, but it is better than none at all.—Youth's Companion.

FIRST SIGHT OF A RAILWAY TRAIN.

A country boy who was brought up in a remote region of Scotland had occasion to accompany his father to a village near which a branch line of railway passes. The morning after his arrival, when sauntering in the garden behind the house in which they were staying, he beheld with wondering eyes a train go by. For a moment he stood staring at it with astonishment and then, running into the house, he said: "Fayther, fayther, come out! There's a smiddy ran off wi' a row o' houses, an' it's awa' doon by the back o' the town."

DESPITE a little atmospheric chilliness Brother Dambly still lingers where political breezes blow...

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S annual message was presented to Congress Tuesday. It is an exhaustive review of absorbing public questions.

A CLERGYMAN of Jersey city has opened a saloon with a view of augmenting his scanty salary. And why shouldn't a clergyman engage in the liquor business?

THE Norristown Times has made the discovery, somewhat unexpectedly perhaps, that there is dyspepsia in journalism.

THE believers who recently offered up supplications at the throne of grace for the conversion of Mr. Ingersoll are at least consistent and much more honorable and honest than those who have been in the habit of maligning and lying about a noble citizen for no other reason than that he can't believe what they profess to believe.

BROTHER ROBERTS has just reason to bemoan the existence of sensational newspaper correspondents who furnish city dailies and other papers with conglomerate falsehoods at so much per line.

THE Phenixville Republican, the special advocate of the Normal Schools—educational cormorants thriving upon State patronage, while other educational institutions must rely upon their own resources—lately observed:

At a recent meeting of the Woman Suffrage Society of Philadelphia, an appeal for funds to assist in carrying on the work of political reform was received from the Municipal League, to which the following response was made by Mrs. E. J. Bartland directed to the President of the League:

"Dear Sir: Taxation with representation is tyranny. Just as soon as you allow one-half of the population to have their God-given right of freedom, and not as now classed with idiots, lunatics and children; just as soon as you allow educated women, holding \$85,134,133.63 of personal estate and \$1,537,575 of real estate, for which they are taxed with no voice in the matter, then will the women come forward and gladly assist to correct the bad government which now is only free in name."

If the foregoing isn't a sledge-hammer blow from the shoulder, what is it? The view taken by the women is correct in general and particular.

This first session of the fifty-fourth Congress was called to order at Washington, Monday. Thomas Brackett Reed, of Maine, the autocrator of Republican politics, was elected Speaker.

And now, which shall it be—the enactment of necessary legislation upon the basis of sound American statesmanship? or, a mere game of ingenious bluff to further partisan ends?

Some months ago Democratic Congressmen tried to carry principles of government on one shoulder and party interests on the other, and a man full of bad whiskey couldn't have made much more of a mess of the job in hand than did the unsteady legislators.

Under the guidance of Politician Reed what will the Republican Congressmen do?

THE Financial Unbelievers. From the Chattanooga Times. Because the sound-money men were not specific enough the silversmiths

abused them. Now when Secretary Carlisle and Secretary Morton are quite specific in urging the Democrats to declare for the gold standard...

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 29, 1895.—That Speaker Reed will wield an enormous power over the legislation of this session of Congress is certain, but your correspondent, for one, does not believe he will be powerful enough to carry out what has been this week announced as the Reed program—to confine the legislation of the session to the regular appropriation bills and to bring about an adjournment before the summer opens.

There is a power mightier than that of any aspirant for the Presidency, even though that aspirant be Speaker of the House of Representatives—public opinion. And that power will demand in tone which Speaker Reed will not dare to disregard that Congress do something to stop the further issue of bonds, if it does nothing else.

It is well known that if Congress does not legislate on this subject another issue of bonds will be made inside of three months. If Congress refuses to prevent that issue of bonds will be made in for an equal share of condemnation which the public, and its members, have given the Cleveland administration?

The constant and positive assertions of prominent Republicans that their party will reorganize the Senate has caused it to be generally believed in Washington that some or all of the Populist Senators will attend the Republican caucus, to be held sometime next week for the purpose of considering and deciding what, if any, steps shall be taken towards reorganization.

Considerable interest was aroused both in Congressional and administration circles by the publication of a telegram saying that Senator Blackburn would be re-elected to the Senate by the voters of the two Populist members of the Kentucky legislature.

Populists have expressed the opinion ever since the result of the Kentucky election was known that if Blackburn could get the solid support of all the Democratic members of the legislature he could be re-elected, because the two Populists would rather vote for him, on account of his silver views, than for any man the Republicans would be likely to put up, but they did not, and do not now believe that Mr. Blackburn can get the support of all the Democrats.

It is an open secret in Washington that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle made it plain during the campaign that they would rather see a Republican sent to the Senate from Kentucky than to see Mr. Blackburn re-elected, and if they haven't changed their minds they can certainly control the votes of enough Democratic members of the Kentucky legislature to prevent Blackburn's re-election even should several Republicans join the Populists in voting for him.

A curious form of stealing has just been found out in some of the Government departments. In several of these departments, notably in the interior, there are in the files thousands of land warrants bearing the autograph signatures of Presidents of the United States, from the foundation of the Land Office to the time—less than twenty years ago—that Congress authorized the appointment of a clerk to examine land warrants and sign the President's name thereto.

Some of those presidential signatures have a considerable money value among dealers and collectors of autographs, and some person or persons—presumably employed in the department—has been cutting off the signatures and selling them. So far as the investigation has gone it shows that President Lincoln's signature has been specially sought after by the thief or thieves. This is very serious, as the mutilation of the documents render them almost valueless as legal evidence.

Officers of the Treasury secret service are working on the case. Notwithstanding the unfavorable nature of the report of the Government Commission that investigated the Nicaragua canal, the movement to have the government assist in building the canal will be pushed in Congress. One of the senatorial friends of this movement has declared that he would favor the building of the canal if he knew it would cost \$500,000,000.

Killed by an Avalanche. CARMEL, N. Y., November 29.—An accident which resulted in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at Tilly Foster mines a little after three o'clock this afternoon.

Foreman Patrick was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering about thirty-five men, who were working on the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of three hundred feet. The earth crashed over the men with tremendous force. Out of one gang of eleven, only five came out alive and three of the men employed in another gang were taken out dead.

Concealment Futile. From the Indianapolis Sentinel. The Harrison boomers might just as well announce the open candidacy of their chief and serve notice on the disaffected that now is the accepted time to climb into the band wagon.

The coy maiden dodge will work no longer. Sympathetic Strikes. From the New York World. Nothing except violence forfeits public sympathy so quickly as a sympathetic strike. However right or necessary such a strike may seem to those who order or make it, the cold record of history shows that the great public very rarely sustains it.

Steamboat Passenger Traffic. The report of Supervising Inspector General Demont, of the steamboat inspection service, estimates the number of passengers carried on steamboats during the year at between 600,000,000 and 700,000,000, and states the loss of life at 394, of whom 148 were passengers and 246 were officers or persons employed by the steamers.

The Hop Trade.

From the New York Times. If our hop-growers can export 17,000,000 pounds a year—or much more than one-third of their crop—selling these exported hops in England in open competition with the hops of all other countries, without any tariff protection whatever, why do they need any protective tariff to enable them to overcome here at home the competition of the same foreign growers?

Senator Frye and the Woolen Mills.

From the New York World. Senator Frye's concern for the woolen mills is almost pathetic. "They must stand the present conditions two years longer," he says: "if they survive this period they will do better than I expect." Perhaps the fortitude and the success of our shoemakers in getting along with free leather, of our silk and cotton mills with untaxed fibres, may sustain the woolen manufacturers who have had free wool thrust upon them. Should these examples not encourage them they can look for hope to the steady prosperity of their chief competitors in free trade England and protection Germany, neither of which has ever had the sustaining help of limited selections of taxed wools. We wonder if Senator Frye really knows what a humbug he is?

Lincoln's First Vote.

From McClure's Magazine. Lincoln's first vote was cast down at New Salem, in the Clary's Grove precinct, August 4, 1831. At this election he aided Mr. Graham, who was one of the clerks. In the early days in Illinois elections were conducted by the viva voce method. The people did not vote by ballot, but the experiment was unpopular. It required too much "book learning," and in 1829 the viva voce method of voting was restored. The judges and clerks sat at a table with the poll book before them. The voter walked up and announced the candidate of his choice, and it was recorded in his presence. There was no ticket peddling, and ballot box stuffing was impossible. To this simple system we are indebted for the record of Lincoln's first vote. Lincoln's first vote for President was not cast until next year (November 5, 1832), when he voted for Henry Clay.

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The Issue is the Public Credit.

From the New York Herald. The issue is the public credit. The candidate is Cleveland. It may be, as hinted, that he will not accept a third term. No statesman is superior to his duty. Cleveland must remember that Washington after his retirement from the Presidency offered his sword when France menaced war and was made Lieutenant General. Cleveland must realize, as Washington did, that his work is not done. And until that work is done the Democracy must not think of swapping horses while crossing the stream.

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From Thanksgiving Day on until a few days before Christmas, we intend having a series of connected displays, all of which will be of special interest to everybody.

There will be at least 4 different changes made from this day till Christmas. The best accommodation will be shown our customers and friends on that day. We will have a Hostler to attend to all the teams, and a number of obliging and willing clerks inside.

COFFEE will be served to all purchasers from this day on Saturday afternoon and evening up to Christmas.

Candies we will have hardly be described.

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HOME AND ABROAD.

—Thanksgiving Day,
—Last Thursday,
—Was observed as usual in this vicinity.

—The union services in Trinity church were well attended,
—And Rev. E. C. Hibbsman preached an interesting sermon.

—The thermometer, yesterday morning, registered 14° above zero.

—Walnut lumber rises high in price. A farmer recently received \$50 for a fine log, which was shipped to Germany.

—The assessors in the different districts of the county began Monday the registration of voters for the February election.

—Dr. Hiram Corson, one of the oldest practicing physicians in the United States, is seriously ill at his home at Plymouth Meeting.

—What's the difference between a donkey and a postage stamp? You lick the one with a stick, and stick the other with a lick.

—Reuben Tyson, of Mingo, recently lost a valuable horse, and cholera has caused the death of several of his hogs.

—The Sunday School of St. John's Lutheran church, Centre Square, celebrated with appropriate exercises its 63d anniversary last Thursday evening.

—Sarah Bohr, aged nearly 91 years, died Thursday in Little Oley, Berks county.

—John, the eleven-year-old son of Timothy Hartnett, of Reading, was instantly killed Friday by being cut in two by a train of cars.

—Thomas Elvin, the Phoenixville child-murderer, is imprisoned at West Chester, awaiting trial for murder.

—The wife of ex-County Commissioner Hiram Burdick, of Pottstown, while walking on a boardwalk Saturday, slipped and fell, received serious internal injuries. She is over 60 years of age.

—When a tonorial artist and a carriage painter join hands in the construction of a harness cupboard, it is only natural to anticipate a cupboard that is a cupboard.

Hymnals for Orphans.

The Work Committee of Trinity's Ladies' Aid Society recently sent 10 Reformed Church Hymnals to Bethany Orphans' Home, the same to be given to as many orphans as a Thanksgiving present; Superintendent Yundt selecting the donees.

Died.

Mrs. Emma E. Jansen, wife of Dr. Wm. A. Jansen, and daughter of Ex-Senator Lewis Royer, of Trappe, died in Miamisburg, Ohio, November 13, aged 62 years. She leaves a husband, two sons and one daughter. Dr. and Mrs. Jansen resided at Trappe about 20 years ago.

Ladies' Aid Society.

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Feteroff, Monday evening, was fairly well attended. The following program was rendered: Piano Solo, Narcissus, Miss Katie Laros; Recitation, The Little Cup Bearer, Frank H. Hobson; Vocal Solo, Spring, Mrs. H. E. Jones; Reading, My Mother's Bible, Mr. Frank Faust; Recitation, Des Oak and Der Vine, Miss Ella B. Price; Vocal Solo, Eternity, Mrs. H. E. Jones. The nominating committee presented a list of nominees for the several offices of the Society to be voted for at the next monthly meeting, the persons elected to serve the ensuing year.

RELIGIOUS.

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

On and after the first Sunday in November morning service will be resumed in St. Paul's Memorial church near Oaks. Afternoon service as usual at 3.30. All welcome. Benjamin J. Douglas, rector.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Come to church and bring the children. Services as follows: Sunday school, 9.30 a. m., morning service, 10.15 a. m.; Epworth League, 7.30 p. m.; Evening service, 8 p. m.; prayer and class meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, the church prayer meeting, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Saturday, catechetical class, at 2 p. m., and choir practice at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sunday: at 9 a. m., Sunday school; at 10 a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m., preaching; at 2 p. m., the Junior C. E. prayer service, and at 6 1/2 p. m., S. O. E. prayer service, F. G. Hobson, leader.

Preaching at St. Luke's Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Subject: Scenes on Mt. Calvary. Again at 7.30 p. m., evangelistic service; gospel singing. Special services on this Thursday evening, when Rev. Jas. I. Good, of Reading, will preach. Dr. Good will also sing gospel solos. Preaching on Friday evening; male quartette singing. Evening services commence at 7.30. On Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, there will be the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society in the lecture room of the church. At 2.30 p. m., Saturday, catechetical lectures will begin. The Y. P. S. C. E. meets every Sabbath at 6.30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all the services in St. Luke's church. Pews free. E. Clark Hibbsman, pastor.

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Fraternal Regard.

Twelve members of Clarity Lodge of Norristown, visited Warren Lodge at Trappe on Saturday evening. The visitors were hospitably entertained.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Yorkes, will hold its regular meeting at the residence of Mr. John G. Gotwals on Saturday evening, December 7.

A Slugging Match.

A slugging match was fought to a finish near Royersford, Friday evening. The principals hailed from Pottstown and Philadelphia. The Pottstown slugger is said to have won the purse.

Married.

Nov. 30th, at Collegeville, by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, Mr. George M. Smith, of Lower Providence, and Miss Ella H. Haugher, of Mr. Charles Z. Hunsicker, of Skippack, both of this county.

Stereopticon Exhibition.

Messrs. Gills and Spangler, of Ursinus, will give a stereopticon exhibition in the Evansburg public school house on Saturday evening, December 7, for the benefit of the school library. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

Will Build a Bakery and Dwelling.

J. T. Keyser, formerly proprietor of the Collegeville Bakery, has purchased a property of Matthias Snell, of Schwenksville, where he expects to build a large new dwelling and bakery and a large barn, next spring.

An Estate Appraised at \$161,000.

The estate of the late Charles Hunsicker, of Norristown, has been appraised at about \$161,000. Of this amount about \$60,000 is invested in mortgages, \$20,000 in bonds, nearly \$42,000 in stocks and about \$32,000 in real estate.

Another Trolley Company.

A charter has been granted to the Pottstown and West Chester electric railway company with a capital stock of \$500,000. The president is Jos. P. Robinson, of Philadelphia, and the directors are Arthur C. Ash, of Trappe; H. B. Clay, of Pottstown; Henry H. Robinson, of Collegeville; Forrest D. Ash, Spring City, and Joseph F. Ash, Trappe.

Carrying Revolvers.

The Times is the authority for the statement that since assaults by cowardly ruffians on defenceless women have become so frequent in Norristown several women who are compelled to traverse the streets during the darkness, have provided themselves with pistols. Not a bad idea, if the ladies can hit the villains and not the windows of houses.

Meeting of Directors of the Poor.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery county Almshouse, last week, the receipts for the month were reported to be \$397.19 and the expenditures \$70.62. Orders were granted amounting to \$2071.32. There are at present 197 inmates in the institution, 166 males and 31 females. One inmate died during the month.

Want to See the Books.

Twenty-two stockholders of the Citizens' Passenger Railway at Norristown, representing 280 of the 1600 shares, have begun mandamus proceedings against D. B. and J. W. Shepp, W. B. Krick and Joseph Fornace, to compel them to exhibit the books of the Company. The Messrs. Shepp own a controlling interest in the line, and also control the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company, into which it merged its several local lines.

Seized With a Sudden Illness.

The following dispatch from Lebanon, dated December 1, refers to a graduate of Ursinus College and a gentleman well known in this neighborhood: "Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, was seized with a sudden illness while reading the Scripture lesson at the services in the church this evening, and sank unconscious in the pulpit. The church was crowded, and the excitement occasioned by his illness was such as to cause several ladies of the congregation to faint. Rev. Mr. Fisher's illness is not considered serious."

Carpet Rags and a Party.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season transpired at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Krusen on Broadway, Tuesday evening. During the afternoon previous a number of wives and mothers went to assist Mrs. Krusen in preparing a lot of rags for the carpet-weaver's loom. About six o'clock the husbands who are utter failures with the needle but good judges of something to eat joined their wives and partook of the bounteous supper prepared by Mrs. Krusen. After enjoying this substantial hospitality various games were entered into with much spirit, resulting in lots of merriment and innocent pleasure.

WEDDINGS.

Mr. Josiah Fisher, of Limerick, and Miss Mary C. Kratz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kratz, of Schwenksville, were married Thursday forenoon at the residence of the bride's parents by Rev. William Gottschalk.

Last Thursday afternoon Dr. Horace P. Keeley and Miss Ella W. Bean, both of Schwenksville, were united in wedlock by Rev. W. B. Werner. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bean, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The Dr. and Mrs. Keeley will soon occupy their new house on Maple street, Schwenksville.

Died at the Age of 92.

Mary Espenship, a maiden lady, died Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Annie R. Shupe, Trappe, aged 92 years, 4 months and 13 days. Miss Espenship spent her long life in this township and in her youth worshipped in the old octagonal Lutheran church at Trappe. With the exception of Mrs. Abraham Hunsicker, of this place, she was the oldest resident of this section of the county. She leaves one brother, Jacob Espenship, of Trappe. The funeral was held Monday at St. Luke's church, Trappe, interment in cemetery connected with said church. Rev. E. Clark Hibbsman conducted the religious exercises. Undertaker John S. Kepler had charge of the remains.

Death.

Ephraim C. Boorse, died at his home in Norristown, Wednesday of last week, aged 71 years. He leaves a widow and several children: Isaiah C. Boorse, of Jeffersonville, is one of the sons. The deceased was for many years the owner of a large farm above Jeffersonville, in Norristown township. He accumulated a fortune estimated at \$100,000.

A Big Dinner at a Big Place.

Nearly 2300 persons, including patients, attendants and employes, partook of the good things provided by Steward West, at the Hospital for the Insane at Norristown on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner comprised 301 turkeys, or 2734 pounds; 1000 mince pies, nearly 500 bunches of celery, cranberry and apple sauce and bananas and a long list of delicacies.

A Famous Physician Yrags Ago.

A famous physician of the first half of the century was Dr. James Hamer, who lived at Skippackville from 1812 to 1844. His practice extended over an area of 100 square miles. During his practice in that neighborhood he attended to 2,000 cases of midwifery. Dr. James Hamer, of this place, is a son of the physician referred to, and for a number of years was associated with his father in the practice of medicine.

For Charity Hospital.

The committee of ladies of Trinity church appointed to solicit contributions in cash, supplies, &c., for Charity Hospital, Norristown, has about finished its work. The exact amount in cash, goods, &c., raised, cannot yet be stated, but an approximate report puts it at \$73 in cash, 12 newly made up sheets and 12 pillow slips, rolls of bandages, &c. This report is assuredly encouraging and emphasizes the generally recognized fact that this community always does its share in furthering the interests of charitable enterprises.

Inspection at Schwenksville.

Last Saturday evening Geo. B. McClellan Post, 515, G. A. R., held its inspection. Comrade Wm. Levengood, of Pottstown, was the inspecting officer. The beautiful moonlight night brought many of the old soldiers to the Post room. About twenty-five visiting comrades from Posts 595 and 106, of Pottstown, were present. After inspection a camp fire was opened with Comrade John D. Alderfer as chairman. An hour was spent in speech-making and singing war songs—the singing being led by comrade Esquire Neimen, of 595. At the close of the camp fire the comrades adjourned to the dining room of Mr. David Bean's hotel, where supper was awaiting them. The pleasant event will long be remembered by the comrades of 515.

URSINUS COLLEGE NOTES.

A number of the students took advantage of the five days' vacation and visited their parents and friends over Thanksgiving. To those who were left behind, it is said, the hands of the clocks moved provokingly slow; so that the vacation hours, only too short for the fortunate ones, were bid good-bye most gladly by the stay-at-homes.

Miss Bowman went along home with Miss Mench to Pennsburg, where on Wednesday evening the young ladies enjoyed a party in their honor, given by Miss Winnie's sister.

The monthly receptions of the Faculty to the students will begin next Tuesday evening. As before, they will be held in the Ladies' Hall.

The Schaff Literary Society will celebrate their anniversary on the 13th of December in Memorial Hall.

Baptized on Thanksgiving Day.

At the home of the President of Ursinus College, on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, there occurred an event not altogether usual upon special days of thanksgiving and festivity. John H. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bomberger, of Norristown, was baptized by Dr. Spangler. Dr. Weinberger and Professor Ruby were called in to witness the ceremony and sign the certificate. The baptismal rite was administered in the library room of the President's mansion—where the distinguished grandfather of the young grandson, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, spent many of the hours of the closing years of his life in grappling with theological problems. Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger congratulate themselves upon the fact that the latest accession (a first-born son) to their family of interesting children is the first grandson of the first President of Ursinus College.

Thief Captured.

One evening last week, Henry Grossmiller and wife drove into Phoenixville to call upon Julius Schanz and family. Mr. Grossmiller had tied and blanketed his horse and helped Mr. Schanz, who drove in just before him, to unharness his horse, when his attention was attracted by a small negro boy, who was watching through the fence. Suspecting some wrong, Mr. Grossmiller turned around and was greatly alarmed to find two men in the act of untying the horse. He and his friend rushed toward the men; finding themselves likely to be caught, they took to their heels, one of them dragging the blanket from the horse as he went. A wild chase followed until the man having the blanket was fastened in the fence while climbing, when he was overtaken and held by Mr. Grossmiller until policemen were brought. He was taken to Phoenixville where he was found to be none other than Barney Mellins, the notorious thief who only a few weeks since was released from a three years' imprisonment. He will be tried before the West Chester court.

A Murderous Assault.

Gustavus Frank, a nurse in the hospital department of the Montgomery ery Almshouse was arrested Saturday and committed to jail, charged with using a knife upon the person of A. D. Alderfer, inflicting several painful gashes. The Steward correctly charged Frank, the nurse, with having been and being intoxicated when the latter commenced his assault with a knife. The act was in a measure premeditated as Frank held the knife with his right hand behind his back when addressed by the Steward. For a number of years Frank has been in the habit of indulging in periodical drees and would frequently go out while under the influence of liquor. This fact has been known to the management at the Almshouse for a long time, and the finale in Frank's career as nurse at the hospital has been reached none too soon. Mr. Alderfer is to be congratulated upon his fortunate escape.

Horses Poisoned.

Several days ago J. L. Bechtel, furniture dealer and undertaker, of this place, noticed that his pair of fine black horses showed signs of pain and distress and the absence of their usual spiritedness and promptness in travel. Upon the slightest exercise the animals exhibited an unusual desire for water, and would empty bucket after bucket if the water was given them. On Saturday Dr. S. H. Price, the veterinary surgeon, was called in to prescribe for the horses. After making close inquiry of Mr. Bechtel and a thorough examination of the animals, he reached the conclusion that the horses had been poisoned. This was startling information, giving rise at once to the question—Does there exist a being so depraved, so cruel and wicked, who would cause innocent animals misery and suffering by administering poison? Why injure inoffensive creatures thus? Such villainy is far worse than ordinary crime and calls for the severest punishment in the event of the apprehension of the guilty person or persons.

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Real Estate Transactions.

Robert Oehlert recently exchanged his farm and blacksmith shop, located on the road leading from Trappe to Royersford, for a substantially constructed brick house in the latter place. Mr. Oehlert will dispose of his personal property and remove to Royersford early in January, '96.

Last week Mrs. Mary E. Force sold her farm of 57 acres, located near Upper Providence Square, to James Vanderslice, of Chester county, upon private terms. Mr. Vanderslice will take immediate possession of the farm.

Y. W. C. T. U. Parlor Meeting.

The Young Women's Christian Temperance Union of Gratersford held their first parlor meeting on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, at the home of their President, Miss Sue E. Conner. The musical part of the program consisted of choruses and solos, under the direction of Miss Katie Markley. Several readings were given by members of the Union, but the feature of the evening was the address by Miss Whitechurch, of Bryn Mawr. Miss Whitechurch is president of Montgomery County Y. W. C. T. U. work, and had many interesting things to relate in regard to the work. There are 643 women organized in unions in Montgomery county and 17,000 in the State.

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FROM LIMERICK.

Mr. Abel Nettles will move in the spring to the Kulp farm recently purchased by Dr. Evans.

Messrs. John and Abraham Hilborn purchased the farm of their father, James Hilborn, deceased. Mr. Abram Hilborn will move thereon.

Cholera is still raging among the swine in and about Limerick. Quite a number of persons have lost a large number of animals.

Misses Bessie and Hattie Weikel of Fairview Village visited Limerick last week.

Mr. George Lewin and family of Royersford, visited Mrs. Rogers on Sunday.

Mr. George W. Shellenberger, of Ursinus College, spent Saturday at the residence of Mr. P. W. Reifseider.

Mr. B. F. Rambo of Linfield on last Tuesday shot five wild geese along the Schuylkill at the above place.

On last Tuesday evening, Kate M. Horner, of Linfield, was married to S. W. Hoffer, in their newly furnished home in Pottstown. Rev. W. F. Johnston of Parkerford performed the ceremony.

The schools of Spring City and Royersford closed on Wednesday of last week for the Thanksgiving interim.

Some of the schools of this place were in session on Thanksgiving day. It is stated that Mr. Richard Linderman who resides at the toll-gate at Limerick Square is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson and family of this place, Dr. W. Brower, wife and daughter of Spring City, Dr. Charles J. Brower, Prof. I. N. Urner, H. W. Johnson and family of Parkerford, Mrs. Annie Brower and Miss Lizzie Brower of Condit, and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, spent Thanksgiving with Rev. I. U. Brower and wife of Parkerford.

The choir connected with the First Reformed church, Royersford, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. of that place, on Thanksgiving evening. The choir was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Rauch, Miss Jessie Royer, Messrs. Carl and Joseph Royer, of Philadelphia, and Miss Lou Franklin, pianist of Woodbury, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. Royer of Trappe, Messrs. Carl and Joseph Royer, of Philadelphia, Miss Franklin, of Woodbury, N. J., and Miss Minerva Grater of Norristown, spent Thanksgiving at the residence of Rev. O. H. E. Rauch.

A night school has been started in Memorial Hall, Spring City, for young men. Twenty-two scholars have been enrolled so far, Rev. Derr being one of the instructors.

Flora Missimer, daughter of Montgomery Missimer, of Mingo, is attending Schissler's Business College, Norristown.

Mr. Jacob Custer and family attended Thanksgiving service in Chester county.

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